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ABE MARTIN

I'm glad th' campaign is over, fer I had th' hardest time spellbindin' I ever had in my life, 'cause ther wuz so d—d many things t' keep still about," said Hon. Ex-Editur Cale Fluhart, t'-day. It's better t' have loved an' lost than t' be dug up later on an' analyzed.

Needs of Elizabeth City and the Albemarle

1. A hard surfaced road from Elizabeth City by South Mills and also through Currituck to Norfolk.
2. A hard surfaced highway not less than 16 feet wide connecting Elizabeth City with every county seat east of the Chowan River.
3. A bridge across the Chowan River, connecting Bertie and Chowan counties and making possible a real coastal highway through this section.
4. A direct road from Belcross to Coinjock bringing all Currituck below Coinjock 10 miles nearer Elizabeth City and thus adding to the attractions of Point Harbor as a summer resort.
5. Conversion of the Old Fairground just beyond the Elizabeth City hospital into a public park.
6. Ferry service between Point Harbor and Nags Head, connecting at Point Harbor with bus service to Elizabeth City.
7. A broader knowledge of public health among the people of this section.

Well, it's not always the best man who wins; but in the spirit of John W. Davis The Advance hopes Coolidge can show himself man instead of myth in the rather considerable job that the American people handed him at the polls Tuesday.

Colonel Meekins didn't carry The County or even come within sight of it; but the size of his vote ought to impress Democrats with the danger of staying away from the polls. The Democratic vote in the election was less than half that in the June primary.

There's no use blinking the fact that the radio has robbed the matter of getting out an extra on a national election of a big part of its thrill. For the first time in his life on a similar occasion the editor thought last night that his job was mighty near like hard work. But may be he's just getting old.

Seldom has there been an election out of which we got less heart balm than that of Tuesday night, and failure to get more complete or definite news made Tuesday night's extra a sore disappointment to us; but we don't believe we ever flashed so classy a front page head as that last night which announced the election of Coolidge.

Ports and terminals still have a chance; and The Advance hopes that even if voted down at this time the matter of port development will continue to receive the careful study of North Carolinians and that eventually the State may begin to realize from its waterways something of what they ought to be worth.

Notebook of an Elizabeth City Bachelor

If ZELDA didn't pretend to detest men!

But she is the sort of a lady who is forever insisting to her girl friends that she has no time for men. She is forever sounding a gloomy warning against the Sterner Sex.

And, of course, she's just mad to be courted.

How does a girl get that way? When she is out with a group of other damozels she is a wet blanket on fun and jollity in which the other sex may participate, vowing that she has no use for boys and that they are not worth the trouble of cultivation.

But of course it's all BLUFF.

On the strict Q. T. little Zelda is as keen for a boy chum as the next 'un. And it is going to be hard sledding for her, because the other girls are pretty well acquainted with her bad habit and they are not making the going any easier for her. But can you blame 'em?

Tomorrow: Gustafa.

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MR. HAM'S SERMON

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if there is no hell? He was either to go to hell, heaven, or cease to exist. If to heaven it was good for him; if he ceased to exist then to have another chance at the resurrection then his birth was not so bad; but if there was no hell this statement becomes untrue and untintelligible.

There is no salvation for demons (Heb. ii:16; II Peter ii:4; Jude vi.).

What is to become of them if there is no hell? There is no hope for him who wilfully rejects the Gospel of Light and Grace (John viii:21-24; Heb. vi:4-6; Heb. x: 26-29). If there is no hell what is to be done with these?

Where do the Lost Go?

Christ said the son of perdition was lost (John xvii:12). If no hell, where did he go?

The Holy Spirit says wrath and anguish and tribulation awaits some and glory and honor others (Rom. ii:5-11). If no hell all will be the same and this difference is untrue.

Christ said, let the filthy remain filthy and the righteous remain righteous still, in referring to the end of time and the closing of the door of opportunity (Rev. xxii: 11). If all are saved and none lost in hell who are these who are to remain filthy and do unrighteousness still? (Matt. xiii:12-15; Matt. xxv:29-30; Mark iv.24-25.) All these passages teach a man's nature is permanently fixed by his rejection or acceptance of the truth and can never be changed either way. Hence it is no more unscriptural to say that a soul in heaven finally can be lost than to say a soul in hell finally can be saved.

The Holy Spirit said Pharaoh was doomed (Rom. ix:14-22). If all are saved this is without meaning.

Christ said there was a gulf fixed between the saved and the lost—great gulf—impassable gulf (Luke xvi:26). If there is no hell no such separation exists and this description is misleading.

Christ says the last state of a deliberately wicked man is worse than the first (Matt. xii:45); so also says the Holy Spirit (II Peter ii:20). Now, how can this be true without hell, as the last state must be either heaven or hell. If in heaven this is not true, it ceases to exist this is not true. If in hell this is true.

