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Festivities at Benham's

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Benham, of Fairview, entertained their children and grandchildren Dec. 25. The morning was enjoyed by all around a pretty tree, on which Santa had hung many pretty and useful gifts. At 1:30 a delicious dinner was served and the afternoon and evening were spent visiting, story-telling and playing games. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Holverstott, of Fairview, and their three children, Curtis, Ruby and Clynard; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stock, of Sumner; Miss Nan Benham, of Portland; Thos. H. Benham, of Davis Slough; Raymond D. Benham, of Coquille, and Elmer E. Benham, who lives with his parents. Two nephews of Mr. and Mrs. Benham were also present, Ernest Benham and Artie V. Reid, of New Pine Creek, Oregon.

School Closing at Bald Hill

About seventy-five people, young and old, gathered at the Bald Hill School house, Dec. 19th for the closing day exercises. At the noon hour a most sumptuous and appetizing repast was spread forth. A gentleman present had been wondering how all the crowd was to be fed, but after taking a look at the tables, he was heard to remark, "How will we ever be able to eat all

these good things?" or words to that effect.

After the delightful period of eating and visiting a very interesting program was rendered, including songs, dialogues, recitations, varying from grave to gay, and a mirth provoking minstrel show.

The teacher, Inez Luck, and her pupils felt amply repaid for all the efforts they had put forth in the way of decorating, arranging the exhibit work for inspection and preparing the program.

Christmas Tree at Riverton

The community Christmas tree and program by the Riverton Consolidated School on Tuesday afternoon of Dec. 22nd was a beaming success while the true Christmas spirit seemed to prevail with all.

Between 200 and 250 people from the various communities assembled and it was a record day for Riverton. Thanks are due to the weather man for being so kind.

The program consisted of Christmas songs and stories, with a dance by the Intermediate grade and a play entitled, "The Star of the Light of Peace." The concluding number was "Census Taking" by Crystal Sell.

Send the Sentinel to eastern friends.

Moonshiners on Seven Devils

The following story about the discovery of a moonshine still in the "Seven Devils" section and not so far from "Whiskey Run" we clip from Wednesday's Times:

Constable Goodman and U. S. Customs Officer Clarke this morning rounded up a regular moonshine plant in the Big Creek district. The plant was located about 300 yards from the junction of the Bandon and Sunset roads and was in a deep gulch where it would have been secure had it not been for a "tip" which the officers received last night.

The plant was a dugout in the side hill, hipped by old boards, but a well beaten trail indicated that many visitors had been there recently.

Some gasoline stoves, three 50-gallon barrels of raisin and grape malt, some gasoline, etc., were found. All were destroyed by the officers. The owners or operators were not found, probably due to a shooting stunt just before the officers arrived.

G. W. Gage was driving them down and as they neared the scene, they saw two men coming away from it. One had a bottle. The officers called to him and he threw the bottle away. A couple of shots brought him to a halt and Constable Goodman told him to go and pick up the bottle and bring it along. Instead of picking up the bottle, the man ducked into the brush, amid another fusillade of shots.

The officers proceeded and Goodman slipped back alone just as the man emerged from the brush. He surrendered. He said his name was John Gaffey and that he was from the Leneve camp. A hunting license proved his identity.

The other man gave his name as Frank Peterson. He was young and claimed he was from Marshfield. He did not have any liquor and was released.

Gaffey when arraigned before Justice Joehnk entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$50 which he paid.

Previously Gaffey was not very communicative, denied knowledge of his partner's name, denied that he had bought any moonshine, etc.

The bottle contained almost a quart and was colored like whiskey but did not have the liquor odor.

An auto attempted to come to the moonshine plant but when they saw the officers, they hastily beat it elsewhere.

Some local bootleggers are suspected of operating the plant and arrests may follow.

Myrtle Point Man Home

W. N. Eppenson returned Sunday from the service. He has been with the colors in Siberia since in June '18 and tells some very interesting stories of that far off country of horrors. He is wearing three gold stripes, indicating eighteen months' foreign service, of which he is justly proud as well as his friends, for he was one of the first to enlist from here. On his way home he has visited several ports in Japan, of which he took all the advantage possible. His father, J. C. Eppenson is just recovering from an operation at Dr. Pemberton's hospital, and his brother, R. E., is still in the navy.—Myrtle Point American.

