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"There's so much good in the worst of us, and there's so much bad in the best of us, that it doesn't behoove any of us to speak ill of the rest of us."

ABOUT CITY TAXES

It is indeed gratifying to the residents of the town at this time of the year, to know that no part of their increase in taxes is caused by the administration of the city affairs of Liberal, the platform promise of "A dollar's value for every dollar spent," has been mightily well fulfilled during the past six months. New crossings have been put in, the streets dragged, which was never done before, the streets lighted, and yet the tax levy for the city has been decreased from .0045 in 1910 to .0039 in 1911, the decrease amounting to a trifle more than half a mill. In addition, to the ordinary expenses of the city we have had an added expense in the installation of the waterworks plant which will amount to something like \$2,000.

There is, this year in the city levy, .0014 for interest, which will be cut off next year, in case the waterworks can be made to pay that amount out of the running receipts. This would be more good news along the same line, and would be mighty acceptable news to the people of the town. The present administration is indeed a popular one, and it is certain that at this time of year, their decrease in taxes will not make it unpopular with the taxpayers of the city.

Again Liberal has a chance to do something for herself in the way of securing railroads for this territory. It is true that the people here have on several occasions come to the front, when the promised lines failed to materialize. However, those ventures have not been made at a cost of a single cent to the people of the town and county here. The town here, is known all over the state as being the best and most progressive town in the southwest, and is due largely to the fact that the people have come to the front to each and every opportunity. They are noted for being boosters and the reputation has done much for the town in securing for it the careful consideration of every business man who contemplates an investment or opening of a business in all this big southwest country. The town is rapidly growing into a small city, and in order to keep up with the increase in population and wealth, comes an increased responsibility of boosting that some of our prominent citizens have failed to shoulder. It takes all of the people in this country to do the things we have to do. There are now several railroads headed this way and there will soon be need of some activity on the part of Liberal people to show that she wants the new road. Some selfish people have said that they did not want the road here, as a new road would hurt the business of the town. However, that is a minor item. The road is not waiting for Liberal people to make offers. It is building, and there is every indication that it will continue to do so as rapidly as the natural conditions will permit. It then being a decided fact that the road will build into this territory, we must have the road for Liberal, or the best town in the southwest will become just like Meade and the other dinky little towns along the line. Every man in Liberal ought to get busy and talk the road and work for it and the improvement of the town. Though there are but few people in the southwest, these few have already done mighty things, and their work has not yet started. Get together and boost for the town and we will all prosper. In order to promote the welfare of the individual, it is necessary to give an occasional lift for the welfare of the community.

The election platform of George Neeley appears in this issue of the Democrat, and we want every reader of this paper to read it, regardless of political belief or affiliation. The general condition of business all over the country at this time demands a change, and it is very essential that the Seventh District of Kansas express her views on national affairs at the special election January 9. For the good of the state as well as the nation, it is time for us to get busy and show that the west is for tariff revision downward. From a business point of view, that is the most important question before the American people today.

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List of jurors drawn for December term, Wednesday, December 13th, 1911, 9 o'clock A. M.

- G. W. Wrather
- T. J. Ruehlen
- M. A. Groom
- F. G. Boles
- E. F. Printz
- J. Hicks
- J. A. Hall
- C. C. McCullough
- V. K. Miller
- Chas. Thompson
- D. L. Lay
- B. F. Monroe
- A. R. Conrad
- J. O. Burnett
- C. M. Waters
- O. M. Woods
- A. A. Farmer
- J. Orth
- F. E. Lent
- W. E. Bloom
- J. B. Wood
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NEHEMIAH AND HIS ENEMIES

Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 10, 1911
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT—Nehemiah 4.
MEMORY VERSE—1.
GOLDEN TEXT—"The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid."—Psa. 121.
TIME—B. C. 444.
The wall was finished in 52 days in August and September.
PLACE—Jerusalem and vicinity.

