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INCLUDING AUSTIN TIMES.

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**AN Ohio man died after having been picked by a hen. Still, there are a great many henpecked men who are alive.**

**If the high tariff is not responsible for the high cost of living, then the concomitant elevation is a suspicious coincidence.**

**In the matter of applying maximum and minimum tariff rates it appears that France is already at the bat while the United States is only on deck.**

**THEY like Billy Sunday so well at Cedar Rapids that last week was his sixth week and the scoffers were beginning to pray. Keep rapping them hard.**

**PRESIDENT Zelaya of Nicaragua should not be in a hurry to execute American citizens before trial. He will find it hard to make amends later for such unjust and hasty action.**

**A colored preacher down in Mississippi is advocating social equality between whites and blacks. He ought to be sent on an expedition to the north pole. No use for him in this country.**

**A Missouri banker tells the court how he lost \$30,000 on a fake race. Yet the metropolitan papers never tire of slandering folks from the country districts of being caught in such frauds.**

**WE have not seen any announcement yet that Speaker Cannon will come up to this First Congressional district to make speeches to help out his bosom friend Tanney. As soon as we know about it we will inform our readers.**

**THE main issue that will be fought out in the immediate future is whether the middle west republicans will accept the leadership of Aldrich, Cannon and Payne or will adopt the views and follow the counsels of the insurgents.**

**DEFEAT is the only blow that constituents can strike at faithless stand pat representatives in congress and they are not likely to withhold their hands under the stress of political logic. Out with the grafting traitors.**

**THE only way to revise the tariff is to revise it. This never can be done by reelecting congressmen who are in the paid employ of the trusts and who are making themselves independently rich by playing traitor to the interests of the common people.**

**SENATOR Gre of Oklahoma says that when the moss on the back of a stand-patter gets so long that it drags on the ground, it is time he was taken into the corral and sheared. True enough. We shall be glad to furnish the shears.**

**THE Pennsylvania railroad has just completed its tunnel system under New York City between Jersey City and Long Island at a cost of \$160,000,000. Somebody will have to pay for this enormous expenditure. That sum of money would build a railroad across the continent.**

**SPEAKER Cannon in a speech at Chicago Thursday night answered his critics with a defense of the present rules of the house of representatives and denied that he was a czar. How long since? Every congressman except Cannon's favorites knows that the opposite is true.**

**THE control of the Western Union Telegraph company passed last week to the American Telephone and Telegraph company, and a long step was taken toward the merging of the telephone and telegraph companies into a corporation owned by the Bell interests with a capitalization of nearly \$1,000,000,000. Thus do the big monopolies continue to concentrate their power.**

**SECRETARY Ballinger cannot lightly brush away the article in Collier's by L. R. Glavis. He cannot dispel the evidence against himself in that article by calling it a tissue of falsehood. Mr. Glavis has presented a strong case against Ballinger and the people will not permit their judgment to be handed out to them made to order out of the mere assertions of the secretary of the interior.—Senator LaFollette.**

## OTHER EDITORS OPINIONS

**Blue Earth Post:** A farmer on the outskirts of Fairmount discovered coal on his farm while digging a tile drain. But what else could you expect? Every farmer in southern Minnesota who puts in tile where needed discovers a gold mine in the rich soil uncovered in cultivation and harvesting of crops.

**Ortonville Journal:** The fearless editor may offend and lose a subscriber but if he is right in the end he will gain five. He may lose an advertiser, but if he is right he will gain two thereby. If he labors not to displease anyone he will please no one. If he tries to ride all the horses in the field he will be unhorsed by each of them. The editor should follow his honest, well-considered convictions, and the man he should labor to please is himself.

**Luverne Herald:** We repeat: If Winfield Scott Hammond can be elected governor of Minnesota he can be elected president of the United States. Fairmount Sentinel. The Herald heartily agrees with the Sentinel. In fact, the Sentinel might safely have stated the case stronger, by substituting the "Czar of Russia" for the "president of the United States."

**Lake Crystal Union:** Fight shy of any proposition presented to the people by Aldrich-Cannon-Tawney, as you would a case of white plague.

