

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS

There is far more danger from the blight of the fruit trees in the yards right in the towns than there is from the orchards. There is more of the blight right in the city of Ashland than there is in all the rest of the Rogue River valley put together.

That was the startling statement made at the meeting of the Rogue River Valley Horticultural society, held in Medford yesterday afternoon by Professor P. J. O'Gara, who addressed the largest meeting of the society in its history. Those who attended were more than amply repaid for it and if any were absent they missed a treat of a lifetime.

Professor O'Gara is from Washington, D. C., where he is connected with the bureau of plant diseases of the department of agriculture. He has been sent by the department to assist the fruitgrower against the pear blight and other orchard pests and he will spend the greater part of this fall and winter here working in conjunction with Fruit Inspector G. W. Taylor of Jackson county, and with Fruit Inspector H. C. Bateman of Josephine county.

Professor O'Gara is accompanied by his wife and will make his headquarters in Medford, and any orchardist desiring to have the professor examine the trees of his orchard can have it done by arranging a date and meeting the professor at any railroad station in this valley with a vehicle.

As to the pear blight, Professor O'Gara states that as there is as yet so little of it in the Rogue River valley that it can be eradicated with within a year, provided all the fruitgrowers co-operate in the work and are vigilant in the patrol of their orchards. But if the pest is allowed to spread that it would kill every pear tree and end the most profitable industry that Rogue River valley has within two years.

MRS. B. M. COLLINS SURPRISED.

Arrived at Home to Find House Full of People.

About as mean a trick as has been played in Medford for a long time was that perpetrated on Mrs. Benj. M. Collins, the wife of the city recorder, at their residence on South B street, last night, and in addition to her supposed friends, her own husband turned out to be one of the conspirators, he playing the part of "Foxy Grandpa."

It appears that a number of the neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Collins learned that yesterday was the 29th birthday of Mrs. Collins and they went quietly to work to the end that they would cause her to remember the day for several years to come. In this they succeeded far better than they anticipated.

When Mr. and Mrs. Collins arrived home from a shopping trip about 10 o'clock and the recorder turned on the lights they beheld the house filled with guests—and then some. In addition to that they had a load of provisions and a number of presents—handsome ones, too—for the lady in whose honor they had arranged the surprise.

After Mrs. Collins had recovered, all the guests proceeded to have a good time, and they had it with a vengeance. Games were played, 500 and whist among them, and then refreshments were served by the visitors. It was at an early hour the following self-invited guests departed, after spending an evening long to be remembered by all:

Messrs. and Mesdames I. L. Hamilton, J. A. Perry, Ben Garnett, E. G. Trowbridge, B. J. Trowbridge, Beaudouin; Messrs. Trowbridge and C. O. King, Miss Bice.

MRS. BIRCH FILES SUIT.

Seeks Divorce in Nevada From Canadian Contractor.

RENO, Nev., Nov. 7.—Mrs. Ghita Milcent Franklin Burch, wife of a prominent managing contractor of Canada, and herself the direct descendant of one of the peers of England, today filed suit for divorce from Joseph Albert Franklin Burch on the ground of failure to provide and desertion. She alleges in the complaint that her husband deserted her six years ago while they were living in England.

FLY FROM FIRE.

Students Leave Clothing Behind in Their Dash to Safety.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Fire which started in the kitchen of the Bliss Electrical school, located on the edge of the district line at Tacoma Park, a suburb north of this city, early today, compelled nearly 200 students to flee for their lives in their night clothing. The building, which was a three-story frame structure, was completely destroyed. All of the students are believed to have

escaped from the burning structure, but lost all their effects. The loss is estimated at upwards of \$50,000. The building had been occupied as a school building only about six weeks.

TO BEAT CHAMBERLAIN.

Senator Fulton Heads Move to Keep Him Out of the Senate.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 7.—Supported by an organization now forming, Senator C. W. Fulton will attempt to prevent Governor George E. Chamberlain from being elected to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Fulton, March 4. There are enough Statement No. 1 members of the legislature to elect Chamberlain if they keep their pledges, but efforts are now being made to induce a sufficient number to prevent the election of Chamberlain. Ways and means of carrying out the plan to elect some one other than Chamberlain are now being sought.