There were enemies within the Jewish church. Some of the nobles and richer men had been oppressing their poorer brethren who were working at great sacrifice in rebuilding the walls. No wages were paid for this work, so that many were thus reduced to the direst straits to support themselves and their families, and pay the taxes exacted by the Persian government. Their misfortunes were brought to a climax by the condition of hostilities, which put an end to trade, and threatened town and country with ruin. It was impossible to obtain regular employment, and prices had gone up. Those who had a little property mortgaged their homes; and in this way a considerable portion of the property of the poorer classes, their grain-fields vineyards, and dwellings, passed into the hands of wealthy money-lenders, who demanded high usury. Some, having no means to pay their creditors, sold their children as slaves. The hungry ones were threatening, if the grain was not given to keep them from starvation, they would take it by violence, or surrender the city to its enemies. The taxes for the Persian government were very heavy and exacting. The chief officers farmed out the collection of the taxes, both in money and in the fruits of the land. These under officers were the same as those called publicans in the New Testament. They were required to pay over to their superiors the exorbitant sum fixed by law, and depended for their profit on what they could make by fraud and extortion. They overcharged, brought false charges of smuggling to extort hush-money, seized upon property in case of dispute and held it until their levy was paid, forbade the farmer to reap his standing crops until they had wrung from him all that his penury could produce. They were universally feared, hated, and despised. No money known to have come from them was received for religious uses.

Now these, who professed religion and lived heathenism, were the greatest injury to the Cause for which Nehemiah had come. It was against such as these that Jesus launched the sharpest lightning of his "Wo unto you, hypocrites." They are traitors to their country, their church and their God. The church stands for the highest expression of man's life. A church represents the permanent spiritual ideals. It embodies the loftiest human aspirations; a nation's best expression of its religious sentiment represents that nation at its best. Now whoever in the name of the church, as a member of it, does actions contrary to its whole spirit, is the greatest enemy of the kingdom of God.

Nehemiah overcame these enemies. He changed them from enemies to friends. He rebuked them with burning indignation. He told them to their face the wrong they were doing. He persuaded them to repent and undo the wrongs they had done: "I pray you, let us leave off this usury. Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them." Then said they, "We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest." He set them a good example. He refused to take the usual salary of the governor. He bore all the expenses of his retinue. His noble conduct made the names of these oppressors show black as the smoke of the pit.

One of the greatest powers for reforming abuses is publicity. Let every man's name be on his deed, on the work he does, on everything he says, on all that he owns.

There is a continual temptation today for Christian workers to give up their time and strength to discussing the many theories and unsettled questions which are continually confronting them. All sorts of men say all sorts of things till it seems as if these clouds were obscuring the whole continent of Truth. This is true of many other things besides religion. Now the way to escape from these snares is to attend to our duties, to go to work for the Cause of Christ with all our hearts, to give ourselves to helping save our fellow men, both body and soul. For then we will use the essential things by which our work is accomplished. We thus test the working theories by using them. Those principles that bring results are the ones we want. We find out what they are worth through testing them by what they will do. Working for Christ and for his children is our safeguard.

Nehemiah was asked to leave his work for personal safety. This was too base an appeal. Nehemiah indignantly exclaimed, "Should such a man as I flee?" The very baseness of the appeal opened Nehemiah's eyes to the fact that Shemlah was not a prophet, but a mere tool of Sanballat bribed to ensnare him. That any one could imagine that he could be influenced by fear, touched Nehemiah's heart to the quick. It was an insult that the governor could only put into the hands of God to wipe out. But in the end, the wall was built.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

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Commissioners: J. F. Fuess, Chairman; W. W. Austin; Eli Taylor.

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County Treasurer: George A. Smith.

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Judge 2nd Judicial District, Hon. William H. Thompson, address, Garden City, Kans.

TERMS OF DISTRICT COURT

Wednesday after third Tuesday of April
Wednesday after second Monday of September
Wednesday after second Tuesday of December

CITY

Mayor: Dr. B. T. Nichols.

Councilmen: A. K. Stouffer; C. Summers; Tom Smith; J. E. George; P. A. Craig; H. W. Lane; J. T. Gray; J. Karau; E. J. Thayer.

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Marshal: J. T. Gray.

Clerk: J. Karau.

Treasurer: E. J. Thayer.

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Liberal Lodge 555
I. O. O. F.
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H. W. LANE.
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I. O. O. F.
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EARL COOPER, C. P.
FRANK ONG, Scribe.

Liberal Rebekah 22
I. O. O. F.
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Inez Prater, N. G.
Gertrude Thierier, Sec.

Liberal Lodge 283
A. O. U. W.
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MRS. I. E. MANN, Oracle.
MRS. LEWIS WA. RD., Sec'y.

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