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OFFICIAL PAPER FOR POLK COUNTY.

MONMOUTH: SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1871.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MESSENGER.

PLEASANT HILL, August 11 1871.

From Eugene we passed through the valley lying between the McKenzie and the Middle Fork. The land is level and fertile, except at a few points occupied by beds of gravel. The prospect for a heavy yield of grain is better here than any other section through which we have passed. The Mohawk is a tributary to the McKenzie from the north. The valley is 15 miles long by one wide. The soil is very rich and easy to be irrigated by the numerous streams coming down from the mountains on both sides. We found a small band of brethren in this valley, with brother Weddle for their preacher. Though he has numbered seventy two summers, he has strength of body and mind to do good work in the Master's vineyard.

Four times since he entered the ministry forty three years ago, has he moved to the front and occupied the position of a pioneer. His zeal is unabated and his purpose fixed to die with the armor on. What a debt of gratitude the present generation owe to this venerable man and his compeers of the past age who have given their strength and substance to the good cause; The same zeal and energy in earthly pursuits would have amassed fortunes; yet they are, today, many of them, in independent—some in destitute circumstances. The churches should see to it that these fathers in Israel should want for nothing—that their latter days should be spent free from care and anxiety lest they come to want. How small a matter it would be for each member of the church to contribute on every first day of the week a little—say one dime—to be used for the benefit of these who are needy? The wants of these venerable men and their families could be supplied from such a fund, without oppressing any one. A mere mite from each member would swell into a rich bounty to the few recipients; for we have only three or four in our state to whom we are thus heavily indebted for past labors. Bro Weddle came to the valley, from Iowa, last summer, yet much of the fruit of his early labors preceded him to Oregon, and these are no less under obligation to him than if his labors had been here from the beginning.

What we most need in this matter is concert of action, and this can easily had if each congregation will act on the divine model and carry out the apostolic teaching take up collections for the poor saint every first day. These collections need not be large, but they should be regular. Every week's contribution should be regarded as sacred to the Lord, and set apart specially; and if it is not convenient to put it into the Lord's treasury, on a given day, it should be carefully preserved and placed there on the next First Day. The Lord's treasure should not be kept in our coffers, but in the Lords treasury. That is the place for it, that the Lord's needy children may receive it in due time.

Let not these servants of the Master suffer want in our midst, nor feel that that they are as burdens. We are reaping the fruits of their labors socially, morally and spiritually, they should share ours in the good things of this world.

From Mohawk we returned to Springfield, where we extemporized a congregation for evening meeting. Springfield is important for its water-power, at present driving only a sawmill, and a flouring mill; but ample for a very large amount of machinery.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

CORVALLIS, August 13, 1871.

BROTHER CAMPBELL:—My object in writing to you, is to ask a few questions, which, if you feel so disposed, you may answer through the columns of the MESSENGER:

1. Will you have a full school? 2. Can you take in students at any time after school has commenced? 3. Can a young man get to work for his board, near the College? 4. Can students who desire to board themselves, rent rooms near the College?

Yours truly,
ELIZABETH THULLINGER.

The above questions will be answered as they occur:

1. We expect to have a full atendance at Christian College this winter. 2. Students will be admitted at any time during the session. 3. We do not know that a young man can find employment during the winter season. The best way to ascertain is to make personal application. 4. Persons wishing to board themselves can rent rooms at reasonable rates.

We trust these questions are answered satisfactorily.

The Empress Eugene has adopted the little son of Madame Bonne, the Parisian milliner, who was murdered by the National Guards.

Letter from Brother Thurston.

NORTH FORK COQUELL RIVER,
Third Lord's Day, July 16th, 1871.

BROTHER T. F. CAMPBELL:—In looking over the columns of that welcome paper, the MESSENGER, in No. 38, I see the growth of the Church in Oregon along the great thoroughfare of this State is rapidly progessing. Along this route it is easy travelling, and the ministers can ride at leisure in saddle or buggy, (and dine on chicken-pie and such dainties.)

