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Quite a correct estimate of the enterprise of a community can be had by noting the patronage given the newspaper.

By their newspaper shall we know them? was the apt comment of a successful merchant upon the claims of an aspiring community whose citizens were soliciting his interest and endeavoring to impress upon him the enterprise of its people.

Now that all farm products are creeping upwards in price, and the manufactured necessities of life are becoming cheaper, our alliance friends are called upon to explain the situation but cannot. The alliance was organized to give the farmer cheaper manufactured products and sell his own at a higher price.

If reports are true, that at the reception to President Harrison in Salem some disrespectful remarks were made, while Governor Penoyer was speaking, and that more or less confusion prevailed, the people who instigated such proceedings deserve not only censure but the scorn of all decent people.

There may be room for difference of opinion regarding whether it is the duty of a governor to meet a president at the state line; but there can be no question but that the governor of Oregon should receive the most courteous treatment from the people.

What's a newspaper "fake"? Why, we supposed everybody knew that a newspaper "fake" was anything starting printed by the opposition party exclusively. When we print similar matter it is known as a "scrap" on the other paper.

Your home paper deserves your support. An exchange says: Every year every local paper gives from 100 to 5,000 free lines for the sole benefit of the community in which it is located.

It may not be brilliant or crowded with great thoughts, but financially it is more of a benefit to a community than the preacher or teacher. Understand us, now; we do not mean morally or intellectually, but financially, and yet on the moral question you will find the majority of the local papers are on the right side of the question.

PUSHING TO THE FRONT.

There never was a time in the history of Oregon when public confidence in its future was so firmly seated. Oregon has seen her worst days and from now forward the tendency is upward. While however this tendency prevails it is not equally as apparent in every town or community. Enterprise is not equally distributed.

CURRENT GOSSIP.

We shall need the strongest navy in the world if we are to be held responsible for the pictures of foreign rulers published in our alleged comic papers.

Killing one's mother-in-law is a hanging offense in Ohio, even if it be done with the most loving intention.

The great colleges of the country that started "schools of journalism" several years ago with the declared intention of turning out ready-made newspaper men have discovered what was already known by every veteran newspaper worker, that they had attempted an impossibility, and have abolished that branch of their curriculum.

There have been men in the American congress whose private lives have not been shining examples of social purity, but if any of them ever sank to the level of the social leprosy that has made fugitives of several members of the British parliament it was never found out.

John Russell Young wanted to be sent to China as United States minister. Mr. Harrison sent ex Senator Blair, and J. R. Young writes a signed newspaper article showing that Mr. Blaine is bound to be the republican nominee. That's politics.

A Massachusetts man with more money than brains proposes to erect a \$7,000 dog house, and still there are people who wonder at the discontent of the poor.

Mr. Harrison told one of his audiences that many of us are looking forward to the time when we shall have one cent letter postage, but he did not say that he would recommend it in his next annual message to congress.

Look out for the financial organizations that advertise to pay \$100 in three months for an investment of \$30; they will all end in the same way.

Blaineck appears to be a combination that is to German politics what James G. Blaine and Grover Cleveland are to ours.

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Whatever may be one's opinion of Mr. Harrison as a president and statesman it must be conceded by all who have read the speeches he has made while on his present tour that he is the possessor of the happy faculty of saying just the right thing at the right time and place, and it is undoubtedly a valuable faculty in politics.

Senator Plumb struck the bull's eye when he said that it would make not the slightest difference to this country if Italy severed all diplomatic relations with the United States, and never renewed them.

Ex-Senator Ingersoll is getting a lot of free advertising from the newspapers this spring. Perhaps he intends taking the place left vacant in the circus business by the late P. T. Barnum.

Mr. Harrison did not seem so large a man in the republican league convention as he does in the newspapers. He was almost lost in Mr. Blaine's shadow.

Mr. Cleveland now appears to be trying to "hedge" on the free coinage question. He declines to say whether, if elected president, he would veto a free coinage bill, should one be passed by congress, on the ground that by that time free coinage may have become a necessity for the country.

Gen. Benjamin F. Butler has at last met his match. A Rhode Island judge had him forcibly ejected from the court room, after refusing to allow him to address the court in behalf of a client.

