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## OUR AIMS.

1. To fearlessly advocate the teachings of the Bible, in the spirit of kindness.
2. To earnestly plead for the union of all Christians on the Bible alone.
3. To point out evils in the church and suggest a remedy.
4. To keep our readers posted on the movements of the brotherhood in this state and elsewhere.
5. To entertain and instruct the young.
6. To give a brief summary of state news and the latest telegraphic despatches.
7. To make this the leading religious paper on the Pacific coast, either at the same or any other price.

## Disregarding the Lord's Day.

Many will be shocked at reading an account of "What I Saw" on the fifth page, and some will even question the propriety of publishing the misdoings of professed Christians, but unless there be a revolution in the sentiment of the church and its officers brought about by writing and talking, there will be no change for the better.

Our good brother who records what he saw in the hope of awakening a proper sentiment on this subject, is deeply concerned for the welfare of the church. This desecration of the of the Lord's day is running to an alarming extent on this coast, and is drawing the life-blood from all religious bodies, and unless we rally to the standard of the cross, with our Bible in our hands and the love of God and humanity in our hearts, say, all together, as the voice of one man that these things shall not be in the church, woe unto the future of Christianity amongst us.

Our brother might have seen other things. If his course had been along the banks of the Willamette river, he might have seen professed Christians bathing in its waters at the time they should have been at the house of the Lord, and around his table to commemorate his death and suffering. The Willamette only presents an example that may be seen on other streams as well. If he had been about some of the grain warehouses on the river and railroad, he would have seen professed Christians getting a load of bags, preparatory to the threshing of the coming week, and professed Christians allowing their warehouses opened to furnish the bags.

Brethren in Christ, let us do our duty as Christians, both to abstain from the appearance of evil, and to say these evil practices must not be in the church. The time is short, and we must give an account of our stewardship soon. The church should require holy lives from its members and must do it or die.

## The Call from Coquille City.

Read the call from Coquille City, and do not pass it by without doing something in their behalf. We must make common cause of this work of converting the world, and the stronger churches and brethren should help to bear the burdens of the weak.

Bro. Morgan has been laboring to establish the primitive Gospel in Coos county and with a good degree of success. But difficulties now stand in the way or progress that can be removed, easily, by those more favored.

Let every one who can do so, send something to Bro. Morgan and for this work, or send it to this office to be forwarded. In either case, the receipt will be duly acknowledged in the MESSENGER.

We suggest that every preaching brother wherever he may preach on next Lord's day, lay the matter before the congregation, and ask a contribution for the brethren at Coquille City.

## BRIEF NOTES.

Mr. Spurgeon's church has nearly 5,000 members.

Bro. H. M. Waller's son, Thomas, is lying quite sick.

Over 17,000 pilgrims went to Rome to attend the Papal Jubilee.

A Baptist church has lately been organized at Walla Walla, W. T.

Rev. Mr. Peck, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Salem has resigned.

Some manuscript from our California editor is in too late for insertion this week.

There are about 3,500,000 members of the various branches of the Methodist church.

There is a Methodist church in Colorado that has female members only, and it does not owe a dollar.

The Virginia State Meeting convenes at Wytheville, on Thursday before the second Lord's day in September.

They have an open Temperance Society in Portland, which seems to be doing well. Its meetings are largely attended.

Bro. H. M. Holder died at his residence in Buena Vista last Monday of erysipelas. His obituary will no doubt appear soon.

The editor of the *P. C. Advocate* is off to the mountains, gathering strength for a more vigorous attack on his contemporaries. Look out!

Jonathan Edwards, D. D., has been elected to succeed the late Dr. N. L. Rice, in the chair of Systematic Theology in Danville (Kentucky) Seminary.

The September number of Frank Leslie's *Sunday Magazine* has come to hand, filled, as usual, with choice matter and fine illustrations. We think it the best magazine for a family that we know of.

The *Herald of the Morning* is the name of a paper which has just begun to reach us from Rochester, N. Y. It announces for its object an "Investigation of the time and manner and object of the second coming of Christ."

School trustees wishing to secure a teacher or teachers for the coming fall and winter school, can learn where they can be supplied by addressing this office. A brother and his wife desire situation. Eastern Oregon is preferred.

The Mohamedans of Bombay pray for the prosperity of the Sultan, in all their mosques. One petition in their stated prayer is, "Withhold thy help from those who withhold help from the faith of Mahomet, and count us not among them."

