

Corvallis Times.

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KICKING THE UNDER DOG

All the nations are now digging up claims against Venezuela. Holland, Belgium, Spain, Italy, France and various other powers are coming forward with claims to add to those of Germany and Britain. It is the usual case of kicking the underdog in the fight. Many of the claims are based on deprivations committed by insurgents in various Venezuelan revolutions against foreign resident in Venezuela. This constitutes the major part of the claims of Germany and Britain. This makes the original source of the trouble due to the Venezuelan government to control its citizens and require them to preserve peace and respect the rights of property.

Some of the claims are perhaps just, while others, in the very nature of things are of doubtful character. The situations and conditions are not widely different from those that prevailed in China during the Boxer troubles, for all of which the Chinese government paid dearly. It is alleged, and is perhaps true that the allies supplied arms and ammunition to the present rebel army that is marching on Caracas, the Venezuelan capital, and this army in turn will commit more deprivations on property, and furnish more excuse for presentation of claims, good and bad.

On the whole, it were perhaps better for Venezuela, if foreigners remained at home; or, if they insist on doing business in a semi-civilized country to be required to take the consequences, without drawing the mother country into fighting their battles.

In the present instance, the attitude of the United States, and the willingness of all nations involved in the controversy to submit the matter to her for arbitration, is a source of just pride to all Americans.

NO PROSECUTION.

Boys Paid for Stolen Goods—Date for Meeting of Legislature.

The legislature meets on the second Monday in January. The day falls on the 12th inst. The former date for the meeting of the assembly was on the second Monday in September. The meeting time was changed at a session in the eighties.

No prosecution is to be made against the boys who stole the nuts and glassware from the store of Ed Dunn. After admitting the greater part of the facts in the case, the youngsters paid Mr Dunn for the stolen goods, and he declined to go further with the prosecution. The boys also paid the costs. Their escape from the penalties prescribed by the law for their acts is fortunate, perhaps more fortunate than they can hope for in case of a similar escapade in the future.

MORE DEEDS

A Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollar Transfer by McBees.

New deeds filed for record are:—J R Erickson to Claribel S Sheldon, one half interest in 1,280 acres of land in Kings Valley, \$2,149.

Catherine P Woodruff to Henry Ambler, interest in 160 acres near Philomath, \$60.

O & C R R Co to G A Peterson, 50 acres near Philomath, \$200.

James P McBee to Joseph McBee, 273 acres, \$6,500.

S Davis and wife to College of Philomath, one lot in Philomath, \$650.

Clarence M Vidito to Hattie M Vidito, 80 acres in Alsea, \$400.

United States to heirs of P C Gleason, patent to 160 acres near Philomath.

Cow for Sale.

One fawn colored Jersey milk cow. Enquire of

D C Rose

Get Them Now

Big Green Olives in bulk, Fresh mince meat in packages and Heinz sweet pickles, at Zierolf's.

FERRYING THE RIVER

Big Boat has Taken Place of Ferryman and His Skiff—New Cable at Work.

The new cable for the Corvallis ferry is in place. The last knot was tied at four o'clock Sunday afternoon, and the boat started at once. Fifteen trips were made before seven o'clock. The ferry was delayed about a week on account of the broken cable and about one more on account of high water. One merchant figured that the profits on goods Corvallis business men would have sold to Linn county people during the time amounting to \$1,500, indicating that the people across the river are heavy buyers of Corvallis wares.

During the delay, there was constant traffic, however, by means of a small boat, pulled by Ferryman Michael. Milk was delivered in this way from dairies on the other side, and tons of mill feed and flour were carried back on return trips. Other articles carried were, over 100 bushels of potatoes, a dozen coops of chickens, two sacks of live ducks, a number of butchered hogs, seven veal calves, a new heating stove and other products. Throughout the whole time the ferryman was the busiest man in town.

He ferried over flour, mill feed and a sewing machine in charge of an individual who was sea sick. The latter had a black bottle and after every drink the bottle was refilled with river water, and this with the effect of the seasickness kept the menace of shipwreck constantly at hand. The ferryman also hooped it three miles into Linn county to notify the contractor that the new cable had arrived, climbed one of the ferry masts to get off the crane to take to the foundry for repair, and performed various other duties.

SUING FOR LAND

Father Lost it by Litigation and Children Seek Recovery in Same Way.

A suit, unusual in character, has been brought in the circuit court for Benton county. It involves a principle of law that but rarely comes to the surface. Years ago, Henkle Brothers did a mercantile business at Philomath, and Charles Herren became indebted to them. In 1892 the firm brought suit and got a judgment against Herren. In 1895 Herren obtained a patent from the United States to a piece of land not far from Philomath. Under the judgment, Henkle Brothers ran an execution on the land and sold it to satisfy their judgment. It was bid in at the sale by the Henkles for \$286, and subsequently sold to Samuel McLain, who in turn sold it to James McLain.

