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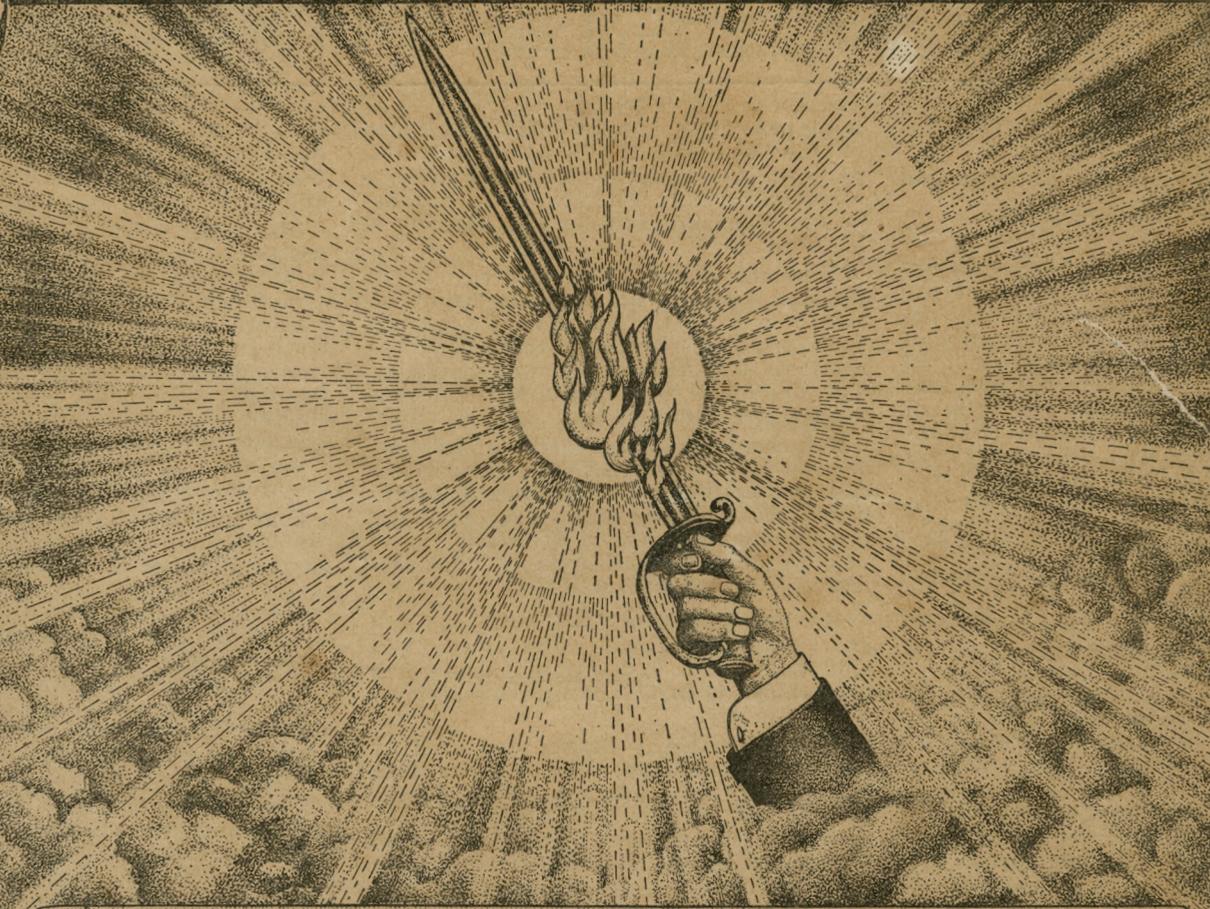
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KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY.

Summary of the Doctrines and Principles of the Religio-Science.

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Cosmogony.—The universe is a cell, a hollow globe, the physical body of which is the earth; the sun is at the center. We live on the inside of the cell; and the sun, moon, planets, and stars are all within the globe. The universe is eternal, a great battery, and perpetually renews itself through inherent functions, by virtue of which it involves and evolves itself.

Alchemy.—The Science of Alchemy is the Philosopher's Stone, the Key to the secret of life. Chemistry is false; Alchemy is true! Matter and energy are interdependent; they are indestructible; they are convertible into energy.

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Reincarnation is the central law of life—the law of the resurrection; reincarnation and resurrection are identical. Resurrection is reached through a succession of re-embodiments. One generation passes into another; the millions of humanity march down the stream of time together.

The Spiritual World.—Heaven and hell are in humanity, and constitute the spiritual world; the spiritual domain is mental, and is in the natural humanity—not in the sky.

Human Destiny.—Origin and destiny are one and the same. The origin of man is God, and God is man's destiny. God is the highest product of the universe, the apex of humanity. Absorption into Nirvana is entrance into eternal life—in the interior spheres of humanity, not in the sky or atmosphere.

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Psychology.—Koreshan Unity points to the laws of all psychic phenomena—the hu-

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man brain. It explains the phenomena of spiritism, mental healing, etc., and teaches the science of the relation of mind and matter.

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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."

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Roosevelt as the Popular World-Hero.

The Results of Roosevelt's Election Reviewed; the Organic Power of the Republican Party; the Defeat and Fate of the Party of the Opposition.

KORESH.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION has passed, with all of its results before the public, in all of their astounding consequences. The republican party went before the people with certain well-defined declarations—the same with which it had previously gained decided victories. The voters of the country had declared for the enforcement of definite principles and policies—obligations which in their best judgment, had been satisfactorily discharged. The republican campaign was conducted on broad and impersonal lines. The people wanted the imperial dollar, rigid tariff, the expansive policy, the perpetuity of possessions which had come to us through the vicissitudes of war, the Panama canal, the greater navy, and a better army.

The only apparently strong point of the opposition was the personality of the President of the United States. It was the personality against which the strongest batteries of the assailant were directed. This fact may be an indication of the extent with which the personal character of Mr. Roosevelt has been impressed upon the public through his administration of public affairs. The greatness of the personality of Roosevelt and its influences upon the nations of the earth, have augmented the power of the American nation with the great and influential kingdoms and republics; and in this fact, the impress of personal greatness, adding weight to national prestige, is of so unusual a character that, as the world has estimated greatness, it would not be strange if in the future, history would accord the title to our President which has distinguished the world's greatest heroes.

It was not the democratic party which opposed the

election of Roosevelt. It was the same old ring, with some modifications, that ran Palmer and Buckner in what was called the gold standard democracy, and which was influential in augmenting the defeat of Bryan. Every body knew that knew anything, that the soul and heart of Hearst and Bryan were not in the campaign. Every one knew, who had the capacity for thinking, that both of these men desired the defeat of the Belmont candidate. Hearst, Hill, Belmont, Bryan, Davis, and Parker constituted a conglomerate which in itself augured defeat; and when we attach to this combination the title of "Jeffersonian democracy," it occasions a dubious smile. And why Jeffersonian democracy? Shall we go to Jefferson for the principles which should characterize the efforts of a nation which from a world's dependency, has become the arbiter of the destinies of the world?

The principles which govern a child are modified when the child becomes a parent. The child is not in authority; the parent is the authorized head of the household. The cry of "Jeffersonian democracy" reminds us of the cry, "We have Moses and the prophets; what have we to do with this man?" The fact that the money-power has defined its determination to centralize its monetary unit, declares the tendency of the times. The people desire centralization, as the gold standard idea indicates. The single standard is wanted by the money-power, because the bankers of the world can more easily control the single metal than twice the quantity. It is the better money for the rich; it is the death-warrant for the workingman. To what extent Roosevelt comprehends the character of the power which is

determined to perform the country's legislation, is only known to himself. That he is at the present time the true friend of the masses, so far as his purposes are concerned, there can be no doubt. It is this phase of his character which for a little time seemed to jeopardize his aspirations when the money-power again attempted to set him aside.

