

# Corvallis Times.

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## MADE DIRECTOR

Prof. H. T. French Wins New Honors at the University of Idaho.

Prof. H. T. French, who has many friends in Corvallis and Oregon, has been promoted to the directorship of the experiment station at Idaho, where he has been professor of agriculture for the past three or four years. Prof. French was for many years connected with the Oregon Agricultural College, having resigned his position in the latter institution to accept a place at an advanced salary in the Idaho University. He has many friends in this city who are pleased to learn of his new honors. Facts relative to the change are told as follows in the Moscow Mirror, of December 26th:

"The board of regents of the University at a recent meeting segregated the work of the University and the Experiment Station. This was done on the recommendation of President MacLean who has realized for some time the necessity for this division of labor. This is the policy pursued by all of the leading institutions and adds to the efficiency of both branches of the work. The new director takes up his duties January 1st. Professor French has been connected with the University for a number of years and his many friends and the friends of the institution will be pleased to learn of his promotion."

## GRANDPA MITCHELL

A Brief Biography—Aged 87—Eighty Two Descendants.

The following brief history of John Mitchell, who recently died at his home on Beaver Creek, this county, is handed the TIMES for publication:

John Mitchell was born in Dundee, Forfarshire, Scotland, May 21, 1815. He came to America in 1842 and was married to Mary McGregor, October 22nd, 1847, in East Brooklyn, New York. To them eleven children were born, four of whom preceded the father to the grave. The wife, seven children, 44 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren mourn the loss of Grandpa Mitchell. He passed away at eight o'clock, December 25, 1902, aged 87 years, seven months and four days.

Mr. Mitchell's Christian life dates back farther than we know. Ever since childhood he has been trying to follow his Master. His home was in Patterson, New Jersey for a number of years, and from there he removed to Wisconsin, where he taught school for several years or until 1870, when with his family he moved to Nebraska, and while he lived in that state always held offices of care and trust, until the year 1890. The children had all gone to homes of their own, and with his wife he came to Oregon in search of a milder climate in which to enjoy the remainder of his days. He often spoke of the pleasure he took in the latter part of his life.

Truly his work has been well done and a clear record of his past life lies before us now where for many, many years on his birthday he made a special entry in his day book thanking God for his goodness. This was the last, "May 21, 1902—I am 87 years old today and in very good health for one of my age. I am duly thankful to God who has spared me all these years. I am still able, with the help of mother, to attend to the P. O. at Inavale, Benton Co., Oregon," which he did until Sunday morning and then departed—"Keep the birthday of the King, in the land to which he journeyed, to hear the angels sing."

## To the Public.

Beginning January 1st, the delivery wagons of both Corvallis meat markets will be discontinued, and all meats will be carried to customers in all parts of the city by the general delivery. They will give an all day service, instead of only a morning delivery as heretofore.

Smith & Hout.  
Wicks & Lilly.

T W McGowan, Jr, established 1867 commission merchant, hops, 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.

## IN MIDWINTER MEETING

Board Met—A Resignation, an Appropriation and Other Matters.

The OAC board of regents was in session for two hours in a mid-winter meeting at the college Wednesday afternoon. The appropriation of \$600 for purchase of appliances for facilitating instruction in the department of Household Science, the appointment of a committee to consider and report a plan for the advancement of the work in horticulture at the institution, the adoption of a resolution authorizing officers of the board to employ legal counsel if necessary to compel the secretary of state to pay to the college treasurer the amounts of the state appropriation as the college board holds the law directs, and acceptance of the resignation of Mr Patterson as director in physical culture, were among the leading matters disposed of at the session. The members of the board in attendance were, President Weatherford, Secretary Daly, and Regents Apperson, Olwell, Keady, Yates, Killin, Church, Ackerman and Irvine.

The appropriation for the department of Household Science is for the purchase of small gas or electric stoves, to be mounted on tables or cabinets fitted with proper drawers for the care of utensils, for use in individual work in cookery, for the purchase of a large cook stove and utensils, and for other facilities necessary to properly equip the department for practical work.

The proposed movement in horticulture is an effort to improve the work of the college in that particular. On account of the enormous expense of the new Agricultural Hall the institution has been seriously handicapped for funds for the past two years. By the midsummer it is expected the college will be in position to make expenditure in the direction of horticulture with the purpose of giving to that department the prominence that the vast fruit interests of the state deserve. Whether or not the movement will result in addition to the faculty remains to be seen.