Sometime ago, Herren died, and now his heirs, Bertha and Archie Herren bring suit against Henkle Brothers for the recovery of the property. The grounds are that a homestead is not subject to execution and sale on a judgment issued before the land was patented. The latter is United States law, according to the contention of the attorney for the plaintiffs, W E Yates who is also administrator of the estate. The McLains are made parties to the proceeding.

The outcome will be watched with some interest on account of the peculiar character of the principle of law involved.

DELAYED MAILS COMING

No Eastern Mails at Corvallis Since Sunday—Thirty Sacks Expected Today.

A grand rush of business has been on at the local postoffice for the past few days. The regular force has been unable to handle the business, and Miss Eda Jacobs and Mrs Johnson have been most of the time employed at the office. The out-going mails yesterday morning ran up to seven sacks, holding five or six bushels each, and that of Monday numbered six sacks. A large increase in the outbound business has been noticeable since Thursday of last week. The handling of the packages, together with the largely increased registry and money order business has kept all employes on the jump.

It is this afternoon, however that the grand rush is expected. No Eastern mail has been received since Sunday. Lines over which the big Christmas mail is expected, have been delayed by snow storms in Wyoming and Colorado. It was expected that the delayed trains five in number, would reach Portland last night, and that the tardy mails will be out on the Westside today. Postmaster Johnson's estimate of the delayed mails is that it will probably exceed thirty big sacks, and the office employes look forward to its arrival with trepidation and fear.

MADE FINAL PROOF

On Homestead, but Served With Notice of a Contest in the Case.

While Homer Woods was in town Monday to make final proof on his homestead, he was served with papers notifying him that he is defendant in a land contest in which the title to his homestead is brought in question. The contestant is W H Franklin of Corvallis. The hearing of the contest is to occur at Oregon City on the 27th day of February.

Mr Wood's claim is a quarter-section located near Mary's Peak. The ground of the contest is the allegation that Mr Woods is not a bona fide resident. After being served with the papers in the case, Mr Woods proceeded to make final proof on the land in question. His witnesses were George and William Green and Willard Cauthorn. Their evidence was to the effect that a house 14x22 with an L, 14x16, together with a box barn had been built on the land, and that other improvements had been made. Mr Woods admitted that he had not remained on the land continuously, but claimed that it was necessary for him to work as a carpenter elsewhere in order to make a living, and that he had also gone to Philomath and elsewhere for educational opportunities for his children.

ROOST HIGH NOW

Turkey Prices are Skyward, and no Birds Available for Christmas Feasts.

In the main, Corvallis folks will celebrate Christmas without a big turkey to adorn the dining table. Many a housewife who has planned a feast and has the guest already bidden to it is unable at the last moment to secure a turkey and will have to serve instead chicken, ducks, a goose, or be content with a roast of beef, pork or lamb.

The trouble seems to be, that not only the markets, but the farms in the country are bare of turkeys. Last spring's late rains that were cold and disagreeable, made turkey raising difficult, and far fewer birds than usual reached maturity. The depletion of the supply was first noticed at Thanksgiving, when far fewer turkeys than usual found their way to market. Added to this, is the fact that in Portland dressed turkeys are selling at 22 cents per pound. That is to say, a fifteen-pound turkey brings \$3.30 in the Portland market. It takes \$2.20 to buy even a small bird of 10 pounds.

The effect of such prices has been to hurry into the metropolis all the available birds where they will grace the tables and oil the ribs of the smart set. Consequently, the Corvallis housekeepers who have been for days inquiring at the market places for turkeys are pursuing a fruitless errand. The buyer for a local market rode all day recently in a hunt among the farmers for turkeys, and at night returned empty handed.

To be Sold Saturday

I hereby give notice that on Saturday December 27th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, I will sell to the highest bidder, the old cable that has been in use on the Corvallis ferry, sale to be at ferry landing.

V. E. Watters,
County Judge.

To the Public

On the eve of my departure for an absence of several weeks several of my patrons indicated a desire for work in my line. I desire to say to them and to all old clients that my business is left in the hands of William Baker and Ed Ryder, both of whom are competent workmen, and will be prompt and reliable in turning off work in the building line entrusted to them.

W. O. Heckart.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Lina Neugass, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton county and that Letters Testamentary therein have been issued to him. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same verified as by law required to me at the office of W S McFadden, 1st Nat'l Bank Building in City of Corvallis, said County within six months from this date.

M. JACOBS,
Administrator of the estate of Lina Neugass, deceased.

For Sale.

A complete outfit of farming implements, including, Percheron team of 1,400-pound horses, wide tire wagon, nearly new, Plano binder, Jones mower, four section steel harrow, one twelve and one fourteen-inch walking plows, sulky hay rake, disc harrow, two-horse cultivator, and many other implements and appliances. Will be sold at private sale at low rates. Also 10 tons of good cheat hay. Also two year old, thoroughbred Jersey heifer, to be fresh in January. Call or address

HARRY A. WICKS,
Corvallis.

