

The Flaming Sword.

"And He placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life."—Gen. III. 24.

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Source and Fountain of the Potency Upon Which Depends the Organization of the Coming Kingdom.

The world is about ripe for the great harvest of the Christian age. The old church and state, divorced because of their adulterous and prostitute relations, are about to pass away. This is the removal of the old heavens and old earth. There will be a new heavens and new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, a new church and new state. This new kingdom of church and state will be so radically new that not a vestige of the old fabric will remain to indicate that a new piece of cloth has been put onto an old garment.

Two prime factors will comprise the essential characteristics and evidences of the fitness of survival, the indications of the legitimate and authentic kingdom. These are, first, the unmistakable confession that the coming order is the evolution of Christianity as originating in the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. The other is, that in these latter days, as the product of the genuine Christian order, Emanuel Swedenborg was illuminated in the spiritual "sense" of the doctrine of a new church, and that Ann Lee was specially representative of the new life, and that her influence, as one embodiment of the descent of the Messianic or Christ spirit, has been instrumental in organizing a prominent and leading division of the golden candlestick, the Christian Communists,

called Shakers, comprising one branch of this candlestick—one of the seven churches, and at least one-seventh part of the power that shall direct the formulation of the ark of the covenant, the remaining hope of the world. There is not a body on the face of the earth to-day so pronouncedly in advance of progress in the practical application and life of what goes to make up the progressive considerations of the coming revolution, in religious life, social relation, political and organic unity, state polity and commercial integrity, as the body of people called Shakers.

Ann Lee, the woman who had sufficient vital power to organize and perpetuate such a body of Christian believers and celibate communists as the Shaker body, throughout the world, is entitled to the honor given by the highest civilization, for she has made it possible for the world to come into the immortal life for which the age has groaned. We regard Swedenborg and Ann Lee as the stamen and pistil of that blossom which precedes the fruitage of the age, and their union in the spiritual world, as the marriage of the Bride and Lamb, through which the heavens are opened, and the rider on the white horse made visible and potential.—*Koresh.*

CHEVAILLIER'S MALICIOUS CHARGE AGAINST T. L. HARRIS.

A four column article recently appeared in a San Francisco paper, purporting to recount an interview with one Miss Chevallier who failed to sit down, as she had expected, in the throne of command over the people of the "Brotherhood of the New Life." T. L. Harris may be the most arrant knave on the face of the earth, but the one-sided testimony of an adventuress, full of insinuations involving herself equally with the accused party, is not sufficient proof of his want of chastity. It is very evident that she has not comprehended the first principle of the two-in-one as taught by the founder and head of the "Brotherhood." It is possible that we are not well informed as to just what is involved in the doctrine of counterparts, as held by the Harris Community. The article is full of blind insinuations, just such as an adventuress could make without containing a single direct charge and name of any departure from moral rectitude. We do not advocate the phenomenon of spiritual control, which places the person under involuntary action from another mental power, but the thrust at Harris, embraced in the statement of his performance while under spiritual influence, holds equally good against Emanuel Swedenborg, who, of modern times, stands preëminently at the head of the order of spiritual mediums, and so much at the head that his intercourse with angels, spirits and devils, entitles him to the name of the great Swedish seer.

The fact that the guest chamber of the Brotherhood is elaborately furnished is no condemnation of Mr. Harris as,

no doubt the material, much of it, was brought there by those coming from the world with their material effects and committing them to the interests of the Harris order. The insinuation that something occurred the other side of a thin cloth screen, so completely in violation of social ethics as to alarm the two pure virgins behind the screen and cause them to fly for safety, is so very gauzy on the face of it that it seems almost incredible that any newspaper should so yield to the impulse to seize upon sensational effect, as to place before the public such a one-sided insinuation and warped account as this Chevallier's purported statement. There are two things that would naturally conspire to make one wary of the whole thing. The first is, that it is an assumed interview from a common news reporter. Not one in a hundred thousand of them but that is a liar from prenatal origin. It is the testimony of a complaint without the hearing of the rebutting evidence. The second is, that the animus of the whole thing appears to originate in the one little item, that the condition of being a guest was too short in its duration. The woman hates, as the paper reports her to say, kings, but it appears only so far as she was not the recognized queen.

—Koresh.

A STATEMENT.