The farmers' alliance appears to be preparing to give somebody trouble in New York.

POLK COUNTY UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Second Day's Proceedings Synopsis of Discussions-Election of Officers-Resolutions.

(Continuation of last week's report.)

WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. D. B. Taylor, who read a number of passages of scripture to show how God honors and blesses children and youth, who give their hearts to him early in life.

under control of superintendent and teachers. The Lord looks to the church for the relation of the world; therefore as to the question should an unconverted person teach in the Sunday school, I answer, they are not qualified, and I do not endorse the plan. If, as has been said, the appointing of an unconverted person as a teacher in Sunday school may and does frequently lead to the conversion, if this is so, I would say then put Robert Ingersoll in the ministry. But I do not believe this proposition. It would do no good. It is absolutely necessary if we teach the word of God that we study it, therefore give me a Christian for a teacher. Brothers, none of you would advocate the putting of an unconverted man in the ministry; neither should you put unconverted persons in the Sunday school as teachers. The lives and souls of our children are precious; let us protect them from every evil. If our prime object be to lead our children to Christ, from darkness into light, and from the power of Satan into God, give us teachers who believe the word of God and who love it and then the child will be safe.

This was followed by remarks from D. V. Poling.

I endorse what has been said by Brother Messick; yet I have known a single exception to this rule in my experience. If we have conscientious Christians, one that will use the best material you have, although they may not be Christians.

E. D. Horner: I was a painter before I was a minister. A blacksmith came to me who was out of a job and asked me for some work as a painter, but the result was that he was not a success. So it will be the same for unconverted persons in our schools. Superintendents and teachers, let me beseech you by all means to get the Lord's children to do the Lord's work.

Mrs. D. Whitaker, superintendent of Cochran school: We have a good school and I think we are doing a good work; and what we are arguing, there were not Christians enough to supply the places of officers and teachers, so we did the best we could and used such material as was at hand; but I am highly in favor of the church controlling the school when possible.

"Our Field," by W. I. Reynolds. Let us do with might what our hands find to do, let us take the work nearest us first. The field is broad one; many things to do. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few; I am better acquainted with the work at Dallas. There we have four schools, yet we do not get more than half of the children in these schools. What is the reason? Whose fault is this? These children must be brought to Christ. Let us be up and doing for the time is short. When we labor so long and see no result we become discouraged, but let us cheer up and learn to labor and wait, for God will add the increase. We need someone to organize schools in destitute places. Who will go?

"The Seed," by C. H. Malton. If a man goes where he has no business he is to get into business; so with myself to day. The prevailing idea is that the Sunday school is for the children. I object to this. If the church is related to the Sunday school, then we should make it a church service, and every member of the church should be there as well as all the children. We are to sow the seed. What is the seed? It is the truth, and the truth is, first, that we are sinners, and second, that there is a way of salvation. Then teach the child that way, and lead him to Christ, and not only lead him to Christ, but time is short, work for Christ ever afterward. There is no such thing as a lazy Christian.

"The Saviour," by E. D. Horner. We should be very careful what we sow; be sure and sow good seed. We are all sowers; let us be careful of what and where we sow; even in our daily walk and conversation we are sowing. Let us sow the seed not to the flesh that in the end we may reap life everlasting.

Motion made that the next annual meeting of this convention be held at Dallas. Adopted.

Motion made that we elect three delegates to attend the state convention. Adopted.

Committee appointed: W. I. Reynolds, A. J. Hunsaker and Miss Emma Riggs.

Motion made that W. I. Reynolds and the pastors of the churches in Dallas be the executive committee for the ensuing year. Adopted.

Subject: "Prayer for Sunday School Work." It is by prayer that we have communion with our Heavenly Father, who is the source of all light and from whom we must expect help if we succeed in our work. Therefore I am in favor of only Christians for officers and teachers in our Sunday schools, and we want the parents to help us in bringing the children into the school, for by that means we may be able to bring them to Christ.

