

Reports from the Field.

DAMASCUS, OREGON,
May 19th, 1877.
Bro. Stanley:

On last Lord's day, on Bro. G. P. Rich's regular appointment, two noble souls came forward and made the good confession, and were buried by baptism into Christ. May the Lord help them, that they may be useful members in his cause.

Bro. Rich preaches for us on the second and fourth Lord's days. He is a young man, but uses the word of God with power. We would be glad to have any of our preaching brethren, when traveling through this part of Oregon, to call on us.

Yours in Christ,
DISCIPLE.

WILBUR, DOUGLAS CO., OR.,
May 26, 1877.

Bro. Stanley:
By request I write you an account of a protracted meeting held by the Church of Christ at Camas Swaile.

Bro. J. M. Harris, of Lane county, came over and labored with us ten days, beginning on Friday before the second Lord's day in this month.

Bro. Harris presents the ancient Gospel in a plain and forcible manner, which defies contradiction.

We met on Monday, the 14th, and effected an organization with 24 names on the list. Good feeling prevailed throughout the meeting. We think that much good has been accomplished. The brethren are greatly strengthened. The good seed of the Kingdom has been sown, and we trust, that it has fallen on good ground, where it may bring forth fruit to be gathered in due season.

Bro. Harris has engaged to preach for us one year, occupying every second Lord's day. He has now gone to Coquille City to hold a meeting.

May the Lord bless and strengthen our preaching brethren, that they may speak forth the words of life with boldness.

Yours in the hope of eternal life,
L. F. ECCLES.

Although the Pope's health continues uncertain, he still holds his audiences. He is having a protest prepared against the proposed conversion of parochial landed property in Italy.

The sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society was held in the Meion- aon, Boston, on the 17th inst. The receipts for the year was \$35,925, which is \$1,395 more than the receipt of the year preceding. The expenditures were \$34,047.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick has summoned the Rev. Dr. John Miller, of Princeton, to appear and answer for the soundness of certain opinions set forth in his recently published book. The Presbytery meets next week.

The result of Mr. Gladstone's address upon preaching at the Conference held recently at the City Temple, London, so it is said, has been the offer to him of several Nonconformist pulpits, in which to give a practical illustration of his theories.

The Baptists of England and Wales are engaged in an endeavor to raise the fund from which annuities are paid to aged and infirm ministers, and to the widows and orphans of ministers, to \$250,000. \$205,000 are already pledged.

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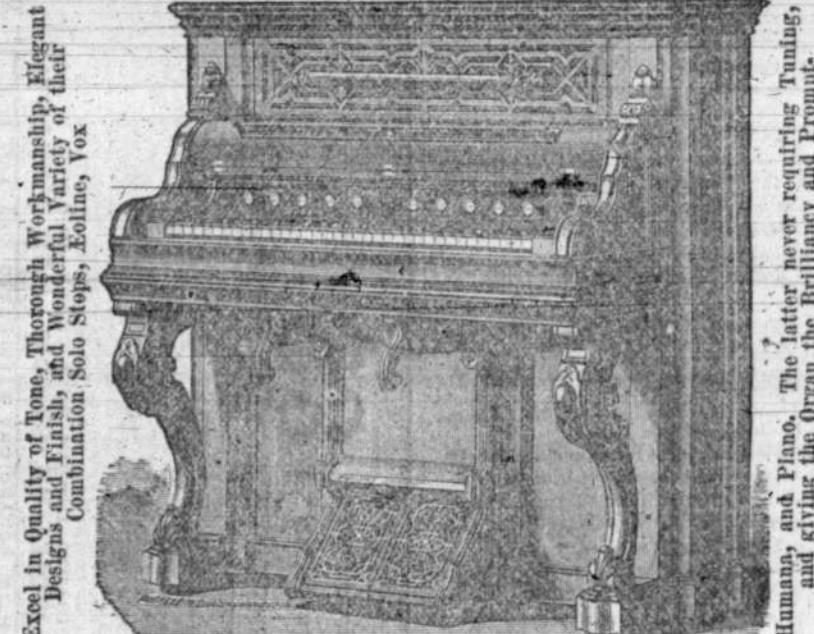
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