We thank our friends for their forbearance during the long interval that no issue of THE FLAMING SWORD (which, as stated, has absorbed *The Plowshare and Pruning Hook*) has been received. The period of cessation will be well counter-balanced by the character of the new publication when the same is fully developed, which will be soon. In the manœuvres of a contending army hostilities are sometimes temporarily suspended, which leads the enemy to suppose that a retreat has been ordered, but just when they reach the point of exuberance over the fancied vanquishment of their foe, lo! the distant rumble of the artillery is heard, and the roar of cannon and the flash of swords announce the reopening of the engagement with renewed vigor, and a more determined purpose on the part of the foe to win the victory. THE FLAMING SWORD, however, is not engaged in one of those barbaric contests which have, from time immemorial, stained the pages of history, turned fields into rivers of blood and greeted the effulgence of morning light with the groans and shrieks of the dying. It has entered, rather, upon a *spirit* warfare in earth, as depicted in "Paradise lost concerning heaven," wherein Michael and his angels are marshalled against the devil and his angels; a warfare that will bring no peace, no quiescence to a careworn race until "that old serpent called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world," is cast out of earth, just as he was cast out of heaven; then will come "salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ."

It has been on account of no financial stringency that THE FLAMING SWORD has not flashed in blazing brightness for four or five weeks, but rather because we have been changing the base of our operations, and Napoleon like, been concentrating the right and left flanks of our forces for more extended operations at the centre. We have not, as yet, quite completed our arrangements for printing the most radical, rational and racy reform paper published in America, but if

our friends will bear with us for a month longer, we will give them such a paper, which will consist of sixteen pages, embracing the most advanced views upon all questions of moment. Labor questions, economic philosophy, science, theology—and that most vital of all subjects—woman, and her rightful mission, will be discussed in the most striking, original and convincing manner. Differentiated from all other newspapers and periodicals, THE FLAMING SWORD, as the exponent of the masterful, conclusive science of Koreshanity, gives to the world irrefutable reason and demonstrated fact, which, despite the current ridicule and indifference of "the doctors and lawyers," (whom Christ declared to have taken away the *keys* of knowledge,) and the coxcombry of the *savants*, like the germ of truth planted in the race by the Nazarene through the mediumship of a few unlettered fishermen of Galilee, will yet revolutionize the principle and practices of a deluded humanity and "turn wise men backward and make their knowledge foolish," for God hath chosen the "weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and those things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are." Koreshanity makes no steps backward but on the contrary ever and anon pushes forward, attaining with every moon that is past, new power and greater exertion.

Commercial Equation, as promulgated in *The Plowshare and Pruning Hook*, will be expounded in these columns with greater zeal and perspicuity, but the new FLAMING SWORD, while discussing commercial affairs will include in its columns some of the discussions, undertaken by able peers, in connection with the science of immortal life, that appeared in the former publication of that name. In short, the paper will be indispensable to the progressive thinker in either theology, science or economics. We not only preach our social doctrines, but contrary to modern, social, and ecclesiastical custom, we *apply* them, wherein we adhere to the gospel of the apostle James: "Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show you my faith by my works." The world is crying out loudly for a practical application of those things taught in the dogmatic and economic schools, but as yet, its cries have not been answered. Pulpit discourse and the every day practice of Christianity are as distinct as the Fourth of July and Christmas; the one being hot, and the other cold. Fine spun economic theories are as differentiated from business and social custom, as the glitter of gold and lead. Equitable Commerce will, ere long, be practical and possible just as the competitive system must soon become impracticable and impossible. The Bureau of Equitable Commerce in San Francisco, as an equitable distributor of provision to the people, was relinquished only for the purpose of embarking in a more gigantic enterprise at the central point of American exchange.

There will soon be effected such a combination of the celibate and other communistic societies of this country, for the promulgation of a system of equitable exchange of products between the producer and consumer, as the competitive world, with its monopolistic kings, has never dreamed of; a combination that will extend over the whole country and bid defiance to the unscrupulous and fiendish methods of modern trade, with its unrelenting Shylocks. The kingdom of righteousness is to be established in earth, and with its coming, humanity with its various orders will be brought into harmony by a system as stupendous as it is scientific and perfect, because it is divine.

