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HIGH SCHOOL P. T. A. HOLDS MEETING

A well attended meeting of the high school P. T. A. was held at the school house last night. After the meeting was called to order, the members enjoyed the singing of old songs, led by Miss Hazeltine. Several matters of business were considered and Foster Butler then spoke briefly on the subject of a public library for the city.

It was decided to change the order of the freshmen and senior teas, having the freshmen tea first and the senior entertainment last. The committee appointed to take charge of these events consists of Mrs. Runyan, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Pierson, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Hillbourne, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Fred Knight and Mrs. Pettey.

A committee composed of Mrs. Storey, Mrs. M. S. Hamm, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Church was appointed to take charge of the school lawn and grounds. It was proposed to have civic orders and lodges take over different sections of the yard and plant shrubbery and flowers.

It was decided to hold an apron and tamale sale at the Chamber of Commerce office on December 22. Mrs. Wright was made chairman.

It was voted that the P. T. A. should support the library drive and give all possible assistance to the Woman's club in putting over the campaign.

Prof. Johnson announced a men's program on Tuesday, January 3rd. Superintendent Hamm and Professors Johnson, Broder and Malone and Story, Mrs. C. W. Bradford, Wendell Wright and B. W. Taylor were appointed to prepare the entertainment.

REEDSPORT TRAPPERS PLACED IN JAIL

Cliff Strickler and Ernest Strickler, brothers, residing at Seaside, were brought to Roseburg last night to serve short terms in the county jail for trapping without a license. The men were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Wallace Benson at Reedport and the former was given a fine of \$25 and costs, and the latter \$35 and costs. O. P. Patch, who was also arrested with the Strickler brothers, was fined \$25 which he paid.

MOTHER WINS CHILD ON MORAL RIGHTS GROUNDS

AKRON, O., Dec. 19.—"It isn't so much a question of law as it is a question of right. The mother sacrificed that the child might have birth. She is entitled to her companionship."

This was the reasoning of the court of appeals here in deciding that Mrs. Mary Cox was entitled to the custody of her daughter, Thistle, aged 5.

The decision, which ends a court fight that has stretched over more than two years, gave to the mother custody of her daughter for the first time in three years.

Sampson and Inez Cox, aunt and uncle of the little girl, had cared for her since babyhood and fought through two courts unsuccessfully to continue their guardianship.

FORTUNE BEFORE WAR: NOW NEARLY VALUELESS

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Money which possessed a value of \$19,822,586.50 in pre-World War days, but is now worth only \$4, including the frame in which it is displayed, is on exhibition at a local bank.

The quantities of currency and the pre-war value follow:

\$2,110,100 German marks, \$19,804,203.80.
10,000 Austrian kronen, \$2,630.
1,000 Hungarian kronen, \$203.
1,000,000 Russian rubles, \$515,600.
50,000 Polish marks, \$1,150.

BROOKLYN BREAKS ALL U. S. BUILDING RECORDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Building construction in Brooklyn for 1923 is expected to aggregate \$300,000,000 according to officials of the building bureau. For the eleven months ending December 1 plans had been filed aggregating \$261,246,377. This breaks all recent Brooklyn records and is believed to exceed the amount of building of any other city in the United States for the same period.

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LETTER PURPORTING TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY CHRIST CARRIES EITHER CURSE OR BLESSING

Chain letters have become so frequent and so common that they are scarcely ever given attention. Letters from a Spanish prisoner are also quite prevalent and have ceased to be a curiosity, but the News-Review has received a copy of a letter which it believes is something really new, at least in this section. This letter has been published in several southern papers and purports to be a letter written by Christ following his crucifixion. It is claimed that unless the person possessing the letter attempts to have it published, that misfortune and trouble will follow the family, while its publication will bring prosperity and good fortune. The letter came into the possession of the News-Review in the manner shown by the following communication:

Lo'ing Glass, Ore., Dec. 12, '23.
Editor News-Review:

I am enclosing herewith a letter, as you will see, which fell into my hands about four years ago. I never thought at that time that I was the least bit superstitious but it seems that everything that I have attempted to do has been very unsuccessful. I sure have had very bad luck since this has been in my possession. So if you will kindly print it just as it is here I am sure there will be no harm done, either for you or me. Beginning with the year that I received this letter I have been sick the greater part of the time. Once we came very near losing everything we had, and even at this present time I am hardly able to do a day's work, and it seems as if we will scarcely be able to get thru the winter.

As this letter states that good luck and success will be to those who have a copy of it and try to have it published, I thought I would write and ask you if you would assist me in changing my luck. If such is possible, and possibly good luck may come your way as well. If it does, well and good. If it does not surely no harm will come to either of us for trying. For I believe that success is to those who try. Yours very respectfully,

S. A. RAMSDALE.

If the publication of this letter will relieve the superstitious fear of anyone, and will do away with misfortune, it is gladly published.

According to the history of the letter, it was written by Christ just after his crucifixion, and signed by the Angel Gabriel ninety-nine years after the Savior's birth and presumably deposited by him under a stone at the foot of the cross. On the stone appeared the legend, "Blessed is he who shall turn me over."

No one knew what the inscription meant, or seemed to have sufficient curiosity to investigate, until the stone was turned over by a little child and the letter discovered. The letter, according to the legend, follows:

"Whoever works on the Sabbath day shall be cursed. I command you to go to church and keep the Lord's day, without any manner of work. You shall not idle or misspend your time in bedecking yourself in superfluities of costly apparel and vain dressing, for I have ordered it a day of rest. I will have that day kept holy that your sins may be forgiven you."