The democratic party will be reorganized, or a new one created; for there will never be another attempt to affiliate the two radically distinct wings of the old organization. The unconscious symbols of the two parties have a deeper significance than appears upon a superficial observation. The elephant, as pertaining to the republican party, signifies the power of organic unity in the order of the centralization of authority, because supreme power resides in that character of organic life centralized in the supreme head. The elephant signifies the power of organic unity, because of the fact that the forty thousand muscles in his trunk are all coördinated from the action of one center. He is definitely related to commerce, because the elephant's tusks have been one of the principle resources of commerce through all time. The centralization of the commercial interests of the world in the gold standard could not have a better symbol than that which designates the republican party—and we may depend upon it that the symbol is no accident. The republican party will fulfil its destiny as signified by this symbolic representation.

Of the democratic party with its symbol, the ass, we may draw the corresponding conclusion. The ass signifies the burden-bearer. The democratic party is in reality the party of the people, but the last campaign was not conducted by the democratic party. In fact, the democratic party was not in the campaign. The Palmer-Buckner crowd stole a march on the democratic convention at St. Louis and homicided what was left of the gold democracy. That branch of the democracy of the South which affiliates with the gold standard conception is considering the advisability of going over to the republican party; and the only objection thus far raised in opposition is the attitude of the President on the Negro question. This is the bitter pill to be taken in this the only hope of the Southern aristocracy. The writer has heard the question discussed among the democrats of the South, and it cannot be denied that there is a strong current in the direction hinted. The old democracy under the leadership of radical reformers, is hastening towards a false system of socialism in which anarchy, labor unionism, socialism, and the disrupted democracy will unite in the amalgamation which will distinguish the masses from the classes, merging them towards that final conflict which has been so long predicted, and which will terminate in the great battle of Gog and Magog.

There can be no question of the prophetic designation of a time of great trouble wherein, upon the commercial plane, there is to be a conflict to the death of the purely secular plane, this conflict is between the denominated capital and labor. All of the signs of times point unmistakably to the fact that we have reached the end of the Christian dispensation—the end called the end of the world. The sign Aries, moving along the line of the ecliptic, is now transiting from the constellation Pisces to the constellation Aquarius—an indication signified by the Lord himself as the time of the end. God placed the sun, moon, stars, and planets in the firmament of heaven "for signs, for seasons, for days, and for years;" and these constitute the most takable indices of the progress and revolution in human events.

The old democracy is defunct. The republican party has deftly appropriated all of the principles of the old democracy—even the question of tariff reduction or the rearrangement of the tariff to suit the various sections and interests, is in the hands of the republican party and by that party will be settled to suit the facts which control the country. There is nothing left of the democracy but the control of the misguided "committee of the people," whose final decision will be that the only thing to be done with the accumulated wealth of the country is to violently take it and redistribute it to the people. This is anarchy, and this is the final hope of the old democracy.

THE TYPE OF ORGANIC SOCIAL UNITY.

Justice Demands the Abolition of Wage-Slavery, and the Institution of Scientific Economics.

FROM THE WRITINGS OF KORESH.

ONE GREAT OBSTACLE in the way of the immediate introduction of the true social life, is the overabundance of rubbish that finds its way into every attempt to set forth and promulgate the gospel of social reform. Many of the social reformers are attempting to construct from the basis of the doctrine of simple evolution. Evolution is one important factor of the problem of organic unity; but the world has reached the point where the mere factor of evolution has brought us to the period of revolution, and the changes immediately embracing the coming formation are so radical that all the agitation, study, and theorizing upon the question of socialism, there has not been a single sentence outside of Koreshanity to even denote the quality of the changes to be wrought, nor the character of the organic life to succeed the chaos of the present day.

The pivot of the coming organic development is a simple unit of momentum, in which is involved freedom and direction of action. It is the one first step in the inauguration of social order; and while it includes the laws of moral obligation, it may be instituted without

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The laws of social order must be in consonance
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 t merely because spoken by the Lord Jesus, but be-
 ause it is an eternal verity. This is but the law of

balance or equilibrium applied to social order. The
 law of love to the neighbor, though a moral obliga-
 tion, may be attained through another law—namely,
 that of selfish demand. The masses may demand an
 equitable distribution of wealth, not because it is a
 moral right, but because the hungry stomach cries for
 bread.

There is not a sane person in the world that cannot
 perceive that there is substance enough in the world—
 with comparatively little labor under a regulated
 economical system—to superabundantly supply every
 man, woman, and child with a luxurious living. There
 is not a sane person who cannot see that there is no
 other law of equitable adjustment but the one of value
 of one kind for an equal value of another kind, as a
 basis of all exchange. This law perceived, there re-
 mains open but one course, and that is organization
 upon the basis of its operations.

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THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.

The Doctrine of Evolutionists Applied in a Supreme Sense; the Mani-
 festation of the Immortal Manhood.

THAT DOCTRINE of the evolutionists which pro-
 vides for the production of a finer stock, is called
 the survival of the fittest. They are interested in prov-
 ing that in this manner the race progresses toward per-
 fection. It is, perhaps, not included in their doctrine that
 the one fittest to survive the vicissitudes of mortal life
 is the only one who is competent to relieve the suffer-
 ings of the race by preparing it for a fairer destiny.
 There have been a great many doubts expressed as to
 the veracity of the Scriptures; but the more one in-
 terests himself in the Bible, the further he is led to
 repudiate the notion that they are intended to convey
 anything in favor of the prevalent hypothesis as to
 man's origin.

The conception of the descent of man has been
 generally accepted by all denominations. They are
 undertaking to reconcile the arguments of the evolu-
 tionists with the story of the creation of man recorded
 in the first chapters of Genesis. How it is to be done,
 if man descended from the monkey, is a puzzle. They
 are quite certain to be in doubt for some time. In the
 meantime those who believe in the truth of the Bible
 narrative relate themselves to the First Great Cause
 with an implicit faith in the statement which makes
 Him the universal Parent, not the Simian, as the Dar-
 winian hypothesis teaches.

The survival of the fittest has a great significance.
 Who is the fittest? He who is raised up from the race
 periodically to carry on the work of progression. He
 put his own life into the dull veins of the Jewish nation

and began a new era in the history of the world. Humanity was steeped in its vices and ready to collapse into the sleep of sensuality, when there came One who looked it in the face with a new love. The survival of the fittest is the survival of the Son of God, who became the means of carrying forward the progressive development of the race by putting into it a new spirit. He it was who stood up in the streets of the city and cried with a loud voice on the last day of the feast. His persuasive tones arrested the steps of the passers. They wondered at the Jew who offered them the water of life. It was the Elixir of Immortality. They little knew when Jesus stood in their midst, who it was. They simply averted their faces and turned away in contempt; yet the verdict of Christendom has set the crown of Divinity upon the brow of the carpenter's son.

The survival of the fittest is the revival of the Lord in his Sons. He will survive the wreck of ages and the storm of wars. The supreme insight that he showed in releasing himself from his Jewish captors on one occasion was rewarded by an entrance into the city of Jerusalem mounted upon an ass, preceded by those who cast palm branches in his path. The triumphal entry into Jerusalem symbolized the time to come when in a new personality—He, the Lord, should complete his career by entering into the heavenly City which lieth foursquare.

