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B. F. IRVING, Editor and Proprietor.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the Matter of the Estate of
LOUISA IRWIN, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as executor of the last will and testament of Louisa Irwin, deceased, has filed his final account as such executor with the clerk of the county court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county, and the said court has fixed Saturday, the 8th day of September, 1906, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and the county court room in the court house in Corvallis, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said account, and for the settlement thereof.
Dated this August 10, 1906.
R. S. IRWIN,
Executor of the last will and testament of Louisa Irwin, deceased.

Executrix Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the will of B. Wistar Morris, deceased, and of the laws in such case made and provided, the undersigned as executrix of the estate of the said B. Wistar Morris, deceased, will, on and after the 19th day of September, 1906, proceed to sell at private sale and on the terms hereinafter set out the following described real estate, situated in the county of Benton and state of Oregon, to-wit:
"The west half of section 9, and lots 2 and 3 of section fifteen, lots Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the west half of the northwest quarter of section 16 and the southwest quarter and lots Nos. 3 and 4 of section 10 and the southeast quarter and lots Nos. 2 and 3 of section 9, all in township 13, S. R. 4, West Willamette Meridian, containing 302 3/4-100 acres of land in Benton county, state of Oregon."

TERMS OF SALE.

The above described property will be sold as a whole or in separate parcels as may be found to be the best interests of the said estate, and the same will be sold for cash, or for part cash and part on time. If sold for part cash and part on time, the purchaser will be required to pay at least one-half of the purchase price at the time of executing the deed for the property, and the balance within one year thereafter. Deferred payments to draw interest at the rate of six per cent, per annum, payable semi-annually, and to be secured by mortgage on the property. All sales hereunder will be made subject to confirmation by the county court of the state of Oregon, for Multnomah county.
Dated August 21, 1906.
HANNAH BODNEY MORRIS,
Executrix of the last will and testament of B. Wistar Morris, deceased.
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Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Melona Wright has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Thomas J. Wright, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, duly verified as by law required, at the office of J. P. Yates within six months from the date of this notice.
Dated at Corvallis, Or., Aug. 14, 1906.
MELONA WRIGHT,
Administratrix of the estate of Thomas J. Wright, deceased.

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FRANTIC PARENTS

CAUSE WILD PANIC BY FALSE ALARM OF FIRE IN A SCHOOL BUILDING.

Originates From Burning Rubbish—Small Boy Spreads Report in Poor Chicago District and Tramples Teachers in Rush to Save Children—Other News.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—A mob of ignorant, terrified mothers and fathers stormed the John M. Smyth public school this morning and caused a panic among the 1200 children in the building, which is the heart of the ghetto. The men and women fought like beasts to reach their little ones, who in their blind fear they believed would be burned to death. They attacked the teachers who strove vainly to prevent a panic, and ran from floor to floor, mingling the names of their little ones with the cries of fire and wild supplications to the Virgin. Nineteen nationalities are represented in this district and all went mad.

For a few minutes the children wavered. They heard both the cries of their parents and the commands of their teachers. In the end discipline broke under the strain and boys and girls, big and little, catching the contagion of senseless fear, made a rush for the doors.

The teachers, mere girls, some of them, pale, calm, stood against the doors and struggled to restore order. By chance a merciful Providence or something else, all escaped unhurt. Some of the smaller children were bruised, frocks were torn and faces scratched, but the madness passed and the teachers restored order before any of their charges had been injured.

Of course there was no fire.

In the grounds of the Smyth school three portable one-story school structures have been erected. In one of these the janitor swept together a pile of rubbish shortly after 9 o'clock this morning and lighted it. A small boy, tardy and bathing school, saw the thin spiral of smoke curling from the window. He turned and ran homeward, crying as he went:

"The schools burnin'; they're fire in the school."

Many mothers were standing in the street bargaining with hucksters or gossiping with neighbors. Big, brawny women those mothers are, and they love and fight for their young as do wild animals. They heard the cry and took it up. In three minutes those words:

"The school is burning," were ringing through the streets in half a dozen languages.

Then came the first rush. Women dropped nursing babies, turned from washtubs without stopping to wipe off the suds; dropped their marketing in the street and started madly for the school. At their head was a man, and here and there in the throng were other men, but nearly all were women, and all were mad with fear. From narrow side streets and twisting allies they poured into Blue Island avenue.

The thin column of smoke still rose from the little school building. The windows of the main structure were open and the hum of childish recitation could be heard. Save for the thin column of smoke there was no sign of fire and absolutely none of danger. But the unreasoning mob did not stop.

Like a charging army the parents swept through the school yard and entered the building by every door. Teachers were swept aside and trampled upon. Their orders, their pleas not to start a panic and their assurances that there was no fire went unheeded.

Some of the frantic mothers had heard from friends in New York of the wild day there when the school authorities had attempted to butcher children. They recalled that now and shouted that their little ones were burned to death deliberately. They struck savagely at the frailer women who confronted them and swept from room to room, shrieking the names of their children until the building had been emptied.

Salem, Or., Sept. 7.—F. M. McElfresh, superintendent of the large Wallace orchard near this city, committed suicide this evening by

shooting himself in the head with a shotgun. Temporary insanity is the only possible explanation of his act. McElfresh was one of the best known and highly esteemed fruit men in this part of the valley. He was a graduate of the University of Illinois and from 1898 to 1901 was professor of botany and etymology at the Oregon Agricultural college. In the fall of 1901 he took the superintendency of the Wallace orchard and filled it with entire satisfaction to the owners.

Mr. McElfresh was a conscientious man and worried greatly whenever the work of the big orchard did not proceed to the best interests of his employers. He was just finishing the harvest of a 300-ton crop of pears, but in the last few days many pickers left to go to the hop fields and he worried over that.

