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We Wish You A Prosperous 1916

G.P.A.C. DEFEATED BY U.of O. Y.M.C.A.

Last Saturday night the people of this city witnessed one of the best and fastest basket ball games played in this end of the state this season.

Although the University squad were heavier men by far than the local boys they were held down to a close score until toward the close of the game.

If the local men had been up to their usual record they could, without a doubt, have won the game by a large majority.

ALEX M. BELCHER PASSES AWAY

The many friends of Alex M. Belcher, will be sorry to learn he passed away at the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Belcher, last Monday morning after a long lingering illness. He was 45 years of age, and leaves to mourn his loss, the aged parents, one brother and four sisters. The entire community sympathize with the grief stricken relatives in this irreparable loss.

Literary Beginners.

Robert W. Chambers gave this advice to the literary beginner some years ago, says the London Strand, and it holds good today:

"Have something to say and learn by experience how to say it. The important thing, to be sure, is something to say. The trouble with most people who try to write stories is that they have nothing to write about. Next, don't talk about it; do it. A writer can make his own market."

"It is the only way to do. Write what appeals to you and find a publisher who will take it. Don't go to a publisher and ask him what he wants. Make him want what you have to offer. If it is the real thing you won't have much difficulty. You will 'break into print' with your first effort."

The Janizaries.

The Janizaries were the most fearless soldiers the Turkish empire has ever known, and they were not Turks. It has been said that the most zealous religionist is the convert to the faith, and so it was with these converted Christians. When they took the faith of Mohammed under Sultan Orkhan in 1330 and formed the nucleus of his bodyguard they became the most extreme Mussulmans. It was they who stormed the walls of Constantinople in 1453, the city that had hitherto been considered impregnable.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Franklin's Fate Prefigured.

The fate of Franklin, the famous explorer, was unwittingly prefigured and on the eve of his starting on his last voyage at the hands of his own devoted wife. As he lay dozing on a sofa Lady Franklin threw something over his feet, on which he awoke in consternation, saying: "Why, there's a flag thrown over me! Don't you know that they lay a union jack over a corpse?"

NOTICE TO CONTESTANTS FOR MOTORCYCLE

The contestants for the phonograph, flou, and motorcycle at the Crane Grocery, changed positions the past two weeks in a surprising way. Berthold Rostel was at the foot when the count was made a couple of weeks ago. When the count was made the 18th he was at the top and carried home the sack of flour. At that time, Prof. Nibert's little son was near the bottom. Christmas night he was at the head of the class and won the phonograph. Who will win the motorcycle?

Following is the way votes will be counted until further notice:

One vote for each cent purchase on all goods not specially mentioned.

Ten votes for each cent purchase of flour, coffees and teas, postum, watches and jewelry, stationery and books.

Fifty votes for each cent purchase all cereals, syrups, package crackers, Heinz vinegar and corn starch.

One hundred votes for each cent on No. 1 lamp chimneys, tobaccos—smoking—subscriptions to the Herald, printed stationery and Boradent tooth paste and other articles.

LAW OLD AND NEW.

A Cynical View of Past Methods and Those of the Present.

Law, more especially criminal law, has usually been an occult science. It is still the practice in Burma, we believe, to give two disputants candies of the same size, to be lighted at the same time. The one whose candle burns longest gets judgment against the other.

Less than 100 years ago a defendant in an English criminal trial appealed to the ordeal of battle, and the court was more or less surprised to find that the ancient law on which he relied had never been repealed.

Determining a man's guilt or innocence by his ability to walk on hot plowshares or carry a hot iron or drink a poisonous decoction or by throwing him bound into water has been practiced for ages among many peoples. The medieval method of letting accused and accuser fight it out with weapons was common over Europe.

Our modest ancestors confessed their inability to find the merits of the cause and so relegated the whole affair to the intervention of supernatural agencies. The main difference is that we are less modest. Instead of the ordeal of battle or the old key and Bible test or the "steve witch," we have the defendant play a game of tripping the court. If he can catch the judge putting down an "I" dot over an "e" he wins and is pronounced innocent.—Saturday Evening Post.

