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### FOR CHURCH UNION

Pastor Herbert E. Ryder Favors Amalgamation of the Baptist and Christian Churches.

The editor of the Press, learning that Rev. H. E. Ryder, pastor of the Baptist church in this city, favored church union of the Christian and Baptist churches, interviewed Mr. Ryder regarding his position in the matter. The result of the interview was the promise on Mr. Ryder's part to give the Press an article on the subject, for publication. Mr. Ryder's communication follows:

Athena, January 27.—To the Editor.—In response to your request for an article for publication as to my views of church union, I beg to submit the following:

The old adage runs, "In Union there is Strength." Nowhere is this more true than among the followers of Jesus Christ.

Workers are not so plentiful that we can afford to dissipate our strength by unwholesome division. Disagreements, bickerings and suspicions will never bring in the Kingdom of God.

Christ never called his own people to contention, but to peace. If God is love, and love is God, then the children of God are the children of love, for sonship is likeness; but while this great profession of sonship is being made the world over, it is largely discounted and discredited by the world on account of the unlikeness to God because of divisions which are at times unkind, and many times cruel.

The Master, Himself, said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." The burden of His great prayer in John 17 was for unity on the part of His disciples, and we are exhorted by Apostle Paul, "Endeavor to the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

It certainly befores the children of God, out of very love for their Savior and Lord, to endeavor to make actual His ideal of unity for His followers. In many places and in many cases, people have made sacrifices to be loyal to their church and to their denominations, at the expense of the kingdom.

These things ought not so to be. As subjects and followers of the King, the Kingdom and not the local organization should be our first concern.

It is gratifying to observe, in our own country, especially, that the walls of division are crumbling in decay, and instead of being rebuilt, the dwellers on each side are reaching across the ruins to shake the hand of fellowship. Temperance workers are getting together and are marching in line and the result spells victory.

All the different denominations may not immediately see eye to eye, but there is no valid reason why these congregations, having the same Church polity, should not at once make a genuine effort to do so. The signs are not wanting to lead us to believe that the two great bodies so closely allied in faith and in polity as the Christian and Baptist churches, will soon be marching under one banner. Such a consummation is earnestly to be desired for the sake of the progress of the Kingdom and the glory of the King.

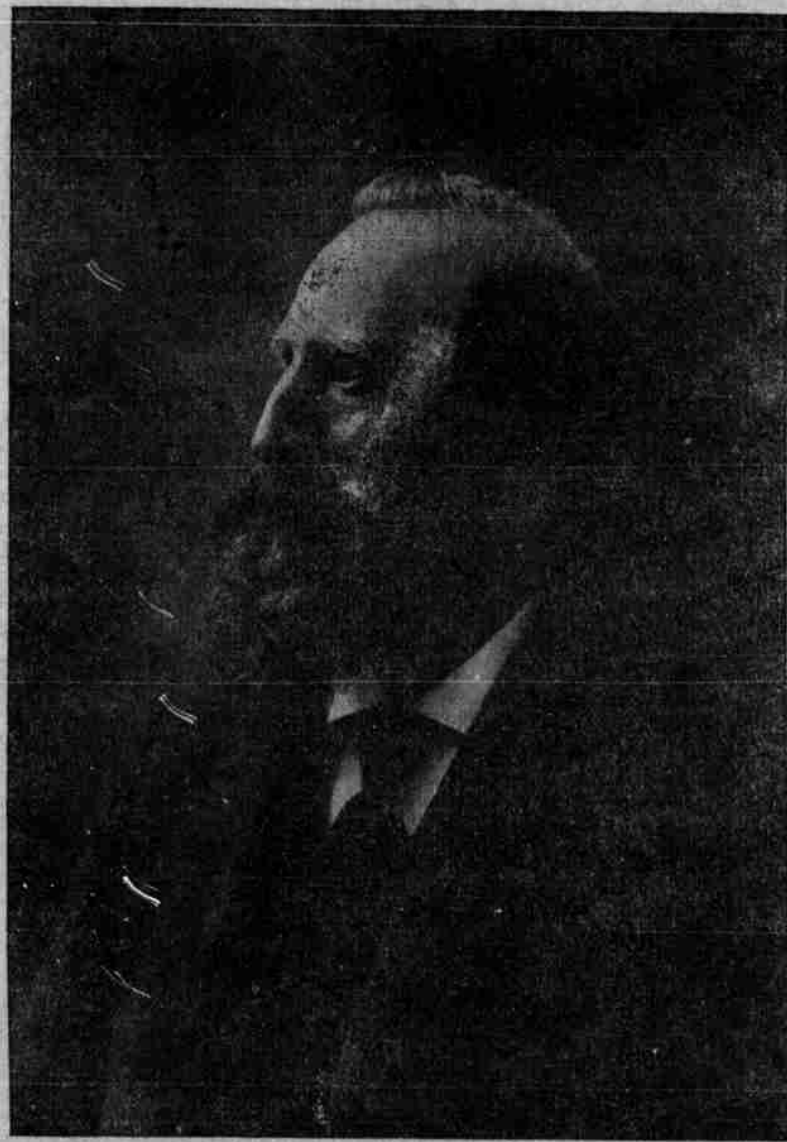
For instance, take our own community for example. Having two immersionist churches for less than a thousand people, both professing to love and follow the same Divine Master; both supposedly existing for the purpose of strengthening each other's faith and for the evangelizing of the world according to the Master's last command, and yet—strange spectacle—divided, and not always in love.

