

Reports from the Field.

MYRTLE CREEK, DOUGLAS CO., OR.
Oct. 18, 1877.

Bro. Stanley:

After my Christian regards and respects to yours, I thought I would break silence and open up a correspondence with you in regard to the cause of Christian prosperity in Douglas county.

The cause is in a languishing condition, for what cause I cannot tell. It may be for the want of abler preachers than myself, Bro. Todd and others who are laboring in the cause. Please urge some able brethren to come and help us. Enough on that subject.

I was down in Coos county, and had some pleasant meetings in connection with Brethren Morgan and Todd, which you have seen from the pen of Bro. Morgan. I met with many good brethren in Coos county. Brother and Sister F. Brack requested me to write to you to send them the MESSENGER. Also send it to Mrs. Mary McCarty, Myrtle Creek. The last mentioned is not a sister but a worthy lady.

May we all live nearer to our God and the cause we profess, is the prayer of your humble brother in the one hope of eternal life.

J. B. SMITH.

Marriages.

At the residence of Mr. E. Rowe, in Independence, Oct. 7, 1877, by J. P. Irvine, Esq., Mr. Samuel Goff and Miss Katie Mason—all of Independence, Polk county, Or.

At the residence of Mr. D. Boydster, in Independence, Oct. 14, 1877, by J. P. Irvine, Esq., Mr. D. M. Duvall and Miss Mary E. Wallan—all of Independence, Polk county, Or.

Obituaries.

OAKLAND, OR., Oct. 10th, 1877.
Bro. D. T. Stanley:

On the 14th of Sept., 1877, Ada Fate, youngest daughter of Bro. and Sister David Fate, was called from earth to heaven in life's bright sunny morn, ere grief and sorrow had cast their dark shadows across her pathway.

Ada was 13 years, 2 months and 3 days old when the messenger came, after an illness of two months which she bore with patience and resignation. Speaking to her parents of her love for the Savior, of her desire to live to care for them in their old age, yet willing to go and dwell with Jesus and realize that "Their angels (little children) do always behold His face." Matt. xviii. 10.

The funeral services was held at the Day's Creek school house, attended by many friends of the family. Yours in hope of eternal life.

E. A. CHASE.

Mrs. Lydia Vaughan was born in West Virginia, Oct. 18, 1793. In 1804 removed to Green county, Ky. In 1808 removed to Cabot county, West Virginia, where she was married at the age of seventeen, to John Vaughan. In 1843 they removed to Platt county, Missouri. Not very long after their arrival here her companion deceased. She had the care of a very large family of fifteen children, seven of whom are still living. She united with the Methodist Episcopal church at about sixteen, and remained in her communion till ten years since, when she united with the Christian church. She died a mother in Israel. In 1852 she came to Marion county, Oregon. She died of paralysis, Oct. 8th, after suffering four days. Her burial services were conducted by the writer, and her body laid in the Jefferson cemetery.

B. N. LONGSWORTH.

Burdens that one will persist in wearing never fit the shoulders.

The First Step.

In the cell of a prison, on the stone wall, was recently found a picture, drawn by a miserable man who went from that spot to be hung. It was that of a scaffold with five steps leading to it. Each of these steps was named. The first was "Disobedience to parents;" the second, "Sabbath-breaking;" the third, "Gambling and drunkenness;" the fourth, "Murder;" and the fifth was called "Fatal Platform," and just above it was the scaffold where he was to end his wretched life. Boys, if you would avoid the last step, don't set your foot upon the first. Beware of the beginning of evil.

Amusing Incident at a Bridal Party.

One evening recently a member of the Elk Association, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was married to a young lady residing on Humboldt street. In the height of the festivities the joker of the association by some means got possession of the bride's tiny satin slipper. This he circled about his head as the guests, attracted by the bride's timid scream, began to gather about him. "How much, ladies and gentlemen," said he, "am I offered for this jewel?" The guests, fully appreciating the joke, freely made bids. Upon a bid of \$70 being made, the amateur auctioneer feigned to be displeased, and exclaimed, "Why, the little bunch of ribbons on it is worth more than that." The bid having been raised to \$125 by an admirer of the young bride, the members of the association themselves began to compete for the possession of the slipper, and with a call of \$150 gained the prize. The fortunate gentlemen intend to cover it with a glass case and place it in a prominent position in their club-rooms. During this bidding the blushing bride and discontented groom stood utterly dumfounded on the outskirts of the crowd of laughing guests. The occurrence is said to have aroused the groom's mathematical ardor, and he is reported to be studiously engaged in endeavoring to solve the problem: "If the little slipper is worth \$150, how much is the little girl herself worth?"—*Ed.*

The Fervent Prayer of the Righteous.