"You will not break my commandments, but observe and keep them, they being written by my hand and spoken from my mouth. You shall not only go to church yourselves, but also your man servant and maid servant. Observe my words and learn my commandments."

"You shall finish your work every Saturday at 6 o'clock in the afternoon at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins."

I advise you to fast five days in the year, beginning on Good Friday and continuing the five days following. In remembrance of the five bloody wounds I received for you and mankind."

"You shall love one another and cause them that are not baptized to come to church and receive the Holy Sacrament; that is to say, baptism, and then the Supper of the Lord and be made a member thereof, and in so doing I will give long life and many blessings. Your land shall be replenished and bring forth abundance and I will comfort you in the greatest temptation, and surely he that doeth to the contrary shall be cursed."

"I will also send hardness of heart on them and especially on hardened and unrepentant unbelievers. He that hath given to the poor shall find it profitable. Remember to keep the Sabbath day, for the seventh day I have taken as a resting day for myself."

"And he that hath a copy of this letter written by my own hand and spoken by my own mouth and keepeth it without publishing to others, shall not prosper, but he that publisheth it to others, shall be blessed by me, and if their sins be as many as the stars by night, and if they truly believe they shall be pardoned, and they that believe not this writing and my commandment will have my plagues upon you and will be consumed with your children, goods and cattle and all other worldly enjoyments that I have given you. Do but once think of what I have suffered for you, if you do it will be well for you in this world and the world which is to come."

"Whoever shall have a copy of this letter and keep it in their house, nothing shall hurt them, neither pestilence, thunder nor lightning, and if any woman be in birth and put

her trust in me she shall be delivered of her child. You shall hear no more news of me except in the Holy Scriptures until the day of Judgment. All goodness and prosperity shall be in the house where a copy of this letter shall be found. Finished."

The story goes that the child that found the letter passed it to one that became a convert to the Christian faith. He failed to have the letter published, but kept it as a sacred memento of the Christ and it passed down to different generations of his family for more than one thousand years.

During this period the family suffered repeated misfortune, migrated to different countries and finally one of them came to America, bringing the letter with him. Misfortune followed until the letter was finally published, appearing first in the Rome, (Ga.) Tribune.

Buy American fence now as the special discount expires Jan. 1st. Wharton Bros.

A VOTE FOR TURKEY WEEK

Portland Oregonian: The Roseburg News-Review, published as it were in the home roost of the finest turkeys on the continent, appeals for the observance of "turkey week." Frequent and insistent have been the calls for such action when other commodities were sinking in a bad market, and gallantly has the state responded, though not always with real enthusiasm. But here is a week that should evoke the whole-hearted sympathy and assistance of all. We would deem it a privilege and no hardship to observe "turkey week" and the glad rites thereof. We would enter the turkey tournament with assured bearing and a loosened vest, resolved to support the Douglas county industry both loyally and long, and at whatever peril to our own comfort.

Of course the public would require certain guarantees. Generally speaking the public stretches a point when it buys a turkey, for in normal years the delectable birds roast exceedingly high. To participate in the celebration of "turkey week" the public would require assurance that a certain fair and fixed price, not subject to the impetus of demand, would be established. Given that assurance we are confident that all loyal citizens of Oregon would make history at the laden board. Their endeavors would enter the records of the commonwealth as a classic instance of earnest co-operation.

A small pig, well browned, with a red apple in his infant mouth, would tempt a mummy. There are favorable points about a capon, lovingly prepared. Nor can the goodly goose be slighted when one speaks of gala viands. Kings of old were wont to dine on peacocks, with their resplendent feathers replaced to enhance the melody of the dish. But never was a braver sight on any table than the roast turkey, popping with his freight of savory stuffing, and sleekly brown to the enamoured gaze. Never did any other dish so well requite the trenchman for his toil. Of course we are in favor of "turkey week."

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society will meet Thursday afternoon in the church parlors. This is social day, and a good attendance is urged.

Why not belong to the News-Review's happy family of readers? Sign up and be the 4126th one to get tonight's paper.

INDIA MUST STORE ITS RAIN

Millions of Human Beings and Animals Dependent Upon Irrigation for Existence.

In no other country in the world are so many millions of human beings and animals dependent upon irrigation as in India. Ninety per cent of India's rainfall is precipitated during the monsoon or rainy season between the months of June and October. For seven months in the year the intensity of the Indian sun over the greater portion of the plains is rarely relieved by as much as a cloud.

From the dawn of history, therefore, the Indian peasant has collected as much of the copious monsoon rain as possible into "tanks" or small artificial lakes from which water was sparingly drawn off to the soil during the dry months. Large wells have also been used throughout the country in districts where water is found fairly close to the surface, and this well water is lifted by hand or by water-wheels operated by bullocks.

A few large irrigation works were initiated by the great Mogul emperors, but these fell into disuse during the chaos which descended on the country after the eclipse of this dynasty. Little of permanent value was done then in the way of comprehensive irrigation projects before the country came under British rule.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Returns Home—

Mrs. A. S. Critch who spent the morning in this city shopping re-

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In Town—

Mrs. Margaret Hanan who is a resident of Garden Valley spent the day in this city visiting with friends and shopping.

We specialize in battery repair work at the Willard Service Station, and you will find our prices right.

Left Today—

Mrs. V. M. Pitchford left this afternoon for Salem where she will spend the holidays visiting with Mrs. Claude Welch.

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