The argument of Fulton and his followers is that the legislature should elect a Republican to the Senate instead of a Democrat. Although Chamberlain defeated Cake, who defeated Fulton in the primaries, for the popular vote, the Fulton people assert that when Taft carried Oregon it proved that the people repudiated their votes of last June for the Democrat.

Various methods of bringing about the defeat of Chamberlain are under discussion. One plan favorably considered is to have the Republicans in counties which did not go for Chamberlain to prepare a petition urging their senators and representatives to vote for a Republican. The supposition is that Fulton may be selected in the event of Chamberlain being turned down, although the name of Theodore B. Wilson and others have been mentioned as the possible beneficiaries.

HAS NO MONEY.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 7.—About two weeks ago Vesta, 15-year-old daughter of F. P. Van Vlack, of this city, eloped from La Grande with youthful James Gibson, and the first news of the whereabouts of his daughter to be received by the father came in the form of a message last night, notifying him that she was dead in San Francisco.

The young husband telegraphed the girl's brother that she had been taken sick during the honeymoon at San Francisco and had undergone an operation at the hospital. He said he was without funds to ship the body home for burial and begged for money. The father immediately wired the chief of police at San Francisco to locate his child in order that the remains could be brought to Salem for burial. Mrs. Van Vlack is at Cove, Or.

Bride Inhales Gas to Die.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—Mrs. Anna Carter, aged 42 years, who was married three weeks ago to James Carter, a carpenter, committed suicide yesterday in the Hotel Adrian by inhaling illuminating gas through a rubber tube. Continued ill health is believed to have caused her action.

Taft Carries Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 5.—The returns, practically complete, from the entire state give Taft a plurality in Missouri of 228.

Electoral Votes for Taft.

California	10
Connecticut	7
Delaware	3
Idaho	3
Illinois	27
Iowa	13
Kansas	10
Maine	6
Massachusetts	16
Michigan	14
Minnesota	11
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	12
New York	39
North Dakota	4
Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	24
Rhode Island	4
South Dakota	4
Utah	4
Vermont	4
Washington	5
West Virginia	7
Wisconsin	13
Wyoming	3
Missouri	18
Indiana	15
Ohio	23
Total	301

Following are the states placed in the Bryan column:

Alabama	11
Arkansas	9
Florida	5
Georgia	13
Kentucky	13
Louisiana	9
Maryland	8
Mississippi	10
Montana	3
Nevada	3
North Carolina	12
Oklahoma	7
South Carolina	9
Texas	12
Virginia	12
Colorado	8
Nebraska	5
Total	167

Majority for Taft 134

HEIRS FIGHT AT DEATH BED

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—The Thompson family, backed by deadly weapons, holds possession of the residence of Samuel Gregsten, the Hinsdale millionaire, near whose sick bed two sons-in-law, it is alleged, engaged in a fist fight which resulted in a court proceeding before Justice of the Peace Davis yesterday.

Attorney William Ormond Thompson, one of the sons-in-law, backed by his wife, Eleanor Thompson, Mrs. Frederick Allen, a daughter of Mr. Gregsten, and her husband, an automatic pistol, a "bulldog" revolver and a double-barreled shotgun, hold the fashionable Gregsten mansion, and will withstand any siege.

Attorney Walter E. Van Sands, the other son-in-law, who is said to have started the fight in the millionaire's home, and who has been living with his wife's father for two years, was ordered by Gregsten "never again to darken the doors of the home." Mrs. Van Sands is critically ill at the Hinsdale residence. Robert Van Sands, of Austin, father of Attorney Van Sands, telephoned the Thompsons yesterday that he had placed his son on a Rock Island train, and that the young lawyer would reside in Arizona for a year or more. But Mr. Thompson, fearing an attack on the house, has two revolvers in ready reach on the mantel of the reception room, and a shotgun in the dining-room in the rear. A coachman stands guard at the front of the mansion, while a chauffeur is watching the rear entrance. Two Pinkerton detectives are detailed to watch the premises.