Satan or Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit says that the wicked shall never see light and that for them is reserved the blackness of darkness forever (Ps. lxi:19; Jude 13.) Will you or Satan say this is a lie?

The Holy Spirit says that God will finally blot the wilful sinner out of the book of life (Ps. ix:5; Ps. lxix:28; Rev. xiii:8; Rev. xx: 15; Is. iv:3; Heb. xii:23; Rev. iii: 5). If God has no intention of allowing any one to go to hell this is not true and God is only bluffing.

The Holy Spirit says that the end of the enemies of the cross is destruction (Phil. iii:19). To say all are saved, or given another chance, as affirmed by those who deny the existence of hell, is to say this is also a lie.

The Holy Spirit says some are corrupt in mind and bereft of the truth (1 Tim. vi:5) II Peter ii:1-12-22) who are also incapable of hearing the truth. Christ says the same (John v:37-38; viii:43-47; xviii:37). Now if there is no hell these must be saved in heaven, and all who preach, believe, live and die for the truth are making an unnecessary sacrifice.

The Holy Spirit says the condition of the lost is one in which they cannot hope for God's truth (Is. xxxviii:18). Do you say there is no hell and this is a lie?

The Holy Spirit says that those who know not God and obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ shall be rooted out of the land of the living (Ps. iii:5; John iii:36; II Thess. i:8-9). That they shall not see life, shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord (Ps. xxvii:13; Ps. cxvi:9; Ps. cxiii:5; Luke xix:27), and that the wrath of God abideth on them, punished by death (I John iii:14-15); the second death (Rev. xx:14), from the power of which there is no deliverance (Ps. xlix:14; Rev. xxi: 8; xxii:15; Rev. ii:11; Rev. xx: 6). To deny the reality of hell is to give the lie to all of this.

Death Not Annihilation

Those who deny the hell into which the wicked are cast, called the second death, interpret the term to mean annihilation or cessation of existence. The Scriptures speak of the saved as having everlasting life or a state of blissful endless existence.

The Scriptures speak of the wicked as going into eternal death, everlasting shame, everlasting destruction, everlasting anguish, everlasting contempt.

If death is annihilation what explanation is there for the following scriptural passages? The Scripture says the sinner is dead (Luke ix:60), "Let the dead bury the dead." Christ said in substance: "You follow Me and leave one who is dead in sin for those who are dead in sin to bury." How can a person who does not exist bury another who does not exist? (John vi:53). "Except ye eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood ye have no life," or have no existence, are extinct. (John v:24) "He hath passed out of death in life." Who? He that believeth passed out of non-existence. How could a non-existent person believe? If he does not exist there is no one to believe.

Eph. ii:1: "You hath He quickened who were dead(or did not exist) in trespass and sins wherein ye once walked.' If death was non-existence then the Bible says that people walked while they did not exist.

I John iii:14. We know we have passed from death (non-existence) into life because we love the brethren." He that loveth not his brethren abideth in death. If you love not your brother you abide in non-existence.

I Tim. v:6: 'She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." She does not exist while she liveth. Though she does not exist but is annihilated she liveth in pleasure. Rev. iii:1: 'Thou livest and art dead." Had a name to live but does not exist. When you substitute the word non-existence for dead you have nothing but jargon.

Everlasting Punishment

Those who try to obliterate hell say that "aionios" (everlasting) does not mean endless but only a limited time. This word, rendered eternal or everlasting, occurs 70 times in the New Testament. The "everlasting fire" (Matt. xvii:8) is the same word as used in "eternal life" (Matt. xix:16). The word rendered "everlasting" (Matt. xxv:46—everlasting punishment) is the same word that is rendered "eternal" in Matt. xxv: 46.

In fact, "aionios" is the word used in all the following passages: (Mark iii:29) eternal damnation, (Luke xiv:9) everlasting habtiation, (Luke xviii:30) life everlasting (John iii:15) everlasting life, (Rom. xvi:26) everlasting God, (II Cor. iv:17) eternal weight of glory, (II Cor. iv:18) things which are not seen are eternal, (II Thess. i:9) punished with everlasting destruction, (II Cor.. v:1) house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, (II Thess. ii:16) everlasting consolation, (II Tim. ii:10) eternal glory, (Heb. v:9) eternal salvation, (Heb. ix:14) eternal spirit, (Heb. ix:15) eternal inheritance, (II Peter. i:11) everlasting kingdom, (I John v:20) eternal life, (Jude 7) eternal fire.

