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THE CHURCH TROUBLE.

SWEET HOME, June 14th.

EDITOR'S EXPRESS:

Please permit me space in the columns of the EXPRESS to call the attention of the public to a few words of truth concerning our church trouble. I am very sorry to have to do this, but the time has come when I shall defend God's cause. I will say if we are true to God we will be true to our church. We were justly sent to Sweet Home by our worthy bishop, T. H. Bowman, of the Evangelical association. We were not sent here to take the bread out of Bro. Yost's children's mouths, as Bro. Bowersox said in his statement, but we were sent to Sweet Home to work for God for the salvation of precious immortal souls, neither are we here to try to gain the influence of the people by undermining other parties. We too have lived at Sweet Home and are no great strangers here. We had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with a great many warm-hearted friends. Further, I will say that there are good people in Sweet Home who have known Mr. McElroy and myself ever since we were children. In reply to Brother Yost, we knew there were only five ordained ministers on the right side, while there were eleven on the rebellious side. Was it any wonder there was such a rebellious company when they depended on their elders to lead them? Right here is where the mistake was made. These ministers should have been reading our church affairs and praying for God to direct them aright in this affair. If they had done this surely they would not have brought such a disgraceful charge on our beloved church.

It has surely been remarked by some of the rebellious ministers that when they went to conference they did not know which side they would be on for they were ignorant of the church trouble. They had read but very little about it, and also a certain minister said that when he went home and would tell his wife about the affair it would just be as a dream to her, for she knew nothing about it.

Now, I would advise minister's wives to read for themselves, as I have done. I have read both sides and am fully convinced which side is for God and the truth. Furthermore, it was remarked that when Bro. Bowersox left, they thought that was the side. Brother Bowersox is a human being and we should look to one that is higher than man to direct and save us, and when I sweep through the gates of the new Jerusalem, I won't exclaim that Bowersox or Polling has redeemed me, but it will be our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am glad that we are commanded not to be carried around by every wind of doctrine, and that we have such a great friend that will help us in every time of need.

Now let me say, Brother Yost need not think so much harm of our side in trying to hold the old Evangelical property. The church was built and dedicated to that purpose. The people's money built the church. It is true Brother Yost did the most of the work, but he had better been preaching and saving souls and let the people build the church. True, Bro. Yost agreed to let Mr. McElroy preach in

the church, providing he would not say anything against his side or uphold his own party, but as soon as he said one word against his side or spoke in favor of the Bowman side, he could not have the church to preach in any longer, and his elder, nor Brother Fisher, nor any of our party could not preach in the church, and said if it wasn't for the friends that McElroy had in Sweet Home he could not have the privilege of preaching in the church. Bowersox could make his statement against the evangelical church for one hour or more and say hard things against us, but we must keep our mouths closed and not defend the truth. The time has now come when people must hear both sides. We are not here to say hard things about the other party but it is right for us to contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints, and to work earnestly for the upbuilding of God's church, and if God be for us who can be against us? We will not fear, for God and one are the majority. We must remember that we are working for eternity and much depends on the life we live.

The last night that Bro. Bowersox preached at Sweet Home Mr. McElroy asked Bro. Yost if he and Bowersox were going to let our elders in the church. He said if we would open our church in Albany for his elder, he would then open for our elder. He knew it was not in our power to do that, so Mr. McElroy secured the hall for worship, for if the church was too fine for our elder it was too fine for him. He offered to help Brother Yost in a protracted meeting and say nothing of our trouble, but work for the salvation of the people if he would let him preach in the church, but Brother Yost plainly told him he did not want him for he was nothing, and I am very willing to be called nothing for the sake of Christ.

If they are the church why did they not send their bishop to Europe. R. Dubs declared that a split would take place in the church, but he added, "we shall not go out empty handed," and why any Christian man or woman can uphold such a man is more than I can tell. It is silly for any one to think that a suspended bishop, when they claim Bishop Bowman is, would come to the coast to hold conference. The bishop is too smart a man for that, and then why did the elders of the Oregon conference give out appointments for the bishop to preach at certain places, for such things won't work together.

Dear loyal ones, let us be true to God and true to our beloved Zion and everything will be all right. God wants a pure church and I have thought lately that he has taken this plan to cleanse it. May God bless all the true ones, and when we are done with the turmoils of life and have fought the good fight we may meet again.

Yours Fraternally,
MRS. ELLA McELROY.

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A. W. Moses has removed his store to Kirkpatrick's new building, two doors north of EXPRESS office.

HAPPY HOME.

The grain over here is heading out very short. Hay harvest has commenced.

"Canada" is in all her glory now. It is bound to become a place of note yet. The new town of Lecomb, that has been started in opposition to Lebanon, is doing finely and commands quite a considerable amount of trade.

It has just come to our ears that Mr. Amon Waddle has sold his farm to Mr. Cathers and is going to move to his place on Fern Ridge. We are all sorry to lose Mr. Waddle's folks as neighbors and the children from our school.

The Happy Home school will close in two weeks.

The picnic at the Salt Lake school was well attended, showing the patrons' interest in the "cause of education."

We were all cheered up last week by a call from Miss Martha Crowder, of "Obedstown," Tenn., last week.

The crops in the chick-n-pose, duck and turkey line are very promising, and will probably be headed (beheaded) about the 4th of next month.

Jacob Fitzwater, a resident of Happy Home, never trades horses, but a friend of his trades three times a week.

Grandma Duncan is convalescent again. She is 100 years old and cannot stand many more hard spells of illness.

M. Taylor will have to procure a good watchdog—one that will watch the front gate Sunday evenings.

Canada is having a boom. In the last two weeks two new barns have been building in the Happy Home neighborhood. Chas. Scott built a new barn and put an addition to his house with a bay window in it. His neighbors are catching the inspiration. It is hoped they will continue the boom, and Happy Home will have a new school house soon.

Last week a traveling tradesman went through this vicinity. He stopped at the homes of several well-known citizens here and displayed his goods. Immediately the lady of the house selected her a dress pattern and several other articles, when to their astonishment he informed them they would have to take all his goods and pay him the small sum of \$1.00 if they took any. Some of us women would pull hair, so all peddlers had better keep clear of Canada. Not Quite

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