**Caledonia Journal:** So far as known, there are yet five stand pat or, more correctly speaking, tariff revision upward republicans in Minnesota, namely: James A. Tawney, Dar F. Reese, Julius A. Schmall, J. R. Morley and W. S. Mue. We desire to ask the five just one question, to-wit: Is the Republican platform adopted at Chicago in 1908 or the vote by Congress on the Payne-Aldrich-Taft tariff bill the fundamental law of the Republican party from 1908 to 1912?

**LeSueur News:** From conversation with leading farmers on the west side of LeSueur county we are satisfied that they are not in harmony with the present tariff laws, and find them outspoken in saying they will not support, at the next election, any man connected with the making of the law. This sounds good. Just as soon as the people begin to think and act for themselves they will begin to win.

**Mason City Gazette:** Something of an idea of the "insurgent" movement in the West is shown in the early beginning of the Congressional campaign in Kansas. Usually congressional campaigns in that state do not show much signs of life until about six months before election, but now with the election a year off the campaign is in full swing, with candidates already announced against all except two of the "stand-patters."

**Madison Independent Press:** There are some papers whose editors are so hidebound politically that the sight of an independent thought in the columns of a paper whose editor is not similarly afflicted throws them into a spasm. These little 2 by 4 caliber individuals can see nothing but party, party in everything, and in the man of their class they make such misfits as James A. Tawney and Joe Cannon possible.

**Princeton Union:** Princeton is the largest potato market in the state. Experienced potato buyers predict that before the close of the present season from 1600 to 1,800 cars will be shipped from here. Each car will average close to 600 bushels. At an average price of 50c a bushel, it means that about \$500,000 will be distributed among the potato growers tributary to Princeton.

**Albert Lea Tribune:** The announcement received yesterday that Judge Nathan Kingsley has been elected Grand High Priest of the Masonic Chapter of the United States will be received with the greatest pleasure by the host of friends of that gentleman. The Masonic fraternity has honored itself in honoring the judge, and we are sure that he will not only fill the exalted position with satisfaction to the craft, but with the single purpose of advancing the best interest of the fraternity placed in his charge.

**Redwing Republican:** The U. S. government has received \$320,000,000 from Alaska in return for the \$7,300,000 which was paid for what was then termed "Seward's folly." The mineral products have paid the cost price twenty-one times over. The fish have paid it seventeen times over, and seal skins and other products have repaid the original sum several times. What the future will bring forth from this out-of-the-way corner we do not know, but it is certain that the development of Alaska is only fairly begun.

**Litchfield News Leader:** If a few of those who have been put on the retired list by the people of Minnesota would only take a tumble to themselves and go way back and sit down until the Republican party gets together and names the candidates for the next campaign, and then if they would join in and make it unanimous, we might expect to see a Republican governor elected by the old majority. But just as long as the party is used as a clothesline on which to display personal dirty linen, just so long will the governorship of this state be trading stock.

**Sank Rapids Free Press:** Senator LaFollette says "fight the central bank as you would fight for your lives." He thinks it's the scheme of the Morgan-Rockefeller outfit to get control of the money of the country. Little Bob has never given the American people a bumper steer and his advice on this subject is worth regarding.

**LeSueur News:** Now the tariff on Canadian lumber may be considerable. Formerly it was \$2 per thousand, now it is the same with a possibility of 25 per cent ad valorem, which on lumber worth \$20 a thousand would mean a tariff of \$7 per ton. My, how nicely those politicians care for the dear people. This is the tariff bill which Jim Tawney says is all right.

**Minneapolis Tribune:** The Tribune John says formed the firm conviction that the Payne-Aldrich tariff law is a bunch measure that increases the burden of taxation on consumption for the benefit of production while pretending to lower it. That is the general impression in this part of the country. Therefore the measure is regarded as betrayal of republican pledges in the presidential campaign.

**A Scalded Boy's Shrieks**  
horrified his grandmother, Mrs. Maria Taylor, of Nebo, Ky., who writes that, when all thought he would die, Buckle's Arnica Salve wholly cured him. Infallible for Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Corns, Wounds, Bruises, Cures Fever-Sores, Skin Eruptions, Chilblains, Chapped Hands, Sore Throat, Piles. 25c at K. O. Wold's Drug Store.