In every little town, hamlet and settlement, they have preaching and an organized church; they are represented at the General Assembly or State Meeting, and the growth of each congregation is recorded. It affords me much joy to learn of the growth and prosperity of the church of our Lord; but oh! how it grieves me when I look around me here, and see a few brethren with no one to come here to declare unto them the glad tidings of the Gospel; no one to give one kind word of encouragement; no one to cheer them in this gloomy vale of tears; save Bro. Todd, who comes but twice a year.

And why is this the case. I can assign no reason, except, that we are not able to pay them a large salary for coming; but as I have tried to get several of the brethren to give us a call, and as only one has ever yet responded, I shall cease farther to complain. You may well imagine what the state of the Church is here, with so little preaching.

Brethren, you who have taken that responsibility upon yourselves to preach the gospel, look at this, and let me ask you here, did Christ or his disciples go where the road was easy, and money plenty; or did they go where the people were poor? Was the command to preach the Gospel to those who live where you can drive a carriage, or was it to preach to the poor and needy, everywhere?

Again, I invite you, brethren, to come and give us a call. We cannot promise you money now, but we can give you potatoes and wild meat to eat, and plenty of cool water to drink.

Your brother in Christ,
HIRAM THURSTON.

BRO. MCBRIDE'S LETTER.

BRO. CAMPBELL,—It is often said, and perhaps truthfully, that no one man understands everything in the New Testament; and the supposition is about as common that the entire christian world understands it all; some this portion, some that, and some again other portions of that sacred book.

The suppositon carries upon its surface, a degree of plausibility, but its truthfulness is by no means certain. As in the New Testament we are informed that some who enjoyed the inestimable privilige of setting under the voice of inspired teachers, such as Peter, Paul, *et al*, and also under the clarion tones of eloquence from the silver tongued Apollos—a fellow-laborer with Paul—was, nevertheless, complained of as being shamefully deficient in "the knowledge of God."—I Cor. xv, 34. And many complaints of like nature in the epistles. But all of them in the apostolic age, so far as reported in the New Testament, understood the elementary principles of the Gospel well, and all understood them alike. For instance, faith was in all cases a prerequisite in the subject to be baptized, nor do we hear any controversy between christians on this subject. Nor do we ever find any one of them even suggest the idea of infant church membership, or infant baptism by a proxy faith of some one else. These things are not so much as hinted by any inspired or uninspired christian men or women in the divine oracles. Faith and repentance were assented prerequisite in the subjects of this holy ordinance.

Again, as to the action or mode of baptism, when it was commanded no enquiry was ever made by the subject or his friends as to what mode, what action, or which is the right way, or the best way? all seemed to understand it perfectly without controversy or enquiry. Had several modes, ways, or more properly, actions, been prevalent in the apostolic age, some apostle or some evangelist would have specified which, naming the different modes or actions; or in all probability some earnest and honest believer just about to submit to this ordinance would have enquired of Paul, or Peter, or James, or Jude, or some evangelist, which is the right way, or the better way, or the best way. And the simple, but significant, fact that no such enquiry was ever made, is next to positive proof that the action called baptizo or baptism, was one, and but one. But, to fully, fairly and honestly settle this fact, that the action or act denominated baptism was one, the apostle Paul informs us that there is "one Lord, one faith, and *one* baptism."—Eph. iv, 5.

Baptism is not a mode, but an act or action, and no three actions can differ more widely than dipping, pouring, and sprinkling. The three actions are grouped in one order in Deut. xiv, 15, 16. "The priest shall pour oil into the palm of his left hand, he shall dip his finger into the oil and sprinkle it." etc. These acts differ as much as flying, plowing, talking, or as standing upon your head or heels.

And it is somewhat astonishing that in this enlightened age and free country these simple elementary principles of the Gospel are not understood, but denied, traduced and practiced! And while it is not expected that every recondite question alluded to in the Bible will be generally understood, it is a sad truth that so many with learning and talent, and no stinted amount of zeal; with ingenuity and studied craft seek to turn away the public mind from the plainest truths of God's word; and strange to say, claim to be called and sent of God to preach the Gospel!

This must be the time when men were to "turn away from the truth and turn unto fables." And when many "would not endorse the truth, but keep to themselves teachers having itching ears." "The second beast," is now giving "power to the first beast," having borrowed from the old mother of harlots her form of church government, infant church membership, and sprinkling instead of baptism. The second beast was to make an image of the first beast. And eventually the latter will itself be absorbed into the former. The process is now going on with rapid strides.

