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## AN INTERESTING TROPHY.

There was brought into this office the other day a battle flag that was carried by the 61st Tenn. Infantry in the late Rebellion, and captured at the battle of Black River, Miss. May 17th 1863, by Capt. W. Rawlings, commanding company F. 23d Iowa infantry volunteers, and who now resides in this vicinity.

The flag is 5x7 feet, red white and blue, with eleven white stars on the blue ground.

It was evidently home made, a close inspection showing that the stars were worked upon it by different hands.

We may easily imagine it to have been presented by several ladies to the regiment, accompanied by their earnest hopes and prayers that it would never be wrested from the hands of its proud bearer by a northern foe. Giving full play to the imagination we can almost view the scene, and feel a sympathetic thrill of enthusiasm in response to the stirring speeches and rousing cheers on the occasion of the presentation.

As the donors saw the beautiful flag borne proudly away at the head of the gallant regiment, what would have been their consternation could they, for one brief moment, have been gifted with the power to foresee its fate—to have beheld it torn by shot and shell, stained with southern blood and finally borne away in triumph by the hated enemy, never again to greet the gaze of the fair givers?

But such are the fortunes of cruel war.

Mr. Rawlings was severely wounded, but not fully disabled, on the occasion of the capture, a confederate soldier having shot at him after his company had surrendered. As the captor was bearing his trophy from the field, General Grant happened along and demanded what he was carrying under his arm. Upon being told, he rode on without ordering the flag to be brought to head quarters. Mr. R.

has since kept it as an interesting memento of the war, not having responded to Cleveland's call for the return of all battle flags captured in the Rebellion.

It is proposed by some of the citizens of Talent to make the attempt to establish a telephone connection with the neighboring towns. Good; and in the meantime, while the spirit of enterprise is upon us, let's have a money-order office.

Postmaster Hammond of Ashland mentioned it to us the other day and expressed surprise that we did not make application. He stated that his recommendation could be counted on and if we could obtain the recommendation of the postmaster at Medford or Jacksonville we should have no difficulty in securing it.

We hope that the above suggestion to establish a money order office at Talent will not be looked upon as a purely selfish proposition on the part of the NEWS.

True it will be a great convenience to us and to our subscribers, yet thus far we are not above taking postage stamps at par on subscription (at the sender's risk), and as we make frequent trips to Ashland and Medford we can get along as before, but in the aggregate would it not be a great convenience to the people of this vicinity?

Miss. Ella Terrill's private school prematurely closed on the 19th ult.

Andrew Briner and family have moved to Ashland.

For reliable Fire Insurance, in first-class companies, farmers should call on E. V. Carter at Bank of Ashland. RATES Low.

Mrs. Anna Fairclo, wife of H. G. Fairclo, who taught school here a few years ago, is stopping for a time at John Holton's in Ashland, her husband being in California. Her two children are with her.

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Oscar Stearns and family have moved onto Mrs. Robt. Gray's place near Wagner creek.