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FOR THE PRICE OF A WIFE

Dr. Teed, the False "Christ," Sued for One Hundred Thousand Dollars Damages.

THE PLAINTIFF IS SIDNEY C. MILLER, WHOSE YOUNG WIFE OLD "KOR-ESH" INDUCED TO ENTER HIS HAREM.

The Suit Only the First of a Series and the Self-Styled "Messiah" Will Also Be Prosecuted Criminally--In-dignation Meeting to Be Held the in Auditor-ium Soon.

(FROM THE CHICAGO TIMES.)

One hundred thousand dollars is the demand made on "Dr." Cyrus R. Teed, the false "Christ" of the College of Life, by Sidney C. Miller, whose young wife old "Kor-esh" had persuaded to enter his earthly harem. Teed, like that other "Jesus" Col. "Jake" Schweinfurth of Rockford, has an eye for beauty in the selection of his female "angels." Five years ago he picked out Mrs. Miller, a young woman of voluptuous figure and pretty face well fitted to play sweet music on his golden harp. She was then a happy, contented young bride, living with her husband in a neat little home at River Forest. Mr. Miller was, and still is, the manager of the National Publishing Company, with offices in the Lake-side building. He was a handsome young fellow, with jet black hair and mustache, and his business prospects were excellent. He used every effort to make this cozy little suburban home pleasant, and surrounded his young wife with every comfort. Then came Teed with his blasphemous tracts, his weekly "mission for women only, and his persuasive tongue. That was but five years ago. To-day the home of the Millers is deserted. Shame and trouble have made the husband prematurely old. His black hair is already streaked with gray and the luster has died out of his eyes. The wife false to her marriage vows, has given herself up to the life of an idolatrous voluptuary, vowing that she "would rather

Stump, E. S. Metcalf. The meeting was attended by about one hundred citizens and was determined in its expression to rid the community of the Teed nuisance.

There were a number of Dr. Teed's devotees present, and excited groups of citizens gathered about four or five of them and eagerly propounded questions in regard to Teed, his peculiar doctrine, and the manner of life which was led by the community. Prof. Lum-mery, who seems to be in charge of the Normal Park branch, had the most to say. He was bold and defiant in his attitude, and protested that Dr. Teed was a moral man and had the same right to live up to his convictions that was accorded to other people. "Dr. Teed is divine," he said. "He possesses a thorough knowledge of the Hebrew language, although he has never studied it at all."

When the Koreshites had been heard for about an hour the meeting of citizens was called to order on the station platform, and W. C. Shaw was made chairman. He stated that the object of the meeting was to ascertain the true nature of Dr. Teed and his community, what their intentions were in coming here, and what should be exacted of them as citizens. If their actions or manner of living were in any way disreputable they wanted to know it. He recommended that a committee of seven be appointed to go to Dr. Teed and get from him direct an exposition of his doctrine. A. A. Frazer moved that a committee of seven be appointed, which was done.

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An Appeal to Voters.

An election day is drawing near I cannot refrain from giving a little expression, through the PRESS, in regard to the so-called "Progressive Liberty Party," in which the beautiful word "Liberty" is inappropriate and absurd, used in any connection, with the Koreshan Unity and suggests a smile to those who know under what bondage the members of the Unity live.

When a man has no other way of knowing a new political party further than the principles set forth in platform, justified in voting accordingly. But in the issue before us the

POWERS OF STATE DRAINAGE BOARD.

Albert H. Roberts, of St. Petersburg, Argues that Powers will not be Excessive.

The statement is frequently made that the Board of Drainage Commissioners, in addition to being granted extraordinary powers, are not responsible to the legislature or anybody else for their actions. This is an error, arising generally from ignorance doubtless, but an error all the same. It is true that the amendment does not specify that the Commissioners shall make reports to the legislature, but there are ample provisions for this in the State constitution, which is not set aside by the amendment; for while the amendment creates a board and confers upon it certain powers, it does not relieve the individuals composing it of their duties under the constitution and laws of the State. Back of all stands the power of the legislature to impeach and remove from office any man on that board for misfeasance (or malfeasance) in office, even though a specific crime should not be committed; and again, the liability of any official who is guilty of a violation of law, to be tried in the courts as a common felon, in addition to removal forever from office in the State. More than this, the constitution and laws specify duties upon the officers composing the proposed board that they could not evade, assuming they should desire to do so.

The Drainage Commission would be composed of the Governor, the Comptroller, the Treasurer, the Attorney General, and the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State. All except the Governor are bonded officials—the Treasurer in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars—for a faithful performance of their duties. The duties of the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Agriculture, as specified by law, do not seem to have any particular bearing upon them as members of the drainage commission, but duties of the other officers do. The duties of the administrative officers are prescribed in Article 4 of the State Constitution.

Section 9, provides that the Governor shall "communicate by message to the legislature at each regular session

posed board of drainage courts, responsible to the legislature in the name of the body?" We analyze these new locomotives.

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Yesterday W. H. Hill, attorney for Mr. Miller, filed a petition in the Circuit Court asking for \$100,000 damages against the false "Christ." In connection with the case Mr. Hill quotes this pertinent bit of scripture: "And then, if any man shall say to you, 'Lo! here is Christ, or, lo! he is there,' believe him not. For false Christs and false prophets shall arise and shall show signs and wonders to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect."

"This suit is but the beginning," said Mr. Hill. "There will be several other similar actions started in a few weeks. We shall also begin a criminal prosecution against the imposter and an indignation meeting at the Auditorium will be called in the near future."