There will be a bright and vivacious Woman's Department to THE FLAMING SWORD, when our typographical and editorial machinery gets in full working order. As heretofore this department will be edited by Mrs. A. G. Ordway, President of the Society Arch-Triumphant, who will be assisted by capable associates. So that we will soon be able to afford our readers with original and selected matter, touching on the woman question, that will be entertaining and instructive because of its point, pith and power. Conciseness and condensation in this, as in the other departments of THE FLAMING SWORD, will be its characterizing feature, the management being fully alive to the fact that busy practical women—who are the real power of their sex—have neither time nor inclination to wade through long dissertations, the substance of which can easily be boiled down to a reasonable and acceptable article. Brevity, as often said, is the soul of wit, and no one appreciates this fact more readily than a bright woman. Articles should be written for the benefit of a miscellaneous public and not for those who produce them. The new FLAMING SWORD will go all over the United States, through the agency of the news companies, and as a gilt-edged secular paper it will be made thoroughly acceptable to the masses.

NOTHING LIES LIKE FIGURES.

In the mouth of the modern political financier the old adage, that figures won't lie, finds its opposite fulfilment. In spite of the facts in the case, as they are substantiated by the records and confirmed by the recollection of all men whose memories extend back far enough, and by the publication of them at the time, and subsequently in such leading papers as the *Inter Ocean*, and in the speeches of such statesmen as Senator John A. Logan, the lying pamphlet, above quoted, says: "With regard to the cry for more money, it need only to be pointed out that there has been a larger quantity of money in the country, and a larger quantity, per capita, during the last few years than ever before." "The amount given as in circulation is, \$32.83 per capita, which is probably more than double the actual amount. In 1878, before it had been debauched by the money power, the *Inter Ocean* published a statement in which it gave the per capita money circulation of the country for several years as follows: 1865, \$47.42 per capita; 1866, \$50.76 per capita; 1876, \$15.89 per capita; 1877, \$14.60 per capita. In the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, Hugh McCullough, for 1865, he makes the amount of money in circulation to be equal to \$48.70 per capita, and for the next year, \$52.01 per capita. In a speech in Congress, in 1874, General Logan said, "The circulating medium has been contracted \$1,018, 167, 784," which statement he proved by reference to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The U. S. Monetary Commission, appointed by joint resolution of the two houses of Congress, in August, 1876, after a most thorough examination of the facts, in this and other countries, in their voluminous report, made in March, 1877, declares that "The true and only cause of the stagnation in industry and commerce, now everywhere felt, is the fact everywhere existing of falling prices; caused by a shrinkage in the volume of money." In order to take in the entire situation

and realize the full import of the present monetary condition, we must not ignore the fact of the vast amount of the country's indebtedness which is rapidly increasing, and which bankers and usurers, who run the finances of the country, do not wish to have paid, but wish steadily to increase, in order to keep the masses of wealth producers in a condition of servitude for their benefit. At the close of the war the nation was substantially out of debt, and the people nearly so, and would have remained so but for the wholesale contraction of the currency which, at the instigation of the banker and usurer class, then began.

In spite of all the lying newspapers and pamphlets in existence, it still remains true that the great body of what was called the debt of the nation was in circulation, and greatly needed as money, and when, in response to the senseless and interested cry of the usurer class, this peoples' money, which had saved the country in its death grapple with rebels, was converted into interest-bearing bonds of too large denominations to pass as money, and not legal tender, as the obligations destroyed, mostly, were, as General Logan declared, money famine with its horrors followed. The usurer was now master of the situation, and could make money plenty or scarce as suited his interests, and was easily able to offset any legislation of Congress in the interests of the masses of the people. The largest portion of the money provided by Congress, and said to be in circulation, is either locked up in bank vaults, or the government treasury, and as such, is, or may be, as much out of the reach of the people for the uses of exchanges, the only uses for which money was ever designed, as if it were out of existence.

It is not true, then, that there is a greater amount of money in circulation than ever before.—O. F. L.

THE OLD YEAR.

1892 comes to us in seeming haste, for the year just passed has sped upon eagle's wings to oblivion. 1891 was an eventful year in and out of Koreshanity. Never, since 1870, has there been such progress and rapid change in the work to which the founder of the Koreshan Unity has been called. Commercial Equation, which will be the final solution of the social problem, has been applied, and, notwithstanding the temporary discontinuance of a practical effort in that direction, has been found to meet every requirement for the foundation, in the secular domain, of an equitable commonwealth predicated upon the plumb-line of commercial integrity. Many, during the last twelve months, have been gathered into the Koreshan fold, whose love for the truth, and steadiness of purpose, looking to its triumph, are destined to make them potential factors in the formulation of the new church and state to succeed the old, now crumbling to pieces. Koreshanity and its Leader are now known from Plymouth Rock to the Golden Gate, and the tenets of this new science have, within the period stated, taken deep root in the minds and hearts of leaders in the two most powerful celibate bodies in this country. Women, too, are generally being awakened to the power of Koreshan doctrine as the instrument for the attainment of their individual sovereignty.