If the identical word does not mean everlasting when applied to punishment why should it be construed as meaning everlasting when applied to the future life of believers, or to God, or joy or heaven? Now the soft-headed dupe may be satisfied with such word-juggling as indulged in by those who are trying to do away with hell, but the thoughtful person will not be convinced by such methods.

What Is Literal Fire?

Some have allayed their fears by concluding there is no literal fire in hell, but that the Bible only uses a figure, and that after all it is not as bad as the thought of fire would make it. I am often asked whether I believe in a hell of literal fire. That question is just another one of the devil's traps. When he starts out to defend a cause he always begins by asking questions. When he came to Eve in the garden he asked her if God had forbidden her to eat of any tree in the garden. You say that fire is the evolution of light and heat caused by the combustion of bodies. Well, what is that? The Indians could produce fire by rubbing two pieces of wood together. What sort of stuff set the wood afire? Fire appeared from somewhere. Houses have caught fire from an electric wire, hence electricity has fire in it. I have knocked my knife and flint rock together and made fire. So fire is either in the rock or the steel. I have heard of a barn full of new hay burning because of fire started in the hay. I have seen a load of slaked lime under a drenching rain set a wagon bed afire. So fire may be produced by adding water to burnt limestone rock.

Does Not Annihilate

Another thing we may not understand is why a man can be burned on and on and never burn up. I want to say to you that the coal you put in your furnace never burns up it only changes its form, but is not annihilated. Fire will also penetrate anything. There is absolutely nothing that can resist its flames.

The carbonic acid gas released by fire is inbreathed by vegetation and deposited in the earth and finally becomes coal again, so it is with all other matter dissolved by fire.

Fire will penetrate and go thru wood, stone, water, metal—anything. The oxidization of iron may be fire for all you know. God is a fire! Swords of flame guarded the gates of Eden. God appeared to Moses in the burning bush. He delivered the law on fire. The Holy Spirit came in the flames on tongues; and in Hebrews, "Our God is a consuming fire." Now, tell me what fire is?

That thing we call conscience, which will drive people to suicide, may be fire as far as you know.

There was a time when scientists ridiculed the account of creation in Genesis because it said there was light before the sun and other luminaries were placed in the heavens. But science has since discovered that light is an energy entirely independent of the sun. Though many other Bible statements which were once thought unscientific have been proven by science as accurate, not one point in the Bible ever has been proven unscientific or inaccurate.

And, friends, you take that crowd that is going to hell and jumble them up together and don't you think there would be a spontaneous combustion? Some of you old red-nosed drunkards could start a fire all by yourselves. So you may speculate on the literalness of hell's fire if you choose, but I will spend my time and thought and energy saving people from its flames and leave it as Jesus Christ left it, "the fire that is never quenched."

God in Punishment

Another objection is that God is too good to permit such suffering.

If evidence can be produced to prove such statement, well and good, but the mere assertion is not enough to justify us in taking a chance of landing there. Where did you learn of God's goodness? From the Bible?

His love and goodness did not prevent Him from driving Adam and Eve out of the Garden and leaving them and their descendants to battle with difficulties, dangers and death.

His goodness did not save the generations of Noah that perished in the flood.

His goodness did not save the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, not even Lot's family; nor did it save the descendants of Abraham 225 years of the most rigorous bondage and have caught fire from an electric wire, hence electricity has fire in it. I have knocked my knife and flint rock together and made fire. So fire is either in the rock or the steel. I have heard of a barn full of hay burning because of fire stared in the hay. I have seen a load of slaked lime under a dreching rain set a wagon bed afire. So fire may be produced adding water to burnt limestone rock.

Love and Hell

What has your belief to do with fact? You cannot remove a penitentiary from the map by refusing to believe it there. Neither can you prevent your loved ones from going to the grave by refusing to believe in death. Those who refuse to believe in hell as a class not only are the cause of much hell on earth but stand a fair chance of having it after death. What are the infidels, who say there is no hell, doing to show their love for their fellow man? President Elliott of Harvard, Unitarian leader of Boston, says in an address delivered before the Congregational and Universalist clergy of Boston, according to the Literary Digest (Jan. 11, 1913) of those orthodox denominations who have "nothing better to offer—than atonement, original sin, the trinity and an everlasting hell. With generous gifts of money and splendid enterprise and devoted self-sacrifice they are working in foreign fields and doing the very things needed to be done—on the other hand the liberals (meaning the people who do not believe in hell and neither in redemption and the trinity) with magnificent ideals and glorious concepts—sit in smug content, offering the world of missions in the hour of its hunger only the dry bones of criticism of those who already serve."

The people who boastfully declare their love too great to allow them to believe in hell, fail to show their love by preaching their own faith and hope and so-called high concepts and ideals to their fellow-men. Hence their boasted love is all hypocrisy inherited from their father, the Devil, who is a liar and a murderer (John viii43-47).

