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OMITTED PART OF THE PROGRAM

We hope all Journal readers read the article by D. MacLafferty published in last week's issue regarding the signs that should foretell the end of the world. It was written in reply to our question as to why the world didn't end on schedule time if the darkening of the sun and moon in 1780 and the falling of the stars in 1833 were signs of that event.

In considering this question it is advisable to know, and remember, that all of the signs foretelling the end of the world, and the end of the world itself, were to occur within the limit of one generation. One sign couldn't happen at a given period and another sign 100 or 1000 years later, and so on indefinitely until the whole program had been completed. In order that there may be no attempt to dispute this fact we will prove it beyond the peradventure of a doubt by quoting Christ's own words, beginning at the 29th verse of the 24th chapter of Matthew:

IMMEDIATELY after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

And THEN shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and THEN shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh.

So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass till ALL these things be fulfilled.

From the above nothing could be more certain than that the entire program outlined should take place during the lifetime of one generation, not to exceed 35 years. Mr. MacLafferty's trouble was in ignoring this obvious fact.

According to Christ's statement quoted above, all of these events were to immediately follow a certain period of great tribulation. Mr. MacLafferty says in his article that this tribulation was a period of 1260 years of papal supremacy during which fifty to one hundred million heretics were slain. To quote: "This period of 1260 days or 1260 literal years of papal supremacy, are those days of great tribulation mentioned by Jesus in his great prophecy of Matthew 24, verse 21."

If Mr. MacLafferty's statement be true, all of the events enumerated in Christ's prophecy should have occurred within a generation of the end of this period of tribulation, which Mr. MacLafferty says was in 1798.

Did they? The sun and moon were darkened in 1780, 18 years BEFORE the end of the period of tribulation. The stars fell in 1833, 35 years after the darkening of the sun, and although three generations have passed since the last sign of the program remains

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unfilled. How does this happen? If "God's great time piece" never fails why wasn't the rest of the program given according to the advance notices? The main part of the program was omitted. Possibly the angel's forgot to wind up "God's great timepiece" and let it run down before the world had a chance to come to an end.

However that may be, we are still seeking information as to why the world didn't end according to schedule, and will tender anyone interested the use of our columns to express his views.

Next week we will discuss the 24th chapter of Matthew from a reasonable standpoint. Being of average intelligence and education, and not under the necessity of distorting the plain meaning of words in order to protect a preconceived religious belief, we should be able to give a fairly accurate interpretation of the meaning of this famous chapter.

ANENT PROPHECY

We have before us a little pamphlet entitled "Prophecy, the Bible's Acid Test," written by Earle Albert Rowell. It was handed to us by our old friend D. MacLafferty, with request that we read it. Mr. Rowell is evidently convinced beyond the peradventure of a doubt of the absolute infallibility of all Bible prophecy and in effect challenges anyone to cite a prophecy that failed. We welcome this opportunity to get a little authoritative information regarding one of Isaiah's prophecies. We commented on this prophecy at some length a few months ago, expressing the opinion that it was a false prophecy—but no body said anything. (Our local religionists don't like to talk about religion). Now that there is a prophecy specialist on the job, however, we may hope to get some action.

The prophecy in question is found in the 7th chapter of Isaiah. In this chapter Isaiah assures King Ahaz that Kings Rezin and Remaliah would not be able to prevail against him in an impending battle. To convince Ahaz that he was telling the truth Isaiah gave him a sign from God, which was a virgin giving birth to a child, and he actually produced the child, who was named Immanuel to show that God was with Ahaz in the war between the kings. Isaiah neglects to state the result of the battle but we find by reading 2 Chronicles, 28th chapter, that Ahaz was disastrously defeated two years later and his army destroyed. This in spite of Isaiah's solemn assurance that Ahaz would be victorious.

There is another phase of this question of even more importance from a theological standpoint than the fact that Isaiah made a bad guess as to the outcome of this battle. The claim is made, among others by the writer of Matthew's gospel, that this chapter (Isaiah 7) foretells the coming of Christ. We ask what ground is there for such a claim? There is in fact absolutely none. There was only one child mentioned, the one that was to assure Ahaz of victory, and he was produced on the spot, not 700 years later when Christ was

born. The Christian religion is built upon the claim of Christ's divinity, as shown by his miraculous birth, yet we find that one of the principal claims to his miraculous birth is without any foundation in fact. If the writer of Matthew's gospel made a false claim in regard to this prophecy, what becomes of his supposed infallibility?

It would be interesting to hear the explanation of this matter.