STATES CARRIED BY TAFT.

California	10	75,000
Connecticut	7	25,000
Delaware	3	2,000
Idaho	3	15,000
Illinois	27	200,000
Indiana	15	18,000
Iowa	15	50,000
Kansas	10	25,000
Maryland	8	4,000
Maine	6	31,000
Massachusetts	16	120,000
Michigan	14	75,000
Minnesota	11	100,000
Montana	3	20,000
New Hampshire	4	20,000
New Jersey	12	30,000
New York	30	213,000
North Dakota	4	20,000
Ohio	23	50,000
Oregon	4	24,000
Pennsylvania	24	225,000
Rhode Island	4	10,000
South Dakota	4	15,000
Utah	4	40,000
Vermont	4	20,000
Washington	5	45,000
West Virginia	7	25,000
Wisconsin	13	88,000
Wyoming	3	7,000
Total	309	

STATES CARRIED BY BRYAN.

Alabama	11	50,000
Arkansas	9	20,000
Colorado	8	8,000
Florida	5	20,000
Georgia	13	60,000
Kentucky	13	20,000
Louisiana	9	40,000
Mississippi	10	50,000
Missouri	18	30,000
Nebraska	5	8,000
Nevada	3	5,000
North Carolina	12	30,000
Oklahoma	7	90,000
South Carolina	9	60,000
Tennessee	12	25,000
Texas	12	140,000
Virginia	12	15,000
Total	174	

Necessary to elect, 242.

PRESIDENT—WM. H. TAFT.

VICE-PRESIDENT—JAMES S. SHERMAN.

These will be the successors of Theodore Roosevelt and Charles W. Fairbanks on March 4 next, as a result of the national election held throughout the United States Tuesday. Taft is assured in the electoral college of a total of not less than 309 votes, or 67 more than necessary, while his Democratic opponent, W. J. Bryan, will receive the remaining 174 votes. In the electoral college in 1904 Roosevelt received 336 votes and Judge Alton B. Parker 140.

Taft carried the doubtful states in the east, including New York, Ohio, Indiana and Maryland. In the two latter states the race was very close. In Ohio the Republican candidate received a plurality of 50,000 against that of 255,000 for Roosevelt four years ago, while on the other hand, Taft appears to have carried New York by fully 210,000 plurality, or 35,000 more than that which Roosevelt received. In all, Taft carried 29 out of the 46 states.

ANOTHER MINE EXPLOSION.

BENTON, Ill., Nov. 5.—There was an explosion in the mine of Colonel W. P. Rend this morning, and as a result four miners are entombed. It is impossible to reach the shot miners as their fate is unknown. A large force is trying to clear away the debris, but work is proceeding slowly.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

1857—Born in Cincinnati, September 15.
1874—Graduated from the Cincinnati high school.
1878—Graduated from Yale college; second in the class and class orator.
1880—Admitted to the Ohio bar.
1881—Assistant prosecuting attorney of Hamilton county, Ohio.
1882—Collector of internal revenue of the first district of Ohio.
1883—Resigned public office to resume law practice.
1885—Assistant county solicitor of Hamilton county.
1886—Married Miss Helen Herron of Cincinnati.
1887—Judge of the Superior court of Ohio.
1890—Solicitor-general of United States.
1892—United States circuit judge of the sixth circuit.
1896—Became dean of the law department of the University of Cincinnati.
1900—President of the United States Philippine commission.
1901—First civil governor of the Philippine islands.
1904—Became secretary of war of the United States.
1905—Visited Philippines with congressional party.
1906—Restored order in Cuba as provisional governor.
1907—Candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.
1908—Elected president of the United States.

SUICIDE AT PORTLAND.

Bert Ross, a Baseball Player, Drank Carbolic Acid in a Saloon.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 7.—Bert Ross, formerly of Los Angeles, but recently a member of The Dalles baseball team, committed suicide in a saloon here tonight by drinking carbolic acid. Ross left a note asking that a young woman of The Dalles be notified of his death. From this circumstance it is inferred that an unfortunate love affair caused his despondency.