Everywhere the world is hungering for the truth and awaking to the fact of the inadequacy of present thought

and practice in the social, scientific and theological fields for the solution of problems that culminating events press upon society with ever-increasing force and vehemence. Notwithstanding the continued attacks of the press, all over the country, and the unceasing hostility of existing social institutions, Koreshanity with its convincing theology, irrefutable science and its practical commercial principles is forging ahead with a momentum which at first excited the jest, but which now arouses the astonishment and hatred of its enemies.

But while all this has been transpiring with us, the world without has been a constantly changing panorama of thrilling scenes. As prophesied regarding the "last days," which are at hand, humanity is rapidly getting into a state of commotion amid horrors and anguish, pestilence and distress. Nearly all the nations of South America have been in a state of revolution from which they have not, as yet, subsided. And there have been "wars and rumors of wars" elsewhere. Russia has started the ball of famine and disease rolling, there being about forty million of her subjects at the present time without bread, and many thousands stricken with infirmity. This rolling, rumbling messenger of misfortune will gradually spread through Europe, and then with a bound strike American shores, where it will play sad havoc in a land where twenty per cent of a population of sixty-two million controls its wealth. Banks have failed and business firms have gone under without number; the Maverick bank failure in Boston being simply the echo of the Baring Brothers' failure in London, which sounded the note of warning of the inevitable financial avalanche that must soon sweep down upon the heads of a people fed upon usury.

The world is now in a state of unrest such as it has never known before. Labor is aggregating itself into a great body, as instanced by the intended amalgamation of the railroad conductors, firemen, brakemen, switchmen and telegraphers of the country, through the action of a convention soon to be held in New York. Capital grows more insolent daily, and seeks to entrench itself behind vast combines that only serve the more to exasperate labor. The terrors of approaching civic night have been woefully illustrated by the efforts of a man, crazed by the scramble for gold, to destroy with dynamite the great millionaire originator of "puts" and "calls" in the New York money market. This fearful act, with its direful consequences, is but a foretaste of the inevitable horrors awaiting those that "oppress the hireling in his wages," at the hands of the thousands driven to desperation by hunger and hardship. While we view with alarm and deprecation these impending woes, we are nevertheless alive to the fact that their advent is but the final effect of an iniquitous and hell-inspired cause, and as the final effect must always be as great as the cause, so must the miseries to come upon the dishonest and selfish be in the same proportion in which they have meted out their merciless portion to enslaved brethren. This is an inexorable law. The law of the survival of the fittest will operate until out of disorder and confusion come rest. In the law of cycles these times of rest must ever occur at certain periods, for the reason that there could be no motion or unrest without an opposite pole.

In the ecclesiastical world, rapid changes have taken place. Protestantism has become so hopelessly entangled with a rationalism based upon so-called science, that exposi-

tors of its dogmas are either fast falling away or are falling to sleep in the arms of listlessness. The present pontifical head of Catholicism is about to droop, and the investiture of that office to another will be followed by happenings of untold and unreckoned moment to the whole world. Let another year speed its way and be gone, and let Dame Justice, in superb habiliments, roll on the scroll of time until fallacy, sin and unrighteousness shall find place no more beneath the recesses of heaven's blue arch, and a common humanity, with one voice and one God, shall raise the glad anthem, "on earth peace, good will toward men!"

CONSERVATISM AROUSED.