Bill Rutherford, the retail Presbyterian of Peoria, tells the following story: "A good old minister of the Kirk, in a parish in Scotland, was called in a new parish. In walking his rounds he came to an out-of-the-way hamlet. In answer to his inquiries as to how the family was getting along, the old dame said they were all well but Davy, an' he was laid wi' a sore on his leg and could na' work. The good pastor, on taking leave of the family prayed for them all, and especially for Davy, that his affliction might be sanctified to his use and departed. At the next house he was asked after the family he had just left and replied that they were all well but Davy, and he was sick with a sore leg. 'Ae yes,' said the man, 'Davy's hind legs is skurfin' up wi' cracks.' 'His hind legs,' inquired the astonished divine. 'Ay,' said the man, 'Davy is a donkey.' The good minister had been praying for the family donkey.

Two men were looking at some persons stretching a rope across the street from one house-top to another for the purpose of suspending a banner. Said one: "Shure an' what will they be afther a-doin' at the top of thim houses there?" The reply was: "Faith an' it's a sub-marine telegraph they're afther puttin' up, I suppose."

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Temple and Worship of Diana.

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Justice is administered in a very primitive way at Northampton, Mass. A recent visitor there dropped into a justice's court in time to see an old offender committed for twenty days. Glancing out of the window soon after the visitor saw the supposed prisoner walking alone on the street. "Why," he asked, "where is that man going?" "To jail, where I sent him," calmly replied the justice. "And is that the way you do criminal business in Hampshire county?" "Always," was the bland reply. "Mr. Officer, the next case?"

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Says the *N. Y. Observer*: In response to cards of invitation, about seventy persons, clergymen and laymen, from different evangelical churches of Vermont, met Mr. D. L. Moody in the Baptist church of Bellows Falls, Sept. 18th, and partly perfected a plan for union meetings at certain prominent points in the State. President Hulbert of Middlebury College presided. A most cordial welcome was given Mr. Moody. After spending more than two hours in consultation and devotional services, he announced his purpose to spend the month of October at Burlington; Major Whittle will be at Rutland at the same time, and Mr. Needham will occupy some other prominent point in the State, not fully determined. A committee of seven, of which Col. Franklin Fairbanks is chairman, was appointed to cooperate with the evangelists. St. Albans, Montpelier, Bennington, and Brattleboro, are among the places whose claims for evangelists-laborers were presented in the conference.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon in the County of Polk.

Joseph Holladay, Plaintiff, vs. Ben Simpson, Nancy Simpson, A. B. Meacham, J. S. Wall, Albert Whipple, J. M. Greenbaum and H. Greenbaum, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants, J. S. WALL, ALBERT WHIPPLE, J. M. GREENBAUM and H. GREENBAUM.

IN the name of the State of Oregon, you, and each of you, are hereby notified and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within ten days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, if served within Polk County; or if served within any other County of this State, then within twenty days from the date of the service of this summons upon you; and if served by publication, you are notified and required to so appear and answer said complaint by the first day of the term of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, following the expiration of the time prescribed in the order for publication, to wit: Six weeks from the first publication thereof, and which said term of said Circuit Court will be held at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, commencing on the first Monday of December next, to wit: December 3, 1877, and if you fail to so appear or answer, judgment for want thereof will be taken against you, and the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, which is in substance as follows, to wit:

For the foreclosure of a certain mortgage executed June 17, 1872, by Ben Simpson and wife to A. B. Meacham and Ben Holladay (which has been assigned to plaintiff) upon the following described lands in Polk County, Oregon, to wit:

All of the donation claim of Thos. H. Hunsaker and Jane his wife, being claim No. 71, Notification 5061, and situate in T. 6, S. R. 6 and 7 W. W. M., containing 640 acres more or less. The north west quarter of section 25, T. 6, S. R. 7 W., and 51 acres off of the west end of the north west quarter of section 30, T. 6, S. R. 6, W. W. M.; also beginning at a post on the northern boundary of Jacob Doran's land claim, running thence west 80 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 40 chains, to the place of beginning, containing 320 acres in section 26, T. 6, S. R. 7 W. W. M.; and also the undivided one-half of claim No. 16, notification 7826, in T. 6, S. R. 7, W. W. M., containing 483 and 61 one-hundredth acres, being part of original land claim of Levi Barden and wife; and that each and all defendants and all persons claiming by through or under them may be foreclosed and barred of all right title and interest and equity of redemption in said premises and every part thereof, and that said premises may be sold as prescribed by law, and the proceeds applied to the payment of plaintiff's mortgage, and for other and further relief.

This summons served by publication in the PACIFIC CHRISTIAN MESSENGER by order made by Hon. R. P. Boise, Judge of said Court, on September 24, 1877.

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