

NORWOOD MO.

LOCAL LORE

Farmers subscribe for your own paper the CHESSET.

Hold up the hands of the CHESSET it is for the people to defend them in all right.

Things are looking very dry in this part of the country, crops are hurt very much.

The El. will deliver a lecture on Industry on next Sat. at 3 o'clock at the Colony Arbor.

There will be preaching at the Colony Tents on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights this week.

Do not forget to come out to the Colony Arbor Saturday at 3 o'clock to hear a lecture on Farmers and Laborers Industry.

Mr. Frank Anderson from Okla. was here the last of last week, and the first of this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. G. burg his uncle and aunt.

Elder I. N. Robbins is preparing to go to Ill. in a few days. We are sorrow to know that the Elder is leaving us, but we trust our loss will be the gain of his new associates there, our prayers will go with the dear brother.

The District assembly of the "Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America" met on last Sat. at 3 o'clock at Fair View school house and a very large attendance from Douglas, Texas and Wright counties they adjourned to meet at Manes in one month from last Saturday.

We have a fine school taught by Miss Marshall of Norwood, at Pleasant Hill School house the young Miss Marshall needs much praise for her good management in the school room we think the district, chosen one of the choicest teachers for to teach their school this season.

A large crowd out at 8 o'clock services at the Colony Arbor on last Sunday.

Mr. Green Gossage and wife came to the Colony and this Office on last Monday bringing some fine potatoes with them.

Mr. H. M. Ussery called at this Office on last Monday morning and informed us that his son Albert who had his leg broke about three months ago by falling off the hand car near Norwood. He was taken to the Springfield Frisco Hospital. He was getting tolerable well, was so that he could walk on crutches and a few days ago he slipped and fell and broke it over. We regret hearing such sad news.

The Colony mill has moved to the Albert Donelson place and any one wanting Lumber can get any Oak dimensions in lumber that they may order from 2 1/2 ft. down. Any thing under sixteen feet is one dollar per hundred at the mill all over that in length will be more. You can leave your order with the foreman of the Colony Rev. L. S. Garrett or myself Albert Donelson and it will be filled.

Albert Donelson.

PLEASANT HILL, MO.

"By Two Kids"

Hello kind El. and cor. Well it looks something like rain today.

J. H. Newby called at Parmenters Tues. morning.

Goldia Davis was a welcome guest of Nellie Parmenter Sun.

Noah Ellison and son Jim called at Al Balls Tues.

Isaac Smart and daughter went to Norwood Tues.

Elmer Newby wife and children called at his fathers Sat.

Wess Sisco was seen going to Norwood Tues.

Mr. Eli Miller returned last Friday from Okla. his daughter Mrs. Taylor and son came home with him.

Marion Vaughn was at the little store Tues. eve.

John Dowers wife and children Charley Dawson wife and child were welcome guests of Isaac Smart and daughter Sunday.

Hello Kansas why don't you write. We Kids enjoy your items.

Riley Stroud of Norwood was a welcome guest of Henry Smart last Sat. night week.

Elmer Newby and Will Parmenter has traded horses.

Emma Smart and Nellie Parmenter, Lany Merritt, James Simons and Henry Smart called at Mr. Simons Sun. night.

Well as this is all will ring off hoping to see these in print.

THE OPEN DOOR, OR THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. 3rd. ch. 8th. verses.

By Elder I. N. Robbins.

Friendly readers, I have made the Bible my study all my life desiring to know its truth, I have read with interest many articles and heard many sermons on Revelations and the seven churches in Asia, but still there are some things that no one has ever explained that satisfied my mind, harmonized with other bible facts and events in the church of Jesus.

I will ask a few queries myself, then give my solution, if my readers can give better answers I will be pleased to learn first why had the one Church that Jesus had built A. D. 35 on the Rock Christ Jesus, and filled with the Holy Spirit, sent from Heaven, become seven in A. D. 95.