The perfection of the Lord's visible manhood was accomplished through his death and resurrection. His survival is to be made plain in the shape of another race as pure as himself. The fittest to survive is the One who can outshine the sun in splendor by the radiant beauty of his own character, as well as by the wisdom which has lighted up the brow where intellect enthroned sits watching for the return of the IMMORTAL MANHOOD.

The Divine Character as Manifest in Jesus.

THE DIVINE PERFECTIONS have been rehearsed by the sacred writers, but modern orthodoxy has not pierced the heart of the matter in recounting the story of the life of the Master. The beautiful patience that Jesus displayed under every form of persecution has not only been dwelt upon to the exclusion of other and equally important traits; but His clemency has been extolled to a degree that has led the world to overlook some of the major points in his character.

The Lord never compromised with sinners. He could not permit his own words to be trampled upon by the unbelieving; hence his advice to his Disciples not to put their treasures before those who were too low and bestial to appreciate the honor done them. The Lord Jesus could utter the most scathing rebukes upon occasion. He was gentle and loving toward genuine repentance; nor did he refuse to commingle with those who were tabooed by the rulers of the synagogue. He was, at the same time quick to sense the purposes of his interlocutor. He could humble the pride of the scornful and denounce the hypocrite in unmeasured terms.

It is not too much to say that a great deal of sentimental nonsense has been written on the character of the Master which his own curses upon the barren fig tree will belie. It is one thing to be compassionate to the weak, the erring, and the blind; quite another thing to condone the offenses of the wilfully bad. The Lord was a discernor of men's hearts, and he was sure to detect the animating spirit of those about him. He never meant to deceive his hearers. His words burnt deep into their souls, and on several occasions he condemned in an unsparing manner those in high places of authority. The most beautiful poem would be inadequate to express the author's feelings, did it not comply with the laws of harmony in rhythmical composition. The most beautiful exposition of the words of Jesus would be a failure did it fail to accord with truth. The more one studies the writings of the early Disciples, the more profound is the impression that orthodox theology is often at fault. Only by realizing the mission of the Lord is it possible to set the incidents of his life in their proper relation as interpreting his character.

The life of the Lord Jesus was the prelude to his absorption by his church. While he was teaching publicly he was trying to find a nucleus of men and women receptive to his doctrines. He was not only the veritable substance of life, but he was the Word; and when he passed into his Disciples they had no more hesitation in putting those doctrines before the world. The best philosopher is he who can utter a caustic rebuke. Jesus was the concrete expression of the will, which is the love of Deity; nevertheless, he could use sharp phrases when occasion served. The supreme will is under control of wisdom which tempered all the Lord's words.

The Trinity Versus the Triunity.

THE HUMANITY of the Lord Jesus has been the subject of more dispute than any other subject of a kindred nature. The mingling of the divine and the human in one form has baffled theologians and given rise to some of the most irrational conjectures. Chief among these is the prevalent belief that when Jesus was on earth, he was supported in his labors by some super-mundane occupant of a throne in the physical heavens. It is often said that unless the Godhead had been vested in three persons, no Savior could have appeared, since the Father is above the Son and sent the latter into the world to save men. How unnatural this view of an extra-mundane Deity is may be seen by an examination of the words of Scripture. There is an irresistible pathos in the words of Paul who testifies that the Lord Jesus was the very "fulness of the Godhead bodily." Think of Jesus as the Creator of all things visible and invisible, the Lord of the whole earth, entering into simple human relations, bearing human sorrow and woe! He could not have been dependent upon any being outside Himself, because He gave to Philip the direct proof of His divinity in the words, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Could any statement be more simple, more direct?

It is claimed that on another occasion Jesus called himself inferior to the Father: "My Father is greater than I." Is this statement incompatible with the Lord's words to Philip? Not at all. The Father is always greater than the Son because when the Son goes to the Father, or becomes the Father, he involves the attribute of paternity—the power of reproducing himself in his offspring. The modern church has lost sight of the true function of the Lord Jesus, which was to become the Father of many Sons. The Lord Jesus became the Father when he went into his Disciples as the seed of reproduction. This happened in his translocation. In this act the Lord sacrificed his personality. It was the supreme act of his career, the climax of his mission.

The trinity versus the triunity might be made the subject of a series of articles setting forth the radical differences between the Koreshan concept of the Lord's nature and the ordinary Trinitarian belief. Still, the whole matter may be put into a few words: The essential difference between the new church and the old consists in the fact that the Koreshan concept will not tolerate any notion of an extra-mundane Deity who is three-in-one or three persons and one divinity. A more sensible and reasonable doctrine is held by Koreshans who subscribe to the view of Deity as one in his Messianic capacity, but involving the triune attributes of Father, Mother, and Son.

The Inequalities of Human Condition.

WHEN THE SUM of human happiness is determined, the most rigid disciple of Schopenhauer will admit that some of the best moments in life would be lost were it not for the interest felt in one's own psychological development. There is so much to discover in the human being who disports himself in the presence of others but calls himself, withal, a distinct person. There is no ground for supposing that the decided failures that are seen result from the mere effort to repay Nature for her work by baffling and irritating her. There is another reason for those differences which place some on the pinnacle of prosperity, while the poor wretch lies in the gutter at their feet.

The intense desire to fathom the cause of this profound degradation, of this surprising difference has led some to believe in the transmigration of souls. The Eastern nations fancy that the spirit of the beast sometimes looks out of the eyes of their own offspring. The acceptance of the fact of reëmbodiment simplifies the tragedies which pain and seem to reflect on the goodness of God. There is nothing else which so fully explains human conditions. The reason why so many are unable to climb to the top of the long road which leads to the summit is not necessarily because they were more wicked than others in some previous existence. It is because there are so often found those whose pre-existence was almost rudimentary,—human beings who come under the head of undeveloped intelligences.

The inequalities of human development result from an innate difference in mental capacity. Whence this difference? It arises from an interior life which is in proportion to the suffering which has gone before. The race is developed through suffering; and as there are those in all grades of experience, so there are great diversities of condition. Injustice? No, there is no injustice in Nature's realm. From one end to the other of her broad domain there is the strictest impartiality. There is one goal and universal salvation. That goal is the immortal Sonship, and that salvation is the redemption of the body.

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THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

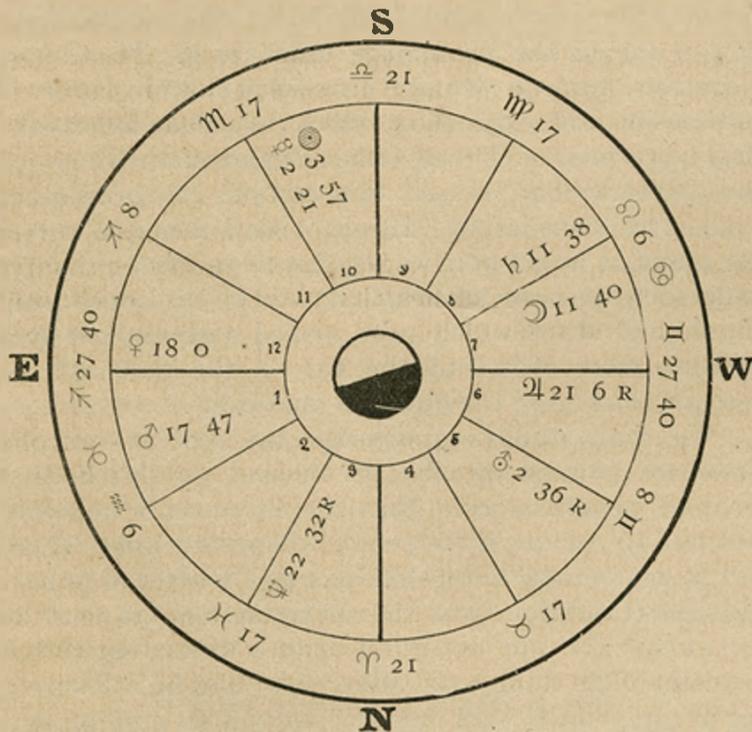
The American Tendency to Radicalism; the Defeat of Conservatism; the Planets in Politics.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE are to be warmly congratulated on the result of the Presidential election, for results show that they have with no uncertain voice, refused the political hog-wash that has been offered by the democratic party; and that they have ratified the clear-cut and decisive policy of the present Administration, that has so markedly characterized the man they have elected to direct the affairs of the nation during the proximate four years. They have, moreover, made a definite pronouncement in favor of radicalism and expansion, which is a clear index that they have tired of the self-sufficient and exclusive policy that hitherto has caused this country to hold aloof from extraneous issues. Henceforward America enters the arena of world-politics; the much vaunted principle of democratic, peaceful simplicity will be jettisoned from the ship of state which now, armed and manned by a resolute crew, will lead the van in the political upheavals that lie at the doors of humanity.