## PROFITABLE CATTLE FEEDING. MINNESOTA CORN GIVES HIGH RANK BY GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT JUST OUT.

The government report showing the condition of the corn crop of the United States, now being mailed out from Washington, will bring great satisfaction to the railroad and immigration agencies of this state, for Minnesota, in the quality of the crop, heads the list with a percentage of 92.

South Dakota is tied with Minnesota at 92 per cent and the condition ranges down to 75 in Arkansas and Kansas, and as low as 68 in Texas. The highest grade corn of the country will have come from Minnesota this year, and a good demand for Minnesota seed corn is foreshadowed for the planting season of 1910.

Minnesota raised in the last season 58,464,000 bushels of corn, compared with 46,335,000 last year. The state yielded 34.8 bushels an acre on the average. Four states exceeded this, Indiana with 40 bushels; Ohio, 39.5; Illinois, 39.5; and Michigan, 35.4. Iowa, one of the three great corn states of the country, fell under Minnesota in average yield, with 31.5 bushels.

The figures for Minnesota are remarkable and of more than ordinary interest for the reason that this state, in the productive ranks, has never been accorded recognition in corn proportionate to its possibilities. The St. Anthony Park experiment station has worked with much success for the promotion of the "good seed" idea among the corn growers of the southern part of the state. The last season was a good one, and the combination of better seed and better farming operated to give Minnesota new rank.

## LOW ROUND-TRIP FARES TO CHICAGO IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RY.

This Railway will sell excursion tickets to Chicago during November and December at ONE AND ONE-HALF FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP, on account of the following exhibitions at Chicago.

National Farm Land Congress, November 16 to 20; United States Land and Irrigation exposition, November 20 to December 4; International Live Stock Exposition, November 27 to December 10.

Complete information regarding cost of tickets, date of sale, return limit, etc. from local agent Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, E. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago. 36-

## Carnegie Library Course.

The list of entertainments for the coming library lecture course is made up and is as follows:

Dec. 15—Thos. Brooks Fletcher on the Martyrdom of Fools.

Jan. 14—Dr. Thomas E. Green will lecture.

Feb. 2—Spanish Orchestra.

Feb. 16—Leland Powers, interpretative artists.

The course will be given in the Baptist church. Tickets \$1.50 for adult season tickets. Students, \$1.00. Reserved seats, 50 cents for the entire course. 10 cents for a single entertainment.

## To The Citizens of Austin

J. E. Malloy, druggist, handle Gilhooley's Irish Liniment, and they back it up with what might be called a Government bond. In fact a guarantee certificate goes with every bottle, to the extent that if Gilhooley's Irish Liniment does not cure Eczema, Rheumatism in any form, Salt Rheum, Lamboago or any skin ailment, you are out nothing, as the druggist who bought it from will give back your money and take the certificate for his pay.

The matter is entirely in your hands.

Gilhooley Irish Liniment Co. ST. PAUL, MINN.

## WESTERN CANADA

What Governor Deneen, of Illinois, Says About It.

Governor Deneen, of Illinois, owns a section of land in Saskatchewan, Canada. He has said in an interview:

"As an American I am delighted to see the remarkable progress of Western Canada. Our people flocking across the border in thousands, and I have not yet had time to make a mistake. They are all doing well. I have seen a fine country in the middle of the continent. I have seen a representative in Manitoba, a representative in Alberta, and a representative in Saskatchewan."

125 Million Bushels of Wheat in 1909

Western Canada field crops for 1909 will only yield to the farm, \$170,000,000.00 in cash. Free Homesteads of 160 acres and pre-emption of 160 acres at \$3.00 an acre. Railways and at reasonable prices. Many farmers have paid for their land out of the proceeds of a crop of splendid climate, good schools, excellent railway facilities, low freight rates, wheat, wire and lumber easily obtained. For particulars, send for West-ern Canada's free literature. Apply to the Canadian Government, Ottawa, or to Canadian Gov't Agent, R. J. HOLMES, 315 Jackson St., St. Paul, Minn. (Use address nearest you.)

# PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

## WEEPING ALL NIGHT

"Weeping May Endure For the Night, but Joy Cometh in the Morning" (Psalm xxx, 5).

Sunday, November 21—Pastor Russell, of Brooklyn Tabernacle, preached today to a crowded house from the above text. He said:

No other book treats the matter of human weep and sorrow in the wise, tender, sympathetic, helpful manner of the Bible. It assures us that however cold, heartless and disappointing the world may be and our friends may be, or those from whom we may have expected better things, we have, nevertheless, a God of sympathy—a God of love. No heathen religion knows anything of such a God. With them God's attributes are merely more or less of ferocity. Their gods are to be placated and worshipped from fear of what they otherwise would do to their creatures. The God of the Bible assures us of his love, his sympathy, in all of our distresses—his interest in our affairs and his provision for the ultimate welfare of all those who will come into the attitude of loving righteousness and hating iniquity—the only proper attitude of heart, the only one which he can approve and bless with everlasting life.

### A Night of Sorrow and Death.

The Scriptures point out to us what we recognize to be the truth—that the world has been under a pall and blight and curse of death for six thousand years. Appropriately our text describes this period as a dark time of hard, blighting experiences, a night of weeping—of sorrow. In harmony with this figure it declares that "darkness covers the (civilized) earth and gross darkness the heathen."

Not alone does this condition affect those who are in alienation from God through ignorance and superstition, and the power of sin, but it affects also those who have accepted the grace of God, who have turned their backs upon sin and who are seeking to walk in the narrow way, in the footsteps of Jesus. Well does the Apostle say, "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption; to wit, the redemption of our Body,"—the Body of which Jesus is the Head or Chief and we are symbolical members or an under-priesthood (Romans viii, 22, 23).

There is a difference, however, between the Church and the world in this groaning, as suggested by the Apostle's words. The world groans aloud without alleviation, and even its waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God is a waiting in ignorance; for, being out of touch with the Eternal One, they know not of his gracious purposes and arrangements—for these are kept secret from all except his sanctified ones. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear (reverence) him and he will show them his Covenant" (Psalm xlv, 14). These who possess the secret of the Lord "sorrow not as others who have no hope" (I Thessalonians iv, 13). They "groan inwardly" and wait for the glorification of themselves and all the brethren, members of the symbolical Body of Christ, by participation in the First Resurrection. The hopes of these must be realized first, before the blessing can come to the "groaning creation" in general. The latter are waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God; namely, the Church in glory.

### A Light in a Dark Place.

The Bible represents itself as being the candle of the Lord, the lamp of Divine Truth and enlightenment. But it tells us that its light is not for the world—either now or at any time future. Its light is only for those who by faith and obedience unto consecration seek to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. They need the light God provides for them. These are represented by the Prophet as saying to the Lord, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (foot steps) (Psalm cxix, 105). This light evidently does not shine far into the future, but enough for each onward step as it becomes due.

St. Peter amplifies the same thought. After telling us of the assurance which he himself and his associates had upon the Mount of Transfiguration when they beheld "the vision" (Matthew xvii, 1-9) of the Lord miraculously transformed and with him Moses and Elijah and heard the voice from heaven, it was fearful to their minds, as teaching the coming of our Lord in glory, in due time. Nevertheless, says the Apostle, honoring the Bible above any vision, "We have a more sure word of prophecy whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise" (II Peter i, 9) indicating that the morning is at hand and that the Sun of Righteousness will soon fulfill its mission of blessing all the families of the earth.

### But Why Is This Thus?

Why does God permit the reign of sin and death, injustice, unrighteousness, sorrow, trouble, pain, headaches, heartaches, etc.? Why does he not deal with humanity graciously, kindly, lovingly, as a Father—as he deals with the angelic sons of God? Is it just or loving on the part of our Creator

to bring forth millions of his creatures under these admittedly unfavorable conditions—beset by weaknesses and sinfulness from their birth and surrounded by others similarly weak, and beset by Satan and his minions—wicked spirits? Is it just that we should thus be in an unequal fight subjected to weaknesses and dying and imperfect conditions on account of the sin of our first parents and then, on the same account, be in danger of an eternity of torture with nine hundred and ninety-nine chances out of a thousand against us?

