

EVERYBODY GOES TO HELL, HE SAYS

Well-Known Bible Student Has Original Ideas on Final Destination—Declares That Hell is a Grave, and That There is No Fire There.

Alfred I. Ritchie, a bible student of wide reputation in the United States and Canada, declares that everyone goes to hell. Mr. Ritchie has some interpretations on the bible that appear sensational and along a new line. In a recent interview he gave out some interesting information regarding various prominent bible subjects that require more than ordinary consideration to obtain their full meaning.

"I have a new cure for infidelity," declared Mr. Ritchie. "To prescribe the remedy we must find the cause, which I believe is the inability of the people to understand how a God of all Love and Wisdom and Justice, having all Power, could permit present conditions and conduct human affairs as proclaimed by the dominant creeds in Christendom. Unbelievers choke at the idea of the great Creator, or providing an eternity of any kind of torture for His own creatures, especially if He was gifted with the foreknowledge that most of the human family go there, and that He had all Wisdom to plan otherwise, and all Power to do as He pleased. Truly the general religious teaching on this line is a foe to reason and the moth of doubt.

The Bible Glorifies God.

"The bible, taken as a whole, presents no such idea of our blessed Heavenly Father, but praises, glorifies and exalts His holy character. And so when understood, it will be as natural for average human beings to emulate, love and praise God as it has been in all human history for them to worship as leaders and heroes those who have shown greatness of character, either in power or wisdom or benevolence. When rightly shown the character of our God will compel the admiration and loyalty of the masses; infinitely more than the character of Caesar, or a Napoleon, or an Edison, or a Bryan, or a Roosevelt. What is the reason that the character of God is so little revered, that the Holy Name of Himself and the Saviour are made the commonest 'cuss' words? We answer that it is because His character is blasphemed by the erroneous 'hell' teaching of deceived Christianity.

"Well did Pastor Russell, of the Brooklyn, N. Y., Tabernacle say, 'If the bible does teach that eternal torture is the fate of all except saints it should be preached, yea, thundered weekly, daily, hourly! If it does not so teach, the fact should be made known, and the foul stain dishonoring God's Holy Name removed! I understand a free copy of this pamphlet 'Food for Thinking Christians,' which examines every mention of hell in the bible, can be had by addressing him.

"Everybody goes to hell! Why? Because hell is the grave, or a death condition, to which good and bad alike go to remain until the time of resurrection, judgment, and restoration to perfection of all the obedient. The Hebrew word sheol is positively the only 'hell' word in the Old Testament. Its Hebrew definition is the unseen state, or the place of the dead. It occurs sixty-five times, and nowhere is the word fire associated with it.

No Work in Sheol.

"Solomon said, 'There is no work, nor device, nor knowledge in sheol,' and he adds, 'whither thou goest.' Why? Because all in hell are dead. Referring to the resurrection, the Revelator says 'Death and hell (marginal reference reads 'or the grave') delivered up the dead (not the living) which were in them.'

"Sheol is translated twenty-nine times as 'hell,' three times as 'pit,' and thirty-three times as 'grave.' In the revised version, sheol is translated as 'hell' only twenty times out of the sixty-five times, and its Greek equivalent, 'hades,' occurring eleven times in the New Testament, is not translated as 'hell' at all, but is left untranslated, because the bible revisers knew that it did not mean eternal torment.

"Only sixteen out of sixty-six bible books use the word 'hell,' in the English translation. St. Paul wrote fourteen books of the New Testament, but never mentioned 'hell fire.' John never mentioned it in his gospel, nor in his three epistles; nor did Peter in his two epistles, nor Ruth, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Jeremiah, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah or Malachi. Strange that all these holy apostles and prophets did not harp upon the danger of falling into that 'lake of fire' which is supposed to be the doom of billions of humanity!

"No wonder that men turn away

in disgust, full of fear and doubt! No wonder that church pews are empty and no one seems to care! No wonder that hundreds of thousands are infidels, or are fast becoming such! The sure cure, the only cure, is to get a knowledge of God's true character, for to know Him is to love Him. With the present-day bibles, bible helps, concordances, bible dictionaries, and studies in the scriptures, no one need be in the dark."

YUCCA IN DEMAND.

A San Francisco firm of ship outfitters has written the Phoenix board of trade concerning the production of Yucca in Arizona. The letter does no state for what purpose the yucca is to be used, if any at all, but it inferred that as the plant commonly called useless and a nuisance contains fibers of extraordinary toughness and flexibility, the plan is to experiment with its rope-making possibilities.