CAN THIS BE TRUE?

The Journal is reliably informed by a citizen of Nyssa that there were at least two places in this town where booze was sold last Saturday night with apparently little attempt at concealment. Our informant states that he actually knows this to be a fact, and alleges that one of the places was a house where he claims a carousal was going on. The other place was outside, where the thirsty individual had to kick around in the grass until he located a bottle. We would suggest that the city buy our enforcement officials some powerful magnifying glasses to assist them in seeing these flagrant violations of the law.

Explains Phenomenon

Editor Journal: It is with some trepidation that I venture to enter the lists to take a small part in the theological battle now raging in so many papers and magazines, including the Gate City Journal. Being also averse to most types of theological controversy, I will confine my remarks to that phase of the subject in which theological belief impinges on known facts, in this case an astronomical fact. My reference is to the "falling stars" from heaven, taken by your correspondent in last week's issue to portend some dire calamity, or blessing, I am not quite sure which, to this old terrestrial ball.

To be very short I will merely state that these "falling stars" are not stars at all, as every school boy knows. They are but meteors, small particles of matter which abound in space and which, coming within the sphere of the earth's attractive powers, are drawn earthward. Upon coming in contact with the earth's comparatively dense atmosphere, friction is set up, the meteor, traveling at inconceivable speed, becomes heated to incandescence and in the vast majority of cases is entirely burnt up, finally reaching the surface of the earth in the form of ashes. Complete combustion does not always take place. In that case the meteor cools off and appears very much like an ordinary stone. Every museum has samples of them.

Meteor showers occur with un-failing regularity every spring and fall, for the reason that the earth's orbit lies through a portion of space at those times in which meteors are abundant. Their presence in unusual numbers is probably due to the comparatively recent explosion of a star or heavenly body in that neighborhood. The visibility of these meteoric showers varies greatly, due to several causes, atmospheric generally.

That there was an unusual meteoric display in November, 1833, is undoubted. That any "stars" fell we doubt extremely. It was the right season of the year for meteors and there might easily have been ideal conditions for their observation.

It is impossible to believe that there was anything particularly significant about this heavenly display because we know that such things have been occurring every fall since that time and will doubtless continue for many years to come. We know that the "falling stars" of 1833 were unusually bright, but we are unable to quite believe that this added brilliance portended anything in particular to the inhabitants of the earth, because this particular display was admittedly confined to a small section of New England, a circumstance which precludes any idea that the Almighty Creator of the universe was speaking by signs to his creatures on earth. The number who saw the "sign" and the territory over which it was visible are too insignificant to make such a theory at all probable.

INTERESTED ONLOOKER.

Big Rally at M. E. Church Monday Night

A big and enthusiastic audience assembled at the Methodist church Monday evening in response to a call for a big rally and listened to some unusually good talks on various topics.

Before the program however, a delicious and bountiful lap supper was served by the ladies, who are pastmasters in the gentle art of satisfying the wants of the inner men (and women). After all had been filled to repletion and the Marthas present had gathered up the fragments that nothing be lost, the meeting was called to order by Rev. Hershey and after a piano duet by Misses Verne Thompson and Mildred Long Dr. Hamilton, district superintendent, was introduced. The doctor's discourse was of a somewhat rambling nature, but was both interesting and instructive, being interspersed with numerous humorous quips which put the audience in a pleasant frame of mind.

He was followed by Dr. Hall of Payette, who spoke on the subject of Religious Education. He emphasized the need of teaching religion to the child at the family altar and expressed the belief that teaching the Bible in the public schools would not prove very effective. His address was instructive throughout and was well received.

Dr. Tuck, the next speaker, has spent the past six or seven years as a missionary in Indian and gave a most interesting address regarding the work in that country, pointing out from a wall map the various places where the work is being carried on. His rendition of a religious song sung by the native Christians was highly appreciated and placed the doctor in the Caruso class as a singer.

Miss Ruth Reberger acted as pianist for the evening and acquitted herself with much credit.

Lynch-Blaylock

The marriage of Wallace Lynch and Mrs. Ada Blaylock was solemnized in Caldwell on Wednesday, December 2, before a few friends. They returned to Nyssa Thursday and Friday night were tendered a most enthusiastic charivari party. Wallace "came through" with the cats in a prodigal manner and everybody went home happy, after wishing the newly weds much joy while sailing o'er the sea of matrimony.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lynch are well known and popular in Nyssa and their friends are wishing them much happiness. They will continue to make their home in Nyssa.