In the great onward course of social development which marks the passing hours, one of the most noteworthy of recent changes is the fact that conservatism itself begins to be aroused. One or two noted instances will afford agreeable reading for those who welcome the timely visits of THE FLAMING SWORD. I will mention, first, the strange movement in conservative England, in which Liberals and Conservatives vie with each other for precedence, in behalf of the common people, the working people, in town and country. The news by cable from London informs us that Gladstone urged upon a great audience, at the opening of a hall at Port Sunlight, near Birkenhead, the duty of giving the workers "an equal share in co-operative production and distribution, because this would give the workingmen the same position and feeling as the capitalist himself;" whereas in profit-sharing alone the position of the laborer "was one of distress and beggary, when there was a loss instead of a profit." But, best of all, as suggestive of a true solution of the great social problem of the day, he appealed to his hearers to "give the workers, besides an increase of wages and decrease in the hours of labor, a sense of common feeling with their employers to establish a brotherhood of man and man; to give place to the demands of heart and conscience, as well as the appetite and ambition, for a solution of these difficulties." It is a great step to place the work of the world upon the plane of "the brotherhood of man and man," and to claim a place in the conduct of business for the heart and conscience of laboring people. However, the Conservatives seem determined not to be outdone in concessions to labor. At a conference of the privileged great ones in the exclusive Carlton Club, they decided "that the laborer must have power to acquire small plats of land cheaply, and through a simple method, and that *the state must assist farmers to become owners without paying more than customary rents.*" Now it must be remembered that land is the last thing in England, where the amount is extremely limited, that the landlord is willing to part with by division with any one; least of all to a tenant-farmer, at a fair price, with the government itself to assist the farmer to the money to buy the land withal! But this move has an important political bearing as well, in its making the laborer an owner of a small plat of land, for he thereby acquires a right to become a political factor in shaping the affairs of the country. English conservatism is aroused.

In our own country that extremely conservative class of farmers, the Patrons of Husbandry, has been called upon by

the Master of the National Grange to meet the new demands of the hour as men who dare not shirk a high duty, declaring that, "First of all we need to overthrow the dominating influence of Wall Street;" he further says: "For many years our financial policy has been dictated from this den of thieves. Few presidents have been elected, or secretaries of the treasury appointed, who were not, and are not, under this baleful influence. It is time for a change, and a change must come. Nothing is surer to come, not even death itself, than the revolution which shall level up the toilers and level down the plutocrats. Shall it be a revolution of ballots or bullets? That is the question! * * The tramp of mighty armies can now be heard, without placing the ear to the ground. The skirmish has already begun. There will be no peace until wrong, oppression, robbery and vice shall be succeeded by an era of righteousness and freedom, of peace on earth and good will to mankind." He then inquires how ballots may be used to avert the use of bullets. He admits that there is little hope, judging by the past, in continuing to vote for the old parties; but men are loth to change their political relations and associates. "But why should they continue to support political organizations which uniformly ignore or refuse their demands? These men who ask this have not changed their views upon former issues. * * * Now is the time for discussion. Soon the time for action will be here. Be ye ready." He then makes liberal quotations from "The Declaration of Purposes," which forms the basis of the organization, and concludes, that, as "it is reserved by every patron, as the right of a freeman, to affiliate with any party that will carry out his principles," each member "is free to act with any party now in existence or to act in the forming of a new party." But the Grange, as a farmer's organization, "will earnestly urge all farmers to use their political power to protect the interests of all classes, and defeat any party that fails to do them justice;" he also declares that "the farmer is a fool who will not so use his power. We believe that existing organizations will prove effective fool-killers by educating the average farmer in his privileges and duties as a citizen, and may God speed the day of organization!"

As the head of a great organization, composed alike of democrats and republicans, he could go no further; but only "the fool" can fail to see that he has no hope for relief from the old parties, and is forced to turn to a new one. Even the Grange moves.

Equity.

"UNITED STATES MONEY."

By Reginald P. B. Johnson. Price 5 cents. Twentieth Century Publishing Company, New York.

Whoever wishes to see a specious setting forth of gold base theories and claims, with the amount of falsification of history, usual in like productions, can find it in the above small pamphlet. The great interest that gold mongers have in deceiving the masses as to the real nature of money is adequate to the liberal compensation of many such writers, which may account for the production of the numerous pamphlets, similar to the one in question, which have of late years issued from the press. This same power, years ago, caused large book publishers of the country to sign an agree-

