

UNDER THE HAMMER

BENTON COUNTY PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES AT SHERIFF'S SALE.

Several Bidders Were on Hand and Property—Activity and Bustle at Blodgett—Willamette Grange Celebrates.

The sale of property for delinquent taxes occurred at the court house Thursday forenoon. Several bidders were on hand and the county was spared the necessity of buying all the property. On account of the smallness of the delinquent list, but a short time was required in bringing proceedings to a close.

Contrary to the usual custom in such sales, it was not the highest bidder, but the one that bid the lowest rate of interest that the property was knocked down to. In each instance the purchaser bid the amount of the taxes, and accompanied the bid with the interest rate he would demand in case the owner chose to redeem the property. As a result of the bidding in this particular, some of the property went with no interest, John Smith having purchased a piece on that basis. Aside from this bid, the interest rates ran from six to ten per cent. All that the county bid in is at ten per cent., so that ten per cent. interest will be required in case owners elect to redeem such property as it bid in. Ten per cent. is the highest rate allowed under the law, by the new arrangement. The sale was phenomenal in one particular, in that it is the smallest list ever sold in any county in the state at a delinquent sale. It is also the first sale of the sort in the state this year.

Editor TIMES:—The 4th day of December is the anniversary of the birth of the Grange, and Willamette grange celebrated the event last week. Extensive preparations had been made, but on account of the high water, use of the hall for the purpose had to be abandoned. Members of the order were met at the hall by W F Whitby, and taken to the farm home of Mr and Mrs Whitby, where the day was properly observed. Features of the day were music in the parlor by the young folks, a fine spread in the dining room, temporarily set aside as a banquet hall for the occasion, and a programme of great excellence rendered after dinner. In the rendition of the programme, Mrs Whitby was master of ceremonies. A number of those who had places in the exercises, were unable to attend on account of the freshet. The numbers rendered were, recitation, excellently rendered, Harris Whitby; an excellent recitation, Horace Whitby; "When was the Grange organized, and where, and by whom," a paper by Miss Maggie Whitby; "A bit of History of the Deeds in Grange Work of William Saffers, one of the Founders of the Grange and First Master of the National Grange," an address by John Whitaker; "What has the Grange done," George Deenan; music choir; "The History of Willamette Grange," Mrs W F Whitby. The occasion was very much enjoyed by all present.

A Cranger.
Willamette December 9, 1902.

Blodgett Items.

The best now-a-days centers in the big camp here at the station on which the finishing touches are being put. The hands are collecting in and expect to begin the work of cutting piles this week probably the 11th or 12th. Mr Mahon the contractor is looking well to the comforts of his men, a clean, comfortable living room and a good cook. Mr Van Alstyne has taken a contract of supplying the camp with fresh milk. The meat contract has not been let and bids are still open. Everybody is talking of big vegetable gardens next year. Eighty to 100 men in camp will take some feeding this year.

W A Gellatly is preparing to take ten about 60 head of cattle for the spring market.
Charley Cadwalader has returned to this vicinity after an absence of ten months.
R B Blodgett shipped two cars of haled hay this week.

WILL DO THINGS

Woodmen Will—To Have a Midwinter Picnic in Town—What the Plan Is.

Things will be a doing among the Woodmen of the world in Corvallis December 30th. The day has been set apart as one of supreme hilarity, and Corvallisites will have opportunity to see them in many interesting exercises. The program is to begin at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, and it will not end until somewhere in the wee small hours of the following night. All of the lodges of the order in the county are to participate. They are four in number, Corvallis, Bellfountain, Philomath and Monroe, and the membership is about 450. It is supposed that every member in the county will be on hand to see the fun.

The program is to comprise chopping, sawing, box-making and pillow fight contests, three-legged races and tug of war, egg race for boys from 12 to 17, all of which are to take place in the morning. In the afternoon there is to be a parade in uniform, a football game between Philomath and Bell Fountain eleven, a band concert and other exercises. The day's doings are to wind up with a grand initiation in the evening, in which from fifty to 75 candidates are expected to ride the goat. A very large attendance is anticipated.

Caracas, Dec. 9.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon the combined German and British fleet seized and towed outside the harbor of La Guayra all the vessels which were then there. These were the warships General Crespo, Tolumo, Ossun and Margarita. The ships were manned by 890 men. The news of the capture of the warships is not yet generally known in the capital. Great excitement will undoubtedly prevail when it is announced.

La Guayra, Venezuela, Dec. 10.—Ten German and four British cutters captured the Venezuelan fleet yesterday. They went alongside the Venezuelan vessels ordered them to surrender, and without a shot being fired the British and German forces seized the vessels in the name of the German Emperor and the King of England. Two of the five vessels which were undergoing repairs were broken up. The German cruiser Panther steamed into the harbor during these proceedings with her deck cleared for action. The Venezuelan steamers were taken outside the harbor and, at 2 o'clock this morning the General Crespo Tutmo and Margarita were sunk. The Ossun was the only vessel spared, in view of the protest made by the French charge d'Affaires, who notified the Commodore of the allied fleet that the Ossun is the property of a Frenchman.

