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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

OUR PROMISED ENLARGEMENT.

The Prospects of the New Year are as Bright as those of the Old Year were.

With the compliments of the season, we place before the appreciative public the enlarged edition of the ADVERTISER with the assurance that its success and prosperity during the coming year will be even greater than that of the past.

It has been just seven months since the weekly ADVERTISER made its debut, and throughout that time we have had all the success than any one but an editor could desire. Our advertising patronage has been of the best, all available space being taken, and to afford more to the live public is our principal object in enlarging. Hitherto, our paper has been too small to admit of the publication of details, a brief form of which is just what is wanted by up-to-date people, and just what we are now prepared to give to the public at the nominal price of fifty cents per year.

With live reporters on the track of all local news items, and modern office facilities, we shall turn out the best, most attractive and most serviceable paper of its size published. We will not be satisfied with an appearance like that presented by some country sheets,—poorly printed, ads. poorly set, permiscuous arrangement of reading matter, etc.,—but it shall be our aim to produce a paper that will be a model for others. We always lead, let those follow who are competent to do so.

Montana's Defeated Team.

The Butte, Montana, foot ball team passed through Ashland, Sunday, on their return from San Francisco, where they played and lost a game with a team of San Francisco boys. They attributed their defeat to the fact that the mud on the field was too deep, their size and weight serving them at a disadvantage, while their opponents, being small, played all around them, defeating them badly.

During the thirty minutes that the train stopped here, the boys of the team had quite a little sport at the expense of our city marshal.

The players of the Ashland Normal requested the Montana team to sidetrack their car and they (the Normal

team) would show them how to play foot ball. Owing to lack of time, the invitation was not accepted.

THE FALL OF TALLAN.

BY D. H. HAWKINS.

'Twas the "speaking of mid-summer,"
the Gold-god's hour;
When great Tallan sat enthroned in her
pride and her pow'r;
Where the plain of the Madros swept
bold to the wall,
Which surrounded great Tallan and Mal-
abaun Hall.
The Hall Malabaun and the Temple of
Gold;
Whose art-splendor and richness in story
is told.

Then but recent the idol, with rumble
and flame,
To repletion had fed on Umbita's fair
slain;
Tall Umbita, a queen from Barbado's
long line;
Who drank warm human blood as strong
men sip good wine:

And whose radiant beauty was shame to
her cause
Of serving Onsitias, and Malabaun's jaws.

When, all heartless and willing, she
plunged her keen sword
To the heart of the maid, who had sinned
by no word.

Only thoughtlessly there, with warm
youth in their blood,
Had so carelessly broken the laws of
their god.
Thus, before Malabaun they kneel in
their shame;
Till from Umbita's hand the harsh
stroke of death came.

Now when all had been slaughtered, the
chalice was fill'd
With the blood of the fairest, in sacri-
fice kill'd;

Which the Queen of the Stranglers must
raise then on high,
Then quaff it, and bending to Malabaun
cry:

Thus our service is rendered this day to
our god;
When Malabaun bellows, the people are
awed;
For full well do they know till its hun-
ger's supplied,
Ne'er does the Aztec god relent the crim-
son tide.

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A Musical Treat.

The Aramenti Concert Company, of New York, will give an entertainment in Ganiard's Opera House next Saturday evening, January 4th, for the benefit of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua Assembly.

The company contains three most excellent musical artists, Mme. Julia Aramenti, Miss Celia Schiller and Mr. Victor Kuzdo, all of whom have won the admiration and complimentary comment of both press and public.

Every one should come out to hear them. Bear in mind that the benefits remain at home.

Money in Farming.

It is a notable fact that all farming interests improve where it is possible to utilize the water that the wells on the place will produce. How few people think of the value of water for irrigation, and what could be produced at a minimum cost if it were used. The question has been heretofore how to get the water to the surface economically, and this has been accomplished by the use of Gasoline or Kerosene Oil Gas Engine, manufactured by Palmer & Rey Type Foundery, 405 Sansome street, San Francisco, California.

Demand for Apples.

Last Fall, the supposition was prevalent that to dispose of apples at any price this Winter would be no easy matter. In reality, however, it is quite the reverse, apples being in great demand by San Francisco merchants, a number of Ashland shippers having received communications to that effect.

Choice apples are quoted on the San Francisco market at \$1.25 to \$1.75 per box.

More Foot Ball.

The Butte Creek foot ball team has sent a second challenge to the Normal School team to play a match game of ball. Mindful of their own conduct on the day set for the last game, the challenge was accompanied by the suggestion that a forfeit of fifty dollars be paid by the side that fails to respond when time is called.