ment not to publish any books which the same money power had condemned as unsound in financial doctrine. The dear people are supposed not to have sense enough to judge for themselves of the merits of a work on finance, and to need the guardianship of the very power that has a very great financial interest in fleecing them. Thus the wolf is made shepherd of the sheep. As specimens of the falsification of history, resorted to in all these publications, I will give a few from the one before me. "It has been already shown that gold was, for many years previous to 1873, the standard for contracts in this country." At that time neither gold nor silver had been for ten or twelve years in circulation at all, both having, as they usually do when a country gets into war or a financial crisis, deserted the currency, and, mostly, the country, or been hid away for safe-keeping, leaving the country to defeat and destruction, unless it could find some more reliable support and resource than they. Both silver and gold were classed as "coin," in the act of Congress relating to the forms of contract called United States government bonds. I quote from the reports of the U. S. Silver Commission: "The well-known declaratory resolution of March 18th, 1869, to 'strengthen the public credit,' makes no promise of gold, but expressly recognizes 'gold or silver' as constituting the 'coin' promised in prior acts."

This lying pamphlet goes on to say, "Therefore, before that year, when the payment of a certain number of dollars was contracted for, it was gold value that was intended to be paid. The law of 1873 did not make any real alteration in the existing state of affairs, the silver dollar having gone out of use before." As everybody knows, whose memory runs back to those times, the greenback was depreciated by act of Congress in the interest of gold gamblers, though it was the money of account in which all ordinary contracts were made. I quote again from the Silver Commission's report. "It (silver) bore a premium of only 3 per cent in 1873, and if coin payments had been resumed then, gold could not have risen more than 3 per cent without bringing the silver dollar into immediate use. It was, when demonetized, standing guard against a rise in gold." This pamphlet says silver had gone out of use. The facts are, it was no more out of use than gold, and if it had been, it would have been because, being the more valuable metal, gold, the cheaper one, had driven it out of circulation. This deceptive publication, inspired by a greedy desire of gold, or the advantage that its dominance brings, would have us believe that an idiotic people, for fear they would have to receive payment, for money which they had loaned, in a more valuable metal, were particular to make contracts to be paid in another metal which was worth 3 per cent less. Such stupidity on the part of usurers would certainly be a new thing under the sun, and yet to such straits of absurdity are the advocates of gold often fain to resort to make out their case.

Koreshans have no more interest in the success of the advocates of silver than in that of gold worshipers. They know, of a surety, that no great relief to humanity from its present insupportable financial ills will ever come until both gold and silver, with every form of fictitious money, the love of which is the root of all evil, are entirely destroyed.—O. F. L.

Koreshanity is the science of practical Christianity.

"The Coming Climax in the Destinies of America."

By *Lester C. Hubbard, Editor of The Farmers' Voice.*

(Just issued from the press of Charles H. Kerr & Co., Chicago.)

A BOLD AND BRAVE BOOK, AND TIMELY, if aught that concerns the living could be timely to a people who are dead while they live. In plain and unmistakable English it sets forth and illustrates the process by which our government, which was established by our patriotic ancestors to protect men and women in their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of their own happiness, has been perverted until the one end in view, now, is the protection of property, and the only rights regarded as worthy of governmental care are vested rights. It shows how our "Triumphant Plutocracy" is building forts and enlisting from our desperate criminal classes, which their shameless greed has spawned into being, private armies to shoot down honest laborers, should they ever, following the example of their revolutionary sires, dare make resistance to its merciless extortions.

It should be carefully read by every live man who wishes to understand the gravity of the situation when labor, with its ten million compactly organized, strong, and willing hands, is falling into line against all the forces that monopoly and Mammon, with unlimited resources, can muster for the deadly fray.

The scope of the work does not include the world-wide extent of the conflict, nor the fact that a change of fortune may change sides with many of the combatants, it being, as the fruit of the vicious competitive system, largely a contest between those that have money, and hence power, and those who want them. If the result shall be an elimination of selfishness on both sides, the world will be vastly the gainer. The timic relation of the contest is the only source from which we can forecast anything certain as to its outcome. Coming as it does not only at the end of a dispensation—at a judgment day of the Almighty—but at the culmination of the grand zodiacal cycle of twelve dispensations, we may expect for the nations of the world a repetition of what happened in the end of the Jewish age to the Jewish state, and Jerusalem, its capital city. It is the great battle of Gog and Magog, capital and labor, and its result will be the going away of the old church and the old state, the old heavens and old earth, of which both Peter and John prophesy; after which terrible departure there will come the "new heavens and new earth"—a new church and new state—"in which dwelleth righteousness." This will be the coming of the kingdom of heaven in the earth, for which coming Jesus taught us to pray.—O. F. L.

