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UNCLE SAM'S TRIUMPH.

Once more, our country sets the world a signal example in lofty citizenship by the work of Minister Bowen who has secured a reference of the Venezuelan matter to the Hague tribunal. The blockade is raised and thirty per cent of the customs receipts of two of her ports is to be set aside for Venezuela for the benefit of all her creditors.

The question left to The Hague Tribunal is as to the principle of "preferential treatment" claimed by the allied powers. Apparently trifling as this may seem because of the small amount of money involved its decision by the Hague Tribunal will establish an international precedent of great future weight and value.

All the South American states are deeply interested in the ruling of the International Supreme Court on the claim of Great Britain and Germany that by blockading and bombardment creditor nations can put themselves on the footing of "preferred creditors." The decision of this question will obviously have large consequences. morally, politically and financially. It may be expected to set limits of equity to the right which stronger nations claim to collect debts from weaker ones by force, to the exclusion of other creditor nations less strong, which is none other than "the good old rule, the simple plan, that he shall take who has the power and he shall keep who can."

This reference to The Hague Tribunal is spoken of as a "triumph of the Administration" and a "victory for Mr Bowen." It is much more than that. It is another great step gained for the preservation of peace through the agency of a real World's Court of Law and Equity.

REPEAL IT.

Before it adjourns, the legislature ought to repeal the Mays law. The purpose of that law was to provide as nearly as possible for election of senator by direct vote. It is a good law. Properly observed, it would exercise a salutary influence on Oregon senatorial elections, and that is badly needed. But the factional majority in the legislature for the best part of forty days has overruled the law with a reckless abandon that, done by democrats, would have provoked a storm of criticism and denunciation.

For its effect upon the people, it matters not how Geer's name got on the official ballot. It was there, and there within the provisions and purpose of the law. But of all the 73 republican members in the legislative body, only a slender 16 are supporters of Geer, and few, if any of them expect or desire his election, In short, the law has been set at naught by the very authority that made it. The youths of the state have had set before them a glaring example of holding a statute lightly.

The usefulness of the law has been destroyed. It has been laughed at and spat upon. The precedent has been established that aborts whatever of good the law promised. There is no chance for it to be held sacred by the factionists of any future legislature. It were better repealed, so that notorious disregard of a public statute by high functionaries may not become familiar hereafter to the growing youth of the state.

"Human Hearts."

Go to see "Human Hearts" at the Opera House on Tuesday, February 24th, if you need refreshment that laughter brings. Go, if you wish to be stirred by a dramatic story of unusual force. Go, if you wish to forget for a time your own cares or to find an outlet for the emotions you must suppress in real life.

APPROVED BOTH ROUTES

They Will be in Operation Within Sixty or Ninety Days—Some Facts.

E. C. Clement, special postal agent and inspector has approved free rural delivery routes numbered two and three, at Corvallis. and it is expected that both will be in operation in sixty or ninety days. In company with Postmaster Johnson, he made a careful examination of both routes last Thursday and Friday. Each was found to be feasible, though in the case of each a section of the territory proposed to be served had to be eliminated on account of the condition of portions of the roads. On route number two, service to the P. A. Kline school house had to be given up on account of a stretch of road west of town, made notorious by the fact that Mr. Kline with four mules and an empty wagon, stuck in a mud hole there last year. On route number three, a similar section of territory that it was originally proposed to serve, had to be cut out for similar reasons, the road in the latter instance being described by Mr. Clement as worse even than the Kline highway. It is the stretch of road between Gates corner and Inavale.

Route number two will be as follows: West from Corvallis to Plymouth, north to Hughes' corner, west and south to Fern, thence to Beaver Creek school house and possibly as far as Gates corner, thence back to Fern, east to Boehringer's, thence back to the Hughes corner, south and east to the state road and north to Corvallis.

Route number three leaves Corvallis and goes east to Croft's corner, thence south to Caldwell's and back to Corvallis via the Radir road. Then it goes west to Woodcock's corner and to the Catholic graveyard, past Slater's to the C. G. Davis place, thence back via the Catholic cemetery to the Aldrich place, thence south to the Oak Creek road, serving persons on various by-roads in the vicinity,

Mr. Clement talked in the TIMES office with reference to the proposed new routes. The department, he said, encounters much trouble on the new routes with the patrons. The latter petition for the route, and then when it is established fail to promptly take advantage of the service. They do not put up boxes, but for some reason or other, some of them continue for an indefinite period to get their mail at the postoffice. This is especially true in Western Oregon, and to a certain extent is militating against prompt establishment of routes petitioned for. Furthermore, it is likely, if continued, to result in abandonment of routes that may be established.

