



The Christmas Tree

"The whole world is a Christmas tree

And stars its many candles be."

The Christmas Tree has its origin as the tree of the gift season in a medieval legend. This is a story of the good Count Gorgas who awakened one night to find before his door a great Christmas tree hung with lanterns and dazzling jewels. From beneath this tree came an elfin lady with a jeweled casket of gifts as a reward to the Count for his year of good deeds.

And the Christmas Tree thus became the tree of giving to guard our gifts of appreciation and love.

And there is another story about the Christmas Tree: Candles were burned at an old Pagan festival in December as gifts to the God of Time. Twelve tapers, one for each month, were placed on fir trees and the merry-making of the festival was carried on about the tree.

Light and brightness are always associated with the happiness of gift-giving, and we burn candles again this year with our gift-giving as a symbol of joy.

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A Good Place to Trade

Union Wins From M. C. '5' 42 to Six

Boys' and Girls' Teams Triumph Over Muddy Creek Quint and Sextette.

UNION (Special to the Observer).—Union high school opened their basketball season here last evening with decisive victories over both the girls and boys teams of Muddy Creek. The boys' team not only decisively defeated the Baker county boys, but soundly showed them under with field baskets. The final score was 42 to 6. After last evening's game, fans here are expecting Union to be a strong factor in the district championship race. The girls' team defeated Muddy Creek girls 17 to 6.

Odd Incidents Gave Nicknames to Clubs In National League

CHICAGO, (AP)—There are few baseball fans in the country who cannot tell off-hand the nicknames of the various clubs in the two major leagues. However, there are probably fewer who can tell the origin of these nicknames. The New York club the National League has always been called the Giants. The name was applied back in the eighties, when none but large men were considered for the team. It has stuck, notwithstanding that Manager McGraw in recent years has had some comparatively small men on his team. Cincinnati clings to the Reds, an abbreviation for Red Stockings, which originated from the red stockings worn by the famous old Cincinnati team of the late sixties, one of the first professional baseball organizations. Some sporting writers shortened the name to Red Legs and later to Reds.

The Pittsburgh club got the name Pirates from Louisville when the transfer of the latter's players to Pittsburgh when the National League reduced from 12 to eight clubs. The name is said to have been first applied to Louisville because of that club's successful scramble for players at the close of the Brotherhood war of 1891.

During the leadership of the late Captain Adrian C. Anson, the Chicago Nationals were known as Anson's Colts because the players, young and fast, often were referred to as being "frisky as colts." When Anson left the team other names were suggested but none proved popular until a Chicago sporting editor hit upon Cubs as conveying the same idea as Colts, and besides being convenient for head-writing purposes.

The St. Louis National always have been known as the Cardinals from the color of their jerseys. Some writers shorten the name to Cards. The Philadelphia club has been known popularly as the Phillies, a contraction of the city's name, for 40 years. Some times the name Quakers is applied, Philadelphia being known as the Quaker City.

Brooklyn has had several nicknames. One of the first was the Superbas, derived from Hanson's Superbas, a valuable act which was a hit throughout the country about the time Ned Hanlon became manager of the club. After his departure Brooklyn became one of the first big trolley car centers in the country and the name Trolley Dodgers, later shortened to Dodgers, was adopted and still sticks to the club. In late years the club has been called Robins in honor of the present manager, Wilbur Robinson.

The Boston club for many years was known as the Red Sox because of the city's famous dish, Boston baked beans. Then the club was called the Doves in honor of George S. Duvy, a former owner, and since the ownership of James E. Guthrie has been nicknamed the Braves. This said to have come from the owner's close affiliation with Tammany Hall and the Tammany Braves. Another version of the origin of the name is that it came from Teanumseh, a Shawnee Indian chief. The players familiarly called Manager Stallings chief and linked that with his middle initial "T" as for Teanumseh, although his name is George Tweedy Stallings.

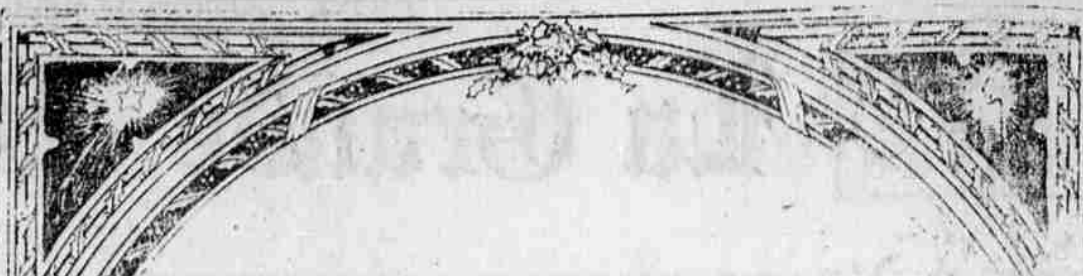
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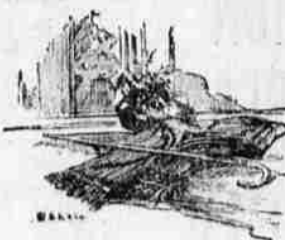
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Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that, by virtue of a Foreclosure Execution and Order of Sale, duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Union, bearing date of the 19th day of December, A. D. 1923, and to me directed and delivered, upon a Judgment and Decree and Order of Sale, duly entered in said Court, in the suit therein pending, wherein Lorenzo Stillew and Hattie Stillew were Plaintiffs and Winnie Elliott was Defendant, in which Judgment and Decree was entered in favor of Lorenzo Stillew and Hattie Stillew, Plaintiffs and against Winnie Elliott, Defendant, for the full sum of \$2290.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8% per annum for a period of one year and continuing interest, together with \$250.00 as a reasonable attorney's fee and for their costs and disbursements incurred herein and taxed at \$22.75, and for accruing costs, and in which said execution I am commanded to make sale of the hereinafter described real property to satisfy said Judgment and Decree, interest, attorney's fee, costs and disbursements thereof including accruing costs.

