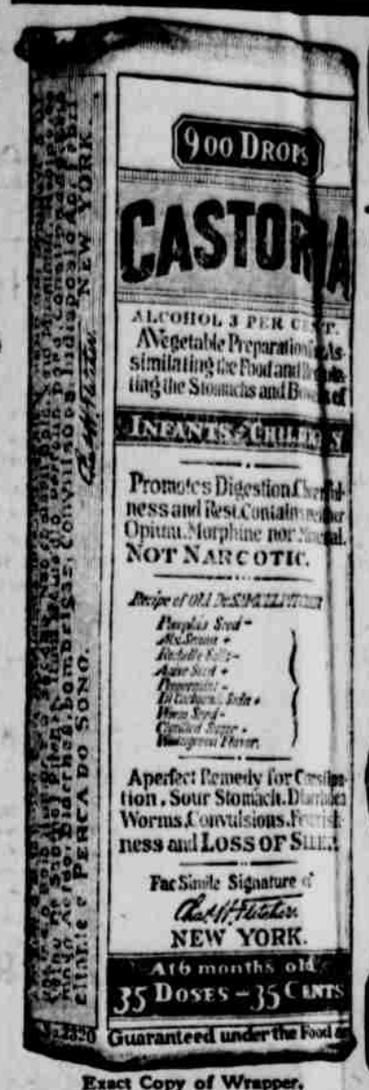

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Awakens New Enthusiasm in the Children's Condition.

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As an Old Farmer Said, "I Believe This Is the Most Important Lot of Young Stock That's Ever Been Exhibited." Did the Investment Pay?

A little over a year ago a man who saw possibilities in the pleasures and enthusiasm of child life decided to invest some money. He had seen much of the world, but determined to try his experiment in his old boyhood home county of Bullitt. He offered the county school officials the dividends from a thousand dollar L. and N. bond, to be used as they saw fit. These officials decided upon an all day rally

A SADDLE HORSE ENTRY.

and picnic, with many and varied contests, so that every child in the county might compete.

During the most perfect October weather Shepherdsville had her first school rally. Early that morning the children began to pour into town by rail, in buggies and surreys, in big farm wagons and on wide spread hay frames, on horseback and mileback, and their friends and relatives came too. By 10 o'clock, the time set for the parade, the town was alive with boys and girls. The staid farmers that braced the courthouse fence wore long badges hanging from the lapels of their coats, badges that read "TRUSTEE" or "FRIEND OF THE SCHOOLS." No one seemed inclined to talk about crops or politics.

With a full brass band from Louisville heading the column, 700 youngsters marched, danced and pranced through the old town. It was a parade of exquisite beauty because of the joy that beamed and sparkled in childish faces; it was a parade of grave importance because of the future citizenship that was there. The long line was broken here and there by a gayly bedecked wagon overflowing with smiling, giggling, rosy faced girls and boys.

The contests at the fair grounds were begun as soon as the parade disbanded. These contests were divided into eight sections, so that children of about the same age might enter. There were spelling matches, arithmetic matches, story telling matches, in progress almost continuously. There were potato races, foot races, three legged races, horse races, hitching up races, races for each and every one. Now and then the program would be interrupted by a marching column with its cheer leader. The column would yell itself hoarse and retire amid the applause of the

ONE OF THE FLOATS.

grand stand. Over in the floral hall was a splendid display of needlework, good things to eat and handiwork of all kinds. All of this fun and enthusiasm out in the glad mellow sunshine of a perfect autumn day!

Was the investment a good one? This might be answered by a farmer's answer to the question, "Well, what do you think of it?"

The old man's face wrinkled into a smile that began in the corners of his eyes and gradually spread to his big mouth before he said quietly:

"I have been lookin' at fine stock in this here fair grounds for years, an' I've thought a lot about feedin' an' han'lin' stock, but"—he hesitated a moment, waved his hand out toward a big group of children intent upon some contest and continued—"I believe this here is the most important lot of young stock that's ever been exhibited, an' I'm goin' to think more about han'lin' 'em after this."

