

THE THEOCRAT

A Weekly Paper advocating the Rule of God in the Individual, in the Home, in the State, in the Nation, and in the World.

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INTRODUCTORY

In presenting the first number of "THE THEOCRAT" the publisher declares that the purpose of the "Theocrat" is to present the very best reading matter obtainable from week to week, and to offer to earnest minded people something that will inspire their spirits with pure thoughts, stimulate them to careful thinking, and lead them to live as beings responsible to God should live.

The words found at the head of this editorial page in a brief way explain the objects and purposes of the "THEOCRAT." It must be apparent to every thinking man or woman that the world today needs some periodical to remind people of something more real, more hopeful, more enduring than the trashy literature which is placed before them daily, weekly, and monthly by the scores, hundreds, and thousands of publications which flood the world, leaving, as they do so largely, upon the spirits of their readers only recollections of crime, vanity, ungodliness, and social and political corruption.

The voice of the "THEOCRAT" will ever proclaim that God is the Ruler, and that whatever humanity does should be done in His service, and that therefore the personal life, the home circle, organized society as represented by the state and nation—the whole world—should think, act and live in a manner to develop the best in each element of society, that it may contribute its due portion to the establishment in the earth of the rule of God.

ZION CITY

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ZION'S MISSION TO PROCLAIM A THEOCRACY.

Now I want to say that the Place of ZION is a predestined, Providential place, and that the Purpose of ZION is a Divinely designated purpose.

While loyal—now mark what I say—while loyal to the flag under which we live, while believing, with all their imperfections, the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America to be the best form of government in the world today, yet ZION proclaims that there is a better form of government yet to come.

ZION declares that THE KINGDOM OF GOD must be established upon this earth, and that the Flag of Jehovah must be established above every flag, and be supreme over every nation. Is that our aim?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—It is. We are Theocrats.

The rule of the people, by the people, and for the people would be a very bad rule if it were carried out: for the majority of the people are bad; and if the majority ruled, it would be a bad rule.

It is by an overruling Providence, and by a good deal of political scheming which tries to help out Providence, that the majority do not rule: for this Country is governed by three coordinate powers—the Legislative, the Executive, and the Judicial—and the greatest of these is Law.

God rules wherever there is Purity, Peace, and Power.

The purpose of ZION is to establish this Power, this Purity, this Peace.

I have a word or two to say concerning the

DIVINE DESTINY OF ZION CITY IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

You know a good many people say one ought to be careful about prophesying, and I think it is true.

I say that if these people who Go Forward in the building of ZION CITY are faithful to God, ZION CITY within a quarter of a century will be the purest, the best, the noblest, and most prosperous spot of God's earth that has ever yet been seen. (Applause.)

Yea, earlier! It is so now in a measure; it will be so more completely when the plans are carried out.

ZION CITY'S PURITY WILL BE ITS STRENGTH.

I say that the Destiny of this City is wonderful, because its people take neither alcohol nor tobacco; they have no secret lodges, and no foolish payments of money for Secret Society ornaments; they have no gambling nor harlots' houses, no dens of thieves, no theater, where, as in Faust, Mephistopheles the Devil, Faust the Doctor, and Marguerite the Harlot, hold the boards. There the people rise to their labor, happy and pure, from beds that are not the beds of adulterers and adulteresses; there virgin purity is protected, and there youth is developed into manly, holy, happy manhood; there from the kindergarten to the college the education is carried upon a Christian basis; there Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, and yet everything that true science, true history, true language, true education can bring, is brought.

We shall demand that one-tithe of the youths and one-tithe of the maidens shall be consecrated from the birth to God; then ZION CITY will send forth messengers to every land and nation and tongue and kindred tribe within the quarter of a century, and bring them in millions to God, the Saviour, the Healer, the Cleanser, the Keeper, the Restorer of all men. (Amen. Applause.)

This is the Destiny of ZION CITY.

Who shall complain?

Should we even fall short of our aim, who shall blame us for aiming high?

You who talk about progress, will you blame us?

No. You do not dare to except in private.

I thank God today that—

Zion stands by hills surrounded,
Zion kept by power Divine;
All her foes shall be confounded
Though the world in arms combine.
Happy Zion! what a favored lot is thine.

All who desire the salvation, the cleansing that ZION has come to bring in the Name of Christ her King, stand up and tell it to God. (Apparently all arose.)

I thank God for this wondrous sight of more than 4000, I suppose, on their feet.

All pray.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name, I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me power to do right, no matter what it costs. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may confess and restore to my fellowman, and to Thee, that which I have wrongfully taken. Give me power to do right, for Jesus' sake. By Thy Holy Spirit, cleanse me and keep me clean, in His Name. Amen. (All repeat, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Did you mean it?

Audience—"Yes."

After the Recessional the service was closed by the General Overseer's pronouncing the

BENEDICTION.

Beloved abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, Who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you, and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

MARRIAGES

Of Members of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

Ralph B. McCreight to Miss Fronia Benckendorf, at the home of the Bride's parents, Deacon and Mrs. L. P. Benckendorf 2404 Elisha Avenue, Thursday Evening, February 12, 1914, by the General Overseer.

SPECIAL NOTE

In reporting Marriages supply the following information:

Name in full of Bridegroom
Name in full of Bride
Place where ceremony was performed
Date of Marriage
Name of Officer by whom ceremony was performed.

BIRTHS

In Zion Families, in Zion City.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, of 2711 Enoch Avenue, February 11th, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dunn, of 3107 Gabriel Avenue, February 7th, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harley Friend, Twenty-Seventh Street West of Electric Line, February 11th, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schmidt, of 2911 Ezra Avenue, February 10th, a boy.

OUTSIDE OF ZION CITY.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mayhack, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, February 10th, a girl.

SPECIAL NOTE.

In reporting Births please supply the following information:

Names in full of both father and mother.
Residence — if in ZION CITY, name of street and number; if outside of ZION CITY, name of city, street number, and state.

Give date of birth, and state whether boy or girl.

Be sure to mention whether father, or mother, or both are members of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

Zion Conservatory of Music and Art

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hire, who have recently returned to ZION CITY to live, have been added to the faculty of ZION Conservatory of Music and Art.

Mr. Hire will give violin lessons—\$1.00 per lesson; Mrs. Hire, piano lessons—\$1.00 per lesson—and also on other instruments.

Full announcement will be made later.

All students, desiring to enter ZION Conservatory of Music and Art, must matriculate in the Office at the College Building.

Full announcements have already been made regarding all other members of the faculty, and this announcement will be repeated in next week's issue of "The Theocrat."

BAND CONCERT

ZION Senior Band gave a very interesting concert at Shiloh Tabernacle on Wednesday evening last. A large audience assembled.

All programs in ZION are begun with devotionals.

Besides the selections by the Band, several violin, piano, and vocal solos were rendered; also readings.

These concerts are always very instructive, and are greatly enjoyed.

**Remember the services
in Shiloh Tabernacle,
Lord's Day, Feb. 22nd.**