Same Thing.

Sharp—I punctuated my tire the other day. Friend—Punctuated! You mean punctured, I suppose. Sharp—P'r'ap I do; but, anyway, I came to a full stop.

True liberty is to have absolute power over self.



From Our Correspondents

Items by Herald Representatives in Neighboring Localities

WILLOW SPRINGS INKLETS

Mrs. White of Tolo transacted business in this district Wednesday.

Grover Cook and B. E. McNasser visited her brother, Roy Davidson Saturday and Sunday.

Harold Gudmanson returned from Fish lake to spend Christmas with his uncle, William Facklam.

Louis Salade is visiting his parents during the holidays.

Mrs. A. T. Lewis of Central Point visited her brother, Roy Davidson Saturday and Sunday.

There was a good attendance from Willow Springs at the basket ball game Saturday evening in Central Point.

H. M. Porter and wife were in Gold Hill visiting relatives and friends from Friday till Monday.

Frank Thompkins and wife spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Hull of Grants Pass.

The telephone meeting of lines fourteen and eighteen will be held at the school house at two o'clock sharp Thursday, December 30, 1915.

Mrs. Harry Davison was house guest of Mrs. R. W. Elden Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heft and daughter, Evelyn, spent the week-end with Roy Nichols and wife.

R. F. Dean and family motored to Jacksonville, Medford, and Central Point Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lewis and family of Kanes Creek were Christmas dinner guests of John Sixty and wife.

Miss Helen Parker is home visiting with her parents during the Christmas vacation. Miss Parker intends to attend teachers institute in Medford before returning to her school near Derby.

Miss Ethel Dean was the guest of Miss Houston Purcell Thursday.

At the Central Point union Christmas tree and program Friday evening the following young people participated in the program: Lucy and Ralph Elden, the Misses Ethel Dean, Houston Purcell and Francine McNasser.

Mrs. Frank McKee and family were guests of honor at a dinner given by Miss K. A. Pickard at home, Scenic Heights Orchard, Saturday. Evergreen, laurel berries, and a snow laden chimney adorned the table as decorations.

The Willow Springs school children rendered a Christmas program which was out of the ordinary, as the pupils illustrated an old English celebration. The yule log was brought upon the stage to the hearth by snow covered lads, then Father Christmas and his carol singers appeared, then followed a banquet and King George, the Turkish knight, the dragon, and the other

guests were royally entertained by each member of the party. The two large Christmas trees were artistically decorated with miniature red balls, yards and yards of frosted strings and red and white stockings filled with delicious candies. Santa Claus appeared and presented each child in the room, fruit candy and nuts. The building was very beautifully decorated with the Christmas wreaths, greens, and poinsettias. Much credit is due Miss Hazel Taylor, Mrs. Harry Davison, K. W. Elden and the committee appointed by the Parent-Teacher's club for the preparations.

Mrs. W. K. Parker will entertain the Parent-Teachers club at her home Thursday afternoon and Mrs. Frank Thompkins will assist.

The Agate and Willow Springs Granges will celebrate publicly the installation of officers at Central Hall, January 8, 1916 at one thirty. At twelve o'clock bring your well filled baskets and have lunch with the strangers in the banquet hall.

AGATE GRINDINGS

The Xmas tree conducted under the auspices of the parent teachers association was a grand success. The children did themselves proud in the way they rendered the program. Jolly "Chris-Krinkle" sure made a "hit" with his "song and dance" he looked like the real thing.

This seems to be a time of improvement at Agate as H. C. Messenger has torn down the old house that stood on the back end of his place and has been a blotch on the landscape for so many years.

D. W. Beebe is trying his hand landscape gardening by leveling up around the house. By spring he will probably have up the same sign that greeted Coxy's army when they visited Washington.