Yucca, of which there are two radically different species in this country, grows very abundantly on the desert. If there is any use for the daggers, a plentiful supply can be found in Arizona; and perhaps, the desert may soon be made to blossom, not as a rose, but with the spikiest set of exclamation points in the vegetable world.

The San Francisco people seem very much in earnest in their desire for information, and it may behoove someone with a few thousand acres or ordinarily unproductive desert land to look into the yucca question. Information is wanted as the quantity of the plant supply and the practicability of gathering, preparing and shipping.

YUMA COUNTY DRY PEACERS

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"This company they took over 2250 acres of the ground above described and also 3000 acres of placer ground in Imperial county, California.

The company is now shipping in, and will install on its grounds, at a point about 4 miles from Quartzsite and 17 miles from Ehrenberg, on the Colorado river, a reduction plant capable of handling 2000 cubic yards of gravel every twenty-four hours. The machinery consists of a Barnett dredger, a Quinner disintegrating machine, and a Stebbins concentrator. The dredger rests upon a movable table, the arm and shovel reaching out in a circle in either direction, scooping up, on even or uneven places, dirt, gravel and average-sized boulders to the extent of 3 cubic yards, depositing the same on a conveyor, which empties into a grizzly throwing out the boulders and allowing the remainder to pass into the Quinner disintegrator, a rotary proposition, being a cylinder running in an opposite direction to the shaft, attached to which are numerous hammers, reducing the gravel and cement to any mesh desired. This product goes to the Stebbins concentrator, which has a vibratory motion and air blast power fans. There is no clean-up process as 95 per cent of the gold has been saved, the black sand, platinum and other metals separated and the waste material conveyed to the stacking ground. The motion power is from a 130 h. p. distillate engine.

For nearly three years F. Z. Weadon, a competent mechanical engineer has been experimenting along lines of breaking and pulverizing cement and gravel, and success has been obtained with the Quinner machine.

Quite a large number of corporations are beginning active operations on a large scale in the placer fields contiguous to Quartzsite, and many will eventually adopt the process to be used by the Yuma Consolidated company.

Through the center of Pinosas valley flows an underground stream which will furnish an abundance of water for all practical purposes, wells being sunk to from 20 to 30 feet to reach the water.

The A. & C. railway, a branch of the Santa Fe, is about 26 miles north of the Pinosas placers. Bouse, a station on this road, is the principal shipping point and tri-weekly stages run to and from Quartzsite.

—W. A. ROOT.

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NEW HOMESTEAD BILL FOR ARIZONA

Senator Ashurst's Bill Providing for Enlarged Homestead Reported Favorably By Committee on Public Lands.

Arizona people will watch with interest the progress in the senate of Senator Ashurst's bill providing for an enlarged homestead in this state, where sufficient water suitable for domestic purposes is not obtainable upon the lands.

Ashurst introduced the bill on April 10, and after being twice read it was referred to the committee on public lands, of which Senator Smith of Arizona is a member. Smith on May 2 made a favorable report for the committee.

Ashurst's bill is as follows: "Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That whenever the secretary of the interior shall find that any tracts of land in the state of Arizona subject to entry under the act to provide for an enlarged homestead, approved February 19, 1909, do not have upon them such a sufficient supply of water suitable for domestic purposes as would make continuous residence upon the lands possible, he may in his discretion, designate such tracts of land, not to exceed in the aggregate 1,000,000 acres, and thereafter they shall be subject to entry under this act without the necessity of residence: Provided, That in such event the entryman on any such entry shall in good faith cultivate not less than one-eighth of the entire area of the entry during the second year, one fourth during the third year and one-half during the fourth and fifth years after the date of such entry, and that after entry and until final proof the entryman shall reside within such distance of said land as will enable him successfully to farm the same."