No, thank God, that thought of eternal torture which came down to us from the dark ages, and which we for a time supposed to be Biblical, we find now is quite unscriptural when judged in the light of the Bible's own testimony. The eternal torment doctrine assuredly is not of God, not of the Bible, but, as St. Paul declares, one of the "doctrines of devils."

The inheritance of weaknesses, blemishes, sorrows, pain and trouble, to which we were born, is quite sufficient and, according to the Scriptures, these are all part of death, and all reach their culmination in death, which is the real penalty for sin prescribed by our Creator. The fact that these blemishes still continue with the race proves that their sins are not yet blotted out, and to this agree the Scriptures which point us to the oncoming glorious day of blessing a thousand years long, the Millennium, in which Divine blessing will be bestowed upon every member of Adam's race. The merit of Christ's sacrifice, the ransom-price for sinners which he laid down, will by that time be made available "for the sins of the whole world."

The merit of that sacrifice has already been applied to the Church—"the household of faith"—since Pentecost. It has brought to this class very special privileges, though very different ones from those it will bring to the world during the Millennium. The willing and obedient of the world will then get restitution gradually (Acts iii, 20), back to human perfection and a world-wide Edenic home. The blessing upon the Church is different. The promise now made to those who can and will walk by faith and not by sight is a heavenly one. They are to have a heavenly or spiritual reward and in their resurrection become partakers of the divine nature and have no share thereafter in human nature. The conditions of the present time are severe, proportionately to the greatness and grandeur of their heavenly calling. The terms of acceptance to the divine nature include not only faith and love, but a self-sacrificing will. These sacrifice their earthly restitution rights and privileges for the privilege of suffering with Christ, that they may also reign with him in his Millennial Kingdom.

### Learning by Suffering.

The same thought is elsewhere expressed. Only those who hear his voice and obey him as the Teacher sent of God will be successful in their endeavor to become members of the "Royal Priesthood," now being selected from the world. Only those who, during the Millennial Age, will hear and obey will there receive this great blessing of eternal salvation—eternal life under Divine favor, free from the curse of the world in the close of the Millennium and the reward to the Church in the close of this Gospel Age will each be eternal salvation; but the Church's reward will include eternal glory, heavenly glory and joint-heirship with the Redeemer in himself in his great work of administering God's blessings to the world of mankind, as Mediator of the New Covenant between God and men—the world.

It seemed wise to our Heavenly Father that our Lord Jesus should learn obedience through sufferings and be tested in respect to his willingness to endure suffering for righteousness sake. How appropriate it is that the same Father should make similar arrangements for all of the Church, whom he will receive from amongst the race of Adam to be members of the Royal Priesthood under Jesus, the High Priest of our order. We see a necessity for this, not only as respects our own testings and a thorough proof of our own heart-loyalty to the Lord, but additionally we see a wisdom of God's part in thus preparing a priest-hood of the future. The term priest as recognized amongst the Jews was not merely one who offered sacrifices, although every priest was of necessity a sacrificer. The special mission of the priestly tribe amongst the other tribes was that of instructing, helping, healing, teaching. And so God is preparing a Royal Priesthood for the Millennial Age to bless to heal to teach to uplift all the willing and obedient of humanity.

The royalty of the priesthood signifies that it will no longer be a sacrificing class, for all sacrificing will be at an end. It will be a glorious class, royal, of the divine nature, and representatives with our Lord Jesus of the Divine power. As priests who will have to do with judging and chastening, healing and helping humanity, how

much sympathy do we suppose that these Royal Priests should have? Are they not to be on the Divine plane of glory, "members of the Body" of Messiah, the great kindly priest after the order of Melchizedek? And of him has not the Apostle written that he must be a faithful and merciful High Priest, able also to sympathize with the people in their infirmities? Does he not declare that it was for this reason that our Lord was touched with a feeling for humanity's infirmities? And is it not in perfect keeping with this that all those accepted as "members of his Body" should have such experiences in this sacrificing time as would demonstrate their loyalty to the Lord and guarantee their deep sympathetic interest in the world, then committed to their care? To such will be committed the work of human restitution, uplift out of sin and death conditions—mental, moral and physical!

