

**WITH THE CHURCHES**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Young people who are studying "The Uplift of China" have not been disappointed. They met last Tuesday instead of Monday. At that time a debate was carried out, the question being "Resolved, That Parker did more to open China to missionary effort than Morrison." Mr. Sharp led the affirmative side and Miss Halloway the negative.

Rev. C. H. McKee has arrived in Southern Oregon. He is to have charge of a colporteur wagon in this part of the State. He is the right man in the right place. The people in this district are to furnish the horses and the Publication Society all other bills for equipment and maintenance. His coming fills a long-felt need. Towns now not accessible from the railroad and all the homes in the outlying districts will be visited and cared for.

With last Sunday the Pastor of the Baptist Church began his second year of service. He finds human nature much the same in Oregon as in Minnesota and the East. He has found a good welcome here and appreciates it. While it is not his to scan the unwritten page of another year, he entertains the hope that "The best is yet to be", that as pastor, citizen and friend, a place of larger service may be occupied.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH ECHOES.**

Fine audiences at the Christian church last Sunday. The Sunday evening sermons on the subject "The Man, Christ Jesus" are meeting with much approval. This series will continue for several weeks.

The Grants Pass Christian Church gives about \$50 annually to Oregon missions, besides \$100 to district missions.

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society has received in gifts already this year \$300,000, a sum greatly in excess of any previous year. The society is now making a call for 100 volunteers to go out to foreign fields by 1908.

The Sunday School at the Christian church is having a very steady growth. Mrs. W. H. Bateman is its very efficient superintendent.

Evangelist Scoville of the Christian church is now in a great meeting at Lincoln, Nebraska, with 800 confessions in 14 invitations. This promises to be the largest of Evangelist Scoville's meetings. He has had as high as 1200 additions.

The Boys Sunday School class of the Christian church on Friday evening, two weeks ago, gave a "Ghost Social." The boys entertained the audience for the first part of the evening with a number of little farces which they played very well. Following this they served Boston baked beans, coffee and sandwiches. After this Miss Vera Story, one of the teachers in the Riverside school, entertained the audience with several very well rendered readings.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching service 11 a. m. Junior at 3 p. m. Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Evening service 7:30 p. m. The Christian church always gladly welcomes your presence.

**TEMPERANCE NEWS FROM MERLIN.**

A short time ago two of Merlin's citizens got up a petition to get a saloon. They succeeded in getting a number of names but the better class of men immediately got a remonstrance. It remains to be seen which class has a majority but we trust the temperance element will yet win. The women, too, have signed a remonstrance of their own.

About a year ago there was organized here a Loyal Temperance Legion with a membership of perhaps 16 children. Meetings were held twice a month until summer when they were suspended. Since the first of September meetings have been held regularly. Much interest has been shown and the membership increased to about 25.

Mrs. Lanterman, who is always interested in temperance work and especially in the children's part of it, and the L. T. L. leader, Miss Stites, planned to give the children a Hallows'en social. As soon as their plan became known, a number of ladies came to their assistance, really doing most of the work.

The rooms were artistically decorated with autumn leaves, potted plants, cut flowers and jack-o'-lanterns. Fifty or more children, with 12 or 15 grown people were there by 7 o'clock. A program, consisting of regular L. T. L. work, followed by temperance songs and recitations was carried out under the leadership of the president, Miss Josie Thompson. The children like to do these things and entered into that part of work as heartily as they did the games later. After some time spent in playing games a bountiful lunch was served

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by the ladies. If good things to eat count for anything, the social was certainly a success for there was an abundance of cake, sandwiches, cookies, jack-o'-lantern tarts and popcorn. The children consider it one of the important events of their lives and the older people thoroughly enjoyed it.

**ELOQUENT SPEAKER COMING**

Next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. the people of Grants Pass and Josephine county will have the privilege of listening to a man who is pronounced one of the most eloquent in the country. This person is the venerable Dr. E. S. Chapman, who has won national fame for his great fight against the liquor traffic. He is said to be both eloquent and convincing and his services are ever in demand all over the United States and the temperance people of Oregon feel very fortunate in being able to secure his services, even for a short period. He will deliver but the two addresses in this county and in order that the people may have a chance to hear him, the new opera house has been secured for both the morning and evening services and there will be no preaching services in the city churches either at 11 a. m. or at 7:30 p. m. Special music will be provided and it promises to be a memorable day for the cause of temperance in Josephine county.