Senator Smith made the following report for the public lands committee: "The Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill (S. 6245) to provide for an enlarged homestead entry in Arizona where sufficient water suitable for domestic purposes is not obtainable upon the lands, having given the same careful consideration, beg leave to report the bill back to the senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

"The bill proposes to extend section 6, or the non-residence section, of the enlarged homestead act to not exceeding 1,000,000 acres of land in the state of Arizona which do not have upon them such a sufficient supply of water suitable for domestic purposes as will make continuous residence thereon possible. Somewhat more than 27,000,000 acres of land in the state of Arizona have been designated for entry under the provisions of sections 1 to 5 of said enlarged homestead act, but comparatively few entries have been made thereunder this fact apparently being due to the extreme aridity of some of the areas so designated. It is the opinion of the committee that such a modification of the enlarged homestead act as is contemplated by this bill will tend to materially increase the number of homesteads in the state of Arizona, and thus aid in the agricultural development of that state. Two acts similar to this bill have been passed by congress, one for the state of Utah, and one for Idaho. Since the passage of the act for Utah, the agricultural products of that state have increased yearly, and the total area devoted to agriculture in that state is much greater than it was prior to the passage of the act."

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LOCAL NEWS

Schuster's Malt on ice, at City Drug Store.

J. and F. Harlin of Los Angeles were visitors here the past week.

Sulphurro, the new liquid sulphur spring medicine, at City Drug Store.

Mrs. H. C. Galloup of Oakland registered at the Manibata hotel Tuesday.

For Sale—A few untanned coyote furs. Fine for rugs. \$1.00 each. See Randall Henderson.

Julian Gibson and Irvine Roberts left for Hillside, Arizona, Monday night. They expect to remain there for the summer.

V. K. Morgan of Phoenix, who is connected with the Parker & Colorado River Railroad company, was in town last Sunday.

Postmaster C. W. Graves will erect a porch in front of the postoffice

building, work on the same to begin Monday morning.

Houses for Rent, Furnished and Unfurnished.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Goodwin left Saturday for a tour of northern Arizona in their auto. They will be gone for several weeks.

Mrs. A. S. Prescott and her mother, Mrs. Garner, arrived from Riverside Tuesday. Mrs. Prescott is now able to be around and is fast regaining her health.

The trials of Wesley and Jesse Martin have been set for May 21 and 22 in San Bernardino. It is said that a number of witnesses from Parker will be subpoenaed.

Fire at Daggett, Cal., Sunday night destroyed several thousand dollars worth of property. For a time the railroad depot was in danger and help was sent from Barstov.

Engineer Al Green had the honor of taking out the special train of Phoenix Shriners last Saturday night. He crossed the desert sands at the head of the faithful in record time.

A. F. Bowers returned from a trip to San Bernardino Thursday. He left for Blythe Jc. the same night to begin work on his potash claims, located ten miles west of that place.

The new buildings to be constructed at the Indian school will cost about \$4,000. Bids close on May 24, and active work will begin very soon thereafter. The sewer and water system will also be extended.

A. W. Bryant and J. W. Mantin have purchased a number of horses and wagons formerly belonging to the Parker Livery Stables and will go into the livery and transfer business.

R. J. Smith left for his old home in Chicago Thursday night. He will spend the summer in and around the great lake city, renewing old acquaintances and visiting relatives, returning to Parker sometime in the fall.

A test run is being made this week at the pumping plant, and the canals are being filled with water. Only one of the 22-inch pumps is being tried out for the present, and thus far everything is working as smoothly as could be desired.

In a local paper published at Creswell, Ore., sent to A. S. Prescott, is

an item stating that Guy P. Harrington, who had charge of the survey of the reservation lands, has just purchased a 90-acre farm near that place, which he expects to plant to prunes. Henry Roberts and John W. Burke were in from the Riverside mountains Friday. Mr. Burke reports that a force of eight men are employed at the Steece camp, and that they are taking out a good grade of ore every shift. Mr. Steece will probably run throughout the summer months.

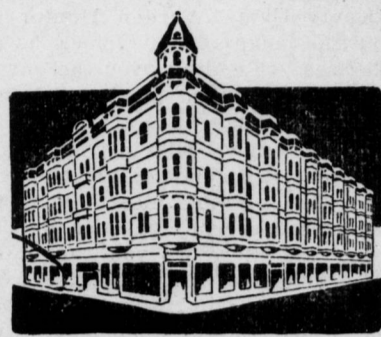
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Baker, their daughter, Miss Baker, and S. A. Daggett of Canon City, Colo., arrived in town Thursday afternoon. The party made the trip from Colorado in their automobile, and colored on to Blythe the following morning, where

Mr. Baker expects to purchase some land.

Now is a good time to clean up your rubbish around your back yard, attend to the cesspools and vaults, before the warm weather arrives. A concerted move should be made to give the old town a thorough cleaning and do away with a number of evil smelling vaults. All loose rubbish should be raked up and burned or moved off the premises, which would greatly lessen the chances of fire.

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