We shall doubtless witness the spectacle of the President posing as the benevolent patriarch of a devoted people, a role that he is most admirably adapted to assume if the people will permit him. There will be democratic hand-shakings as a matter of policy, that the transition from the old to the new may not be too abrupt; he will doubtless lend a willing ear to the counsels of his numerous adherents; and he will surely act in conformity with his own individual opinion and without regard to the circumferential recommendations. We may behold him in the garb of peace, his shirt of mail concealed by the civilians frock, presiding as the leading light at a peace conference; and we shall doubtless be treated to effusions in which peace and plenty will figure as the principal themes, while the button is being pressed that will rouse into activity the navy yards. We live in times when politics closely resembles the articles served up at the *opera-bouffe*; and if the President in the exercise of his faculty of adaptability, should deem it advisable to frequently change his outer garb in order to conform to roles which custom and public opinion compel him to assume, we can smile, undeceived and assured that the heart of the warrior beats beneath the external semblances of the citizen, for Mars Quirinus has come; and as Koreshans, may ours be the privilege to bid him welcome to the home of Neria.

It is generally conceded that the defeat of the democrats was due to the fact that the American people prefers a radical republicanism to a conservative democracy. Mr. Bryan himself has declared that conserva-

tism defeated Judge Parker. So all parties agree that the people taken as a whole, are in favor of the pursuance of a radical policy. In nearly all countries where politicians are divided into two distinct camps, we find that radicalism and conservatism are the two principles that characterize the two parties; and the reason why so much friction is caused by these two when in opposition, is not because the principles in themselves are antagonistic—for they are natural born and coördinate twins, but because the exponent parties do not understand the basis on which these principles are grounded. The word radical means pertinence to root or origin of a thing; and a political radical professes to seek the root of an evil to destroy it, and to sow in its place the seed of good. Conservatism means preservation; and a political conservative is one who professes to preserve what is good in the institutions of his country. Hence,



* Horoscope of Theodore Roosevelt.
October 27, 1858, 11 a. m.

if these two principles are to be harmoniously and reciprocally coördinated in a single politician as head of a party, such a man must possess a scientific and absolute knowledge of good and evil in all domains—in a word, he must be a political genius.

The radical planet is Mars. It is central by nature, and is therefore the life-giver or the destroyer; and a knowledge of its operations in all domains is the science of life and death, and hence of good and evil. Saturn, on the other hand, is the planet of conservation. It is circumferential by nature, and it requires a nice discrimination acquired through an accurate knowledge of life, to accurately weigh up and decide what should be uprooted, and what in national interests preserved. The balanced politician should stand between these two forces and control them, or rather

[* The analysis of the President's horoscope appeared in this department in issue of Oct. 25. The publication of the diagram was deferred because the engraving was not ready until recently.—EDITOR.]

unite them in his own personality. He then becomes Uranus, which is a synthesis of the Martian and Saturnine forces; and for this reason this planet stands for governmental office and the highest quality of political genius. The democratic party is generally credited by astrologers who have made the political aspect of the subject a study, to come under the Saturnine influence, which is probably the reason why, even when this party has introduced a clearly defined issue, it has been of a temporizing nature that has lacked the radical quality that uproots and destroys, thus introducing an insidious form of obstructive delay to the advent of the era of destruction that must necessarily precede the time of construction; and it is in this manner, merits the doubtful distinction of being the conservative party, notwithstanding its claim to the exposition of radical principles.

The republican party is said—and probably with truth—to be represented by the planet Jupiter, and therefore to stand for the interests of the money power, trusts, and class legislation. Thus of late years no radical party worthy of the name has existed in this country, if we except the populists and socialists, who hitherto have been numerically too small to merit much attention. The power of radicalism, *per se*, is essentially destructive, in the same way that the influence of conservatism alone is obstructive; and the reason why we welcome the advent of the President representative of the red planet is because he introduces into the political arena the radical force destructive, thus virtually laying the foundation of a new party whose office it will be to break up the old conditions that have hitherto retarded the march of progress. There is no planet more inimical to Jupiter than Mars; and it will greatly surprise us if President Roosevelt does not uproot in a very radical manner many of the characteristics that have hitherto distinguished the republican party; and the position of his Sun at the present time, closely applying to the position of Jupiter, bodes no good for the interests of the trusts and of the privileged few who fatten while the many starve.

The whole disposition of the American people is at the present time destructive; and the fact that it has found a point of focalization in which it can polarize argues that the force generated will be utilized in a manner in which it will be effective and productive of lasting results. We are disposed to regard the President as one representing especially the destructive forces, because he is necessarily lacking in a knowledge of political conservation and construction, which only a clear conception of life and its main objective can impart; and his radicalism will not be sufficiently far-reaching to attain to those confines where constructive effort can lay the foundation of a permanent structure. He is no Uranian, for he has not that political genius which a familiarity with central and basic principles can alone impart; but he undoubtedly possesses the faculty of centrally conserving the sources of supply sufficient judgment to expend them in a way that will

make every shot tell, and ample supply of mental powder to reach those limits that encompass the sphere of the world's political activities. The world of humanity is at the present time stagnating under the influence of a selfish commercialism and greed; and the introduction of such a force as the President, backed by a united people, into the zone of world-politics, must undoubtedly stir to the depths its latent energies.

The election of Mr. Roosevelt is coincidental with the near approach of Uranus the Awakener into the political constellation Capricorn which at birth, be it remembered, held the President's Mars; and this in itself foreshadows political upheaval and national disasters. We look not to any single political faction, nor indeed to any single nation, for the exercise of those forces of construction which will inaugurate the era of peace; but we do await the appearance on the political horizon, of those elements of destruction foreshadowed by Uranus in Capricorn; and we look to the American nation, led by a warrior bold, to control and set in motion these forces. There is nothing, however, in the President's directions during the immediate future to give the impression that this country is likely to find itself involved in active warfare; on the contrary, the general tendencies are of a peaceful nature, with the near approach of Venus to the President's Sun. But we have every right to expect to see distinct political issues brought to the front, and the spur applied to the overfed beast that draws the world's state chariot, with its heterogeneous freight of unsolved national and social problems.