A report of the business on each route is regularly made to the department. If in the course of a few months it does not reach the proportions promised in the beginning, it is promptly discontinued. For these reasons Mr. Clement suggests that all patrons put their boxes up promptly, and begin use of the service just as soon as the routes are put in operation.

Mail boxes for free rural delivery are not supplied by the department. Each patron must provide his own box. There are various factories in the country where boxes are made. They are of regulation size, and the department enforces certain requirements concerning their durability as a measure of safety. To rob a box, properly locked, is as much an offense against the law as to rob a postoffice, and the same penalties are provided. It is on this acconnt that there is a regulation with reference to how boxes shall be made.

Boxes cost from 75 cents to $3.50 each. Those mostly used cost about $2 and are perfectly safe and durable. It is probable that they oan be secured of local hardware dealers when wanted.

Notice for Bids.

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for an opening of a change in the Kings Valley-Wren Wagon road as follows: A 60 foot right of way. beginning at a point in. the center of the County road where the Kings Valley-Wren road crosses the south line of the D. L, C. of H- S, Hallock & wf being Cl, No. 59 T. 11 S R 6 West Will. Mer. th. S 30° East 12 chs more or less to the center 6f the West end of the bridge, across a small stream of water running West, All bids for opening same to be filed with the County Clerk and will be received up to Wednesday, March 4, 1903; at 1 o'clock P. M. The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

VICTOR P. MOSES,
County Clerk.

Dated Feb. 10, 1903.

For Sale.

Four fine Shepherd pups. Price $3 each, Walter Brown, Corvallis.

STAYING AT HOME

Because They Insist That He is Dead and Want to Bury Him.

Chester Mason is not dead, though the Portland papers emphatically announced recently that he is. He is, however, in a queer predicament. The corpse down in Portland, announced as that of Chester, has been identified by all of his friends as Mason. The coroner also thinks it is, and that the assertion of Mason's relatives to the contrary is an effort to get out of paying the funeral expenses.

Both letters and telegrams have been received by Mrs Mason with reference to the matter. She went to Portland yesterday on a business trip, and incidentally to inform the coroner of the facts. Chester himself is in that peculiar predicament wherein he is afraid that, having insisted that he is dead, the undertakers will also insist on burying him. For the present he will steer clear of Portland, where a grave seems to yawn for him.

NEXT SATURDAY

Parents' Meeting in Fairmount Precinct—The Programme.

The next parents' meeting to be held in the county occurs next Saturday. Arrangements have been perfected to hold this meeting at Fairmount with Fairmount Grange in their hall. The following districts will furnish the literary programme, districts number 3, 4, 74, 6 and 43. The programme for the day will be discussion on the following subjects by the following persons:

"What Should the Teacher do to bring the Home and School into Closer Touch?" T. J. Risley and Miss Anna Pagenkoff; "What Should the Director and Clerk do to Insure a Good School?" J. F. Mayberry, J. B. Coughill, T. B. Williamson and H. J. Reese; "What Should the Teacher do to Insure a Good School?" Miss Maggie Dunlap and Charles Collins; "What Should the Parent do to Insure a Good School?" Virgil Carter, M. V. Leeper, Mrs Frank Tharp, Mrs W. B. Shannon; "Our Educational Outlook," Superintendent Denman; "How can we Improve Our School Grounds?" Prof. Geo. Coote.

The Fairmount Grange has a large membership which insures a successful meeting. There will be a basket social in the evening to which all are cordially invited. The programme begins promptly at 11 a. m.

FOR INDIAN FIGHTING

Corvallis Man Receives Certificate of Pension as Indian War Veteran.

Probably the first certificate for a pension for an Indian War Veteran to reach Corvallis, arrived Monday. It came to Joseph Yates of Corvallis, and declares him to be entitled to a pension of $8 per month for service in the Indian campaigns in Oregon.

Mr, Yates served as second lieutenant in Captain Jonathan Keeney's company in the Rogue river war. The pension according to the certificate, began in June 1902, and is payable quarterly at San Francisco.

To Home Seekers.

Among many other choice bargains, I am now offering the following:—80 acre-farm, 55 in creek bottom under plow, in crop, balance grass, new five room, well-finished house. new barn, running water,—all under fence, wood house, chicken house, fruit cellar; orchard, 3 miles from R R station, rural mail, 2 good mares, new harness, wagon and top buggy, 6 cattle, hogs, chickens' sheep and goats—all for $2400. Also—215 acres, 115 fine valley under plow, 100 pasture, 2 barns, good five-room residence. orchard, running water, buttery, wood and chicken houses, 4 horses, 4 cows, 40 sheep, besides lambs, 28 goats, 2 wagons, 2 buggies, all farm implements, plows, seeder, hay rack, hay rake, mower, binder, mower, et c. good location, one mile to church, school and R R—$8000. 160 acres, 2½ miles of Corvallis, 90 creek bottom, balance pasture and timber, 60 acres cultivated, good orchard. all under fence, new 4-room cottage, 2 barns, fine water, fine span horses. new wagon and harness, 3 high grade cows, fifty hogs, all farm implements, all for $4800, easy terms, also improvements on homestead claim.

