

SOCIALIST COLUMN

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THE RECALL.

Our kind friends of the Republican have grown repentant of their wicked political ways and after several hard knocks in the campaigns of the past few years, have "pilfered" off-stolen Socialist planks and advocate that "fad, fable, fancy or folly", the Recall of Judges.

How much they are swayed by a desire to recall Judge Kappel and elect their favorite to the office, our readers can well imagine, and then they probably would have another change of heart and advocate the abolition of the Recall, which reminds us that,

"When the devil was sick
The devil a monk would be,
But when the devil was well,
The devil of a monk was he."

However, no matter what the cause "there is hope". as Dr. Munyon would say, when light breaks in on such dark and unexpected political abodes.

THE MAJESTY OF THE LAW.

Down in Georgia, which we wish to remind our readers is in America, a 10 year old youngster was sentenced to serve seven years in the penitentiary for stealing a 5 cent bottle of pop.

After due deliberation for many days, the august and divine Supreme Court of the sovereign State of Georgia decided that the law must be vindicated and upheld the sentence.

Great is the majesty of the law! Property must be protected even to the last bottle of pop, no matter how many human lives are sacrificed. Such verdicts add mightily to our respect for the courts and our beautiful theory of justice alike for the rich and the poor. No doubt the poor little kid will come out of prison with a great aversion for pop and will steal no more of the 5 cent stuff. He may even become a capitalist, steal a railroad and be sent to the United States Senate.

Then our great newspapers can write editorials, that our country newspapers will please copy, glorifying our judicial, penal and capitalist system showing the evolution of a boy who illegally stole a 5 cent bottle of pop to a man who legally stole a ten million dollar railroad.

Recall the judges? Why not recall the whole system and start anew on a humane basis.

ANARCHY IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Feudist Governor Hatfield, supported by the coal mine owners, Supreme Court of West Virginia, has no hesitancy in knocking all law and citizens' rights higher than a kite in a stiff breeze, when called upon by the mine owners to break a strike and drive the miners back into slavery.

Due to the overwhelming protest from all over the country, he has unconditionally relieved Mother Jones, showing that there was absolutely no cause for holding her except to stop her work of agitation and organization among the miners.

He has, however, violated freedom of speech and of the press by confiscating the newspaper plants of two Labor and Socialist papers at Charleston and Huntington for criticizing his high-handed outrageous actions in imprisoning the agitators and editors in the miners cause, and throw the editors into a military prison without any charge and without trial.

The Declaration of Independence and our constitutions declare that the people have the right to "amend, alter or abolish our present form of government" and certainly that carries with it the right to agitate for the same, but Governor Hatfield, evidently thinks otherwise when the profits of a wealthy mine-owner's association are concerned.

Our government being a class weapon in the hands of the capital-

ist class, what can we expect otherwise?

When the workers awake and fight politically along class lines as they must fight industrially, then and only then, will we see some respect for laws, constitutions and citizens' rights when profits and wages are concerned.

SOCIALIST VICTORIES.

The Socialists of the Copper Trust city Butte, Montana, have swept the city against a coalition of all the other parties against them, and the Socialists of Rubber Trust town of Naupetuck, Conn., have done likewise.

Evidently the workers are learning that collective ownership of the trust is the only solution of that guessing problem.

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"Many persons are now learning that their trees are infested with San Jose scale, and that it is too late to spray for this pest without injuring fruit or foliage. They are, therefore, asking Professor H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, what to do under the circumstances.

"A correspondent from Bradford county has written to Dr. Surface saying: 'I was sorry to learn that the branches I sent to you were infested with San Jose scale. According to your instructions it is now too late to spray. The leaves are now on the trees. I have other young trees that are just as badly infested, and there are also others in this neighborhood. I have been told that the Government sent out a man to look after such things, and I would like to have the trees looked after. Would you advise cutting out the trees that are infested?'"

