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HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?

If you think this dope I am giving you is something new that I have just gotten hold of and thought it would do for a sensation, you are badly mistaken.

It may be sensational to some folks, but it isn't new at all. It is as old as the Bible, and the fact that you didn't know it was in there ain't my fault.

Millions of people have believed these things for a long time, and millions more are beginning to believe them these days. It is no new revelation to me, but has been gradually unfolding before my eyes for several years. I have been just on the verge of launching this campaign two or three times before, but decided the time was not quite ripe for it.

Especially since the Great War started I have been convinced that we were in the closing scenes of this age, and I have not felt satisfied to go on being a mere clown to make people laugh. My "mouth has watered" more than once to say the things that I am now saying, and at last they are said. That is, some of them are said. There is plenty more to say. This is a mighty big subject, and as the hurrying stream of events rushes on it will get bigger. I can only just touch the high places in this issue. In future issues there will be room to treat the different phases of the question more at length.

Now, Mister, if you believe it or don't believe it, I want the privilege of talking to your head about a quarter's worth, anyhow. By that time you will either decide that I am a fool or that you are one, and maybe both of us will learn something.

Now come! Get up a big club and send it in. And if you think that way about it you can tell all your friends that Pearson has suddenly gone crazy and they just ought to watch his capers.

GOOD NEWS WEEKLY?

There is such an urgent demand coming from many of my readers for Good News to be made a weekly paper, that I have decided to put it up to the whole bunch and see what you all say.

If I undertake to get it out every week it will, of course, be necessary to get more machinery and more help. This has been a sort of one-man concern heretofore, but it has often been more than one man could manage very well. And I wouldn't think of trying it weekly without getting a good crew of hands and the necessary machinery to do the work in a business-like way.

A Linotype Machine will be the first and greatest need, and it will cost about \$2,500. It will be used to set the type for the paper and to handle the mailing list. I can make out a few months with the press I have by running it pretty steady, but soon a faster one will be required.

If I do make it a weekly I want to also enlarge the pages to standard six-column size—just twice as big as they are now—and thus make room for some good clean advertising to help pay expenses. That would make it take eight times as much paper and postage each month as it has been taking, and all other expenses larger in proportion. You can see at a glance that it is going to take a big pile of money to fit up and run such a business, and you readers of Good News are my only dependence to raise the money. It's up to you. The way prices of paper and other things are now I will have to make the subscription price \$1.00 a year for single subs, or 75 cents in clubs of four, or more. Now if ENOUGH of you want it that way, and want it BAD ENOUGH, you can get it. But you certainly MUST understand that I can't print it weekly just to please a few. You must ALL get behind it and push. It will be a job requiring the utmost loyalty and co-operation of every one. You must not only "wish it well," but you must translate your wish into actual cash and send it here to help buy paper and pay work hands. That is the only possible way for you to get Good News weekly.

Now here is my proposition:

I want to see how many will be game enough to send me One Dollar right quick to pay for a year's subscription to the weekly Good News. If as many as Two Thousand will respond to this call within the next two or three weeks, I will order the Linotype Machine and go to fixing for the weekly paper at once. But if I should happen to not get enough money to enable me to start the weekly, then what? LISTEN! If you send the Dollar for the weekly, and then for any reason the weekly fails to materialize, I will just mark you as a paid-up subscriber to the monthly Good News for 99 years. In other words, you will get the monthly right on as long as you and the paper both live without ever having to renew again. So you see it don't matter

which way it turns out you won't lose anything.

Now, friends, I am in deep earnest about this, and I want you to look at it in the same light. If your eyes have been opened to these great truths, it is your solemn duty to help open the eyes of others. Millions of men have DIED for causes not half as worthy as this, and surely you can give ONE DOLLAR for this great cause, especially when you will be getting the worth of it back in the paper every week. There is a big field right now for such a paper as I contemplate, and it ought to easily get a million subscribers.

And now let your Dollars begin to roll in thick and fast.

Remember that if only TWO THOUSAND of you folks will send me One Dollar each to help buy a Linotype Machine, I will give you Good News weekly right away. Who will be first?

And also remember that if the weekly fails to start, then you will be a LIFE-TIME subscriber to the monthly. Thank you!

THE MAGNET AND THE IRON.

I fully expected that a few of my Socialist readers would try to kick out of the harness and raise a big fuss over the change I have made in the paper. But I have been happily surprised at the smallness of the number. Not more than a half-dozen have shown any disposition to act ugly, and even that half-dozen have not taken it as hard as I expected. Of course all that have objected to the change belong to the agnostic, atheist or infidel class. They don't believe in the Bible, and they think anybody that does believe in it is crazy. They think it terrible that anybody would be foolish enough to pay any attention to the Bible prophecies concerning what is to happen in the last days.

A few others that are not Socialists have taken the same stand. I now have proof that all infidels are not in the Socialist party, and that all Socialists are not infidels. The great majority of them are standing right with me and have shown added interest in the paper since it was "born again."

To the little hand-full of Socialist readers who seem to think that I jumped the track and turned against them, I want to say this: While I never have been able to quite agree with some of Socialism's economic teachings, I have long recognized it as the nearest approach to the truth as I saw it. My sympathies have been with it in preference to any other party. My attention was first called to Socialism by hearing its enemies cuss and abuse it, and I said to myself, surely that must be a good thing, else it would not be so bitterly abused and persecuted. I have noticed that every good cause has to go through a period of persecution before it gets established, while bad causes generally have smooth sailing

right from the start. Wherever you find a new institution that is persecuted, abused and lied about by all the established institutions, you may be reasonably sure there is something good in it. By following that rule you can't go very far wrong.

So I looked into Socialism and found that it was headed in the right direction. I soon discovered that it didn't have a very clear view of the object it was driving at. Its eyes were not fully opened to the truth, and it saw "as through a glass, darkly," but that was better than being totally blind like the other parties.

The Socialist movement is nothing more nor less than the human race groping forward and reaching up toward the glorious light of the New Age that is soon to come. The Millennial Age may be represented as a great magnet and the Socialist party as the piece of iron that first came within reach of its influence. The very fact that the iron has felt the pulling power is proof that the magnet is there.

But the piece of iron that jumps toward the magnet don't understand the power that makes it move. If it could think at all it would no doubt think it was moving by its own power.

And that is exactly the mistake that Socialism has always made and is still making. It thinks it is moving forward by its own power. It thinks it is going to create a man-made Millennium and do away with sin and restore the blessings of paradise to the race—all in its own power. With its "materialistic conception of history," it leaves no room for the knowledge and power of God in its movements. It don't realize that there is a divine plan being worked out through the slow process of the ages, and that men and parties and governments are no more than cogs in a wheel that is driven by a Higher Power.

No, no, my dear comrades, I have not turned back and deserted you. I have merely passed you and gone on ahead to a point where I can see more clearly the glorious goal toward which we are all moving—not by our own power, but by the wisdom and power of God.

Read "The Times of the Gentiles" in this issue and see if I ain't got it figured out about right.

Again I say, don't take my word for anything. Investigate for yourself. And then if you find I have told the truth, perhaps you had better heed it.

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