I heard a gentleman, a few days ago in a sermon, inform the sinner in what frame of mind he must approach God for remission of his sins; and to exemplify the humility and contrition necessary, he quoted Saul's enquiry, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And also Cornelius, "what shall I do to be saved? And even ventured to ask the pentecostal interrogatory, "men and brethren what shall we do?" But did he give the answers to those questions? No! he shied off from these inspired answers, each and every one of them with as much apparent craft and shrewdness as the devil displayed at the temptation. The occasion especially demanded the answers furnished by inspiration. If this and its like is not "handling the word of God deceitfully" I know not what could be justly so demonstrated. 'Tis far from "commending ourselves to every man's conscience, in the sight of God."—II Cor. iv, 1 to 4 inclusive. J. MCBRIDE.

SODA SPRINGS, August 14th, 1871.

INDEPENDENCE ITEMS.

From our Special Correspondent.

Wheat is coming in rapidly. But little is sold, as most of the farmers are storing their wheat and will sell only when it will bring one dollar per bushel. Ruling price at present, ninety-five cents.

Oats are scarce. Price, fifty cents.

The P. T. Co.'s boats have made another change. The *Shoo Fly* leaves Salem on Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays, at five oclock, A. M., for Albany, and returns the same evenings at 7 P. M.

There have been a dozen drunks during the last week.

We state, on the authority of a reliable gentleman, that Mr. Hodgin of Independence, is not, as report says, married.

Insurance agents are doing a good business. Your old townsman, J. S. Churchill has taken a twenty year endowment policy for $5000, and has the local agency for the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company. V. M.

INDEPENDENCE, August 14, 1871.

SHORT SERMON FOR DESPONDENTS.

"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." If in our troubles and vexations we could fortify ourselves with this thought, we should build a tower of strength. The fears of failure, the fears of to-morrow, the fears of this that or the other thing which may happen in a future as yet by no means seen, are all so many barriers raised against possible success.

Despondent thoughts are crushers to to mental exertion. They invite the very evils we dread. When on our countenances or in our words we hang out the sign, "I fear I shall fail," we discourage help from any quarter. The weak, who might assist us, are repelled; the strong discouraged.

There is help for the gloomy, the despondent, the melancholic, in saying over and over again the words, "I will, I will, I will get up and get out this low frame of mind."

The mind is an edifice. Will is the timber which supports its roof of thought. Will must be ever strengthened, and the roof ever raised. If not, it will fall in and crush us under the ruins.

Try the will cure. You laugh at its simplicity. Try it. The best remedial agencies in the world are what we call the simple because they are common, and common things and very wonderful. Science can find no quicker remedy for allaying the pain of a burn than cold water; nothing can you find better than a handful of wet mud for taking the venom from a sting.

The muscle most exercised becomes the strongest; the tree most blown against becomes the firmest braced against the blast; the quality of mind most exercised becomes likewise the most strengthened, be it will or patience.

"What might have been if we had done thus or so," is our constant complaint. What might have been is a myth. Had the farmer settled higher up on the banks he would not have been swept away by the freshet. Ignorance of a law placed him there. Ignorance of laws places us all where we may suffer loss. Had I not certain miserable, disagreeable qualities, I might have retained more friends. I have lost them. Why mourn? They were certainly lost to me ere I thought I had them. There is no such thing as "might have been." Our loss is gain. It is by loss we may detect the evil in us. We shall reconstruct ourselves accordingly; build higher up on the banks, and be no longer swept away.

Why plunge in a gulf of deep despair by reason of a mistake? Experience is built up of mistakes. Men and women were sent into this world partly to teach other their mistakes. Who is free from them? Fools and idots never dream of mistakes. Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Ways of treating the Word.

There are two ways of treating the seed. The botanist splits it up, and discourses on its curious characteristics; the simple husbandman eats and sows; sows and eats. Similarly there are two ways of treating the gospel. A critic dissects it, raises a mountain of debate about the structure of the whole, and relation of its parts; and when he is done with his argument, he is done; to him the letter is dead; he neither lives on it himself, nor spreads it for the good of his neighbors; he nether eats nor sows. The disciple of Jesus, hungering for righteousness, takes the seed whole: it is bread for to-day's hunger and seed for to-morrow's supply.—*W. Arnot.*

It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.