350 acres, 200 in valley under plow, balance pasture, fenced and cross fenced, large barn, orchard, 2 story six-room house, fine spring water, good location, part on time. must be sold by March 1st, only $16 per acre. Many other bargains See F. P. MORGAN.

RUNNING NOW

The Benton County Saw Mill—It Has an Increased Capacity.

The big sawmill of the Benton County Lumber Company resumed operations last Saturday after a shutdown since the first of last November. It is the plan of the company to keep the mill in operation constantly hereafter, and arrangements for facilitating the transportation of the output with that end in view is in progress. The demand for lumber is so great that buyers and lumber dealers in various parts of the country are offering to take the entire output of the mill including the inferior grades, and at prices in keeping with the lumber quotations all over the coast.

During the shut down the capacity of the mill has been increased by the addition of various kinds of machinery for the more economical manufacture of lumber. The capacity is now about 30,000 feet in 10 hours, making the industry one of the most important in the county.

During the interim, the capital of the company has been increased by the admission of J. D. Irvine, late of Brownsville, to partnership, and the company has been reorganized and incorporated. In the articles of incorporation recently filed at the clerk's office, the capital stock is placed at $30.000. The new officers are, M. J. Flynn, president; S. S. Ewing, treasurer; and J. D. Irvine. secretary and manager. The principal office is at Corvallis. The company has secured rights of way for a flume for the transportation of lumber from the mill to ths railroad at Philomath.

It also owns an extensive tract of timber land in the immediate vicinity of the mill. the standing timber on which is of the highest quality, and estimated at 35 to 40 million feet. The mill employs 30 to 35 men when in active operation.

Changing His Store.

Changes have taken place in the grocery store formerly conducted by Oscar Healy. Clarence Chipman, the new proprietor, has completely renovated the premises, has added new goods, and has done much to increase the attractiveness of the place. A wideawake air is present, and customers who call will find things a-doing. Mr. Chipman pays no clerk hire, his rents are low, he conducts business on an economical basis, buys goods cheap for cash, and is in position to sell them as low as the lowest. He buysall kinds of farm produce, and paysspot cash for chickens. The public is invited to call.

HOW 'TWAS MADE

Declaration of Independence—All About it Friday Night at M. E. Church.

An occasion that is sure to be of great interest, is a lecture to be given next Friday evening at the First Methodist church. The speaker is to be Willis C. Hawley, of Willamette University, who is well known and highly appreciated by Corvallis audiences. His topic is to be "The Making of the Declaration of Independence," a subject on which Mr. Hawley is as widely informed as any man in Oregon. The lecture is one that he has had in mind for years, and it is sure to be of surpassing merit and attractiveness.

The lecture is to be the first of a series of five that is to be given by the Epworth League of the First Methodist church. There is to be no charge for admission.

City Stables.

Notice is hereby given that we have opened up the City Stables in Corvallis and that we are well preparep to accommodate the livery trade here in a first-class manner. Good attention will be given to the care of transient stock and regular boarders. A share of thepatronace is solicited,

Winegar & Hodges.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Kinman Vanderpool, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified as by law required to me at Wells, Oregon, or at the office of Yates & Yates, Corvallis, Oregon within six months from this date.

Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 7th day of February, A D, 1903,

VIRGIL A. CARTER,
Administrator of the estate of Kinman Vanderpool, deceased

Referee's Sale of Real Property.

On the 7th day of March, 1903, at the hour of one o'clock P M at the front door of the Court house in Corvallis Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate towit: Lots nos. 107 and 114 in block no. 25 in the Cityof Philomath, Benton County, Oregon. Said sale is made under and in pursuance of an order and decree of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County in the suit of George H Burtch, et al Plaintiffs—vs—Jennie Churchill et al, Defendants, a proceeding for the partition and sale of real property.

M. P. BURNETT,
Referee appointed by the said court to sell said real estate,

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Marvin Applewhite, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that I. E E Wilson, as administrator of said estate of James Marvin Applewhite, deceased, have filed my final account as such administrator with the clerk of the County Court of Benton County. State of Oregon, and the said Court has fixed Saturday the 7th day of March, 1903, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day as the time, and the County Court room in the Court House in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said final account and for settlement ther

Dated this February 7, 1903,

E. E. WILSON.
Administrator of the Estate of James Marvin, Applewhite, deceased.