A resolution, recommended in a report by the finance committee consisting of Apperson, Yates and Leedy, was adopted, instructing the treasurer of the college to make quarterly requisition on the secretary of state for college funds under the annual \$25,000 appropriation. The attorney general holds that the auditing of bills under the appropriation must be done in the secretary of state's office, instead of in the college office as is the case with other funds. By the ruling all requisitions for funds under the appropriation must be accompanied by original bills as vouchers. The board by vote, and after legal advice, held that the attorney general's opinion was wrong, and resolved to contest it in the courts if necessary. Some lawyers on the board regard the attorney general's ruling as incorrect.

The law says, "after providing for the appropriation, that the fund shall be drawn quarterly by the treasurer of the board of regents, etc. etc." The resolution adopted by the board authorizes the president and secretary of the board to employ legal counsel with a view to arriving at an interpretation of the law by the courts.

The resignation of J. B. Patterson as instructor in physical culture, to take effect at once, was accepted, and the matter of filling the vacancy was left to President Gatch and President Weatherford.

The board voted to ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$12,500. The occasion for the appropriation is the need of funds for equipment of Agricultural Hall, which is not now in use because there is no money with which to buy fixtures and appliances needed before it can be occupied by many of the departments.

## For Sale.

Poland China Hogs, Shropshire bucks Polled Angus cattle, and 85 head of goats. Also a few bushels left of wheat and Speltz seed.

L. L. Brooks,  
Corvallis.

## For Sale.

Milk cow also several stock cows for sale. One good plow horse to let to good party for feed.

Orgen & Carriage Factory.

## Notice to the Public.

On account of the advance in the price of blacksmith supplies, we, the undersigned, blacksmiths of Corvallis, have been compelled to raise the price after Jan 1st, 1903, to two dollars per horse, new shoes all around, and one dollar per horse, old shoes all around.

W. M. Porter,  
Hornung Bros,  
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## Yaquina Bay Celery

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## STRANGE DEPREDACTIONS.

Cuts Harness, Breaks Shotguns and Steals—Neighborhood Mystery.

There is something of a mystery out on the farm of Arthur Meeks who resides a dozen miles south of Corvallis, in the vicinity of Mrs Mary Barclay's home. Beginning last summer and continuing at intervals ever since, wanton destruction of property, such as the cutting of harness and acts of similar character have been in progress and up to the present, the identity of the guilty party has not been ascertained. The depredations have been carried to such an extent that Sheriff Burnett has been called into the case, and he was out at the farm last Saturday. The queer and wanton acts of the aggressor are well known throughout the community, and each fresh depredation sends a sensation through the neighborhood.

The first exploit of this unknown Jack the Ripper occurred last summer, when the neighborhood was startled with a story of daylight robbery at the Meeks house. A boy of 15 or 16 was at home alone one day, and when the family returned, the contents of bureau drawers were on the floor, and various other signs of disturbances were seen. A small sum of money was missing, and the boy told a story to the effect that a man had come to the house during the day, that he had caught the man in the act of robbing the house and had chased him out, firing several shots at the fugitive as the latter fled.

Subsequently there were other visits from the alleged man. The family returned one day to find a set of harness that hung in the barn, cut to pieces. Tugs were cut almost off and other portions were cut and split with reckless abandon. In the house a \$100 shot gun had been wantonly broken from the stock, by striking the butt against the floor or wall. Another shotgun, owned by the way by the boy, was found, broken in the same manner. On one occasion cans of lard were carried out in the yard, the tops removed and dirt and dust sprinkled in the lard. To make sure that as much as possible would be destroyed, a stick was jabbed time and again into the lard content so as to mix it thoroughly with the dirt.

For a time there was a lull in the operations, but recently they were renewed. The Saturday before Woodmen day in Corvallis there was a grand cutting of harness and other depredations. On Woodmen day portions of the harness that had been cut in pieces were repaired in this city. Twice recently the Meeks house has been almost upset by the depredations of the wanton and strange unknown, and the people round about are speculating more than ever, and telling each other of their suspicions.

## New Deeds.

William Trevor and wife to Marcur Fried, 10 acres seven miles north of Corvallis, \$3.

William Trevor to Louise Trevor 10 acres north of Corvallis, \$1.

R E L Brown and wife to Marcur Fried, 20 acres, seven miles north of Corvallis, \$1.

John Bier and wife to T Wyatt, seven acres near Philomath \$182.

Melissa E Cameron and husband to Agnes Thompson, residence property in Block 13 County addition to Corvallis, \$850.

J A Hawkins and wife to Chauncy Dexter, fifteen acres near Philomath, \$500.