One Sister who got a little behind with her subscription, sends the money and four new subscribers to pay us for waiting. If all who are in arrears would do likewise, what a happy time we would have, and how many homes would be made happy, in turn.

Bro. Garrison, the senior editor of the *Christian*, enrolled as a soldier to put down the rioters in St. Louis. The rioters entered the office where the *Christian* is printed and ordered the printers to stop work, but they refused to do so, and were not molested further.

The *Christian* and the *Evangelist*, both are speaking out on the subject of their respective state conventions.

They think they must either be made more profitable to the cause of Christianity or be abandoned. The Oregon State Meeting was abandoned for the same reason.

A Salem paper complains that they are troubled now with roughs and bad characters generally; as the season for the fair draws near, and does not hope for relief till the fair is over. This is a sad but true comment on the effect of fairs, conducted as they are. Fair time is harvest time for the gambler, the pickpocket, the lewd and the low of every class.

We do not give receipts for money received now, but change the figures after the names to show the receipt. Thus, if the figures after your name say that you have paid to volume 7, No. 23, and you send us \$2.50, the next paper will show that you have paid to volume 8, No. 23, and thus you know that your money has been received and you duly credited.

Through the courtesy of the publishers, Messrs. Chase & Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio, we are in receipt of Bro. Errett's review of a tract by M. Summers, entitled: "Why I am not a Campbellite." Bro. Errett's review, first published in the *Standard*, is pointed and full of sound logic. It makes a pamphlet of 48 pages, and is worthy of a wide circulation. Single copy 10 cents; \$1 per dozen.

We notice that the Ohio Democratic Convention have nominated as candidate for governor, R. M. Bishop, of Cincinnati. Most of our readers are aware that Bro. Bishop is an elder of the Central Church in that city, a trustee of Bethany College and Kentucky University and an active Christian man. He is not a politician, but a business man and has been mayor of the city. We are well enough acquainted with him to know that he is better stuff than governors are usually made of. —*Record and Evangelist*.

## Church Clerk.

Bro. I. N. Richardson very properly asks for the authority for a clerk as an officer in the church. It is a plain case that there is no Scriptural warrant for any such officer. Those churches which have elected such an officer, have simply taken pattern after our Baptist brethren, instead of the churches whose history we have in the New Testament. Of course it is proper for some one person to attend to the business affairs, keep the books and carry on any necessary correspondence, but this work would devolve on the bishops. If in dividing their work among themselves, they decide that one of their number shall attend to the above work, while others attend to the wants of the church in other ways, there can be no objection. Then the man who does this work is an officer of the church as bishop and not as clerk.

The same may be said of the treasurer as an officer in the church. Some churches see fit to elect some good brother as treasurer. No authority for such action is claimed. The financial matters of the church come under the work of the deacons, and if they choose to have one of their number make the financial affairs his special work, very well, but he is an officer of the church as deacon and not as treasurer. No church has authority for electing a treasurer.

## COQUILLE CITY, OR.

August 7, 1877.

To the Congregations in the older settled districts:

Dear brethren in the Lord. In your kindness will you please indulge me a little as I extend to you a call in behalf of Coquille City church?

We have a membership of some 50, all told, mostly female members, and are nearly all poor in the goods of

this world, but I trust, some at least, are rich in faith and hope.

We are confined to an uncomfortable school house, and are often shut out of it when we have an important meeting on hand. What we desire of you, brethren, is this, that each of you that the Lord has blessed with such abundant harvests of golden grain, appropriate one bushel of grain at least to invested in a church building in our beautiful little town. Lumber is cheap, and some of our members are mechanics, and by each of you, brethren, appropriating the worth of one bushel of grain, together with what we can raise within our own bounds, within one year we can worship in a house of our own.

Coquille City is in the center of Coos county, and we desire it to be a nucleus from which a glorious work will spread a happy influence all over this valley.

We will appoint a building committee to whom all brethren and friends will transmit funds for this purpose.

Yours in hope,  
T. M. MORGAN.

## Cheering Words from Bro. Smith.

We take the liberty of inserting the following private letter from President Smith, knowing hundreds of our readers who love him for his work in Missouri, will be glad to hear from him, as well as those whose names he mentions:

WOODLAND, CAL., Aug 6, 1877.