"To this appeal Professor Surface replied with information that will be helpful to others desiring it, as follows:

"The best thing to do is to make a strong lime-sulfur solution, just as though you were going to spray with it, only if you wish you can make it stronger. Apply it with brushes to all the branches and twigs that you can reach. A paint brush or white-wash brush is very good for this. Also, if you will use a spray pump with one small nozzle you can spray the larger branches and trunk without getting the spray liquid on the leaves or fruit, and, consequently, without injury to them. Remember that no material kills the scale that does not touch the pest, and where a tree has much infestation you will find scale in abundance clear to the tips of all of the twigs of last year's growth. Therefore, you can not hope to kill all of them by painting with brushes, but you can kill the scale over a large part of the bark of the trees, and thus keep it (the tree) alive and vigorous enough to maintain its existence until the leaves drop this fall, after which it should be thoroughly sprayed with strong lime-sulfur solution. Of course, this is the best and cheapest material to use, and you cannot apply it strong enough or apply it heavily enough to injure the trees, if it comes in contact only with the bark.

"We have sent men to do inspection and demonstration work in this State, but I do not have the funds nor the men to send wherever required. Our funds are now practically exhausted and we are awaiting the action of the Legislature to know what we shall have for further purposes. The trees that are infested with scale should be cut back in proportion to the scale injury or infestation."

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Decantis Agata, B. R. Bendler, Mrs. Cook, card; H. O. Robb, card, Guy Stalmaker.
May 2, 1913. J. F. NAUGLE, P. M.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

BY H. O. BELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

LESSON FOR MAY 18

JOSEPH MEETS HIS BRETHREN.

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 43:17. GOLDEN TEXT—"Whoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.

Joseph was thirty years of age when he reached his position of supreme authority, but we ought not to allow ourselves to forget those thirteen years of humiliation, during which he was betrayed, sold into slavery and neglected by those whom he befriended. Yet those were days of fidelity in his service, of victory over fierce temptation, of during unjust imprisonment—a long period of patient waiting but a valuable period in that now at thirty years of age he comes to this position of power fully equipped with that knowledge of men, control of himself and faith in God as to be properly fitted for the burden of responsibility thrust upon him.

Did Not Forget.

I. The Brothers Need, vv. 3-6. The famine was not confined to Egypt, but reached over to Canaan, where Jacob and his sons lived. The desperation of the famine is indicated by Jacob's command to buy, "that we may live, and not die." But Jacob is too old to travel, hence the brothers undertake the journey. Twenty-two years have passed since that experience when Joseph's brethren cast him into the pit. They have been years filled with wonderful experiences for Joseph. Now their attitude is changed; instead of being his tormentors they are suppliants at his feet. During these seven years of garnering Joseph had set up his own family and two sons were born, the names of whom were significant.

The possession of a child of his own would naturally quicken his inquiries as to his father's household, for he assumed that in the order of events his father must be dead.

II. A Brother's Memory, vv. 7-17. Joseph at once recognized his brothers, but treated them brusquely, demanding from whence they came and the purpose that brought them hither (v. 7). Again (vv. 8, 9) the text reminds us that Joseph remembered. Only God can forgive and forget. But Joseph is an inspiration to us that though we may not be able to forget we can forgive. The question might be raised, "Why then did Joseph dissimulate?" The answer is threefold: (1) Joseph desired to ascertain the characters of his brothers. Did they remember? Yes, for they replied that they were "twelve brethren." Ten were before him, one at home and "one is not." That their characters were not entirely changed is evidenced by their words, "We are true men" (v. 11), which of course was not the truth. (2) Joseph desired to know of his father and of their home life. The accusation that the brothers as spies called forth the statement that the father, Jacob, is still alive. The third reason for this treatment developed out of these first two, viz, Joseph desired to reach his father and Benjamin, whom he had never seen. We do not commend Joseph's method as being of the highest ethical value, for his standard was not the standard of the man who knows Christ. Joseph is a type; there is only one perfect man, Jesus Christ, and Joseph points toward that promised Saviour.

Guilty Consciences.