Haskell Vs. Hearst.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 7.—The petition of Hearst to transfer the \$600,000 damage suit of Governor Haskell of Oklahoma against him in the federal court was granted by Judge Estell of the district court of Douglas county last night, and papers were filed today with the clerk of the United States court.

TO KILL HIS WIFE.

Los Angeles Man Confesses He Tried to Do Three Times.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5.—On trial for making three attempts to kill his wife, Guy Hadley, a decrepit, white-haired man 60 years old, gave the history of his life, including a confession that he made the attempts. He said he is related to a prominent Indiana family named Hadley.

He said his real name is Elias Hamlet, but he took his mother's name 15 years ago, after the death of his first wife. He was superintendent of a wheel works in Indianapolis 24 years ago, but he lost his position through gambling. He declared he did not know why he attempted to kill his wife, as he had no reason for it.

Lumber Bargain.

We have for sale 150,000 feet of 4 and 6 inch old fashioned bevel siding at from \$13.00 to \$22.00 per thousand feet, surface measure, at our mill. Extra for delivering the same f. o. b. cars in any quantity at the following points: Woodville 75c; Gold Hill \$1.00; Central Point \$1.25; Medford \$1.40; Ashland \$1.70 per thousand. The cheaper grades are plenty good enough for ordinary buildings. This style of siding makes buildings look nicer and turns wind and water better than rustic.

GRANTS PASS BOX CO.

Grants Pass, Ore.

For Chronic Diarrhoea.

"While in the army in 1863 I was taken with chronic diarrhoea," says George M. Felton, of South Gibson, Pa. "I have since tried many remedies but without any permanent relief, until Mr. A. W. Miles, of this place, persuaded me to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, one bottle of which stopped it at once." For sale by Chas. Strang

COAL ENTRY.

Land Office at Roseburg, Ore., October 30, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Abijah Wines, of Medford, County of Jackson, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office Application to Purchase, under the provisions of section 2347, U. S. Revised Statutes, of the E. 1/2 of N. W. 1/4; S. W. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4; N. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 of Section 14, Township 37 South, Range 1 West W. M.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Huldah Colver Estate, Executor's Notice of Sale of Real Property. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, made and

entered on the 30th day of October, 1908, in the matter of the estate of Huldah Colver, deceased, the undersigned, the executor of said estate, will from and after the 5th day of December, 1908, at the premises and his residence near Phoenix, Oregon, in said Jackson County, proceed to sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, subject to the confirmation of said County Court all the right, title and interest the said Huldah Colver had at the time of her death in and to the following described real property, situated in Jackson County, Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at a point which bears north 44.70 chains and east 18.30 chains from the southwest corner of donation land claim No. 42, in township 38 south of range 1 west of the Willamette Meridian, and running thence east 45.15 chains; thence north 5.95 chains; thence west 32.24 chains; thence south 19 degrees west, 31.67 chains; thence north, 71 degrees west, 3.49 chains; thence north 15 degrees and 45 minutes west, 10.28 chains; thence north 9.50 chains; thence north, 21 degrees and 45 minutes east, 1.9 chains; thence west 3.82 chains; thence south 21.59 chains; thence south 37 degrees east, 13.70 chains; thence south, 53 degrees west, 4.39 chains; thence south 37 degrees east, 2.04 chains; thence south 46 degrees and 15 minutes east, 3.63 chains; thence south 49 degrees east, 5.45 chains; thence south 37 degrees east, 1.82 chains; thence south, 40 degrees east, 4.54 chains; thence south, 53 degrees west, 0.23 chains; thence south, 37 degrees east, 0.91 chains; thence south, 53 degrees west, 1.21 chains; thence south, 37 degrees east, 4.04 chains to the place of beginning, containing 260.94 acres; also a tract of land 50 feet wide and 300 feet long on west side of the block No. 8, village of Phoenix. Will be sold in tracts from 25 acres down in size.

Dated this first published November 6, 1908.

ELMER G. COLEMAN.

Executor of the Estate of Huldah Colver, deceased.