Sarah F Flgin and husband to F E Edwards, lots in Wells and McElroy addition, \$10.

S T Frazier to J A Frazier three-fourths interest in 17 acres near Corvallis, \$335.

J A Frazier to S T Frazier, one-fourth interest in 115 acres near Corvallis, \$334.

Antone E Luther to B E Barnes 84 acres near Albany, \$3,350.

Onas A Brown to E E Wilson six lots in blk E Avery's addition, \$10.

## DROPPED DEAD

James Hayes Suddenly Expired in His Own Dooryard—Funeral Today.

James Hayes, resident of Benton county for more than 40 years, wealthy and well known citizen, Indian war veteran, Oregon pioneer and original discoverer of the famous Gold Hill mine in Jackson county, passed quickly from active life into the silence of death, Thursday morning. His transition from this world to another was wholly unexpected, and occurred in the twinkling of an eye. There had been no ailment, no complaint, and his family and friends supposed Mr Hayes to be in the best of health, and good for another score of years. But, in an unforeseen moment, the brittle life thread snapped, and Mr Hayes took his place in the halls of the silent dead.

Death occurred in the door yard at the Hayes home, a mile west of Corvallis. Mr Hayes had planned to kill a couple of hogs during the forenoon. His assistants were his son Clyde Hayes and John Wells. They had caught one of the hogs, and had attempted to knock it in the head, but while the process was on, the pig escaped, and ran a short distance out into the pasture. Mr Hayes procured a rifle at the house, followed the pig, and at the third shot brought the animal down. Then Mr Hayes walked back to the house, left the gun, and with his assistants, returned with a team and sled to bring in the pig.

Mr Hayes' death occurred while the party was returning to the house. Clyde Hayes was driving the team, and his father walked behind the sled watching progress. As the party approached the house Mr Hayes suddenly called out to Clyde to, "Be sure and not run against that stump ahead." Hardly had he spoken, when Mr Hayes fell forward, dropping at first on one knee, and then falling prostrate. He uttered no word, then or thereafter. His directions about the stump were his last words Mrs Hayes stood but a short distance away when he fell, and saw his every movement. She hurried to his side, calling for assistance. Mr Hayes was carried into the house, but the assistance rendered was futile. Life was extinct, and the only sound that was heard was his last efforts at breathing and the death rattle in his throat. A messenger was dispatched posthaste to town for medical assistance, and Dr Cathey responded. It was too late however, when he arrived. Heart failure was assigned by Dr Cathey as the cause of death.

The funeral is to occur from the family home at 10 o'clock this morning. The service is to be conducted by Rev. F. L. Moore. The interment is to be at the Armstrong cemetery, about one mile north of Oak Ridge. A child and other relatives of the family are buried there.

James Hayes was aged 68 years, eight months and 23 days. He was born in Albany, New York, and while but a child, went with his parents to Cook county, Illinois, where the family settled, and where numerous relatives still reside. In 1852 he crossed the plains to Oregon, settling in the autumn of that year in Jackson county. In the Indian wars of 1855 he served in the company of which Major Bruce was captain. In 1857, he went to the Fraser river mines, but after an unsuccessful experience there, returned to Jackson county, where he discovered the Gold Hill mines the story of which, as told by Mr Hayes himself, is to be found on the fourth page of this paper. Early in the sixties, Mr Hayes was married to Miss Caroline Henkle, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Henkle, then of Jackson county, and shortly afterward he moved to Benton county, where he resided until death. The surviving members of the family are the widow, two sons, John and Clyde Hayes of Corvallis, and three daughters, Mrs Thomas Bell and Mrs Philips of Corvallis, and Mrs Hunter of Waterville, Washington.

## For Sale

Millinery goods, and fixtures for sale on First street, Albany, Good location, For particulars write to Albany, Oregon. Box 184.

## A 1903 Resolution

Resolved, that myself and family will buy all our dry goods, furnishing goods, clothing, shoes, hats etc at Nolan & Callahan's, as we want to get a complete set of their elegant premium dishes this year.

## Jersey Milk Cow

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James Herron,  
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# Annual Sale.

Our Great Annual Reduction Sale of Winter Merchandise will begin Saturday, December 27th and continue 30 days. Every article in our extensive stock will be reduced except W. L. Douglas' \$3.00 and \$3.50 Shoes, "Hawes" \$3.00 Hats; Monarch White Shirts, Walk-Over Shoes, and our own Overalls. All goods sold at reduced prices are for cash only.

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