Joseph knew his brothers told the truth about their not being spies, but he also knew that they lied when they asserted themselves to be true men and that one brother "is not." Here is the lesson of mistaken estimates of one's self and that a man's true value is known and appreciated. Little did they realize, however, that their falsehood was being read as it was uttered and that the man before whom they were standing was this same brother. Joseph affected not to believe any of their story and demanded proof (vv. 15, 16) of their assertions. After three days in jail he appeared to relent and ordered that only one of their number should remain as hostage. The result of all is shown in v. 21. After involuntarily leaving Simeon shut up in the Egyptian prison their minds traveled back to that time twenty years before and they remembered Joseph's anguish and distress when they would not hear, "therefore is this distress come upon us." Their guilty consciences are aroused.

Jacob's cry, "All things are against me," v. 26, was a mistake. Joseph was alive and exalted that he might save the life of Jacob and his children. Simeon was alive and drawing his brothers back to Egypt. Benjamin would come back safely.

Emphasize the fact that we cannot forget our wrong acts and that Joseph was not troubled by any such memories. Also emphasize the return of good for evil, Rom. 12:20, 21. Joseph's brethren were sowing the fruit of the seeds of envy and malice they had sown twenty years previously. So also was Jacob reaping the seeds of his deceit, for in spite of his great material prosperity he has great anguish of heart. We try to sow and not to reap. See that the seed thoughts in the heart are right. The grace of God forgives sin, but it remains a terrible fact in our lives.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

Methodist Episcopal church service, Rev. G. A. Neeld pastor—Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30.

Church of the Brethren—Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Christian Workers Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Bible Class, Saturday evening, 7:30 p. m. Teacher Training classes meet Monday evening 7 and 8 o'clock, respectively. Sunday School Workers' Meeting, Friday evening, 8th inst., at 7:30.

Evangelical Lutheran church—Rev. J. A. Yount, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning service at 10:30. Luther League at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. Lenten service every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Evangelical church, Rev. L. B. Ritzenhouse pastor—Services will be held next Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 2:00 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at 7:30 p. m.

St. Philip and James Catholic church, Rev. J. J. Brady, pastor.—Mass next Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7:30 p. m.

At the A. M. E. Zion church Sunday School at 3:00 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7:45 p. m.

St. Paul, Wilhelm Reformed charge E. S. Hassler pastor. Services next Sunday, at Grantsville at 10 a. m. and at St. Paul at 2:30 p. m. Sunday school one hour earlier at both places.

Brethren Church—H. L. Goughnour, pastor.—Services are being held each evening this week in the Summit Mills church. On May 18th preaching service will be held in the morning at Salisbury and in the afternoon at Summit Mills. In the evening the Summit Mills congregation will observe the Lord's Supper. In the Meyersdale church the Men's Society of the congregation will have charge of the Sunday evening service. The feature of the service will be the showing of a series of lantern reproductions of Harold Copping's water-color drawings of the Old and New Testament scenes Sunday school and Christian Endeavor at usual hours. All are invited to these services.

DUCKOLOGY.

Dr. Ferdinand Brown saw fit to coin a word as a title for his article in Sports Afield for May, but its expressiveness is sufficient excuse and it should be generally adopted. Observations and Conclusions on Duckology treat of the past, present and future plenitude of American waterfowl that are beloved of sportsmen, and presents ample basis for the writer's prediction that in a few years the now despised mud-hen will have become wonderfully attractive, not to gunners alone, but to fastidious diners who scorn wildfowl less aristocratic than the canvasback or mallard. Four Thunder Mountain Tenderfoot relates the experience of a party of prospectors who strove to be in the forefront of a mining rush and were snowbound all winter for their pains. Frank Raney tells of Living Like the Birds and Bears, which in his particular case meant getting lost in the Salmon Arm country in British Columbia and starving until rescue came in the shape of a couple of squaw-men and their off colored families. Reminiscences of an Old-time Cowboy continue, and we find the conclusion of Mr. Barnes' Ozark Mountain serial which many of his readers will regret.

W. H. Fraser has a very good article, The Deer and Its Habits; Some Eastern Weapons, by Richard Clapham, describes those fearfully lethal toys of the Asiatics, curved-bladed and razor-edged, which are more dreaded by European troops than the handed broadswords which cleave by pure weight through skull and chine. And there is the usual collation of minor events for hungry sportsmen. Your newsdealer can supply you; if not send 15 cts. to Sports Afield, 642 o. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ills.

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