What Some Jurors Lack

The following article written by Carl Golder, one of the jurymen in the second Howell trial, and published in the Coos-Bay Harbor will, we think be read with interest:

In the name of right and justice I would like to state a few facts for those on whom falls the duty to mete out the one thing I consider is the equalizer or governor of our social life—impartial justice.

Is our present system of cross examining jurors for qualifying detailed enough to get jurors who can and will deal out impartial justice? Would it be better to spend more time and money to be sure of having impartial jurors than to try lengthy cases and have them continually disagreeing?

I believe it a duty that falls upon all of us to deal out impartial justice from time to time in all walks and phases of life, but I only want to mention this one particular phase. Are all persons qualified to deal out impartial justice as jurors? I believe you will all agree they are not. Because some may be blind, some hard of hearing and some may be prejudiced, etc. So you see we could not all qualify.

A man that cannot hear the questions asked him by the lawyers to determine if he could qualify would also be unable to hear the evidence of witnesses, so would not be able to deal out impartial justice and is disqualified.

Now if a case must be largely determined from certain markings on a certain substance, can a man whose eyesight is not good enough to discern small objects deal out impartial justice; if he would not believe unless he could see with his own eyes—I say no.

If a case must be determined largely from the ability of the jury to form a correct mental picture from a worded description could a juror without an imaginative mind to form this picture deal out impartial justice? I say no. Did you ever hear of grand parents who were not far more lenient with their grand children than they were with their own, and is this always for the best interests of the child? Now do you believe an old person could deal out impartial justice to a boy or would sympathy overrule their best judgment? Could you expect a boy to deal out impartial justice to an old person or would sympathy overrule his best judgment? Could you expect a juror to bring in a verdict of guilty for a single offense if to satisfy his mind a person must have a long criminal record to be guilty? Could you expect a juror to acquit if all questionable characters were criminals in his mind? Or could you expect him to convict if he will swear under oath that he could convict on circumstantial evidence and then go in the jury room and demand eye witnesses to the crime or direct evidence. How many criminals would be brought to justice if it were necessary to produce direct evidence to convict? Could you expect jurors who do not believe one crime sufficient to prove a man a criminal and who would rather release a criminal than to take the slightest possible chance of convicting an innocent man to deal out impartial justice? If men will under oath swear they will determine a case upon the testimony produced on the witness stand and the law given them by the court, allowed themselves to be swayed by the lawyers' plea and acquit, because there are mere possibilities which they cannot consistently link up with the case and because they think the punishment that the law provides too great. If men will do these things can a court select a jury who will deal out impartial justice, irrespective of age, race, or sex, and leave the pardoning or shortening of sentence to be determined by the proper officers.—Carl Golder.

In Memoriam—William Barnett A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is still; A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death nor sorrow nor crying. Neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.—Rev. 21:4. A Friend.

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Church of Christ Notes

On last Sunday morning, after Mrs. Dallas' chalk talk to the children, Rev. Mr. Porter filled the pulpit and we are convinced that Mr. Porter is a learned Bible student and knows the Old Book from Genesis to Revelation. With the usual number in Sunday School, all on time, we truly can say our goal of 100 is near at hand.

The Endeavor topic, "How can we make the new year a more successful one?" was generally discussed by all, and we believe this year, 1920, will be a grand one for the Master.

The exercises on Christmas Eve were a decided success, with a crowded house, the beautiful tree decoration, with a short, well delivered program and a bag of candy which old Santa brought for every child in the house. We feel that everyone went home knowing it was a Merry Christmas in deed and in truth. Mr. Dallas was presented with a gold watch and chain by the men of the congregation, while the ladies made up a purse for Mrs. Dallas.

The church board elected Mrs. Dallas assistant pastor on last Sunday morning. The church is

in a better condition now than ever before both spiritually and financially, with no indebtedness over us and money in the treasury. We find since adopting the tithing system and doing away with the collection box that we are gaining in all ways. The collection on Christmas Eve for the American Relief was \$16.50 and with the Sunday School collection we have a total for the relief fund of twenty dollars for which we thank all who so generously give for so righteous a cause.

Wednesday night was the annual business and watch meeting. After business came pleasure with everyone joining in games and a social time in the basement, after which refreshments were served.

Don't forget the prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings and choir practice on Friday night. Come hear Mrs. Dallas, next Lord's Day both morning and evening.—Church Correspondent.

Ma foi! There's a dash of French sauce in this tale of a man-hunting maid. See "A Temperamental Wife" at the Liberty Theatre Jan. 6 and 7.