That radicalism is to be the fashion in the future is evidenced by the cry of the democrats for a return to the radicalism of Jefferson. We have every respect for the man whom we may regard as the father of American radicalism; but his radicalism is out of date, and does not meet the exigencies which press for solution today. Jefferson struck boldly and deeply at the principle of imperialism, because that principle during his time was embodied in the personality of a despot. He failed to distinguish between man and principle, and went to the other extreme by substituting the despotism of the many for the one. The social and economic problems that await solution today are the direct outcome of the application of the principle of democracy which Jefferson pioneered and instituted; and the only remedy is to be found in its overthrow and the substitution of some form of imperialism, and one that is essentially offensive and destructive. Is it without significance that the President's Mars at the present time occupies Aquarius, and that Saturn by transit, swiftly applies to his conjunction?

This arch-obstructionist, whose ethnic representation is Russia, is now menaced by the Martian Jap; and we may rest assured that the Martian representative of the United States will deal some deadly blows at the aggregation of entities that obstructs the world's progress. What is Saturn doing in Aquarius today? He is gathering into groups, consolidating humanity into separate and distinct organisms, and only the

sharp sword of the destroyer is required to sever, sort out, and disconnect parts that lack affinity—so that each may gravitate to its center of polarization. Issues will soon become clear; the objects that line the horizon of the future, more distinct; and minds hitherto clogged and puzzled by the ill-defined problems that confront them will soon be enabled to readily select and ally themselves to the camp for which they possess the closest affinity.

The purely technical lessons to be learned from the result of the election resolve themselves into two parts: Firstly, it teaches the unwisdom of predicting results when the various factors that unite to bring an issue to a head are not understood, and when their relative values cannot be estimated. Secondly, it shows clearly and distinctly that destiny as a factor in human life is absolute—that at birth its line is clearly marked, and that the unfoldment of the object must be strictly in accord with the quality involved. If the subject is to rise to eminence, to sink into obscurity, or to follow the median line of mediocrity, such will be clearly indicated in the horoscopolical root from which the stem springs. It matters little the form of the leaves that spring from the stem, the brilliance of the blossom will be in accordance with the quality of the spirit involved in the seed. The stem of the Parker horoscope threw out some promising shoots which misled many into predicting the advent of a brilliant flower. On the other hand, the horoscopolical root of the Roosevelt tree at birth exhibited a strength and quality that gave promise of not only a healthy plant, but of a brilliant blossom, and even of high-grade fruit; and although the offshoots at the time of the election appeared a little weak, the culmination fully justified the promise held forth at the sowing.

The lamentable exhibition displayed by the astrologers at this most interesting crisis has called forth a protest even from their own side. It has been estimated that about one half predicted success for Roosevelt, and the remaining half for Parker; and we hope that the public will estimate these prophets and self-styled "American councilors" at their true value. The *Adept*, an astrological publication devoted to the exposition of orthodox astrology, is impelled to exclaim, "Now, when the astrologers disagree like the ministers and doctors, what is the public to think? It seems that if there is a system that is reliable, those who are well-versed in astrology would manage to agree as to what the science says about it. * * When such conditions exist, it simply indicates that there is a weak place somewhere, either in astrology or in the brains of astrologers, especially when these gentlemen insist that they are dead sure." Comment is needless; and we shall probably for some time to come, witness the artless imbecilities that have characterized the utterances of the astrologers during the late campaign.

It is to be noted that in all the utterances of these gentry, not one unprejudiced word has been spoken that might open the eyes of the people to the true nature of the issues at stake, or that might guide them in their selection of a candidate. They have discovered no principles involved in the election, nor have they made any effort to educate the people into a scientific understanding of the basic principles that underlie true government; but they have shown themselves to be bigoted and guilty of one-sided political partisanship which has deprived them of what little judgment they might previously have possessed; and they have shown their ability to make pot-shots at a mark which they could barely distinguish in the fitful light of their so-called science.



In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE TAMPA EXPOSITION was the great event of the year in Florida. Perhaps it has never before been equaled anywhere in the State. It is all the more remarkable in view of the fact that it was the very first South Florida Fair. Many of the exhibitors had no previous experience in preparing exhibits; but so creditable in every way was the Fair that a movement is immediately placed on foot looking to the organization of a State Fair, so that the whole of Florida may find expression and representation in great annual displays. It is even proposed that Lee, DeSoto, and Polk Counties form an alliance for the purpose of organizing a Fair project representing these three Counties. The lessons of the Tampa Exposition are many, and the results numerous and far-reaching. Its influence in favor of this section of the State is widespread; it is as bread cast upon the waters, from which in after years may return the fruits of development, focalizing and concentrating from great circumferences. Southern Florida has never before had anything like adequate representation of its resources of wealth. The possibilities of the great Peninsula were mirrored in the magnificent exhibits at Tampa. Florida has a destiny distinct from that of any other State in the Union. In its products as well as in its climate, it stands alone between the seas, with the ocean breezes sweeping across the great tongue of the Tropics. If Florida occupies a position unique among the States of the South, Lee County occupies a unique position in Florida. At the Tampa Exposition, Lee County made a great and bold demonstration. There are marks of credit due to the exhibits from Lee County that could not possibly be accorded to any other County represented at the Fair. Lee County made the sole display of distinct and true tropical fruits, such as the banana, cocoanut, sapadillo, tamarind, avocado pear, pawpaw, and various others too numerous to mention, which grow in abundance in Lee County. What Lee County demonstrated was the fact that it is *the* Tropical County of the State under present development and improvement. The showing made by Lee County in proportion to the comparatively small amount expended in the preparation of her exhibits, was far better than that of any other County in the circle of the Exposition. Lee County stood upon its merits, capturing more individual premiums than any other County; the County that took first County prize, stood upon the basis of the financial backing of a great corporation; but Lee County attracted the most attention; and great credit is due to the promoters of the Lee County Exhibit. It was universally acknowledged that the exhibit of the Koreshan Unity was a great center of attraction. The DeSoto *Champion* said, in the current issue, "Perhaps the individual exhibit that attracted most attention was that of the Koreshan Unity, of Estero, which occupied a whole end of the space allotted to Lee County." The new town of Estero had a most magnificent and surprising representation. There can be no doubt as to the character of the Koreshan influence at the Exposition; it prevailed not only at

the Fair, but sweeps through the State. The work done by the Founder of Koreshanity at Tampa will without doubt bring to us manifold larger returns than those received as a result of the Koreshan exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition—and even greater than would have been possible in the comparatively small space at the St. Louis World's Fair. At Buffalo hundreds of thousands of visitors viewed the Koreshan exhibit; but at Tampa the Koreshan System stood out more prominently and made a greater impression. While the former endeavors greatly aided our propaganda work, the Tampa display places us in direct relation with the people of Florida industrially and commercially—which relation of course, lies at the very basis of all material progress. The Koreshans made more friends by far while at Tampa, than they ever made before in any like movement. The interested in the Koreshan System are now to be found in every portion of the State. Especially, do we now count among the friends of the Koreshans, numerous people of Lee County, who have learned through personal contact with the Koreshans at Tampa, and through the remarkable display of refinement, taste, skill, and moral integrity and purpose, that the peculiar people at Estero should be encouraged and welcomed as a factor in Lee County's development and progress.

