

ACCUSED WOMAN IS LEGACY CLAIMANT

Ex-Postmistress, Under Fraud Charges, Named in Will Surrounded by Mystery.

ROBBER SENDS DOCUMENT

Mrs. Ella McClendon Thought to Have Attempted to Obtain Another \$900 Estate, Purportedly Favored by Poisoned Man.

ST. LOUIS, June 23.—Federal officials here who have been investigating the charge of using the mails to defraud, in which Mrs. Ella McClendon, former postmistress at Sturdivant, Mo., recently was arrested, learned today that she is claimant for a large part of the estate left by George M. Nicholas, of Rockingham County, West Virginia, who died from the effects of poison last August. The estate is valued at \$125,000 to \$250,000.

When Nicholas died his brothers, finding no will, took charge of his estate, and his brother Charles was appointed administrator. Fourteen days after the death the administrator received a package bearing what appeared to be a Chicago postmark and containing a wallet and several papers.

Among the papers was the purported will, in which George M. Nicholas bequeathed to Mrs. McClendon the Nicholas "home farm," a tract of several hundred acres, valued at \$50,000 to \$75,000. The residue to the estate was left to "Mylo Bros."

Nicholas had four brothers and this clause in the will was confusing. The purported will was written on cheap note paper with a pencil and was not dated—a formality not necessary under Virginia law. The will, however, explained that Mrs. McClendon had cared for him in St. Louis after he had been injured there in a street car accident.

Included in the package was a letter from the sender, in which it was said he had robbed George Nicholas and, having read the will, he thought it his duty to send the document to the Virginia authorities, so the woman named therein might receive her share of the estate.

Brothers Fight Claim. The four brothers have secured counsel and will fight the claims of Mrs. McClendon.

Mrs. McClendon was arrested a few weeks ago on a charge of attempting to obtain from a bank in Georgetown, Colo., \$500 left there by John Rowan, who died at Grewar, Mo. The letter sent to the Colorado bank was signed "Ed Sellers" and inclosed a check payable to "Sellers" and purporting to have been signed by Rowan. Postoffice inspectors say that Sellers was Mrs. McClendon.

OREGON PRODUCTS URGED

Women of Roseburg Hosts at Banquet to Commercial Club.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—Oregon products were the topic discussed at the first annual reunion and picnic held at the First Presbyterian Church in Roseburg last night. The banquet was given by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Roseburg Commercial Club, and was attended by several hundred citizens. The menu was made up of Oregon products. Professor J. W. Groves, of the local high school, acted as toastmaster, and many men and women of local prominence responded. Each speaker urged the use of Oregon made goods.

Among the out-of-town speakers were L. Samuels, of Portland, founder of the Oregon Life Insurance Company. He was liberally applauded.

Music was furnished during the banquet by Ott's orchestra.

EUGENE ACCIDENTS FOUR

Within 24 Hours Three Men and One Woman Hurt.

EUGENE, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—Four accidents of varying degrees of seriousness have occurred in the past 24 hours here.

Sunday afternoon R. F. Smithwick, assistant chief engineer of the Portland, Oregon & Eastern, and Stephanie Hammond were thrown from a speeder on the new Portland, Eugene & Eastern line and both badly injured. Smithwick has a fractured skull and Mrs. Hammond is badly bruised. Sunday afternoon at Donna, Oregon, 20 miles eastward, Abo Kelly, brother of the Portland lumberman, was wounded slightly when James Chapman, in a quarrelsome mood, fired through the door into the house.

Charles Jones, a steel workman from Portland, employed on the new county bridge across the Willamette, tonight fell, crushing the back of his head.

CLATSKANIE LEVEES HOLD

High Water Proves Efficiency of Protection for 12,000 Acres.

CLATSKANIE, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—The continued high water has demonstrated the stability of the levees and dikes and the efficiency of the drainage system as constructed and installed by the Columbia Agricultural Company here on the delta lands just north of town.

The water now stands at from five to six feet deep on land not protected by the levees, while the protected tracts are dry and the crops show every evidence of being abundant. The water in the ditches stands from three to four feet below the surface of the ground, making a difference of about eight feet between the water on the two sides of the levees. About 12,000 acres of heretofore unproductive land are under cultivation due to this project.