**SOME RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.**

The new minister for the Grants Pass M. E. church, South, has been appointed by the Bishop and he is expected to soon appear on the local field. At present he is carrying on a good work back in the state of Missouri.

Upon what does the liquor traffic depend? Upon debased manhood wronged womanhood and defrauded childhood. It holds a mortgage over the cradle, a deed written in heart's blood over every human life.

"When I saw that long piece on 'Purity,' in the last Courier, I was rather inclined to think that you had a sermon and that it would not be read very widely, but when I got started on it I could not stop until I had read it through. And say, it was splendid. Such articles ought to be given wide publicity and Mr. Stovall is to be congratulated upon the masterly manner in which he presented it. Yes, it was a splendid article," was the way one citizen spoke, in conversing with the reporter.

A Kansas editor who contracted the habit of going to church has this to say: "Ladies should take off their hats at church. No preacher can inspire a man who is looking into a congregation of dead birds, stuffed wessels, chameleon skins, ribbons, beads, sticks, straw, corn tassels and thistle-down. It makes a sinner feel lost in the wilderness."

Medical Standard: "Medicine and morals are inextricably intertwined. The immoral physician is foredoomed to failure. Let this axiom be clearly sounded from every chair in every medical college in the country. Whoever would be a successful physician must be a teacher and practitioner of morality—not necessarily by word of mouth—there are already too many such moralists—but by influence and conduct. He must persistently and consistently frown on immorality, because immorality per se is a powerful—perhaps, the most powerful—etiologic factor in a pathologic

condition of mind and body which is pledged to combat and uproot.

The officials of St. Ann's Catholic church, in this city, have purchased five acres of ground and they will now proceed to lay out a Catholic Cemetery.

**BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN NOTES**

Owing to the great noise from the engines blowing off steam in the S. P. round house, nearby, the members of Bethany church are seriously thinking of securing a new site and moving the edifice away from the nuisance.

Last Sunday the Sunday School made a fine showing. The attendance was remarkably good. One thing which pleased the pastor was that 80 Bibles were brought by members of the school, which is an indication that it is truly a Bible school.

The excellent anthems rendered by the double quartette are adding much to the interest of the services. Director Kinney much pleased with the good work being done by the choir.

Pastor Evan P. Hughes entertains great hopes of having Bethany a truly evangelistic church and he is already beginning to realize somewhat of his earnest desires, for the mid-week prayer meetings are well attended and very interesting. There are other equally encouraging signs.

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**Street Tree Planting.**

Various large cities and towns throughout the United States, as well as many lesser ones, are taking up the matter of planting all street trees and with most gratifying success, so much so that another decade will doubtless witness the complete passing of street tree planting by individual property owners or even by concerted action otherwise than under the direction of a city or town official or department. There appears to be no legitimate barrier to a city or town assuming this work, and all the argument is on that side of the question, says the Los Angeles Times. In public improvements what benefits one benefits all, and there is no reason why a city or town government may not make its streets beautiful as well as making them economically usable. It is admitted that trees along the front of a property add value in the same proportion to the cost as do curb, sidewalk or pavement, therefore the expense should be borne in the same manner. So far as returns from the outlay is concerned, the planting of trees is decided the better investment, for while the initial outlay is slight the value accumulates with advancing years, the only phase of street improvement that does.

**Beauty For American Towns.**

A city or town is not built in a day nor in a hundred years. The great sight places of Europe have been slowly and laboriously wrought out by far sighted men and are admirable only after many centuries, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. But American cities have money and the experience of Europe to guide them, and now, with the awakened instinct of civic beauty urging them on, they may accomplish the wonders of Paris and Berlin and Vienna—possibly even of Florence and Rome—in a period short in comparison with the term of a city's life.

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