

Public Opinion.

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THE PRACTICE OF USURY.

Loan Shark is Despot Controlling More Destinies Than is Often Realized.

Social workers express concern about the growth of usury. This is an age of hand to mouth living, and many people consider only the question whether there is enough money to pay the immediate bills. The desirability of accumulating capital or making provision for misfortune never occurs to them. Hence the "loan shark", through whose intervention only is the family able to tide over its periods of special distress. He is a despot controlling more destinies than is often realized. After a household gets in his debt, he grasps a large share of its total income. His interest return is far in excess of that to be secured in legitimate business.

Of course people who live from hand to mouth can never get a low interest rate. The losses of the business are too many. Usury is the penalty visited on thriftlessness. These losses have to be charged up to the honest poor who mean to pay and do. They carry many dead beats on their backs.

A well conducted loan business will discriminate carefully between borrowers. The man who drinks and gambles is never entitled to credit. If his family suffers, the loan should be made to the wife or children if they are responsible. If not, charity is the only way out. With dead beats and ner-dor-wells eliminated, there should be good money in loaning to the honest poor at 1 per cent a month.

No regulation of interest rates by law amounts to much. The business is done out of sight and after dark. One man's evidence about it is apt to be as good as another's, and it is next to impossible to prove anything.

In the city of Boston \$50,000 has practically been raised to establish credit unions to loan to the poor at fair interest. Citizens of the Hebrew race, whose people have been so often accused of practicing usury, have been prominent in this effort to check a vile practice. It is a needed charity and a very worthy one.

NEW MAIL BOXES.

Reported That Postal Department Orders Uniform Boxes.

Announcement is made that the United States postal department has designed a new mail box for rural routes and star routes and has decreed that only this kind of a box can be used by rural route patrons after July 1, 1916. It means that hereafter manufacturers cannot sell patented mail boxes of different designs and styles, but must make all boxes to comply with the design and specifications of the government, with the approval of the postal department.

It may be a matter of several months before all the rural and star route boxes are replaced by the new style of boxes as the postal department will permit the continued use of the boxes now in service, so long as they are in first class condition, as provided by the rules and regulations of the department. But when these boxes are worn out and have to be replaced with new boxes only one style of box can be used and if any other style is substituted, the matter will be reported to Washington and such action as recommended by the postal authorities will be taken.

The new style boxes will be made in two sizes; the small size, No. 1, will be for letters and other ordinary mail, not including parcel post packages, the large size, No. 2, will be for all mail, including parcel post packages. This style of box is not patented and cannot be patented by any manufacturer, but manufacturers will be permitted to make boxes subject to the approval of the postal department. It simply means that all rural route boxes hereafter are to be uniform in size, material and design, and undoubtedly will cost less. This action is taken for the benefit of the rural and star route patrons and also for the benefit of the service. Manufacturers will not be able to make as big profits as before, it is said, as all boxes must be alike and therefore about the only competition will be in price.

—Winneshiek County Fair, Aug. 15-16-17-18, the best and biggest in its history. 28tf

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

CHURCH HUMILIATION PRECEDES GLORY

"Weeping May Endure For a Night but Joy Cometh in the Morning."

Divine Permission of Evil For Six Thousand Years—Reign of Sin Soon to End—Church's Present Experiences of Suffering Violence a Preparation For Future Glory—Apostate Systems Claiming Present Right to Rule Not the True Church—Distinction Soon to Be Seen Clearly—Church in Glory to Be Known and Honored.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Sioux City, Iowa, July 9.—Pastor Russell is in our city, in attendance upon the I. B. S. A. Convention here. Today he gave a very interesting lecture based upon Matthew 11:12—"The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

According to the Pastor, not only our Lord Jesus Christ, but every individual member of His Church, has suffered violence in some form during their earthly course. All who are of this class have taken a firm stand for God and His Truth, and have rejected all theories and doctrines which are unscriptural. As a result, they have been opposed, maligned, misrepresented and persecuted, not only by the worldly, but chiefly by those who have a form of godliness while denying the power thereof. This condition will not always obtain, however.