INCORPORATION IS OPPOSED

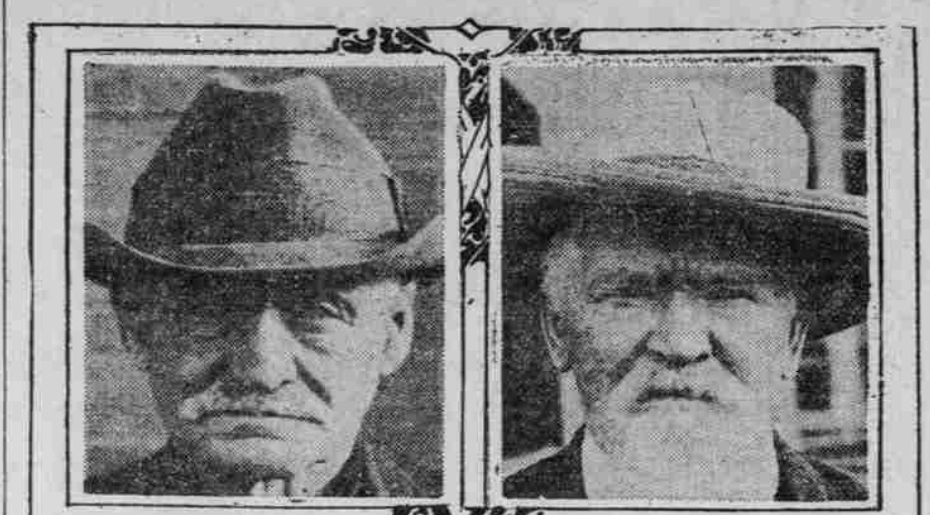
West Woodburn Farmers Fight Change Desired by Liquor Men.

SALEM, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—About 20 farmers have employed Samuel Richardson, of this city, to file suit to prevent the incorporation of West Woodburn.

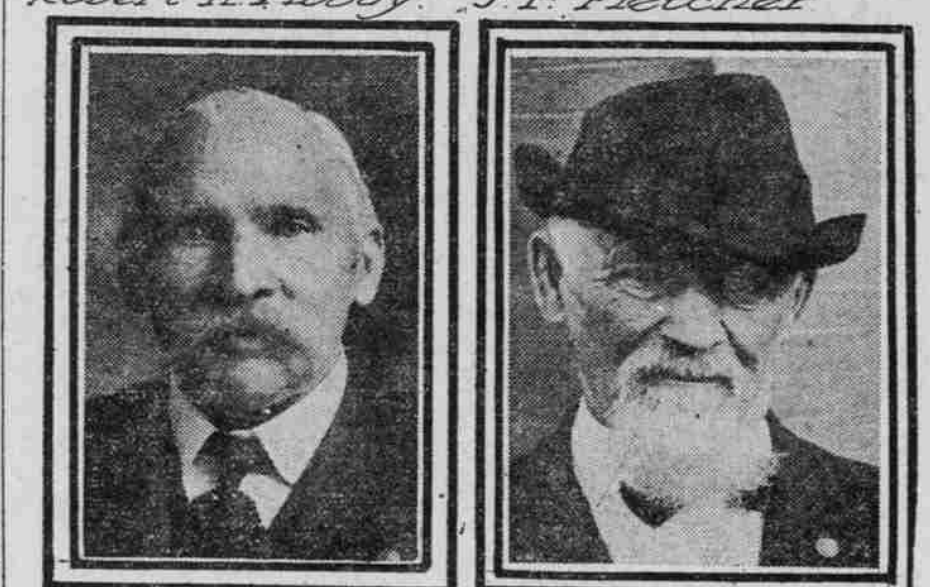
The farmers appealed to Governor West, declaring that the object of making a city out of the community is to enable two men to establish a saloon. Forty residents of the territory have signed a petition that the saloon be opened.

The farmers oppose incorporation because of their land would be in the city limits and they would have to pay city taxes.

ANOTHER GROUP OF GETTYSBURG VETERANS WHO WILL VISIT OLD BATTLEFIELD



Robert A. Moody, J. F. Fletcher



Henry Thuman, Rudolph Freeburgboose

SETTLERS GET HELP

Irrigation Construction Charges Reduced One-Third.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 23.—Convinced by hearings held early in May that settlers on Government irrigation projects are entitled to greater leniency than they have been receiving from the Government, and that many of them find it difficult to meet their obligations to the Government, Secretary Lane today issued notice granting a reduction in the construction charges due this year.