### The Morning of Joy.

How glad we should be that our Heavenly Father's sympathy for us will provide "a morning of joy" to be ushered in, in his "due time!" Additionally he sympathizes with us to the extent that he has given us in advance a message and Revelation and explanation to comfort us, to sustain us in the way! We have already seen that this Revelation is only for those who have the eyes of faith and the ears of faith at the present time. "Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear." "He that hath an ear let him hear."

We recognize the wisdom of God in withholding the secret of his plan from the world in general. We recognize that for the world to know the deep things of God at the present time would be injurious rather than helpful to them. It might possibly work an interference with the Divine Program. Nevertheless we are bound to sympathize with the poor groaning creation in its blindness and ignorance. The poor world knows not why it came into being. In an animal fashion, eating, drinking, etc., it seeks to use the opportunities of present life and, after a few short years full of trouble, it goes down into the tomb, ignorant of the purposes of its creation, and usually considerably enthralled by fear respecting the future beyond the portals of death.

How may we rejoice in spirit as we perceive the length and breadth and height and depth of the Divine Program for the future and the blessings which it will bring to this "groaning creation?" How we long for the time to come when the Church shall be made ready through the sufferings of this present time for the glories of the future—the Kingdom! No wonder the Apostle declares, "He that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he [the Lord] is pure (I John iii, 3). He is our exemplar, our pattern. We seek to copy him. Although we cannot hope to be like him in the flesh, we can be like him in the spirit, of our minds and thus be of the character-likeness which the Father will be pleased to honor with a share in the "First Resurrection." By that glorious "change" we shall be made like him actually and see him as he is and share his glory.

The morning of joy, the Millennial Morning, of course, cannot be ushered in until the rising of the Sun of Righteousness. Its beams of grace and Truth will flood the earth with the light of the knowledge of the glory of God to such a degree that it will drive out, expel, all ignorance, superstition and sin, which have worked such havoc in our race.

But what is this Sun of Righteousness? Whence comes it? The Bible answers the question by telling us that it symbolically represents the Lord himself and the elect Church of this Gospel Age. The Sun of Righteousness is a synonym for the Seed of Abraham, of whom it is written, "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." The mystery hidden for a time from many is the fact that the Church is to share with her Lord in every feature of his glorious work, not only in suffering, but also in reigning. Thus we have St. Paul's assurance that the overcomers will be members of the Seed of Abraham (Galatians iii, 29). And we have our Lord's own words that this faithful class will be represented in the great Sun of Righteousness, the great Messiah, the great Prophet, Priest, King and Mediator between God and men (Matthew xiii, 43).

### "What Manner of Person?"

St. Peter, in viewing the prospects of the Church, inquires as to "what manner of persons we ought to be in all manner of holy living and godliness." He refers to us, who know that the present order of things is the reign of sin and death from which our Lord died to deliver us. What manner of persons ought we to be, who have heard the Lord's invitation to joint-heirship in his Kingdom, and who know that we are now on trial to determine by our voluntary course our worthiness or unworthiness of that glorious position to which we have been called by God's favor! How paltry, how insignificant, do all the affairs of the world appear in comparison to this great prize set before us in the gospel!

And what should be our attitude towards the world, seeing from this inside standpoint of Divine Revelation the real condition of the world and God's sympathy for it? Its ignorance should make us very sympathetic and very much disposed to lend a helping hand of relief in every possible manner. We should be ever ready to remove the scales of blindness from the mental vision of all who give indication of a desire for God—any who seem to be "feeling after him." It may be that they might find him" (Acts xvii, 27). Only such will be ready for the Kingdom, fit for the Royal Priesthood, every member of which must be "touched with a feeling" for earth's infirmities.