Angels at \$100,000 apiece will prove expensive even for a man whose resources are as large as those of Teed.

Dr. W. L. Beck, who leased the flat building to "Dr. Teed," is out with an open letter in reference to the affair. He says that neither Teed nor himself will be moved by slander, and predicts defeat for the agitators against "heaven." He declares he leased the premises to Dr. Teed with no feeling of vindictiveness, but simply as a plain business transaction.

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WILL INVESTIGATE KORESH.

Normal Park Citizens Propose to Know All About Teed.

(FROM THE CHICAGO TIMES.)

If Dr. Cyrus R. Teed expects to escape the wrath of the citizens of Normal Park he can only do it by indulging in some species of translation known only to the dieties of his kind. Last night an outdoor mass meeting was held near the Chicago & Eastern Illinois depot on Sixty-eighth street and the following persons were appointed a committee to investigate Teed and his community and report on Wednesday evening at another mass meeting to be held in Thornton's hall on Sixty-ninth street. W. C. Shaw, P. Saunders, Robert Lapsey, L. Bapp, E. P. Stephens, W. P. Keeler, F.

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When a man has no other way of knowing a new political party further than by principles set forth in platform, he is justified in voting accordingly. But in the issue before us the platform should be of a very secondary consideration, since we have only to review the history of these people since they came to Lee County about one dozen years ago.

Their loud denunciations of the present system of law and order in our county and their infantile talk of "graft" are too absurdly ridiculous to notice, when every voter knows, with all due love and patriotism to our own county, that there is nothing from which, or to which to "graft" except in a literal sense, our healthy fruit trees, and the more of that we can have done, the better for us all. I just mention here in passing, that in this line of graft the K. U.'s have not been a success.

What may we call their efforts two years ago, to compel the settlers of Estero to turn their groves and farms into Koresban property in spite of all requests and protestations by the settlers to leave matters in that line alone? Was this an effort to "graft," or merely a thirst for despotic power?

What about their repeated threats to close the Estero river to any thing except their own boats? Does this look like progress and freedom? Oh! no, just a little bluff. What about the iniquitous fish laws they tried to enact? Does that look like good will and brotherly kindness? What about their oscillatory actions during nearly every election in Lee County? Does that resemble reliability or sturdiness of purpose?

But enough said. The Koresban Unity have practically failed in all their schemes and undertakings. Why? Because nothing they attempt bears any resemblance to honesty or unselfish public benefit.

Personally, we bear no ill will whatever toward these people. Our motto is: "Live and let live," and my observation is, and has always been, the Koresbans are, and always have been, the aggressor in every disturbance, and the outside people on the defensive. In the language of the school-boy, "They always start it up."

I therefore appeal to my fellow voters to be present at the polls Nov. 6th, 1908, and help defeat this Koresban party.

Very truly,
A VOTER.

Quinsy, Sprains and Swellings Cured.

—In November, 1901, I caught cold and had the quinsy. My throat was swollen so I could hardly breathe. I applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it gave me relief in a short time. In two days I was all right," says Mrs. L. Cousins, Otterburn, Me. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is a ointment and is

forfeiture of their duties. The duties of the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Agriculture, as specified by law, do not seem to have any particular bearing upon them as members of the drainage commission, but duties of the other officers do. The duties of the administrative officers are prescribed in Article 4 of the State Constitution.

Section 9, provides that the Governor shall "communicate by message to the legislature at each regular session information concerning the condition of the State." Certainly, the work of the drainage commission, of which he would be chairman, should be reported as a part of the "condition of the State," and a self-respecting legislature would lose no time impeaching a Governor who would refuse to inform them upon such an important matter.

Section 23, provides that "the Comptroller shall examine, audit, adjust and settle the accounts of ALL officers of the State," and he is under penal bond for the faithful performance of those duties.

Section 24, provides that "the treasurer shall receive and keep ALL FUNDS, bonds, and other securities, in such manner as shall be prescribed by law; and shall disburse NO FUNDS, OR ISSUE BONDS, or other securities, EXCEPT ON ORDER OF THE COMPTROLLER, COUNTERSIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR, IN SUCH MANNER AS SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW."

Section 27, provides that the administrative officers shall make full reports of all acts, receipts and expenditures of their respective officers to the Governor at the beginning of each regular session of the legislature, or whenever the Governor shall require it, and further says: "Either house of the legislature may AT ANY TIME call upon ANY officer of this (executive) department for information required by it." It is provided elsewhere in the constitution that the accounts of the officials shall be inspected by a joint committee of five from the Senate and House of Representatives, appointed each session.

I have emphasized several words and phrases in the above sections of the constitution for the benefit of the astute editors and constitutional lawyers who do not seem to be aware that they are there.

The opponents of the amendment would have us believe that if it is adopted the legislature will be legislated out of the question entirely, in spite of the last section of the proposed amendment, which reads, "The legislature may provide for the assessment of benefits derived by lands by reason of such drainage, and the collection thereof; and the proceeds therefrom shall be paid to the board of drainage commissioners to be used by them for such drainage purposes."

If the language of the amendment itself, the plain provisions of the State constitution, the numerous acts of legislature passed to make effective the constitutional checks upon the executive officers, the liability to impeach

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Notice is hereby given and purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 363, dated the 1st day of July, A. D. 1904, has filed said certificate in my office, and has the tax deed to issue in said certificate embracing the property situated in Florida, to-wit: Certificate No. 363, of B. W. 1/4, section 34, town 25 east, and 21 in town 25 east. The said land is the date of the issue of the said certificate shall be subject to law, tax deed being the 17th day of November.