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THE PRINEVILLE SPIRIT

Every town, community or locality has an individuality, or a "spirit" which is as distinct as that of diff- Christ he is none of His.'Methodism erent inividuals.

To illustrate, we have the Seattle spirit, the Portland spirit, and the New Testament writers until now, Bend spirit, and when each of these has claimed Infant Baptism as an are mentioned we recall at once the institution of great spiritual value individual characteristics which are most prominent in these towns.

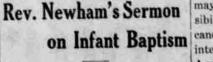
on these points we all agree.

is a Prineville spirit that is com- Scripture that demands it." mendable, and about this we call your attention now.

tional merit.

efficiency. Under the present ad- in the Bible to the effect that wo-Prineville has an honest pride.





"It is not ours to dogmatize and then to condemn to outer darkness, ful. He may then turn back on his all those whose opinion is different sins and return to God. But he is from our own," said Rev. Newham not re-baptised. Infant baptism at the Methodist church. "As Chris. does not hinder from any service tians, it is our duty to seek to dis- that God may require. The only cover and appropriate every means choice we may have is about things of grace that will develope the that do not matter. Parents who spirit within us, for whatever outward forms might be observed, 'If any man have not the spirit of along with the vast majority of Christendom from the times of the instill into the child's mind whether to the followers of Christ. As we are sometimes asked to give the rea-Then there is the Prineville spirit. son for this historic practice of the Prineville like many other townsand Christian church, it is well for us individuals too, has some features to consider authority and signifithat are not as they should be, and cance of Infant Baptism. At the outset it might be said that there

On the other hand however, there is no single direct statement in "Where then is our authority?

Well, we do not look for precise Prineville stands for much in the Scriptural statements on everything way of education. We have, as has that comes under human notice. been said, one of the very best high Some of the most important obserschools in the state. It is becoming vances of Christianity have no distronger and better each year, and rect authority in Scripture. For inis already drawing students from stance, it is nowhere stated in the fulfill all the sacred obligations all parts of Central Oregon, who re- Bible that the first day of the week that baptism implies. cognize it to be a school of educa- should be recognized as the Sabbath. Still we would not think of killing The Prineville public schools like- the spirit for the sake of the letter! wise are far above the average in Again there is no positive precept

ministration they show a marked men should be partakers of the improvement this year over last, we Lord's Supper, and yet there are are told. In all of these things, such facts stated and such principles inculcated, as to leave no doubt in the reasoning mind that the practice

may do wrong. But is not that possibility of sin applicable to older candidates, and are not these claims intended to cover the whole of life? A young man may be baptised, then grow spiritually indifferent and sinwill hesitate on these grounds never hesitate to instruct their children in their own beliefs and to persuade them as to the form of baptism and a hundred other things, which they it will or no. And they have a right and a duty to instruct their child until it is of age to decide what is right and what is wrong for itself. It is beautiful to see adults seeking baptism and thus consecrating themselves to a holy life. It is more beautiful to see Christian parents consecrating their babes to Christ and resolving to train them and educate them so that they shall never go outside of His Kingdom, The thought of such parental devotion. in which they assume to do their utmost for the spiritual well being for the child should instigate one tremendously to seek to fulfill such hopes and answer such prayers as far as in one lies, and to seek to

Before starting his sermon, Rev Newham stated that it was not him wish to antagonize those of different beliefs, but rather to set fourth the doctrines of his church.

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