The efforts occasionally made by certain prominent people of England to have the world disregard the title of the American nation as universally applied to the United States of America, are as futile as they are amusing. The subject is just now under fresh agitation, because of a speech made by Sir Edward Clarke, at the Thanksgiving Banquet of the American Society in London. He holds that as Great Britain controls the northern half of North America, those possessions are entitled to some consideration as being American, as well as the territory of the States; and he would have the world use the uncouth cryptogram "Usona," as designating the United States of North America. The American philologists are much amused at such a combination of letters proposed for such a nation as this—a meaningless word having a very unnatural and uncalled for origin. There is not another people in the Western hemisphere that call themselves American, and no people outside of the United States are called Americans by foreign nations. There are Canadians surely, and Mexicans, Colombians, Brazilians, and Peruvians, etc.—and very appropriately, too, because the names of the nations terminate with the nouns from which these adjectives are derived. On the other hand, the title of American is applied to the territory, the people, and all the products of this great nation to which destiny has given the name. To undertake to change the situation by giving a new name to the principle nation of the West, would be to reverse the usage of the best writers and speakers, and to turn back a world of force that persists in honoring the United States as the foremost nation of the world. In literature, in art, and in diplomacy, America means this country; in industry, commerce, geography, history, as

well as in universal custom, America designates the United States, because it is the dominant force in the West, and destined to become America indeed, from Greenland to the Island Terra del Fuego. Hundreds of societies, associations, and clubs in the West are known as American. The American Fall of the Niagara is thus simply distinguished from the Fall on the Canadian side. So thoroughly and freely is the term used with reference to the United States, that the Secretary of State has ordered the word American to be used in connection with the name of the ambassadors of this country to foreign nations, and even to be placed on the seals and signets of the American diplomats. Perhaps Sir Edward Clarke and others should have been consulted by the powers of destiny when the word American was about to be applied for the first time to the United States; it is unfortunate for others that the title was not given to Canada or some republic of South America. But Nature makes no blunders; there are no accidents in the universe. Nothing can change the fact that everybody knows what the title American means wherever it is used. Nobody premeditated the term; it sprang into existence from such a cause as will perpetuate the term and fulfil American destiny.

A great many claims have been made for chemistry as a practical benefit to agriculture, as well as to metallurgy and manufacture. A great many claims have also been made for the old schools of medicine in the treatment of disease; but their methods are not only questioned, but it is even doubted by many well-informed persons, that drugs contribute to the work of restoration of health. The schools of medicine undertake to make practice conform to certain set theories, which in themselves are nothing but undemonstrated hypotheses. The methods, principles and laws of Nature cannot be improved upon by either the physician or the agricultural chemist. The one may treat the mind and matter of a human being; the other, the substance and vitality of the soil; but ignorance of the character and quality of activity in either domain is sure to lead to blunders. Recently, American soil physiologists and agricultural chemists have waged a so called scientific fight over questions relative to the treatment and improvement of the soil; and a noted agricultural journal is led to editorially remark that such controversy "has at least one sure result—namely, to make us lose faith in all agricultural science, and to rely more than ever upon our practical tests and observations in the field." If such controversy were confined to one field of thought or activity, it might not be very remarkable. But what must we think when chaos prevails in every line of modern thought? It cannot be said at all with any degree of consistency, that this is a scientific age; it is an age of empiricism and guess-work, a running wild after something new and startling, and a running amuck with the actual facts of life. Those who have placed so much confidence in the wisdom of the chemists, may have their ardor dampened somewhat upon learning that Secretary-of-Agriculture Wilson has a very low opinion of them, asserting that "they have never applied themselves to help anybody." But is there not progress being made under the efforts of the men foremost in endeavoring to apply theories to the practical affairs of the people? Cer-

tainly; just as progress may be made against all other obstacles. The world is not progressing because of the numerous conflicting theories, but in spite of them.

It is noteworthy in astronomical circles that Dr. Brooks, an astronomer, has succeeded in discovering more comets than any other living astronomer, for which he has been highly honored by the International Jury of Awards at the Universal Exposition at St. Louis. The discoveries took the form of an exhibit at the Fair, consisting of photographs of the twenty-four comets, the result of years of patient research. From the modern scientific point of view, he merits great distinction. Such honors are not enjoyed by every star-gazer. But if it were known what comets really are, it occurs to us that the brilliance of the cometary discoveries would suddenly dim to a considerable extent. If comets were erratic orbs of the sky, or beyond the sky, touching our solar system and flying off, some of them never again to return because continuing an endless flight in infinite space, there might be some curiosity satisfied by counting them as they should happen to be caught in the field of a powerful telescope. But whoever talks of discovering *clouds* as they fly across the heavens? Suppose some one should start out with the idea that a cloud was only a transient visitor to earth, flying away on long journeys, perhaps returning after long periods—if a man followed up a line of work under such a delusion, what would the world think of him? It would be obvious that no purpose would be served by such patience. So it is with comets. Their discovery by men who know nothing of their character benefits nobody. Besides, comets are formed and then dissipated after a course of spiral rounds. An individual comet does not return again and again as is usually thought. What seem to be returned comets, are only new comets of given kinds. There is about as much real honor in counting the greatest number of comets as they appear in the constellations, as there would be in taking the premium on observing the greatest number of fire-flies during a summer's season!

The end of all learning is life. Man is to be ultimately redeemed from the curse through the application of knowledge to life—knowledge, not obtained from books, but knowledge proceeding fresh from the vital elements of involved life. A foundation is absolutely essential to a building. The basis of all truth is essential to the expression of all knowledge; therefore, the true conception of the cosmogony of the universe constitutes the fundamental factor in the work of the final redemption of man. What ordinary geometry is to architecture, the higher science of earth-measurement is to the construction of the scientific order of the Golden Era of human progress. The scientific formula of redemption must be taken from the formula through which Nature restores to herself the green of spring, the light of day, and the abundant harvests of the seasons.

There is power enough in humanity to accomplish the greatest wonders. It only needs wise direction in accordance with the laws of centralization.

The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

THE SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR.

Lee County and the Koreshan Unity Side by Side in a Great Success.

PERHAPS nothing that the Koreshans ever did on external lines has attracted so much attention in so short a time as their work at the Tampa Exposition. Doubtless it was also the greatest advertisement ever given to Lee County and Southern Florida. It was unquestionably the greatest exposition ever held in the State; and it may be truly said that owing to the extreme novelty and peculiarity of the Koreshan exhibits, and the large variety and excellent exhibit of tropical fruits and other products of Lee County, the companion displays from this County constituted a great center of attraction to the Fair visitors.

It would perhaps require more than one entire number of *THE FLAMING SWORD* to do justice to the exhibits of the Koreshan Unity and Lee County. In the Editorial department of this issue we devote some space to the general results of the Exposition; and following this article are newspaper comments which will reflect considerable credit and light on the Koreshan work at Tampa during the Fair. We can here but briefly describe the exhibits of the Koreshan Unity and Lee County, which together occupied the space of 40 x 45 feet, artistically decorated with a variety of tropical growths, including banana and cocoanut palms—the whole constituting a great surprise to Floridians generally, and even to the people of Lee County.

Of the immense variety of exhibits prepared by the Koreshan Unity we can describe but comparatively few. We may divide them into four general classes: Scientific apparatus, representing the Koreshan System; the Art Department, including hand-painted chinaware, embroidery, fancy-work, pyrography, sketches, and portraiture; the Manufacturing Department, and products of farm and groves. Besides, there were many articles that would have to be differently classified. The entire exhibit in the Art Department was tastefully arranged under the per-

sonal supervision and direction of VICTORIA GRATIA, Pre-Eminent of the Koreshan Unity. To the Pre-Eminent we accord great credit for the manifold attractions and successes of the Koreshan exhibits.