CLOSING THE FAIR.

Elder Evans, of the Mt. Lebanon Shakers, Argues that it Should be Opened on Sunday.

[From *The Albany Evening Journal.*]

To the Editor of The Journal: It is stated that 50,000 gospel ministers have been served with blank petitions for their respective flocks to sign, praying Congress to enact unconstitutional "religious legislation" to close the World's

Fair upon the Constantine—Heathen—Sunday.

If the American government were a church and state government, which it is not, and if all the world that is invited to the Fair knew that this was a "Christian nation" and had a "Christian government," which its father, Washington, declared it was not, and that if people came from India, South America, Spain, China, Africa, Turkey, Russia, France and England, they would be compelled to lose one-seventh of their time in the observance of a sectarian, unscriptural Sabbath in addition to their own Sabbath, coming upon another day, and they still choose to come—well! But they are invited to come, not to an infidel, an ecclesiastical, a Christian, nor even to an American Fair, but to a "World's Fair," open to Anabaptist, Jews, Buddhists, Mohammedans, who have their own Sabbath days, to say nothing of the millions of non-sectarian or the religious people, who, like Shakers, regard all days alike, and to be kept holy by ceasing thereon to do evil, and learning to be and to do good.

Infidels to church and state governments, like Paine, Franklin, Washington and Jefferson, wrote and signed the Declaration of Independence, and framed a constitution that expressly forbids all "religious legislation." The "Age of Reason" had arrived, the "Rights of Man" were boldly set forth, and when "The Crisis" and "Common Sense" came, the truth prevailed. All men were legally equal and had inalienable right to entire liberty of conscience, even down to the priests of Balaam, who, for their salaries, seek a union with Balak.

Religious freedom, perfect exemption from priestly rule and domination, is the great honor and glory of the secular government of the United States. But, "eternal vigilance" will alone maintain it. Under God, we are all indebted to the sceptical classes for our secular government. The Christians ought to be thankful to them, for they have returned good for evil. They never persecute.

Paine was the master spirit of the American Revolution. Washington, whose private secretary he was, declared that Thomas Paine had done more with his pen for the ultimate success of the American Revolution than he himself had done with his sword. The priesthood has white-washed Washington, who seldom would go into a steeple house, or a church, and have black-balled, belied and vilified Paine, as the rebels in our civil war slandered, condemned and finally killed Lincoln.

By what the church and state Christians have done in Tennessee without law, we may judge what they will do when they have the law in their hands. They tore a good American citizen from his home and family, imprisoned him, worried, brow-beat and tortured him to death. His soul in the spirit land is "marching on" to vengeance upon his inquisitors. He was doing what he and all of us have a perfect United States constitutional right to do, plow our fields whenever we choose. Where is the ecclesiastical court to determine upon which of the seven Sabbath days we must not plow? Could there be a greater absurdity than the stamp upon our coin, "In God We Trust," when thousands of good citizens do not believe in any God at all? Yet their inalienable rights remain intact, as do the rights of those who profess to believe there are three Gods, all masculine, ignoring woman. Are there any Christians except Shakers? Are there any human beings in the spirit world, in heaven or hell, or upon this

earth, who may not become Christians? "A great company of priests were obedient to the Faith." And if the inquisition clergy may become Christians who shall despair of being saved? Belief is the result of evidence. There is no virtue in it, nor is there any vice in unbelief; it is want of evidence; having evidence, belief is the result.

Jesus said: "My kingdom is not of this world, therefore my servants will not fight." If the chaplain is a Christian, what is he doing in a secular, worldly, masculine legislature, that is spending the principal revenues of the country in manufacturing war material? And what place has he in the army and navy, or on the bloody battle field? Is it not 50,000 Balak priests who are going to move heaven and earth to fill their churches and increase their incomes?

Lincoln was an infidel and became a spiritualist. So, according to "Free Thought," the Jesuits killed him. Let us have peace, but not the "peace of Warsaw." Let infidel, Jew, or Turk be left in perfect liberty of conscience, to do by others as they would be done by. Did Jesus ever denounce the sceptical Sadducees as he denounced the believing Pharisees?