A sight to make angels weep and devils rejoice.

If there is a better way, surely none will gainsay the statement that it ought to be sought and followed. If

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### HON. THOMAS J. KIRK HAS PASSED AWAY



Man Who Founded Athena—Prominent in County Affairs—Left Legacy of a Successful Life.

Hon. Thomas J. Kirk, the well known and highly respected Athena pioneer, died at his home in this city at 3:45 Wednesday afternoon.

While he was known to be in declining health, his death was totally unexpected by most of the people here, and only a few knew of his serious condition a few hours previous to his death. For several years Mr. Kirk has been in feeble health. A couple of winters were spent in California, where he purchased residence property in Hollywood, a suburb of Los Angeles.

During the last two years, until last fall and early this winter, he seemed to be holding his own, but it is a question whether he was or not, for he was a man not given to complaint, therefore it was possible for him to appear better at all times than he really was. Recently he began taking treatment of Dr. Suter of Walla Walla, and made several trips in company with his wife to that city.

Saturday he came down town, and that evening a severe cold developed. Sunday and Monday he became worse and Tuesday morning, Dr. Suter of Walla Walla and Dr. Sharp of this city were called. A nurse came over from Walla Walla that evening. Mr. Kirk sat by the fire until bed time that evening and on rising from the chair it was found that his limbs were so badly swollen that he was unable to walk and had to be assisted to bed.

From six o'clock Wednesday morning a change for the worse was noted and thereafter he declined until he passed away. His wife, two of his daughters, and one sister, one brother, and other relatives were at his bedside. Another daughter, Mrs. Ackles, and his brother H. H. Kirk, arrived in the city yesterday from Portland.

The funeral is being conducted this afternoon from the Methodist church. Rev. John Le Cornu of Walla Walla, preaches the funeral sermon and the services at the grave will be in charge of the Masonic fraternity.

Thomas J. Kirk was born to Alexander and Sarah Kirk, natives of East Tennessee, in Platt county, Missouri on August 12, 1839, and at

the time of his death, Wednesday, January 26th, 1910, was aged 70 years five months and 14 days. At the age of seven years, in the year 1846, with his parents, he crossed the plains to the Willamette valley, the family settling near Brownsville, in Linn county. The father took a squatter's right and settled on unsurveyed land, obtaining his first seed from French settlers in French Prairie.

Here he grew to manhood amidst hardships of pioneer life, and received training in the schools of that time. Being a young man of industrial and frugal habits, at 21 years of age he had acquired a farm for himself. On this farm he lived until 1871, when he came to Umatilla county, and re-empted the land on which a portion of Athena now stands and which embraces a portion of the present Kirk homestead. Adding by purchase from time to time, he acquired a large body of valuable land and amassed a fortune. Active in political matters, until recent years he was a prominent figure in the republican party of this state. He represented Umatilla county in the legislature and was one of the foremost figures in the famous Dolph senatorial contest. He served his home city as Mayor two terms and for years was a member of the city council. He was well known in financial circles, being at the time of his death president of the First National Bank of Athena.

He was a charter member of Dolph Lodge, No. 80 A. F. and A. M. and also affiliated with the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. lodges of this city.

He was married in Brownsville, Oregon, to Miss Ann Coyle, on October 21, 1860. She preceded him to the grave two years ago. To them were born nine children, three of whom Mrs. Ackles, of Portland; Mrs. Edw. E. Kooz, of this city; Mrs. C. A. McCannou, of Cliffs, Wash., with his present wife, survive him. He is also survived by two brothers, two sisters and one half sister. They are H. H. Kirk of Halsey, Ore., Lee Kirk of this city; Mrs. Burden of this city, Mrs. Frank Hyde and Mrs. Maria Potts.

#### Paid in Fines.

A sequel to the famous Morse horse stealing case was enacted in the circuit court Saturday when three of the defendants, Clarence and Harry Morse and Roy Ellsworth, were fined \$200 each on the charge of driving horses more than ten miles from the range. These men, indicted for larceny of four horses, stood trial twice. At first the jury disagreed, and on the second a verdict for acquittal was found. They were indicted at the same time on the second charge with the result that the county is \$600 richer.