Our earth is the only part of the Universe in rebellion against our Creator, the speaker explained. That rebellion has continued ever since rather Adam disobeyed God's command, and brought upon himself and his posterity a sentence of death—not eternal torment. That sentence was, "Dying, thou shalt die," no matter how much we may have been taught to the contrary. (Genesis 2:17; Romans 6:23; Ezekiel 18:4, 20; etc.) God has permitted sin to take its course during these six years, in order that man's experience with its results shall be a valuable lesson to all God's intelligent creatures throughout eternity, demonstrating the unwisdom of disobedience to the Divine Law.

But God has also purposed to give the entire human family one full opportunity as individuals to return to harmony with Him. This fact is the essence of the Gospel. (Luke 2:10; Galatians 3:8, 16, 29; 1 Timothy 2:5, 6.) St. Peter declares that this opportunity will be given during "the Times (years) of Restitution." (Acts 3:19-21.) Other Scriptures show that this will be during the Messianic Kingdom, when Satan shall be bound and when everything will be under Messiah's control for the purpose of eradicating sin, helping mankind up out of their fallen condition back to the image of God and to harmony with Him.—1 Corinthians 15:24-28.

In due time God sent His Son, the prospective King of earth, into the world to tell mankind that God has mercy on them and wishes to bless them. Although He came to the most favored nation of that time, yet they rejected and crucified Him. Thus violence was done to the Kingdom of Heaven; for Jesus was the rightful-King. He gave up His life, permitted it to be taken from Him, knowing this to be the Father's will. Thus He humbled Himself, "even unto the death of the Cross. Wherefore also God hath highly exalted Him."—Phil. 2:8-11.

After our Lord ascended on High, the Kingdom continued to suffer violence; for there was a class established who had accepted His terms and were walking in His footsteps. All down the Gospel Age this Church class have suffered with their Lord; and in them, as representatives of the Kingdom, has the Kingdom suffered violence. Of Jesus and His disciples it was said that they were under the power of the Adversary; and so it has been said of God's people ever since. (Matthew 10:25.) The religious people of the Master's day said that He had a devil merely because He did not join in with their leaders, the Pharisees. Jesus stood for God and the Truth, and therefore could not endorse their theories, their doctrines, and could not walk in their ways. As a result, they opposed, maligned and persecuted Him.

There is a wide and radical difference between the world's ideas and the Divine Program. Consequently the Kingdom class have suffered violence throughout the Age, sometimes in one form, sometimes in another. Many good people have had a misconception of things. They have thought that the Kingdom is already here, that it was set up centuries ago. There has been a duplicate Kingdom in existence for over a thousand years. The founders of this duplicate Kingdom thought that they were doing God's will in setting it up; but the Adversary deceived them. Our Lord is not now reigning over the world; and the Church has been suffering violence at the hands of earth's rulers. But the time is at hand when our Lord will take His great power, and set up the true Kingdom.

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WHAT MAKES POPCORN POP.

It Contains an Oil That Expands Until the Skin Explodes.

"What makes popcorn pop?" asks the inquisitive youngster.

By the evasive replies he receives it is evident that the real reason is not generally known.

The different kinds of corn contain oil in varying proportions. In popcorn there is a considerable amount. This expands when heated, becomes explosive and causes the kernels to pop open. In common corn the percentage of oil is small and for this reason it only cracks, without exploding, when heated, says Good Housekeeping.

Popcorn is inexpensive and nutritious as well, if not used to overindulgence. From soup to dessert it finds a place on our menus, while a great variety of sweets may be made from it. It is a pleasing conceit of today to sprinkle large and perfect grains of freshly popped corn over light, thin cream soups just as each portion is served.

Floating on the surface, they are certainly attractive and are also a most excellent substitute for wafers or croutons. Another clever idea is to serve fresh buttered popcorn with salad. The combination is delicious and the corn should be tastefully arranged, encircling a mound of salad.

Popcorn, either sugared or buttered, may fittingly be served with plain ice cream and ices and the combination is both novel and dainty.

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WILL PROTECT THEIR EMPLOYEES.

American Express Co. to Look After Its Soldiers Families Who Respond to President's Call.