Second if the Apostles could not build a Church of Jesus at Jerusalem without waiting for the power

from on high. How can any one build that Church without the same spirit. For Jesus has said except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. How then let me ask can men not inspired and that give daily proof that they have not the spirit of Christ that do not see or know the things of the spirit build a spiritual Church in a spiritual kingdom, they cannot see. Was the Church in Sardis that had a name to live but was dead, that apostolic church? was the church of the Laodiceans that church that was neither cold nor hot and the Lord said he would spew them out of his mouth?

I think not, there is no proof that there was a christian in it. A bad show I think for a church, but there may be others like them, lacking in all spiritual life. Yet proudly boasting of their riches and grandure.

Now my belief is this and I believe the Bible teaches it, that the church set up, on the day of Pentecost was the church of God, the true Israel that Jesus had ransomed and saved from sin. And that by the grace of God through faith in Jesus, the Gentiles were invited to become fellow-heirs of Christ.

Then began the work of reconciling the world to God. In Christ Jesus this is the mission of the church of Jesus, here it is one not seven nor a thousand it has always been one and will be in its glorious triumph.

Well you ask how came these divisions: Paul tells us that even in the churches he established there was strife and division that they were dividing and following the doctrines of men instead of the gospel they were carnal minded men in the church but not of the church only in name.

These men had followers and apostasy increased and there was a great falling away from the church, and men began building churches on their own teaching which was accepted as their law. you see several of the seven churches of Asia had men in them that taught the doctrine of the Nicolaitans so it was not the law or word of Jesus they obeyed but men. God gave his law to Moses called Abraham gave his prophets set up his kingdom by calling David; saved it in Jesus. All knowledge of God come to earth thru the manifestation of God in Christ in Asia.

All knowledge of religion true or false originated in Asia, the seven churches were in Asia but only one had kept the word of Jesus confirmed by the Holy Ghost but some in the other churches were believers in Christ and he promised to save them as individuals not churches to only one church did he promise to save from the trials that was to come on all the earth and set before them an open door that no man could shut because they had kept his word: it was the one true church of Jesus traveling from Jerusalem, that was now destroyed from Asia through Europe preaching the gospel of peace on earth on good will to man its members suffering untold hardships, persecutions and death inflicted by the mother church of all false religions of Asia, Babylon, Rome and Europe and the world.

This was to the church of Jesus not of, but in Philadelphia, writers tell us there was no city in Asia at the time John wrote named Philadelphia. I believe that is true, neither was the open door set before them for 17 hundred years after or until Rome had closed every

door of hope or home on earth to them and the men of sin had been revealed and exalted himself against God usurped the place of Jesus. And destroyed the Roman Empire and made all Kings his slaves, and tried to destroy all the church of Jesus (this was the man of sin) Pope from the nicene council all false religion was centered in the Pope their accepted head and he made war with the saints, and overcame them, killed the two witnesses and many of the saints turned the truth into fables and caused the way of truth to be evil spoken of, close every door of hope, life, liberty and even denied men the right to read the bible or think for themselves. Where now was the church of Jesus that the gates of hell opened by the Pope of Rome to let loose war, hatred, intrigues deception and all the power of earth to destroy this little band that was about one hundred and twenty on day of Pentecost and were soon scattered abroad to preach the gospel of Jesus to save the world. They were now in Rome, in all Europe, but the United world was up in arms for their destruction, this was the gates of hell against the church they did not prevail to destroy it for many held on to the bible the word of Jesus they kept even confessed him and his love in martyrs fires and cruel tortures.

To the church hidden in forests caves and secret places to pray and comfort one another, to escape the vengeance and wrath of that institution of Satans device in which all the chief agencies of his power on earth is centered, the Roman Catholic Church here now 325 years after Christ is arrayed. The powers that has and will sway the earth for all time to come and in their journey around the world from east to west. America kept from the knowledge of men for his people, his church, A refuge for the oppressed of every nation in which he would set before his church an open door.

It was done July the 4 1776, in Philadelphia Pennsylvania America. Yes and the true Church of Jesus that had kept his word was in Philadelphia that day and entered through that door into their own blessed home Jesus had prepared for them. Blessed are they that come in by the door, Jesus says I am the door, by me if any man enter, he shall go in and out and find pasture.

