The Dalles Daily Chronicle

| REV. MR. OURTIS' SERMOX. |  |
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| At the Congregational church yesterday the pastor took his text from Isaiah 11: 6, "A litttle child shall lead them." Supposed reference to the prevalence |  |
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| be an era of peace and righteonsness, when the sword and the spear shall be |  |
| and enterprise. Seven hundred years after the word of prophecy was reaffirmed with angellic voices declaring |  |
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| the birth of the Messiah and proclaiming "Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." |  |
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| yet do we see violence and selfishness replaced by the rule of right and love- |  |
| the supremacy of the moral and spiritual |  |
| elements. But for all that we are not of those who believe that the world is go- |  |
| ing. God is at work with the nations and with men, building from thef foun- |  |
| dations, first that which is natural and afterward that which is spiritnal. <br> At the time of the redeemer, to all in |  |
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| no existence. Spain, France, Russia and Austria were sunk in barbarism. |  |
| Brittain, almost as completely as this country, was below the horizon. Egyptand Syria were sinking faet. The power of the world lay in Italy Greece and |  |
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| Palestine. The power of Palestine was in moral and spiritual element which was to give law and power to the world. | f lots in |
| She herself has gone under but the |  |
| evecy nation that has ascendency in modern civilization. The power of the |  |
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| so at least, giving pledge and prophecy of the complete control of right and love. |  |
| The time may be far off but it is coming. More and more the light is appear- |  |
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| ing; the day is becoming broader and fuller. That is the kind of power which is to rule. |  |
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| The test tells us also of the kind ofcharacter which is to prevail in the com- | from Portland this week to look at North Dalles property with a view of |
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| ing age-the child character, in which, if you will analyze it, you will discover among others, these elements: |  |
| First, Innocence; it is this which makes it necessary that to enter the | Do not forget about the first annual |
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| kingdom of God we must become as |  |
| little children. The task of the child is to retain its innocence; the man must regain it. It is no arbitrary requirement |  |
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| but of such is the kingdom; that is the rule of God in the earth and universe. | All of our Immense Stock mu |
| friend, God. ,The religion of childhood and youth is to keep this spirit. When |  |
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| the man has lost it he can only enter the kingdom of God and becone a part |  |
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| of it by retaining the faith of his childhood. It must be so and thus his child |  |
| spirit becomes his guide: "A little child shall lead them." |  |
| irh-More definitely may it be said |  |
| that God develops the moral and spiritual life of the world through the child- |  |



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