NEARLY A HUNDRED

Uncle Cobb Blair—Reside s Now at Pendleton and is Healthy and Strong.

Lee Henkle arrived Saturday from Pendleton. That city has a population of 7,000 now. Uncle Cobb Blair reside there, and Mrs Sawtelle, formerly of Corvallis. He will be 98 years old on New Years day. He is in the best of health, and walks up and down stairs with the ease of a youngster. His memory is excellent and he made especial inquiry about nearly all the people who ever lived in Corvallis. He expects when the end finally comes to find a resting place at this, his old home. Thomas Blair is bailiff of the court, a position his father so long held in Benton, and is janitor for the Masons. Of the Sawtelle children, one is a clerk in a Pendleton drug store, another is bookkeeper at the woolen mills, another is a jeweler and a fourth a clerk in a store at The Dalles. All are doing well. Nellie Blair's husband has a position in the First National Bank in Portland, and the family may move there in the spring to reside.

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,

Christmas Oysters.

Hand in orders now. Ample supply can be obtained if sufficient notice is given. Apply at Commercial restaurant.

Yaquina Bay Celery

Constantly on hand at Zierolf's.

"Burgoo" Dinner.

The ladies of the M E church S will give a dinner and supper on Woodmen Day, December 30th, at the rooms of Mrs Hemphill south of the postoffice. The dinner is styled a "Burgoo" dinner and will be especially appropriate for the W O W and candidates.

T W McGowan, Jr, established 1857 commission merchant, hop, and general merchandise, 36 & 38 Whitehall street, New York. Liberal advance made on all consignments. Highest market prices obtained and quick returns. References: R G Dunn's Mercantile Agency, New York; Bradstreets Mercantile Agency, New York; Bank of America, New York.

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Will cure rheumatism. If you have rheumatism in any of its many forms, no matter how long standing, call and see me at my office on south Main street. I will guarantee to cure any case of rheumatism, in from 10 to 60 days. I have in my office the latest improved Static and X-ray machine, and am prepared to make any kind of an X-ray examination. Also to give any kind of electrical treatment. If you are in any way afflicted, call and see me. Consultation and examination free.

Respectfully,
W. H. Holt, D. D.

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.

JOHN D. DALY,
Secy. Board of Regents,
Corvallis, Oregon, December 8, 1902.

E. E. WILSON,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.
NOTARY PUBLIC.
Office in Zierolf Building, Corvallis, Or.

B. A. CATHEY, M. D.,

Physician and Surgeon.
Office, Room 14, First National Bank Building, Corvallis, Or. Office Hours, 10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m.

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Bears the Signature of *Dr. H. J. Pierce*

Christmas Suggestions.

We take the liberty of suggesting any of the following as an appropriate Xmas Gift.

FOR LADIES,

Fine Cloak or Jacket,
Fine Dress Pattern,
Fine Fur Boa or Collar,
Walking or Dress Skirt,
Fine Black Petticoat,
A Royal Worcester Corset,
Silk or Wool Shirt Waist,
Fine Silk House Jacket,
Silk Umbrella,
Rug or Art Square,
Fine Shoes or Slippers,
Fine White Blankets,
A Marseilles Quilt,
A Silk Waist Pattern,
A Good Fascinator,
A Pair Portieres,
A Battenburgh Tiedie,
A Bureau Saarf,
A Pair Pillow Shame,
Fine Table Cloth, Napkins to Match
Tapestry Lounge or Table Cover.

FOR MEN,

A Business or Dress Suit,
Overcoat or Cravenette,
"Hawes" \$3.00 Hat,
Douglas or Walk-Over Shoes,
A Dress Suit Case,
House or Smoking Jacket,
Fine Slippers or Suspenders,
Warm or Dress Gloves,
Silk or Linen Handkerchiefs,
A Fine Muffler,
Silk Umbrella,
Monarch White Shirt,
A Fine Dress Scarf,
Suit Good Underwear,
Good Sweater,
A Flannellette Night Shirt,
A Pair Turkish Towels,
Money Purse or Belt,
A Hunting Coat,
A Pair Leggings,
A Box Fine Socks.

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Just received, all styles—Enamel, Box Calf, Velour Calf, Price \$4.00, equal to any \$5.00 shoe made,

S. L. KLINE

A Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year

To all from your Grocer,

A. HODES

For the Holiday Week your attention is called to the following list of Fine Crackers and Biscuits.

Vanilla Nabisco,	Coco Macaroons,
Cherry "	Southern Honey,
Orange "	Choc. Iced Fingers,
Champagne "	Vienna Creams,
Ramona "	Unseeded Biscuits,
Athena "	Graham Wafers,

For the Children, packed in neat fancy Toy Houses, The Animal and Brownie Crackers.

A Full Stock of Nuts, Gandy and Fruit.
Empty Bon-Bon Boxes for Sale.