FOLLY OF PREACHING TO THE WORLDLY-WISE

Why Should God's Ministers Preach While Earthly Rulers Command?

Preaching Thus Serves the Divine Purpose During This Age—In the Coming Age of Messiah's Kingdom It Will Be Different—The Law Shall Go Forth and Transgressors Shall Receive Corrective Punishments.

PASTOR RUSSELL

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 22.—Pastor Russell spoke here today. His text for the occasion was: "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."—I Corinthians i. 21. Pastor Russell said that there is a wide difference between foolish preaching and "the foolishness of preaching." In the Church, the Gospel has the right of way. If some claim that people no longer attend Divine service, there are three reasons why they will not.

(1) During the Dark Ages the Church lost the Gospel, and few Christians have recovered it. Gospel signifies *good tidings, a message of joy;* but the message handed down from the Dark Ages has been bad tidings of great misery for nearly all mankind. No wonder the majority reject this horrible presentation of the creeds. Mankind have trials enough in the present life, and need encouragement to hope for better things hereafter.

(2) Responding to the growth of intelligence, ministers have ceased to preach eternal misery for all but the "very elect." Nearly all ministers lost in the theological seminaries their faith in the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and accepted the findings of unbelief—Higher Criticism. So they preach those things which they ought not to preach, and leave unpreached those things which they ought to preach. How can such ministers avoid "foolish preaching?"

(3) Having undermined faith in the Bible, these ministers mix their higher critical, evolutionary views with diluted morality, and serve this instead of the Gospel. Whoever thinks such preaching will convert from sin and unbelief to faith in God is deceived.

The Gospel of Christ is glad tidings. Jesus died to bring mankind into harmony with God. Nothing is said about an eternity of torture at the hands of fire-proof demons—nothing to discredit the Wisdom, Justice, Love and Power of God. It acknowledges that mankind are under a just penalty—death, but sets before them a glorious hope of a coming time when the curse of death will be removed. According to the Scriptures, a New Day is dawning a glorious prospect for all desiring to come into harmony with God, but stripes upon wilful sinners.

The True Gospel includes the Message that during this Age God is selecting a Church, to be joint-heirs with our Lord in the honorable work of blessing all the families of the earth. The number who attain this position is a Little Flock, to whom it is the Father's good pleasure to give the Kingdom.

Is Gospel Preaching Logical?

Pastor Russell said that St. Paul refers to preaching the Gospel as "foolishness," not in his own estimation, but in that of the worldly-wise. That a man of Jesus' ability should go about with a few disciples, performing some miracles and inviting chiefly the poor to follow Him, seems foolish to the world. They ask, Why did He not make friends with Scribes, Pharisees and Doctors of the Law, whose influence with the people would have counted?

In reply, he asked, If our Lord had done thus, who would have crucified Him? How would God's Plan have been carried out? It is well for the world that Jesus did not follow the suggestions of worldly wisdom. Truly, the Wisdom of God is foolishness with the world, even as worldly wisdom is foolishness with God.

From the world's standpoint, it seems foolish for God to invite any to serve Him—for an all-powerful God to entreat where He could compel obedience. Earthly kings enforce their commands; in fact, every one executes his own will. The Bible explains, however, that God seeks those to worship Him who do so in spirit and in truth. Therefore these must be given opportunity to disobey, if they choose to do so; and persecutions, tribulations and attacks from the world, the flesh and the Devil are permitted to test them.

All of God's people are ordained to preach. The begetting influence of the Holy Spirit is the only ordination necessary, and without it no one has Divine authority to preach. God's Book makes no division of His people into clergy and laity. Let us declare God's message in its purity and simplicity. Let us not be disappointed that the worldly-wise consider it foolishness, and that it brings odium, as it did upon the Lord and His Apostles.

God will find the "peculiar people" whom he seeks. As Messiah's associates they will "declare the decree." All mankind shall be brought to a knowledge of the Truth, the incorrigible destroyed, and every knee bow and every tongue confess, to God's glory.

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