Now therefore, by virtue of said writ and in obedience to its commands, I will on Wednesday, the 24th day of January, 1924, at the hour of two o'clock P. M., of said day, at the front door of the County Court House in the City of La Grande, in Union County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand and subject to the statutory rights of redemption, all the right, title and interest of said above named defendant in and to the following described real property, to-wit: Commencing at a point 14 chains south of the center of Section Thirty-three (33) in Township two South Range 38 East of the Willamette Meridian; running thence south six (6) chains; thence west twenty (20) chains; thence north 1.5 chains; thence north 77 degrees 24 minutes east to the place of beginning, containing 7.9 acres more or less, except thirty feet off the west and 20 feet off the north side of said tract reserved for road purposes, together with all the appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining, in Union County, Oregon.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 22nd day of December, 1923.

LEE WARNICK, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon. Date of first publication Dec. 22, 1923. Date of last publication January 19, 1924. Dec. 22-29-Jan 5-12-19

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which Judgment and Decree was entered in favor of Johnna Garnett, Plaintiff and against John T. Salisbury and Martha A. Salisbury, husband and wife, Defendants, for the sum of \$750.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 8% per annum from and after the 3rd day of January, 1921, until paid; and for the further sum of \$100.00 as a reasonable attorney's fee here-in, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements incurred in this suit and taxed at \$42.29, and for accruing costs, and in which said execution I am commanded to make sale of the hereinafter described real property to satisfy said Judgment and Decree, interest, attorney's fee, costs and disbursements thereof, including accruing costs.

Now therefore, by virtue of said writ and in obedience to its commands, I will on Tuesday the 22nd day of January, 1924, at the hour of two o'clock P. M., of said day, at the front door of the County Court House in the City of La Grande, in Union County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand subject to the statutory rights of redemption, all the right, title and interest of said defendants or either of them in and to the Southwest quarter of Section Four (4) in Township four (4) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) E. W. M., in Union County, Oregon.

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SPORT NEWS

Washington's Best To Face Navy January 1

Purple and Gold Has the Best Team in Years to Fight Cadets With.

SEATTLE, Wash., (I.N.S.)—When football warriors of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis face the University of Washington Huskies in the Tournament of Roses held at Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day in an intercollegiate tilt which promises to make midweek history, they will battle one of the most powerful eleven that ever stepped into the purple-and-gold uniform. No other team in the country has more men in uniform at present, and no other team has more men in uniform at present, and no other team has more men in uniform at present.

Although the Golden Bears of the University of California edged the Western football powers in finishing at the top of Pacific coast conference teams, Washington played a great season, losing only to California. The Huskies finished runner-up in the Coast conference, champions in the Northwest conference and ranked second among all eleven of the United States in the number of points scored during the 1923 season.

Topped By Cornell. Washington rolled up a total of 274 points, this number being exceeded only by Cornell's 300-point season, which hammered its way through Eastern teams for a total of 320 points.

An analysis of the play in the California game, marking the Huskies' only defeat, shows that the Navy players must be prepared to meet a varied attack when they line up against the purple-and-gold men of Ithaca. Washington will probably feature the brilliant aerial game, emphasized by tremendous line smashes against the Navy in the possession class.

Washington lost to California by a 9 to 0 score, but the figures do not tell the story. The score shows that the contest was one of the most bitterly fought in the West annals. Once Washington set its passing game and advanced the ball to the Bears' three-yard line, where a final forward pass failed, losing a touchdown.

Even Washington's most loyal supporters admit that the Huskies' defense in the California game showed a big weakness. The Washington players failed again and again to stop Captain Don Nichols in returning Washington punts after line Ziel and Torsan

appropriate and Yankee they became. Cleveland baseball clubs have been known as Indians since they were first applied to the Washington team, one of the finest to represent Cleveland before the days of organized baseball and which was referred to as "the Indians from the Forest City." When Napoleon Lajoie became manager of the club the nickname became the Naps, in his honor, but after his retirement the old name, Indians, was resumed.

The St. Louis Americans derived their nickname, Browns, from the color of the stockings worn. They were Browns in the days of the American Association when Charles A. Comiskey of the Chicago Americans was their manager.

The Chicago White Sox are successors of the original Chicago White Stockings. The latter team was organized in 1870 to compete with the Cincinnati Red Stockings and wore white stockings as a contrast and in opposition to the red-stocked players from Cincinnati.

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