For untold ages the wise of this world thought that the earth was flat. One man arose who said it was round, and that it turned around. The Christian priests arrested, imprisoned and tortured him just as they have arrested, imprisoned and killed King, of Tenn., who kept the true Sabbath—Saturday—and plowed his field on their Sabbath. Either open the World's Fair upon the seven Sabbath days, or close it upon the seven Sabbath days, and tax the 50,000 church and state Balak priests to pay the outlay and all losses to the exhibitors. *F. W. Evans.*

Mt. Lebanon, Columbia County, December 3rd.

Christmas Entertainment.

The Koreshan Unity afforded its little folks a happy Christmas eve at the College of Life this year, as usual. A beautifully decorated tree, which had been arranged by the ladies of the Unity, was brilliantly lighted by candles, making the children feel glad and joyous upon the threshold of the day which all Christendom celebrates as the birthday of our Lord. There were toys and useful articles and soldiers' uniforms for the young, and sweet meats and fruit for both young and old. Koresh, the founder, and Victoria, the head of the Koreshan Unity, received many tokens of regard. The latter presented each member of the Guiding Star Assembly with a gift. Koresh gave a fine discourse upon the purposes of Koreshanity and its ultimate triumph. The little folks, under the training of Mrs. Mosher and Miss Bonnell, provided an enjoyable entertainment, and a real live Santa Claus with bells, cap, and the traditional white whiskers and rotundity of form, distributed the presents. The program was as follows:

March; "We're a Band of Happy Children." "Welcome," Bertha M. Graham. Master Robbie L. Graham. Christmas Carol; "Merry Christmas has Come." "Christmas Gifts;" Hattie Turner, Genie Bubbett, Sadie E. Mealy, Myran Lane. "A Fancy;" By the Little Ones. "Spanish Prayer;" Master Carlos Thomas. Declamation; Master Bertie Mealy. Harmonica Solo—Medley; Master Chas. F. Heaver. "A Christmas Gift;" Master Louie Donovan. "Johnnie's Opinion of Grandmothers;" Master Laurence W. Bubbett. Violin Solo; Master Ivan Miller. "Help One Another;" Master Carl Douglas Lane. "A Thousand Years;" Master William Heaver. "Sockery Setting a Hen;" Master Roy P. L'Amoreaux. "On Time;"

Master Robbie Graham. "Christmas Thoughts;" Sadie E. Mealy. Building Song. "Give us Little Boys a Chance;" By the boys of the home. "I'll be a Man;" Master Charles W. Mealy. Piano Solo; Lulu A. West. "Story of a Plum Pudding;" Myran Lane. "She Could Not be Selfish;" Florence L. Graham. Hymn, "O Mother dear, Jerusalem." "Boys' Rights;" Masters Charles Mealy, Dudley Andrews, Laurence Bubbett, Bertie Mealy. "What Keeps Friends Apart?" Myran Lane, Sadie E. Mealy. Chinese Song, "Little Ah Sid;" Master Norman Marshall. "Hurrah!" by Seven Boys. "Visit of St. Nicholas;" Lulu West.

Santa Claus Arrives, and performs the functions appertaining to his office. Address by Koresh.

The Church Triumphant of the Koreshan System meets every Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in the parlors of the Koreshan Unity, Nos. 2 & 4 College Place. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings and hear Koreshan Theology promulgated.

THE PINKERTONS.

There is, in this country, a uniformed and armed company of men, numbering 32,000, known as the Pinkerton detectives, kept and paid for the express and determinate purpose of quelling strikes, riots, and—to protect corporations! The uniforms of this bedizened army cost \$960,000, at the rate of \$30 each. Their rifles and revolvers \$960,000 more, at the same ratio. Their average pay per month is \$40 each which enables this army to live fairly well on \$1,280,000 for thirty days and \$15,460,000 will about supply them annually—\$17,000,000! Who pays out this money? That is a soft nut to crack. English and American capitalists have leagued together to oppress American workingmen, and when they resent such encroachment of capital—such tyranny—the Pinkertons are on hand to settle the discussion with bullet and bayonet.—*National Economist.*

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THE POWER OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

A Dakota paper tells the latest corn story. It says a farmer raised 1,000 bushels of popcorn and stored it in a barn. The barn caught fire, the corn began to pop, and filled a ten-acre field. An old mare in a neighboring pasture had defective eyesight, saw the corn, thought it was snow, and lay down and froze to death.—*Fergus Falls Journal.*

The Peculiarities of Steaks.

Beefsteaks are very good things, but undoubtedly they sometimes need to be hauled over the coals.

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