At 10:30 last night 130 German by Venezuelan policemen, but when a party of 320 sailors was landed this afternoon and marched to the relief the policemen made no resistance and the inmates were conducted to the Retribution without trouble. The British and German warships, however, in the meantime had cleared for action.

No one here can explain the action of the allied powers in taking action without giving Venezuela time to reply to their note. The British torpedo-boat destroyer Quail arrived here this afternoon, The German cruiser Panther left here this morning in the direction of Carupano, and the German cruiser Falke has sailed for Puerto Cabel in search for the remainder of the Venezuelan fleet.

Great excitement prevails, the population fearing the town may be shelled or other action taken by the Anglo-German vessel tonight. Sailors were landed and proceeded to Cardonela, a suburb of La Guayra, in which is situated the residence of German Consul Lents, who with his family was escorted to La Guayra and placed on board the warship Vineta. On their way back to this port the German sailors met a party of Venezuelan soldiers, but no collision took place.

At 5 o'clock this morning a landing party of British seamen went to the British Consulate and conducted the British Consul, R Schanck, and his family, on board the Retribution. The German and British residents at La Guayra have all been arrested, with the exception of Messrs. Fieldwich, Prinoo and Leppage, the English director of the harbor corporation, who barricaded themselves in their houses, and later were rescued by the forces of the allied powers and taken on board the retribution. The Englishmen's houses were surrounded.

If you want a suit of clothes at a price to please for the wear—men's and boy's—We have them for you. J. H. Harris,

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—The Board of Education of this city today ordered the temporary closing of four schoolhouses on account of the coal supply becoming exhausted.

During the day the institutions were supplied with fuel by the Heating Company and they will reopen tomorrow.

Rome, Dec. 6.—Thirteen anarchists were arrested near Spezia last night after a desperate struggle. The police surprised them at a meeting while they were in the act of taking an oath with poniards to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel. One of the anarchists and one of the police were severely wounded.

New York, Dec. 9.—New York and New England have experienced during the past 24 hours the coldest weather for many years. In this city it was the coldest December in 26 years, the thermometer registering, as it did in that year, 8 above zero. The severity of the cold was intensified by the fact that the people were not prepared for it, the cold wave having descended upon the country suddenly and without warning. Then, too, the scarcity of coal caused much suffering among the poorer classes. Every effort is being put forth to alleviate the suffering, charitable organizations have taken steps to supply the poor, and the board of Aldermen having devoted \$100,000 to help along the good cause. During the day the rivers were covered with a heavy mist, showing a great difference between the temperature of the air and the water.

The cold in the city was mild compared with that prevailing in the northern sections of the state and New England. At Albany the mercury fell to 10 below zero, and in some near-by districts it went down to 20. The river is frozen over at Albany, putting an end to navigation. Dallston reported 32 below, the lowest registration since 1861, and Saratoga felt the grasp of weather 30 below. In the Adirondack region and along the Champlain Valley the thermometer registered between 17 and 26 below.

Throughout Maine and Connecticut the thermometer registered from 8 to 20 below, a fall in some places of 40 degrees in 12 hours. Norfolk, Conn., reported a temperature of 23 degrees below zero, the coldest in years.

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Bids for Wood.

Bids for furnishing the Oregon Agricultural College with wood for the ensuing school year, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, up to the thirty first day of December, 1902.

For specifications and form of bid apply at the office of the Clerk, or to the undersigned.

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Notice of the First Meeting of Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon.

In the matter of W. M. Howell in bankruptcy.

To the creditors of W M Howell of Bellefontain, in the County of Benton, and District aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of November, the said W M Howell was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at Corvallis, Oregon, in my office on the 18th day of December, 1902, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at which time creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Dated Dec 3, 1902.

E. HOLGATE,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

Administrator's Sale of Real Property.

In the matter of the estate of T P Waggoner, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to an order of sale made by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County, on the 24th day of December, 1902, in the above entitled matter, the undersigned as administrator of the said estate of T P Waggoner, deceased, will from and after the 5th day of January, 1903 proceed to sell at private sale, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all of the following described real property to-wit:

The donation land claim of Jesse Hawley situated in Sections 19 and 30 in Township 14 south Range 5 W, being claim No 51, notification No 291, containing 32.70 acres in Benton County, State of Oregon.

Said sale is to be made for the purpose of paying claims against said estate and charges and expenses of administration.

Dated this December 6, 1902.
M. M. WALTZ,
Administrator of the estate of T. P. Waggoner deceased.

Proposals for Wood

Notice is hereby given that the clerk of school district No 9, Benton county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for furnishing the said district with wood for the coming year, to-wit, 25 cords of oak grub wood, and 70 cords split fir wood, old growth or 70 cords of fir wood, second growth, all wood to be of good quality, not less than four feet in length, and not less than four inches nor more than eight inches in thickness or diameter, to be delivered at the school building, in said district on or before August 15th, 1903. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and no bid will be received after six o'clock, January 16, 1903.

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