Telegraphic instructions were issued Monday by President Taylor of the American Express Company to J. H. Neff, agent at Decorah, stating that all regular salaried employees who are married men, as well as all single men who have relatives dependent upon them for support, who as members of the National Guard prior to June 17th, 1916 have responded to the President's call for military service, will receive sufficient salary to make up any deficiency between the Government allowance and the rate of pay which they have hitherto been drawing. For single men without dependent relatives an allowance will be made to them sufficient to make it one half of the salary which they draw regularly from the Company.

This provision will remain in operation until December 31st, 1916 after which further consideration will be given, depending upon the political situation between Mexico and this country.

The American Express Company has also arranged for welcoming back into its service all enlisted employees who make application to return within 30 days after they are mustered out of the Federal Service.

It was also announced that military service would not interfere with the continuity of the service of those employees who return to the company in regard to the Benefit and Pension system, although the provisions of these welfare organizations cannot be made applicable while employees are not actually working for the Company.

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NOTICE OF REFEREE'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale directed to the undersigned referee, from the clerk of the district court of Winneshiek County, Iowa, on a decree obtained in said court, on the 25th day of April, 1916, in favor of Gustava Johnson, as plaintiff, and against Arne Tuskind et al, as defendants, for the partition of the real estate named and described in the plaintiff's said petition, I will on the 7th day of August, 1916, offer for sale to the highest bidder the following described real estate, to-wit: The North Eleven (11) acres off the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 14, Township 98, North, Range 10, West

of the 5th P. M. in Winneshiek County, Iowa.

Terms of said sale to be cash; Said sale to take place on the Northeast corner of the premises above described, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, when due attendance will be given by the undersigned.

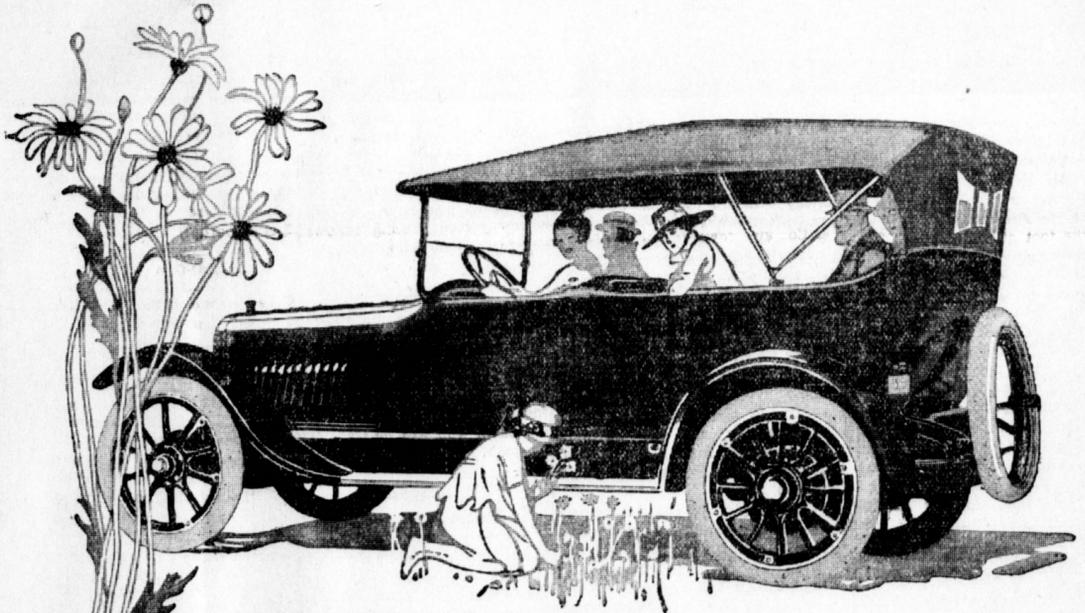
Dated at Decorah, Iowa, July 7th, 1916.

CLARENCE CHRISTEN, Referee.

WILLET & NELSON, Attorneys. 28-2w

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—Miss Anna G. Lamm, corsetiere for The Spierella Corset, 228 Water street, Decorah. 5-tf



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