Notice to Advertisers

Beginning with the first issue in January we are going to take all advertising off the front page. That is the page reserved by all up-to-date newspapers for pure reading matter, and as the Journal is a conspicuous member of that class we must get in line. The advertising will still be on the pages with local news matter, thus insuring good positions. This will enable us to put out a much more creditable paper and we hope will meet with the approval and cooperation of our advertisers.

Disappeared

The local Odd Fellows lodge has been requested to locate if possible George (Bud) Crowe, age 15; 5 feet 8 inches tall; weight 115; fair complexion, dark brown hair, small round face; pleasing personality, small bunch or scar under left jaw near ear; very faint scar across neck in front.

He disappeared from his home in Gooding, Idaho, on August 18 and is believed to be in this vicinity. Mrs. Crowe is prostrated and any information would be appreciated. If Bud sees this he should write home immediately and relieve his mother's anxiety.

Bridge Club

The Tuesday night Bridge Club was held at the McCoy home this week, three tables being in play. First prize was won by Mrs. Barney Wilson, second by Mrs. Sarazin. After the games the ladies refreshed themselves from their arduous labors by partaking of delicious refreshments served by the hostess.

Chiropractors

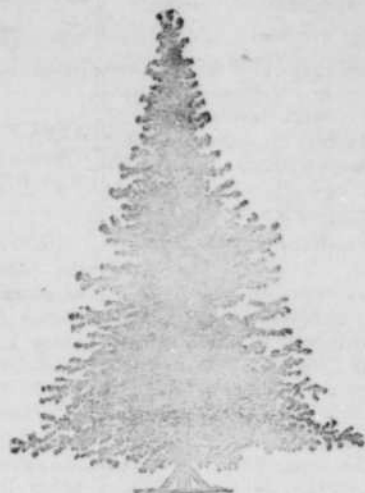
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We can list but a very few of the many reasonable things we have on display, and ask your inspection. We think our stock is well selected and can assure you of fair prices.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, December 4, 1925. Notice is hereby given that John McGovern of Ontario, Oregon, who, on May 4, 1908, made desert land entry No. 0791, for SE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 46 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof under 3rd paragraph of Act March 4, 1915, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 11th day of January, 1926.

Claimant names as witnesses: Robert Barrett, of Parma, Idaho. John Holly, Dolly McCreary, both of Adrian, Oregon. Walter Pinkston, of Owyhee, Oregon. Geo. W. McKnight, Register.

Eat Fish for Iodine

Lack of iodine in the system of those living in inland sections of the country makes them more subject to goiter than those who live near the sea. As seafood contains iodine doctors are advising people in the mountainous and inland sections to eat more fish with the result that the demand for canned fish and oysters is growing rapidly throughout the middle states.

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Mail Parcels Early

Postmaster Lizzie Thompson has asked the Journal to publish the following instructions regarding the sending of Christmas mail: Don't seal packages. Don't forget that post cards require 2 cents.

All mail for local delivery should be mailed on or before December 23.

General delivery opens from 9 to 10:30 on Christmas day.

The rural mail carrier will be on duty also at that time.

Odd Fellows Visit

Four auto loads of local Odd Fellows drove to Weiser Saturday night and visited the lodge at that place. They witnessed some skillfully executed degree work and helped dispose of a sumptuous banquet and returned home rejoicing. Those composing the party were: Jack Hunter, Frank Leuck, John and Don Forbes, Bill Beam, Frank Newbill, Cliff Tillman, C. W. Reberger, Bob Martin, Tom Johnson and Brady Fowler.

Will Go to Convention

Jack Hunter, the Mutual Life Insurance man, is making preparations to attend a big convention of the company in Portland early in January. Jack's trip as a delegate from Nyssa will be a reward for selling a certain amount of insurance within a given time. He made the grade with flying colors and gets the trip as his reward.

School Notes

The Hi Jinks on Friday, December 4, was a complete success. The net proceeds amounted to \$47. The program was excellent, the various stunts furnishing much amusement.

The high school play "The Lottery Man," is well underway. The cast has been working on it for the past two weeks.

Christmas Vacation

The Nyssa schools will be dismissed Wednesday afternoon, December 23, for the Christmas holidays. They will be opened Monday morning, January 4, 1926.

Traveling Libraries

The traveling library we know today was begun in 1803 in the state of New York under the leadership of the great librarian, Melvil Dewey. New York sent books largely to supplement or strengthen libraries already in existence.

Inducing Sleep

Sleep can be brought on by completely relaxing the muscles, says a Chicago professor after a prolonged test in keeping awake.

For Sale

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