Subject: "To What Extent Should Temperance be Taught in the Sunday School?" I believe every opportunity should be improved to teach the little children the evils of the drink traffic. Many of the young are year by year dropping into drunkard's graves. They are lost to the family, to the Sunday school and to the church, and we are told that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven; then let us earnestly strive to lead them away from this great evil, intemperance. If we do less than this, we fail to do our duty as Christians and Sunday school workers.

Subject: "Should we have Teachers' Meetings; if so, How Should we Conduct Them?" by Miss Emma Riggs. Yes, we should have them. Meet and bring your bibles, notes and concordances, and let us look at the lesson from every point and try to apply the spiritual part to the wants of each one of our scholars. Let us pray over the lesson and meditate upon it every day until the school meets. Let the children know that you love them, that you love them and that you desire to see them become Christians, and then you will meet with success in your work.

Subject: "How Parents May Help in the Sunday School," by Miss Maggie Butler. Parents can assist most by coming themselves and bringing their children with them. As the text is bent, so the tree is inclined. Bring your little ones with you to the school; you will bring them into the church, and to Christ and prepare them for heaven.

Subject: "How to Apply the Lessons," by R. M. Smith. You may learn the facts and you can explain the letter of the law, but do you enter into the spirit of the verses? The seed that God sows for can never die. Do not bother about anything, but the spiritual part of the lesson, for upon that we stand or fall.

Continued by P. W. Haley: Give us consecrated teachers and they in their judgment will apply the lesson as it should be. I have no use for any other kind of teachers in the Sunday school.

Continued by Rev. Parker: Paul spoke to Felix, the governor, of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come. He attacked him in his weakest point; so I would do the scholars. Know your class and speak to them as Paul did to the governor, and it will have the desired effect, and sooner or later they will be brought to the Saviour.

Subject: "The Model Sunday School," by Prof. W. I. Reynolds. We must start out with a model superintendent, model teachers, parents and scholars. It is not necessary to have a model house—a log cabin would do if we had nothing better. I have seen it tried. All will not love the Lord Jesus, so we must take things as we find them. Lead the good to something better, and try to reform the bad. We have both good and bad teachers; not bad teachers because they are ignorant, but bad because they do not study to make themselves competent, do not tell the scholars they shall not, or must not, but persuade them to do right and be orderly, and they are more apt to obey. Teach them it is better to do right because it is right. To have a model school there must be some work done at home; you can not do it all in one short hour in Sunday school.

Subject: "The Past Growth and the Present Outlook of the Sunday School Work," by J. R. N. Bell. The growth has been very great, but statistics are uninteresting, so we will omit them. We have all kinds of societies organized, and all to help the church; but sometimes I think they weaken the church. Say teach when you are talking of adults, but say train when you are speaking of children. Too much mental food for the mind is worse, if anything, than too much food for the body. Organize a school for the parents as well as one for the children. Home is where the best training is done. Train your children as you do your horses, not by tying them up to a post without food, but by using a bridle and keep that bridle well in hand until the child is well trained. Some parents use a thread bridle; the child breaks this and gets away. Some never use a bridle, so their children run wild. You can not expect anything from this kind of training. Liberty must be in strict obedience to law or it is not liberty to me or to you. It will finally become anarchy, and ruin will follow. So in family government it must be by the authority of the father and by the sympathy and love of the mother; if you fall in either of these you have made a great mistake and the morals of your children will suffer and they may go to ruin. So beware how you train the little ones. Let us have authority, but not too harsh, nor yet more lenient than the adult directs himself, but the child has to be directed. Look directly after the spiritual welfare of your children; the Lord will not come down and force your children into the church. There are two agencies in salvation, the human and divine; these must work together.

Report of committee on resolutions. Be it Resolved, That we, the Polk county Sunday school convention, do hereby express our sincere thanks to the good people of Independence for the hospitality extended to the delegates and officers of this convention.

Resolved, That we as Christian workers pledge ourselves, with God's help, to do more and better work in the coming year than we have done in the past. We also feel that we have been strengthened and helped by this convention.

R. M. SMITH, P. W. HALLEY, MRS. SHIPLEY, MRS. D. B. TAYLOR, N. GARDNER, Committee.

Motion made and adopted to adjourn sine die, and that the next session be at Dallas, subject to the call of the executive committee.

The convention closed by singing "God be With You Till We Meet Again."

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