

## Marion County Camp-Ground.

The committee that have the camp-meeting grounds, at Turner, Marion county, in charge, met at Turner, April 12, 1879. We found that we had sufficient funds subscribed to pay for material to fence the grounds, and decided to put in a bill for lumber, and proceed to put up the fence. We also invite proposals until the first day of June for some person to furnish hay and oats on the ground for horse feed, and to furnish meals to such as may wish them (not to exceed 25 cents per meal). The person that will pay the most for such privilege to have the contract. No other shops of any kind will be allowed on the ground. The committee reserve the right to reject all bids.

The meeting is to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in June, and continue over two Sundays. We have made arrangements with Bros. McCorkle, of Eugene, and Peter Burnett, of Salem, to be present, and cordially invite all preachers and members generally to be present with us at that time. This is a fine place to camp, and those that cannot conveniently do so we will provide for at our homes. Come all and have a pleasant time.

HENRY SMITH,  
Chairman of Committee.

ESTRELLA PLAINES, SAN LUIS OBISPO  
Co., CAL., April 1, 1879.

Bro. T. F. Campbell:

The P. C. MESSENGER continues to make its regular visits to our family circle, and we are happy to know that the Pacific coast has so able an advocate of Gospel principles, and we have tried to assist its circulation, but we are so unfavorably situated that our attempts have been fruitless. We are again under the influence of a scorching drouth, and the brethren are yet embarrassed from the drouth of 1877, it has been a great barrier to the progress of the church here; the drouth this year is limited to a small portion of the county including our lovely valley.

The brethren have agreed with me for the spread of the Gospel this summer. We have made one trip and find the people anxious for preaching, and we believe that a good harvest is awaiting for the church, and we hope to be able to report good through the MESSENGER, both of souls won to Christ and subscribers to our paper (I say our paper because of my good feelings for the MESSENGER).

On our trip I found several Disciples scattered, and they seemed to be strangers to each other though they had lived in the same locality for a long time.

We will here report one confession and baptism, and hope to report more soon.

I wish to see the MESSENGER become the household visitor of every Christian family in California.

I wish to say to all whom it may concern that Bro. D. W. Gilbert has sold his farm and expects to leave us in about three weeks; he intends to locate in the northern part of California or in Oregon. He was put forward as a preacher of the Gospel by the Estrella congregation, and has labored with us as such; and we hope that wherever he goes that his labors may be crowned with success, as he has informed me that his intentions are to labor in the Gospel field.

Your brother in Christ,  
D. G. WRIGHT.

**TO REMOVE MARKS FROM TABLES.**—Hot dishes sometimes leave whitish marks on varnished tables, when set, as they should not be, carelessly put upon them. For removing them, pour some lamp oil on the spot, and rub it hard with a soft cloth. Pour on a little spirits, and rub it dry with another cloth, and the whole mark will disappear, leaving the table as bright as before.

## Literary Notices.

We have received a copy of the first No. of the *North Pacific Rural Press*, published in Portland by A. A. Bynon; W. W. Baker, editor. It is handsomely printed, and will be devoted to the agricultural and general interests of the country. We wish the new *Rural Press* long life and abundant profit. Terms, \$1.50 per year.

The *Gardener's Monthly* for April is on our table, filled with seasonable hints for the green house, flower, fruit and vegetable gardens. Natural history and science have a place, also literature, travels and horticultural societies. Altogether the April No. is a good one. \$2.10 a year. Address Chas. H. Marot, 814 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

*Leisure Hours* for April contains, besides numerous other attractions, an illustrated article on John Wesley and early Methodism by the editor; in which he gives a description and cut of the first Methodist mission in Oregon. Published monthly by J. L. Patten & Co., New York.

We have received specimen copies of the Standard Sunday School publication, and are pleased to say that they are unequalled in their class of literature. They consist of Bible lessons and lesson leaves with illustrated Sunday school papers for the children. 180 Elm St., Cincinnati, O.

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The want of a journal to tell stutters and stammerers the best course to take to gain unfettered speech, has at last been met by the publication of "The Voice," a monthly of Albany, N. Y., the current number of which we have received. It aims to give all possible information on a most important subject, which, in this country, has hitherto been ignored. The editor has been himself afflicted and has spent several years in treatment, in this country and Europe. His personal experience enables him to treat the subject advisedly, and makes him fight most energetically the charlatans and swindlers who are victimizing those afflicted. "The Voice" recommends itself to speech-sufferers, and to all interested in voice culture. \$1 a year; sample copy, ten cents.

The *Library Magazine* for March will be ready on the 28th—not dated in advance, as is the custom—its contents being mainly from the foreign publication of same date, thus giving what is newest in the literary world. \$1.00 a year, or 10 cents a number. American Book Exchange, Publishers, N. Y.

**MODERN SOCIALISM.**—It is not generally known that the late John Stuart Mill, perhaps the ablest of modern writers on political and social science, commenced in the year 1869 a book on Socialism, which, if it had been completed, would probably have been recognized as the greatest of his works. Manuscript chapters of the incomplete work have recently been brought to light, and are found so nearly complete in themselves, and so ably to discuss questions now most prominent in the public thought, that a London Review, and also *The Library Magazine* of New York are publishing them. They are an-

nounced to appear in book form on April 25th, published by the American Book Exchange, New York. The price, post-paid, in cloth, will be 50 cents, or in paper 25 cents. It is a work which all students of political and social topics, and all enlightened citizens, will be glad to read.

## Pompeii.

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