He ate his noonday meal as usual today and gave instructions for the afternoon work. He then went to the fruit house, placed the muzzle of a shotgun to his head and fired. His head was nearly severed from the body. He was alone in the building at the time.

Workmen who were well acquainted with him, and to whom he talked a moment before entering the fruit house, saw nothing unusual in his manner.

McElfresh was a native of Illinois and was about 35 years of age. He was married in February, 1905, to Miss Gertrude Ewing, of Oswego, Or. There are no children.

McElfresh was well known to Oregon fruitmen. He attended horticultural meetings and frequently delivered addresses of a practical nature. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Hazelton, Pa., Sept. 1.—Health officer Bonner, of this city, was approached on the street by a stranger who said that he had decided to get married, and asked the officer to recommend some one to him.

"Do you prefer a blonde or brunette?" asked the officer.

"I don't know what that means," the man said, "but I want one that kin bake."

"That kind," the officer said, "were all taken."

Winsted, Conn., Sept. 1.—A man identified as John A. Johnson attempted to enter the home of Arthur B. Wellman, manager of the Torrington Ice company in Torrington, last night.

Mrs. Wellman, who was alone with her daughter, ran outside when she saw the man and seized the garden hose. As the man grabbed her she turned the stream of water into his face until he finally released his hold, drenched to the skin.

The daughter in the meantime had gone to alarm neighbors, and the man was captured a short distance from the house.

Salem, Or., Sept. 7.—The first gang of convicts to be used for farm labor from the prison was sent out today to Rosedale where they will help harvest a prune crop for J. W. Hunt. There were 13 men in the gang, one of them serving as cook for the rest. There was a shortage of help in the Rosedale district and Hunt applied for a gang from the prison. The men were sent out upon an agreement that Hunt shall pay the same wages that are paid to free men and that he will take its pay in prunes and pears to be used in feeding state prisoners during the coming year.

Seattle, Sept. 7.—Superior Judge Frazer this morning set September 24 as the date on which the trial of Esther Mitchell, charged with murdering her brother, George Mitchell, will begin. The date of the trial of Mrs. Maud Creffield, who is charged jointly with the Mitchell girl, has not been set as yet. The charge against both women grew out of the shooting of Franz Joseph Creffield, the Holy Roller leader, by George Mitchell in this city last May. Mrs. Creffield is the wife of the Holy Roller leader.

Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of
FRED LONG, deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of said Fred Long, deceased, by the county court of Benton county, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate of Fred Long, deceased, are hereby required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned at his residence in Summit precinct, Benton county, Oregon, or at the law office of B. F. Irving, in Corvallis, Oregon.
Dated this 7th day of September, 1906.
R. E. LONG,
Administrator of the estate of Fred Long, deceased.

VANQUISHED

REVOLUTIONISTS TRAPPED AND BADLY WHIPPED IN BATTLE AT HAVANA.

Fighting Now in Progress in Many Parts of Island—Palma Refuses All Attempts at Compromise—Only Hope for Peace Lies in Intervention.

Havana, Sept. 8.—Trapped and badly whipped in a battle almost within sound of the palace in this city, the insurgents in this province are scattered and demoralized. Col. Asbert, who commanded the insurgents, is among the seriously wounded. The list of dead is said to be very large. So far as known the fight grew out of a misunderstanding on the part of the insurgents. They had been told that an armistice had been declared and were coming into Havana when they were met outside the city by a detachment of rurales and a fierce fight ensued.

For more than an hour the rebels stood their ground, but at last they were forced to retire, taking their wounded with them and leaving many dead behind. Colonel Asbert, although desperately wounded, made his escape. Later in the day when seen at the palace, President Palma said:

"The fiercest fighting that there has been from the beginning of the war took place today, yet the newspapers printed a report that a truce had been officially proclaimed. As this false news was first spread by apparent friends of the government, I consider it an act of treachery."

"I have never said or done anything which could be interpreted as a recognition of the belligerency of rebels. When General Menocal asked permission of me to see the rebels, to induce them to make peace without granting them anything contrary to the dignity of the government, I consented, but not with the idea of stopping the war for a moment."

"If General Menocal succeeds in bringing about a compromise between the political parties the government will be glad. But it will not take any part in a compromise. I consider the publication of the news of a truce as a dastardly trick designed to promote yesterday's battles at Cienfuegos and in the province of Pinar del Rio."

News comes from Pinar del Rio that an armored train sent against General Pino Guerra has been forced to turn back. The commander seems to have learned that a freight train ahead had been stopped by an armed force and he lost no time in taking to the woods, in spite of the fact that he had two machine guns he made no effort to test the strength of the rebels. Encouraged by their success the insurgents are now threatening to blow more bridges and are assuming the offensive in every direction.

According to a report from General Montolio, the battle near Cienfuegos yesterday went on till night. Then both sides withdrew to their positions. Over 20 were killed and many were wounded on both sides. The loyalists at right received reinforcements from the city. The rebels were commanded by Guzman and Portola. The loyalists were in command of Valle and Gaines. This is their third encounter since Wednesday.

The Cienfuegos Correspondencia says that Guzman declares he will take particular care to destroy the property of the Americans in order to force intervention by the United States. He said to leading Spanish merchants who visited his camp that Spaniards would be respected, for he had no hope that Spain would induce the United States to assume any attitude.

Hamburg, Germany, Sept. 4.—Ewald Conrad, alias Baron Santos von Dobrowski-Donnesmark, who, it is alleged, deserted his American wife at Paris, taking with him \$8,000 worth of her jewels and some money and who was arrested August 23 on a charge of robbery but discharged because he was not culpable under German law, has again been arrested, accused of burglary.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 7.—Governor Pardee, at the request of At-

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