

BAPTIST COLUMN.

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Our Bow.

Arrangements have been made with the REVIEW, by which we expect to furnish a half-column at least, if not more, each week of matter; some of which will be especially important to Baptists, while we hope other matters will be instructive to many.

With an earnest desire to do good and no harm, to lead many Baptists and other christians to a higher plane of christian life, and to lead many from error to truth, we make our bow and ask an honest, candid reading of what we shall say in this column.

REMEMBER!—Elder C. P. Bailey, of Heppner, Oregon, will begin a series of meetings in Union Church, on Monday night 7th inst. at 7 o'clock, assisted by the pastor of the Baptist Church and all other christians who will come and take part in the exercises, and work for the conversion of souls. That there may be no misunderstandings, not only Baptists, but christians of any and all other denominations are especially invited to come and take part in and enjoy the meeting. Come and give Elder Bailey an honest, faithful hearing, and be greatly benefitted. Of course a most hearty invitation is given to all unconverted people to attend the meeting every service.

What say the Baptist to organizing a Baptist Sunday School in Prineville? We ought either to do that, or get our Methodist friends to go in with us and organize a Union Sunday School. What say all concerned? Which shall we do?

We have been looking for a name that would do for a handle to the name of such Baptists as live within a few miles of the church of which they are members, and yet have not been inside of the church house for years. We know of a few such persons who are not kept away on account of sickness, and yet they never come to church, never help bear the expenses of carrying on the worship of God, and expect to retain membership! When we succeed in finding a name that will do justice to the case, we shall tack it on as a handle to their names.

The pastor of the Baptist church has had so much traveling to do in the last few months that he has not been able to do any pastoral work of any consequence, but he hopes soon to take up that part of his work and push it vigorously. Look out for him between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m.

Will all christians pray, each day, that God will open up the way for a good meeting in Prineville, and that the Lord may give Elder Bailey access to the hearts of the people, that many may be brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ, and be saved? Let us all make this the burden of our prayers.

We hope that not only every Baptist voter, but every christian voter in Oregon will vote the "Prohibition Amendment." If it is not just what we want, it is a move in the right direction, and ought to be voted by every lover of truth and right. To vote against it, is to vote for lawlessness and crime. Your vote will show whether you are for law and order or not. Then vote for the amendment and do right, and not against it because you think it will not be enforced, or is not the best kind of law to pass. Christianity and temperance go hand in hand, and you cannot be a true christian without being a temperance man.

Long Life.
(Temperer.)

We hear a great deal about the rapid pace of our age, and the consequent shortening of life. This is largely nonsense. The fact seems to be that the average age of man is steadily raising. Ignorance and miscalled "simplicity" are not es-

sential to longevity. With the increase in knowledge there is a corresponding increase in the means of prolonging life. We know more about public hygiene. We know more about the prevention of disease in the individual. We know more about foods and their judicious selection. All this knowledge directly avails in diminishing sickness and in pushing death further off. It is proven that the average duration of life to day is considerably higher than it was in the tumultuous middle age. Our ancestors drained their cities by a surface gutter in the middle of the street, or, more often, they did not drain them at all; and then they wondered at the visitation of God in the plagues that swept them away by the thousand. We have learned many alleviations for pain and disease—quinine, vaccination, anaesthetics; all these tend to prolong life. We know more about the conditions of heredity, and are learning to put our knowledge to use. As Dr. John Gardner puts it, "As a physiologist, I can assert positively that there is no fact reached by science to contradict or render improbable the stories of the great age of the antediluvians. It is more difficult, on scientific grounds, to explain why men die at all than to believe in the duration of life for 1,000 years."

Increasing civilization should mean and does mean a life longer in years as well as in experience.

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