In the Scientific Department were displayed the Electric Automaton of the Universe or hollow globe; the Naples Geodetic Survey in miniature; the original sections of the Rectilineator; and other astronomical and scientific and physical apparatus. These proved to be a decided novelty and source of attraction to thousands of visitors. They aroused the curiosity of the city, and the Koreshans at Tampa were much talked of and thoroughly advertised. In the Scientific Department lectures were delivered daily by the Founder of Koreshanity, and Rev. E. M. Castle, of the Chicago University, assisted by Rev. Berthaldine, Matrona, W. Ross Wallace, and Rollin W. Gray. Great crowds surrounded the exhibits of the Koreshan Unity and Lee County continually, attracted by the unique exhibits, the lectures, and the music rendered by the Koreshan Orchestra, in attendance throughout the most interesting days of the Fair.

VICTORIA GRATIA'S valuable collection of beautifully hand-painted chinaware was greatly admired by a large number of visitors at the Koreshan booth. On this individual exhibit the Pre-Eminent was awarded first premium and diploma at the Tampa Exposition. The collection was artistically arranged near the center of our space, and was shown to splendid advantage on a draped pyramidal figure. We must mention especially the handsome fish set, consisting of an exquisitely decorated platter and six plates, which called forth considerable surprise and comment. This fish set received first premium at an Art Exhibition at Chicago in 1893. In the collection there were several very handsome pieces of Royal Worcester and underglaze. Also an attractive dessert set, consisting of a large bowl, platter, and a dozen plates painted old blue. Much admired was a lovely plaque of Morning Glories, with a

beautifully blended background. The Pre-Eminent's individual exhibit is of special interest to Koreshans, because the beautiful hand-painting was executed by the Pre-Eminent herself; and we are proud to say that her work ranks high in art circles. The Pre-Eminent also executed the beautiful and attractive hand-embroidered piano scarf, which took the first premium at the Tampa Exposition.

In the Art Department were also displayed various articles of fancy work, embroidery, laces, sofa pillows, umbrella shawls, and a silk quilt showing ground-plan of the New Jerusalem, executed by the Sisters of the Unity. The pyrographic work on exhibition, the work of Sister Imogene Bubbett, was of a high order, and should have been awarded a premium but for some mistake or blunder in the entries. The pastel portrait of the Founder of Koreshanity, executed by Sister Naomi Wallace was the finest piece of pastel work on exhibition. The sketches, drawings, and portraiture, by young people of the Unity attracted considerable attention. A prominent thing in the geographical line was a large map of the Town of Estero and vicinity, executed by Bro. Moses G. Weaver, in colors on canvas some ten feet square.

The Koreshan Unity had on exhibition almost all kinds of Florida fruits and farm products. The large pyramid of grapefruit, six feet in height, nine-foot base, was very fine, visible from all portions of the great Agricultural building; it stood as a monument to the fruit industry of Lee County. Sixteen hundred grapefruit were required to cover the pyramid, besides large clusters which adorned the sides and apex. Its arrangement was the design and execution of Brother W. Ross Wallace, as was also much of the other work in the Koreshan booth. There was a great variety of Florida vegetables and grasses, and commercial woods; also manufactured articles and numerous exhibits which we cannot describe. The Printing Department of the Koreshan Unity and the Guiding Star Publishing House were well represented by appropriate exhibits. Pre-

miums were awarded Koreshan exhibits as follows:

FIRST PREMIUMS:

Best individual collection of hand-painted chinaware.
 Best hand-embroidered piano scarf.
 Best handkerchief with crochet border.
 Best two yards of crochet lace.
 Best silk quilt.
 Best sofa pillow.
 Best home-made candy.
 Best home-made pound-cake.
 Best chocolate cake.
 Best bushel of sweet potatoes.

SECOND PREMIUMS:

Best bushel of cowpeas.
 Best bushel of peanuts.
 Best Japanese persimmons.

We should like to describe the exhibit of Lee County at length if space admitted. The Koreshan Unity exhibit was counted as a part of Lee County's exhibit—and yet on account of the distinctive features of the Unity's exhibit, the displays were separate, each occupying one half the space allotted to Lee County. The County was awarded first premium on the unique display of tropical fruits. Lee County was the southernmost county represented at the Fair, and on lines of tropical fruits, it certainly had the decided advantage over other counties having exhibits. An immense amount of fruits and vegetables were placed on exhibition by the citizens of Lee County; also various novelties—as in the line of tanned alligator and snake skins; also a fine ladies' department, and a choice collection of jellies and canned goods. The County was awarded a number of individual premiums. The thirty honors conferred upon exhibits from Lee County, are nearly equally divided between the County and the Koreshan Unity. The combined exhibits of Lee County and the Unity made a most excellent showing, and should have been awarded a premium on the basis of the most varied exhibit. The twin exhibits from Lee County received much attention from the thousands of visitors at the Tampa Exposition, who were shown through the booths by polite attendants and assistants.

We must not omit expressing our appreciation of the Estero Orchestra of fourteen members—young ladies and gentlemen of the Unity, in white uniforms. They attracted considerable attention throughout their stay at the Fair, furnishing music for the Lee

County and the Koreshan exhibits, as well as for the Exposition. Their efforts were much appreciated by the thousands of visitors; and the South Florida press paid them a number of excellent tributes, for which we are both proud and glad.

Finally we must note the Reception given to the citizens of Tampa and press representatives, by the Founder of Koreshanity, at the famous Tampa Bay Hotel, on Friday evening, November 25. This was the social event in connection with our work at Tampa. It gave many people a splendid opportunity to become acquainted with the character and purposes of the Koreshan System, especially along industrial and commercial lines, and will doubtless be productive of lasting results in the favor of Koreshan progress in Florida.



KORESHAN EXHIBITS AT TAMPA.

Florida Press Comments on Estero's Display at the Fair.

The Koreshans at the Tampa Exposition.

Perhaps the Koreshan Unity did more in two weeks to impress the character of its work and people upon the visitors at the Tampa Exposition, than could be done through years' of advertising or printing and publishing various kinds of books and pamphlets. The organization did a great deal also in the way of demonstrating the resources and possibilities of Lee County. The South Florida Fair certainly marks an epoch in the history of the development of Florida; and without doubt the people of Estero have profited by the great opportunity to present the character of their work to the people of Florida. The Fair itself was made possible only on a basis similar to that on which the Koreshans work: At Tampa there was co-operation with the view to making the Fair a success; at Estero there is co-operation with the view to making success in various lines of endeavor—not for a few weeks, but for all time.

The press of Tampa and of South Florida, and even of Jacksonville, as well as thousands of visitors, freely gave Estero great credit for the unique exhibit sent from this place. The *Tampa Times* said in a very favorable article, "It is not too much to say that nothing on the grounds will better repay a visit from the intellectually curious." And the Editor of the *Ft. Myers Press* wrote in last issue, "Whatever may be thought of their theories and beliefs, these people have shown

that they are making wonderful progress and developing the resources of our County." The people of Estero may justly feel proud of the fact that their work has called forth so many favorable comments.

A great deal of prejudice against the Koreshans has been overcome through their exhibit and their contact with the people of Florida. As the thousands of people became better acquainted with the character of the work of the Koreshans, attitude changed. Doubtless their exhibit was a surprise, even to the people of Lee County; but perhaps there was no greater surprise in connection with Estero's exhibit, than that felt by visitors when coming in contact with the Koreshans themselves. That they are cultured was evident to all judges of what constitutes culture; refinement and affability and high moral character were plainly seen in face and manner. It was said that excellent taste characterized the arrangement of the exhibit, and skill was manifest in the execution of the work comprising principal features of the attractive display.