Let me cite a demonstration of love. Down on the Cumberland River a large rock had rolled from a high cliff into the center of the river bed. A boat was coming and a man jumped into his canoe and got out into the middle of the river to warn the pilot against the danger. He saw the man waving and shouting to him but paid no attention. "O that is just some little fool out there trying to act smart," and he plunged on till the boat struck the rock and knocked a hole into her side and the entire crew was lost.

There was another pilot on a boat that caught fire. They began unloading the passengers and when nearly all were off men began to shout, "Come off, come off, or you will be lost." "Is everybody safe?" "No but if you don't come now, you will be lost." But no, he stayed till all were safe, even to the negro, and then the flames had eaten their way through till there was no longer a way of escape for him. He lost his own life, but saved the lives of those entrusted to him.

Brethren, I would rather be guilty of turning in a false alarm than creating a false security.

I don't want a physician to love me in a manner to keep him from using the knife on me when that will save my life. I don't like hell any more than I do graveyards, penitentiaries, asylums and garbage heaps, but cannot obliterate hell or any of those objectionable realities by just refusing to believe in their reality, any more than I can prevent a cyclone by not believing that it is coming.

Bible Declares the Fact

I believe in hell because I have seen the Bible tested in hundreds of instances. All her predictions concerning nations and people have happened just as foretold. History responds to prophecy just like wax in a seal. Of the critics, not one has ever been able to tear down the Bible.

This Bible has more to say about hell than about heaven. I can find a better description of hell than heaven. It tells very little about what they are doing in heaven, but it uncaps hell and tells us what they are thinking, what they are doing and what they are saying. When Paul was caught up into heaven, he came back and gave us just enough to whet our appetite and leave us hungry. Jesus Himself said more about hell than all the other prophets and apostles put together, but He did not say as much as He could, for He had tasted it.

Man's Nature Demands it

Another reason for hell, the very nature of man demands it. There is no congeniality between the rich and poor, the illiterate and learned, the good and bad, pure and impure, and holy and unholy, neither could there be any congeniality between the regenerate. There is many a man in town tonight that had rather be in some of your hell-holes than down here in a prayer-meeting. If your pastors want to know why so many people don't go to church it is because they are lost and the food you give them is too good for their nature. They had rather go down into the cesspools of sin and drink the sediment of this old world. Wheresoever the carcass is, the eagle will be. You cannot take a hog and make him enjoy a parlor. You put him on your velvet carpet and set him up to your table of dainties and leave the back door open and see if he doesn't walk out and choose a pan of dishwater out of a trough in the backyard.

Death Does Not Change Nature

If death is going to change us, why all this travail, toil and worry about the souls of men? If I thought that, I don't know but what I would get my gun and start out. Death changes no man as far as giving a new nature and new birth, for there isn't a line of Scripture that tells us we will have a chance after death comes upon us.

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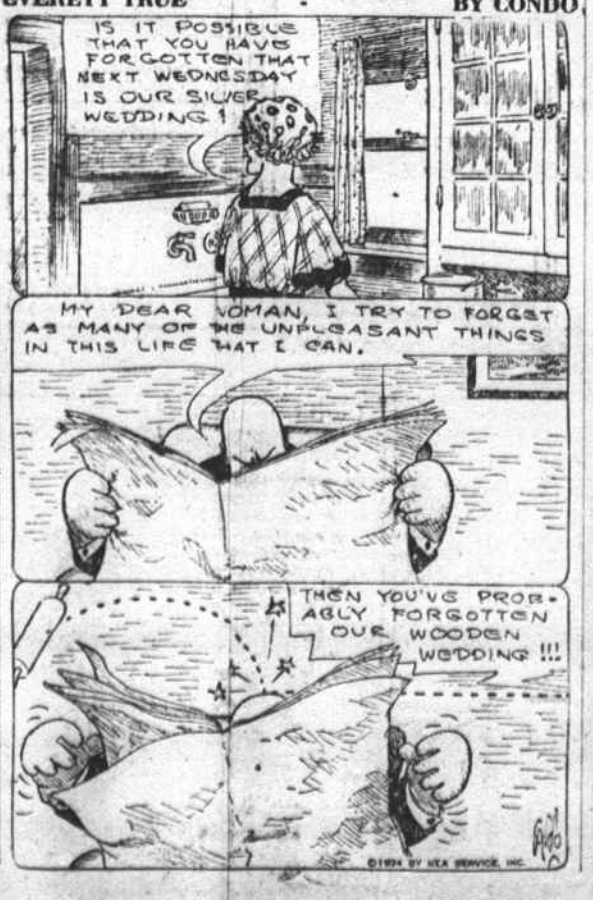

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