NEW THIS WEEK.

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Harness and Saddle Maker,
Monmouth, ... Oregon.
All work executed in a workmanlike manner. Satisfaction guarranteed.
Monmouth, August 19. 45tf

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Will visit Independence, on Monday, August 28th, 1871. All operations guaranteed.
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Doors and Sash always on Hand,
—AND—
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BLINDS MADE TO ORDER!!
SASH
With or Without Lights, to suit Customers.
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EVERY SIZE WINDOW-GLASS FOR SALE.
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Farmers! Farmers!
The undersigned has purchased the Warehouse near the long bridge at Independence, and is now thoroughly repairing the same for the purpose of storing Wheat. Those desiring to do so, will find every accommodation. Sacks furnished those wishing them.
42tf J. C. BELL.

Blacksmith Shop.
GEORGE KRAMER, having built a new and commodious shop at the southeast corner of the Public Square in Monmouth, is ready to do, at short notice, and in good style, all work in his line. Thankful to his friends for former patronage, he solicits a continuance of the same.

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Window Glass.
PERFUMERY, TOILET GOODS,
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WE respectfully invite the attention of all who are in want of such articles as are kept in well regulated drug establishments.
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COX & EARHART,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
GROCERS,
AND DEALERS IN
Flour, Mill Feed and Grain,
MOORES' BLOCK, SALEM.

Take Notice.
All accounts due me MUST be paid in 60 days from date. R. CLARKE,
Dixie, July 31, 1871. 43m2

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AN OFFICE WHERE GENERAL INFORMATION concerning the resources of Oregon can be OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE.
Loans negotiable on first mortgage, real estate and collateral security.
Have for sale a large amount of property, located in the towns of Albany, Brownsville and Corvallis.
Also, 60,000 acres of farming lands of every description, in Linn, Benton and Polk counties.
Persons desiring to sell their property incur no expense in placing it in our hands for sale, unless a sale is made. Call at our office, in Parrish' brick, where we have a team in readiness to convey parties to view our lands.
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Wheat Wanted!
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42tf

STRAYED
FROM THE PREMISES OF THE SUBscriber, May 8th, a bright Bay Horse, 14¼ or 15 hands high, small head and neck, stands high in the shoulder and neck, droops behind; all four dark feet, unshod; tail short and thick.
Any person returning the same to me, or giving information of his whereabouts will be liberally rewarded. DR. J. C. GRUBBS.
Dallas Oregon.

Reduced Rates of Ferriage
OF THE SALEM STEAM FERRY.

For each span horses and wagon	25
" " additional animal	6¼
" " horse and buggy	25
" " five crossing, paid in advance	1 00
" " man and horse	25
" " six paid in advance	1 00
" " footman	12½
" " twelve crossing, paid in advance	1 00
" " loose animal	12½
" " twelve, paid in advance	1 00
" " hog, sheep or goat	4

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THE nearest and most practicable route from Salem to Independence, Dallas, Monmouth, Corvallis, Yaquina Bay, and all intermediate points.
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The Road is in good condition, and the banks have been greatly improved.
A Competent Ferryman will always be in attendance. CHAS. W. PETTYJOHN,
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MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

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43 H. LINDSAY.

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Main Street, Opposite Court House.
DALLAS, OREGON.
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I AM NOW PREPARED TO OFFER A large assortment of choice
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Also, a General assortment of
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I design to keep only the CHOICEST and BEST articles, and sell them at a Small Profit For Cash.
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2:tf C. B. STILES.

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Terms, positively Cash or Produce.
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MY STOCK consists in part of
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Keep constantly on hand CHANDLER'S PATENT WINDOW CURTAIN.
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MY MOTTO:
"SMALL PROFITS AND QUICK RETURNS."
I have also for sale, ONE IMPROVED "HAINES' HEADER." Bran new.
Postoffice Building.....Monmouth.
H. LINDSAY.
Monmouth, Nov. 24th, 1870. n1-tf

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