W. I. VAWTER, M. PURDIN, Attorneys for Estate.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of W. H. Bradshaw, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, made and entered on the 27th day of October, 1908, the undersigned was appointed, and is now duly qualified and acting Administrator of the estate of W. H. Bradshaw, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same, properly verified, to me, or my attorneys, at the Medford National Bank in Medford, Oregon, within six months from this date.

W. B. JACKSON, Administrator.

Dated October 30, 1908.

COLVIG & REAMES, Attorneys for Estate.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Ore., June 19, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Mary A. Coffin, of Boise, Ada County, Ida., who, on June 18, 1908, made Sworn Statement No. 10159, for South 1/2 of the South 1/2, Section 3, Township 36 South, Range 3 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver at Roseburg, Oregon, on the 19th day of January, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: Warren Beatty, of Roseburg, Oregon; Grant Taylor, of Roseburg, Oregon; Hugh Miller, of Oakland, Oregon; Mark Coffin, of Boise Idaho.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified as administratrix of the estate of George A. Ailsdorf, late clerk of Jackson county, Oregon, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same to the undersigned at her residence near Medford, Oregon, duly verified according to law, for examination and allowance, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 15th day of October, A. D. 1908. MARY J. ALSDORF, Administratrix of the estate of George A. Ailsdorf, deceased.

Wm. S. Crowell, attorney.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Administrator of the estate of Matthew M. Coleman, deceased, by the County Judge of Jackson County, Oregon, the said appointment having been made on the 15th day of September, 1908.

All persons having claims against said estate are requested to file the same with me within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 9th day of October, 1908.

ELMER G. COLEMAN, Administrator.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Ore., October 13, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that James H. Fetterly, of Medford, Oregon, who on October 26, 1903, made Homestead Entry No. 101546, S. R. 13195, for E 1/2 of SE 1/4, Section 26, Township 35 South, Range 3 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Canon, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 18th day of December, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Jack Tungeat, of Butte Falls, Oregon; Albert M. Shafer, of Medford, Oregon; Edward Cowden, of Butte Falls, Oregon; Buel Hildreth, of Butte Falls, Oregon.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as the guardian of the estate of David Comstock, an insane person, has filed his final account in

the matter of said estate, with the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, and that Friday, the 27th day of November, 1908, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon has been set by said Court has the time and the court room of said Court in the Court House at Jacksonville, Oregon, as the place for hearing objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published October 30, 1908.

W. T. YORK, Guardian of the estate of David Comstock, an insane person.

M. PURDIN, Attorney for Estate.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Or., August 27, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Abijah Wines, of Medford, Oregon, who, on July 15, 1908, made Sworn Application No. 01018, for southwest quarter of section 8, township 38 south, range 2 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Canon, United States commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 14th day of November, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Elvira Wines, Clarence A. Meeker, William Charley, Denton T. Lawton, all of Medford, Oregon.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

TIMBER LAND ACT, JUNE 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Ore., April 23, 1908.

Notice is hereby given, that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled, "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all public land states by an act of August 4, 1892, George Smith, of Coburg, county of Lane, state of Oregon, filed in this office on October 23, 1907, his sworn statement No. 9781 for the purchase of the east half of east half of section No. 24, in township No. 37, south of range No. 2 east, W. M., Ore., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Saturday, the 14th day of November, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: C. O. Smith, J. D. Wigle, Fred Wigle and Laura Wigle, all of Coburg, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 14th day of November, 1908.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Ore., May 1, 1908.

Notice is hereby given, that in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all Public Land States by an act of August 4, 1902, Walter C. Schmidt of Medicine Lake State of Oregon, State of Oregon, filed in this office on March 12, 1908, his sworn statement No. 9829, for the purchase of the Southeast 1/4 of Section No. 4 in Township No. 36, South of Range No. 2 East W. M., Ore., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office, at Roseburg, Oregon, on Monday the 14th day of December, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: George A. Landis, of Gold Hill, Oregon; Danmar C. Cameron, of Gold Hill, Oregon; Roy Cameron, of Gold Hill, Oregon; John Cameron, of Gold Hill, Oregon.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Or., September 15, 1908.