

manion with what you believe to be divine. In the school house is no place for the teaching of religion. It does a scholar no good. It don't teach him the multiplication table, nor how to read, to write, to talk. It adds no practical value to his education. The fact that there is an all-wise being who looks from sea to sea and from nadir to zenith, in watchful vigilance to see that our ever act is recorded, has nothing to do with the rules of business prosperity. The fact that we are predestined to suffer, or rejoice after death, according to the doctrines extant, does not add one cent to the amount of our income. Schools governed by a set of religionists are like ships manned by factory girls. They are not guided by hands strong enough to steer them clear of the reefs and rocks that lurk on the shores of Time. The common schools of to-day are gradually drifting toward the higher and later day plans. This is the latter half of the nineteenth century, and the revolutions in the religious world are bringing out facts, irrevocable, that are scalding the old scales from the sides of this religious animal two thousand years of age.

The good people of Union are talking of erecting a school to be governed and maintained by a religious society whose confession of faith contains the following words:

1. "By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and some angels are predestinated to everlasting life, and others are foreordained to everlasting death."

2. "These angels and men, thus predestinated and foreordained are particularly and unchangeably designed, and their number is so certain and definite that it cannot be either increased or diminished."

How much good would it do a common plodding plow-boy, who needed the benefit of a school, and who happened to be nearer to this talked of school than to any other, and who had the hard coin to spend for an education to know this unreasonable confession and some simple anthems, not containing half the religious beauty or poetic grace as many simpler sonnets he had warbled hour after hour behind his team. Would it do him any good to know that one half of the men and angels in the world were sent to Paradise and that Hades got the other half? If the church sees in the erection of this school a chance for a meagre addition to its number, it is this fact that actuated the erection, and not for the common good of the people. Half the church members in the world owe their belief to that old, old sentiment, "I believe it, for my mother told me so." If you could look into the depths of every man's mind and read there the creed of his private faith, it would be, "Mother said so." Therefore religion is a household affair. Every man's conscience is his deity. Leave your schools unscathed by the warps and cramps of a religious doctrine, and you will bring nearer to your threshold the fundamental themes of a higher and more divine teaching than christianity can offer. Leave the golden fruit of learning uncovered by the netted foliage of myth and superstition. Religious discipline has no more business in a school room than a man has with wings, and a snout like an elephant. The time is fast dawning on the world when boys and girls can go to a college and learn the arts and sciences of mankind, without finding themselves in the midst of hymns and testaments. This idea of founding seminaries for the purpose of adding converts to a certain creed and church, is a relic of times long gone and past.

It is well to build a school house, but let it be free and at liberty to teach the principles that lead to a better and more useful education than the little dogmas of religion. Leave worship to the family altar. Found a creed of your own, and if your conscience says it is right, and you act rightly toward your fellow men, it will surely please the God of your belief. If an infidel or a moslem comes to you in want it is the grandest creed in the world to feed him and let him believe his honest belief. The honest man is the charitable man. Generosity is better than prayer. Take to your homes the truths you find and make a creed out of them. Let the school house be the nursery of the statesman. The truest worship in the wide world is where the family gather in private and do homage to their own deity, while the wild and busy world is surging around you. The seminaries that are governed by certain creeds are dead weights on the ships of state. They pay no passage, do no good, and fill up a space that could be put to a more beneficent use. Long may the grand old flag of freedom wave; but down with the sectarian schools. Give us something practical—something that will lift the human family to grander deeds and nobler thoughts.

B. W. HUFFMAN.
ANTHONY CREEK, Nov. 10, 1889.

JIMMIE CREEK.

The New Wagon Road—School Notes—Recent Happenings.

November 15, 1889.

Mr. John O'Bryant, of Wolf creek, passed through here, recently, on his way home from Union. He traveled over the new road from Pyle canyon to Clover creek.

Granpa Huff, a well-known resident of Clover creek, died suddenly at his home Nov. 5th.

Mr. Nelson Schoonover finished his work on the Hog valley road Nov. 9th and started for Lyon's hill where he expects to work on the road.

Mr. W. F. Thompson, a shoemaker by trade, who arrived here from Missouri last March, has moved to Union where he expects to work at his trade this winter.

Miss Mattie Laughlin has been employed to teach one month of school in the Clover creek district, beginning Nov. 18th. This will be the first time they have had two terms in that district since the building of the new school house in 1884.

School closed to-day in this district. The prizes that were offered to the scholars that were best in deportment were given to Fannie Ashby and George Cusick. The prizes were offered by the school clerk, Wm. C. Cusick.

Mr. E. Samis and family expect to start for Eagle valley—the garden spot of Eastern Oregon—on the 18th. We understand he has purchased a ranch there and expects to make that his home. We regret his departure.

Mr. W. H. Stafford has rented a ranch in Hog valley for the coming year.

Dan Bradford returned from Wallowa last Wednesday. He reports no snow there.

REPORTER.

NINE persons—a man, a woman, and seven children, attempting to cross Yaquina in a small boat, Nov. 8, were drowned. The body of the mother and six of the children were recovered.

Dissolution Notice.

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J. T. BOLLES,
S. K. SENIOR.

Teachers' Examination.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at Union, Oregon, beginning at noon on Wednesday the 27th day of November, 1889.

Dated this 12th day of Nov., 1889.
J. L. CARTER,
County School Superintendent Union County, Oregon.

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9. 100 acres just north of Telocaset and 7 miles from Union; 40 acres under cultivation; fair improvements. Price \$11.00 per acre.

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