Not only the Koreshans, but the people of Lee County, and the visitors to the South Florida Fair, felt proud of the Koreshan Orchestra composed of fourteen young ladies and gentlemen of the Unity. This feature of the exhibit of Lee County was a most pleasing one, as it was admitted by all that the music rendered was very fine, being evidently enjoyed by the music-loving crowds around and in Lee County's space. Another taking feature was the obliging and polite attendants on the Unity's side of the space, who took pleasure in showing visitors and inquirers through the exhibit and explaining the numerous unique and unusual features. All these things tended to call forth expressions of appreciation from those who were recipients of the uniformly polite attention from the Koreshans.

The people of Estero had contemplated making an independent exhibit at the Tampa Exposition, owing to the fact that the scientific and other conceptions entertained by them are not popular; but they were agreeably surprised to receive a pressing invitation from the Lee County Fair Commissioner to allow the Unity's exhibit to be placed in the space procured for Lee County—which invitation was accepted. The Koreshans express themselves as highly pleased with the uniform courtesy shown them in many ways by Mr. Philip Isaacs, in the office of Editor and Fair Commissioner, and his assistants at the Lee County exhibit.

Besides, many people of Lee County manifested interest in the display of products, as well as the generally unique display of works of art and skill, shown by the Unity. The results of the Exposition are therefore all the more agreeable to the people of Estero. They have felt that when the people of the County and this part of the State, became better acquainted with them and their work and character, they would receive a measure of consideration due them for honest and faithful efforts to promote the interests of Southern Florida; and in the results of the Tampa Exposition they may see their hopes to win the favor of the citizens of Lee County at least now partially realized.—*VERITAS*, in *Ft. Myers Press*, Dec. 2.

Skill, Delicate Taste, and Sound Judgment.

In the same area with the Lee County exhibit, is the unique and remarkable exposition made by the Community known by the title of the Koreshan Unity; and it is not too much to say that nothing on the grounds will better repay a visit from the intellectually curious. This visitor entered first the art department, and his inquiry for information resulted in being presented to MADAME VICTORIA GRATIA, the Pre Eminent of the Koreshan Unity. (Pronounce Koreshan as three syllables, with the accent on the second.) The most prominent feature of this department is a display of exquisitely painted chinaware, much of which is the work of MADAME herself, embracing Royal Worcester and underglaze.

There is also a large quantity of decorated ware of various kinds, all beautiful. Further exhibits show art work in laces, embroidery, pyrography, pastel portraiture, etc.—through all of which runs a vein of delicate taste and sound judgment which is quite striking. A number of drawings by children evince the same touch of good taste—some pictures, or rather sketches, by Marguerite Borden, seventeen years of age, taking rank deservedly with the productions of adult and experienced artists.

Upon a large quilt of silk and velvet is embroidered a plan of the city of the New Jerusalem (we believe that is the title, but this is uncertain), which is a fine work of art by the Sisters of the Unity. Work in shawls, capes, and other forms of outer garments are shown, in the making of which were involved much labor, skill, and taste.

The Unity makes a fine display of all sorts of farm products. DR. TEED, who is the leader of the Unity, apologized for the character of the showing made, and

promised that as soon as they had time they would eclipse anything ever shown as the product of labor. What he apologized for did not deserve that form of speech in the least. It was strictly first-class, embracing all the usual products of the South Florida farm, and showing to great advantage the capacity of the soil.

In the mechanical arts, the Unity showed some machine building that is of apparently the highest grade; some printing that cannot be rivaled except in the greatest cities and the most superior establishments of the country. A specially pleasing and striking feature of the Koreshan exhibit is an orchestra of young ladies and gentlemen uniformed in white, who make ravishingly pleasant music to while away the time of the visiting crowds. What office they perform in the Home of the Unity was not inquired into.

The Unity displays a very handsome collection of the commercial woods found in Lee County, of which some forty specimens were shown. These are all perfectly adapted to use in commerce and the arts, and will when developed and introduced to the notice of the world, become a source of wealth.—*Tampa Times*, Nov. 22.

Estero Orchestra an Attractive Feature.

Lee County was yesterday preparing for its day at the Fair today, and many citizens of that County have reached this city. New exhibits have also arrived, among them a branch of a coconut tree in full blossom, with the fruit in the first stages of development—an interesting exhibit. The Koreshan Unity, which has a splendid exhibit of its own, has in attendance for this week its full Orchestra of fourteen young ladies and gentlemen in white uniforms, who are discoursing sweet music and drawing great crowds.

While the Koreshans occupy a portion of the Lee County space, their exhibit is entirely separate; and besides showing a great pyramid of grapefruit and oranges and other fruits, they have an exhibit of field products, machinery department, printing outfit and manufactured products, ladies goods, china painting, pyrography, etc.

But the most peculiar exhibit is the hollow globe and other appliances with which they attempt to prove their peculiar tenet that we live on the inside instead of the outside of the globe—that the earth is a great hollow shell in which we live, and that the surface of the earth is concave instead of convex.

The Koreshan booth was the center of attraction yesterday, due largely to the sweet music discoursed by the young ladies and gentlemen of the Unity.

They will give free concerts every day this week at 9:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. Lectures by DR. CYRUS R. TEED and Rev. E. M. Castle, of the Chicago University, follow each concert. On Friday night the Unity will give a reception at the Tampa Bay Hotel, to which a number of prominent citizens and press representatives have been invited. The Koreshans have taken a lively interest in the Fair and have added largely to its attractiveness.—*Tampa Tribune*, Nov. 22.

The Splendid Koreshan Exhibit.

Lee County's space covers an area of 40x45 feet. One-half of this is taken by the unique exhibit of the Koreshan Unity; the other half is the County display. This section is enclosed with a design put together of the giant bamboo; and over the entrances and covering the posts, are the graceful and immense leaves of the coconut palm. While every other county has used bunting profusely to beautify its exhibits, Lee County has not used an inch of bunting—the decorations all consisting of the natural foliage of our county. Of course the variety of tropical fruits has been a never-failing source of wonder to visitors. * *

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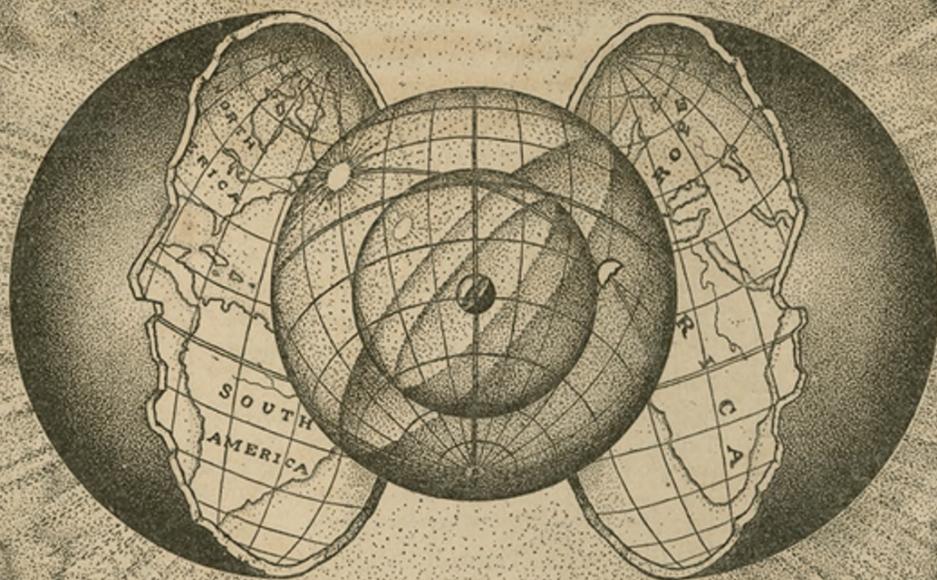
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