They that come not in by the door, the same is a thief and a robber, just what Romanism is to America trying to take away our blood bought liberty subvert our government destroy free schools and free thought and speech, and take away our Bible. Will we let them do it? God forbid we should let them take the title deed to our inheritance. The prophets foretold this land and said God would create a New Heaven and a New earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. And Jesus and his people would inherit it forever. An everlasting Kingdom whose dominion shall never end. No doubt God will bring his chosen people again to Jerusalem.

When Christ in triumph shall the worlds subdue all kingdoms powers and principalities unto himself, then we look for a city that hath foundations whose builder and maker is God.

The Holy City, the New Jerusalem came down from God out of Heaven. And God will dwell with men, and be their God, and they shall be his people.

And he will wipe all tears from their eyes.

Now reader I have given you a few thoughts that I gathered from study of the Bible and God's covenant with his children The Israelites made anew in

Christ and given to his church, even to all that would keep the testimony or word of Jesus.

The same shall judge us in the last day and of the seven churches in Asia; I find but one that Jesus said had kept his Word.

And to whom he spoke of having the keys of David setting before them an open door no man could shut.

Alas I fear that Rome and its apostates did shut the door to the other six churches in Asia and the candle stick of even the church of Ephesus which Paul had planted is addressed as the church of Ephesus instead of in Ephesus the language used to all the rest except Laodiceans the first had left its first love

The truth in Christ which Paul had preached and turned to man's doctrine Christ Jesus told them except they repented he would remove the candlestick. It was removed, and the light of the Apostolic doctrine was lost to Ephesus in the pall of darkness thrown over all the world by the great Roman Apostasy Laodicea seems to have been a rich church of forms and creed, without any spirit. The other four founded by teacher that had believed the Apostles doctrine but got mixed up by deceiving teachers; but had some that had learned the vital truth and adhered to it. And to those that were faithful, Jesus promised the reward not to the church but the faithful member that believes in him.

So you see I believe Jesus had but one church in Asia, one in Europe, one in America. That was the one that kept his word and made it the governing law of their life and gave their selves to Jesus, soul, body and spirit. And with good old David delighted in the law of the Lord for it is perfect converting the soul, they that leave that love and law in their hearts and obey it, are when congregated together to worship God, no matter where, in the desert or wilderness, in a family residence, a tent or hut the true church of Jesus at that place, the great anti-christ that included all creeds and forms of godliness, that deny the spirit by teaching creeds and forms for salvation, teaching a thousand things God never commanded, and that is opposed to the word of God, just to elevate popes, bishops and priests, and preachers to high places in their church, that build cathedrals, with spires reaching high towards heaven but alas, the worshipers are worshipping men, and are afar from God, by wicked ways, poor naked and blind in his sight.

I fear we have many churches of the Laodiceans in the world now: Is not the church of Christ and his Apostles and they prove it themselves by continually changing and amending their creeds to suit their preachers, or keep infidels from picking them to pieces.

Bless you dear reader: God's word the apostles doctrine or the church of Jesus Christ never needed amending, changing or reformation. It was the churches that left the truth that needed reformation and what many need worse is to get on to the true foundation and be born again of the spirit of God.

PUBLIC SALE.

On the 8th. Day of Sept. 1909 I will offer for sale on my farm on Whetstone near Peter Abshers, the following property, towit:

- 20 Acres of good corn,
- 4 Milk Cows, all giving milk, 2 Calves.
- 1 Brood sow and 4 pigs, 14 Head of Shoats,
- 1 Mule. 1 Grey Mare.
- 1 McCormic Binder, 1 Road wagon and Harn ss for 2 Horses, 1 Cultivator, 1 Mower,
- 1 Bake 2 Stoves, Organ, Sewing machine,
- Household and kitchen furniture to numerous to mention.

There will be a Credit of 8 month for all sums over five dollars, by Purchaser giving note with proved security. All sums under five dollars cash.

And a discount will be given of ten per cent, for all amounts, cashed over five dollars; No Property removed until satisfaction is made for the same: Sale to commence at 10 O'clock A. M.

GREEN GOSSAGE.

AUCTIONEER