E. E. Minniek is rustling subscriptions for the Herald.

John Timmons is building him a residence in Agate and says he doesn't know where to go to better himself.

THE GRINDER.

TABLE ROCK

Miss Francis Aiken who has been teaching in the Pinehurst district came down Friday to spend the Christmas holidays at the Nealon home.

D. C. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Wilson and children of Sams Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Richardson and daughter, Dorris, of Ross Lane were guests at the Nealon home and partook of the Christmas dinner.

Nearly every family here entertained guests during the holidays.

The Christmas tree entertainment Christmas eve was a success. The program was good and well carried out

AN INSTITUTION TO BE PROUD OF

While the Herald Man was making his usual deposit at the Central Point State Bank the other morning, his attention and interest was attracted by a bright bronze sign near the Presidents window, which bore this inscription:

"The employes of this bank are bonded by the American Surety Company, capital \$2,500,000, surplus \$3,500,000."

We asked President Isaacson what the meaning of this was and he replied that, "It had always been the policy of the bank to at all times protect its customers in every way possible, by keeping the bank not only insured against fire but against day-light hold up and robbery at night, by bonding its employes and by having directors that direct the affairs of the bank and still further through its membership in the American Bankers Association and the Burns Detective Agency to run down criminals."

We may well feel proud of having a bank that is not only safe but that has officers that are accommodating and willing to help its customers in every way consistent with safe banking.

Severe Critics.

Alice—I like Tom immensely, and he's very much the gentleman, but he does like to talk about himself! Grace—Yes, dear, your knight hath a thousand P's.—Boston Journal.

The Result.

"His wife made him." "She did, and when she tried him on the community she found he was a misfit."—Baltimore American.

by those taking part. The tree was beautifully loaded with gifts for all. Santa Claus showing no sign of hard times but was as generous as usual to his Table Rock friends.

Mrs. Lee Vincent has returned home from a lengthy visit with relatives in the east.

John Nealon and Miss Francis Aiken are among the teachers attending the institute at Medford this week.

Those who signed up to raise sugar beets are ordering seed and getting the ground ready.

SOMETHING

BY JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

Sitting by the glimmer Of the fire to-night, Through the glowing embers Sparkle with delight— There's a sense of something, Vaguely understood, Stealing o'er the spirit As a shadow would.

Is it that the shutter Shudders in the wind As a lance of moonshine Shivers through the blind? Or the lamplight dancing In pretended glee As the keyhole whistles In a minor key?

Footsteps on the side-walk, Crunching through the snow, Seem to whisper something Of the long ago— And the merry greetings Of the passers-by Seem like truant echoes Coming home to die.

I have coaxed my pencil For a smiling face, But the sketch is frowning And devoid of grace; And the airy waltzes Of my violin Die away in dirges Ere I well begin.

Lay away the story— Though the theme is sweet— There's a lack of something Makes it incomplete; There's a nameless yearning— Strangely undefined— For a something better Than the common kind.

Something! Oh, that something! We may never know Why the soldier's haunted Ever thus and so, Till the longing spirit Answer to the call Of the trumpet sounding Something after all.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their sympathy and many kind deeds given us during the sickness and death of our beloved son, MILTON BELCHER, BARBARA BELCHER.

Drowned His Voice.

Teacher—Tommy, I asked you to spell candy. Why don't you do it? His Sister—Please, miss, his mouth's watering so he can't talk.—Boston Transcript.

It is better to begin a good work in the evening than not at all.—Old Saying.

American Girl

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We wish you all "A Happy New Year"

W. C. LEEVER

"The Hardware Man"

READ

On page four of the Sale of Personal Property to be sold on the vacant lot adjoining the Central Point State Bank on Saturday, January 8, 1915.

Cranfill & Robnett

Good Business

Management in the home dictates practical and economical Christmas presents this year. We would suggest a few sacks of

"Mt. Pitt Flour"

"Superior" Graham or Whole Wheat flour as a wise purchase at this time. All of which brands are manufactured by the

Central Point Mills