#### Society Minstrels.

The "Sunny South Minstrels," will appear in Pendleton Saturday evening. The production is to be given by Pendleton local talent, under the auspices of the Pendleton Academy. A number of former pupils of the Academy, residing here, will attend the performance.

#### Evangelizing Dixie.

Mr. E. B. Harris, until last week pastor of the Christian church in this city, who with his wife, has entered the evangelistic field, is this week conducting a series of revival meetings at Dixie, Wash.

#### Umatilla County Lands.

Secretary Ballinger Monday withdrew from entry, ground containing possible water power sites. This included 17,332 acres of public lands in Idaho, 2649 acres along the Walla Walla river in Oregon and 2415 acres in Utah.

#### Portland Auto Show.

The annual automobile show at Portland, is attracting large crowds this week. Eastern Oregon is well represented. Dr. and Mrs. Plamondon and H. A. Barrett of this city, were visitors at the show this week.

### M'EWEN FOR MAYOR

Councilmen and Recorder Renominated—Hawks for Treasurer, Taylor for Water Commissioner.

A. B. McEwen, present incumbent, was nominated at the citizens' mass meeting last evening to succeed himself in the office of Mayor.

A goodly number of voters were present, and the voting was by ballot except for city recorder, B. B. Richards being nominated by acclamation.

The retiring members of the council, F. S. LeGrow, Dr. J. D. Plamondon and M. L. Watts, were nominated for reelection. Two changes, only, will be made in the personnel of city officials, should voters give heed to the verdict of the mass meeting—treasurer and water commissioner. Byron N. Hawks was nominated for Treasurer over A. A. Foss, and David Taylor was the choice over M. L. Watts for Water Commissioner. Chas. Betts was placed in nomination for mayor, but declined. The result of the balloting follows:

For Mayor—A. B. McEwen, 29; Chas. Betts, 5; blank, 1.

Councilmen—F. S. LeGrow, 20; J. D. Plamondon, 25; M. L. Watts, 27; D. H. Sanders, 16.

Recorder—B. B. Richards, by acclamation.

Treasurer—A. A. Foss, 10; Byron N. Hawks, 25.

Water Commissioner—David Taylor 20; M. L. Watts, 5.

### VERDICT NOT A POPULAR ONE

Decided for Weston Against Athena High In Debate.

The verdict of the Walla Walla judges in the inter-High School debate last night between Athena, affirmative, and Weston, negative, was by no means a popular one. To the minds of a large majority who heard the debate, the Athena team was more impressive in delivery and produced superior argument. The findings of the judges resulted in two for Weston, one for Athena.

The question debated was, "Resolved: That life imprisonment with restricted pardoning power, should be substituted for capital punishment in Oregon."

The Athena affirmative team consisted of Misses Zelma DePent and Jessica McEwen and Mr. Luvois McEwen. The Weston negative team members were Messrs. Cockarline and Lansdale and Miss Bullfinch. The Athena negative team, Misses Dottie Conrad and Ada Banister and Mr. Clarence Brotherton, lost at Pendleton last night and the Pendleton negative team debated at Weston and won.

#### Drinking Creek Water.

In the opinion of William Sutherland, Pendleton water superintendent, the muddy water with which the city has been afflicted at times during the past week, was due to the heavy flood down Wild Horse creek, says the East Oregonian. According to Mr. Sutherland Wild Horse became so high and turbulent several days ago that the torrent swept across the river just above the O. R. & N. bridge and penetrated the feeder pipe above the water works. This feeder pipe extends from the pump station to a point at the edge of the river just above the bridge. Although the feed pipe was kept closed it is the opinion of Mr. Sutherland that some of the water from Wild Horse rushed down along the pipe and entered the same in such quality as to affect the supply. If this diagnosis of the case is correct then the people of the city have been drinking water drained from the ranches and corrals along Wild Horse creek.

#### The Poultry Show.

The Umatilla-Borrow county poultry show held in Pendleton this week, was attended by record-breaking crowds. The show was most successful in every particular. The finest strains of birds in the Northwest were on exhibition, the score card showing the exhibition to be one of the best held on the coast this season.

#### Meetings for Sunday Schools.

Rev. W. C. Merritt, international secretary for the Pacific Northwest, is holding a series of meetings in this county this week in the interest of Sunday schools. Monday he held a meeting at Milton; Tuesday at Free-water; Wednesday in this city; Thursday at Echo, and tomorrow and Sunday he will conduct meetings at Pendleton.

#### Matlock Resigns.

W. F. Matlock of Pendleton, who for several years past has been president of the state board of agriculture has resigned and George Chandler of Baker City was appointed in his place by Governor Benson. Mr. Matlock's resignation was caused by ill health. He is at present in the hospital at Portland.

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