Bro. Stanley:

I have this day, received the Aug. 2d, No. of MESSENGER. It is the first number I have seen, and am glad to know we have such a paper on this coast. Send it on, I will interest myself in increasing its circulation. Are you the Bro. Stanley I knew in Mo.? I infer so from your notice of Hesperian College. Why, God bless you! My hand and heart are extended to you in cooperation. I see the name of Martin Peterson in your paper; a dear old friend and brother of blessed memory. I never forget the battles we have fought together in old Grundy county. I am glad to see that the old Jerusalem blade has not wasted in his hands.

And the name of dear old Bro. J. J. Moss, is there too! Eighteen years ago I thought he was a very old man; and he still lives to plead his Master's cause! How I would like to shake his old withered hand, and see and hear some of that rasping of 1859-60. If you see these brethren, give them my love. Say to Bro. Moss, that a few years ago, I turned off the road that leads from Brunswick to Carrolton, and in a quiet cemetery, I stood thinking of him and his boys, who in 1861 stood there with sad hearts and tearful eyes. Tell him, that since that time, death has made sad havoc around my own fireside; but, with him, I look forward to a glorious immortality.

I wish you much success with the MESSENGER. In the absence of a paper in California, I think we should concentrate on your paper.

Your brother,  
B. H. SMITH.

The following sensible talk is from the *Oregon Churchman*:

## "I Hardly Know to Which Church I Belong."

This is the language of one who takes an active part in revival meetings. So indefinite are his views of the Church of God that he hardly knows to which church he belongs. And yet he is a teacher of the young, and professing to lead them in the way everlasting. What wonder is it that when men talk in this way that multitudes consider it a matter of the utmost indifference as to whether they belong to any church or not. And strange as it may seem, and yet it is not strange after the promulgation of such sentiments as the above, to find, as occurred at a revival not long ago, that the first thing the young con-

verts did was not to join the church, but to join a Temperance Society. This was first and of far more importance than "the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

When such sentiments as the above find utterance among leading men it is not a matter of surprise that multitudes of people when asked where they go to church, should reply, that they sometimes go, to this one and sometimes to that, in fact that they attend them all. And this they say too with a sort of meritorious feeling. They attend them all, as if not to do so were an evidence of bigotry. And thus acting on the principle that one Church is as good as another, they become religious vagrants. They have no home anywhere. They wander about from place to place as sheep having no shepherd. And they learn to look upon this state of things as rather to be desired than otherwise. But alas! who that knows the value of fixed principles, and of the true spiritual health and growth can for a moment foster or encourage such a sentiment as this. There is nothing more injurious to the spiritual interests of any people than this weekly floating about from Church to Church.

If Christ has established a Kingdom on the earth into which his believing people are to enter, then it is of the utmost importance that they should enter it, and it is not a matter of indifference as to what Church they belong. If one Church is just as good and no better than another, then there is no excuse for so many struggling Churches in any given community as there not unfrequently are, and those who advocate this principle should by common consent give them up, and unite them into one strong and flourishing body. But no we never find this done. They may say that they hardly know to which Church they belong, and that the various sects differ in non-essentials, but they do not act as if they believed so. They hold on with the greatest tenacity to their respective bodies, and will in no case abandon the sect idea, and permanently unite together for the greatest glory of God and the good of immortal souls.

## The Pacific Christian Messenger till Jan. 1, 1878, for One Dollar.

We wish to put the MESSENGER into hundreds of homes where it has not gone heretofore, in the next few months. We earnestly believe it a valuable auxiliary to the cause of truth and one of the best papers that can be introduced into the family circle. To increase its usefulness, we must increase its circulation. Believing that after people once have the MESSENGER in their families, they will not be willing to have it discontinued, we make the above liberal offer.

Brethren, friends of our paper, will you not make an effort to help in this work by asking your friends to take the paper under this offer? Eternity alone can tell the good you may do in this way.

We want at least 500 names by the first of August under this offer.

The Northern Pacific Railroad, which broke the back of Jay Cooke & Co., and hastened the financial crises under which the country has suffered ever since, is itself doing well. The Eastern and Western sections built, 535 miles, are in good order, and last year gave net earnings of \$300,000. The country along the line is being rapidly settled, and lands of the corporation are being sold for cash, or exchanged for the bonds of the corporation. With increased business the road must be completed at no very distant day. Boston and New England have an interest in this enterprise. The whole road from Lake Superior to the Pacific, will be built as soon as Boston and New England have an interest in this enterprise. The whole road from Lake Superior to the Pacific, will be built as soon as Boston and New England have an interest in this enterprise. The whole road from Lake Superior to the Pacific, will be built as soon as Boston and New England have an interest in this enterprise. —*Newburyport Herald*.