By this order the last installment of the building charge which became payable is reduced to one third of the amount due, but not to less than 50 cents an acre, payment of the balance to be deferred and added on the last installment on the water right application. For those who have already paid charges due corresponding credit is to be given on the next annual installment or they may have credit applied to operation and maintenance charges now due.

No person is to receive benefit on this concession on December 1 next who has not paid all amounts due for operation and maintenance charges which he has cultivated less than one-half the irrigable area of his land or not less than five acres for each full irrigation season since water was first available for the land.

Further Extension Advocated. It provides further in case of those who are now delinquent and subject to cancellation that if they make payment of operation and maintenance charges for irrigating their land no later than December 1, 1913, the Secretary Lane announced further that he will urge upon Congress the extension of time for the payment of building charges under proper limitations and conditions.

Secretary Lane said: "The man who makes a farm and irrigates it is the man I am interested in, not the land speculator. On some of our irrigation projects we have been making money for speculators rather than homes for farmers. I find we have our irrigation projects 1,200,000 acres of irrigable land, but we are irrigating only 650,000 acres. More than 95 per cent of the remaining 550,000 acres are irrigable, but unirrigated, is land in private speculative ownership.

Aim Is to Make Farms. "The man who irrigates his land should have the easier terms from the Government because he is the one who is giving the public the benefit of that land.

"The people of the United States have invested \$75,000,000 in constructing irrigation works, to irrigate farms, not to increase the value of lands held out from use.

"Not one of the water users desires the Government to waive his debt, but less than one-half of them have paid the building charges due December 1, 1912, which will be delinquent December 1 next. It is necessary now to increase the time for payment of operation and maintenance charges and to just reduce all present building payments.

The opinion was given at the instance of Labor Commissioner Hoff, and it is probable the Supreme Court will be asked to construe the law.

Testimony Required in Murder Trial. GOLDENDALE, Wash., June 23.—(Special.)—R. J. Willis and J. B. Ledbetter, Goldendale business men, who resided in Alaska before coming to Goldendale in 1905, before summoned as witnesses in a murder trial at Juneau, July 2. The killing occurred 11 years ago, but the accused man, a mining superintendent, only recently was brought back to Alaska for trial. The men left Goldendale today and took their families along with them for a visit with friends in Alaska.

Redmond to Celebrate. REDMOND, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—Redmond is to have her first Fourth of July celebration. Arrangements have been made to have a two days' celebration this year, and as there will be no other celebrations in Crook County, a large crowd is looked for here. The celebration will be concluded by a party of Redmond business men went over there and asked the Prineville people to join with Redmond in the celebration. A baby show will be one of the features of the celebration. There will be ball games, horse racing, automobile races and a number of other sports. In the parade there will be many decorated floats of business houses and different industries. Suitable prizes will be given for all events and for best decorated float and best decorated building. With the double train service in effect on the railroad it will be possible for people from surrounding towns to attend conveniently.

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CELEBRATION WILL BE GIVEN BY VETERANS

Military and Civic Procession to Start "Boys" of Old Brigades on Way to Meet.

MOTOR CARS ARE WANTED

Theatrical Company Undertakes to Provide Roses for Departing Heroes, and Parade Under General Finzer Is at 12:30.

PUBLIC INVITED TO JOIN IN FAREWELL PARADE FOR GETTYSBURG VETERANS.

Everyone in Portland is invited to join in the charge of the Gettysburg veterans tomorrow to join in the farewell demonstration in honor of the surviving heroes of the Civil War's decisive battle.

Automobile owners are urged to offer the use of their machines to convey the veterans from the Courthouse to the station. They should be at the Fourth-street entrance of the Courthouse at 12:30.

Persons who have roses that can be used for presentation to the veterans should call the Halling Theatrical company at 1230. The roses will be called for by members of the "Hanky Panky" company and taken to the station.

Gettysburg now is the mecca for all the survivors of the great battle fought there 50 years ago that saved the South to the Nation.

Surviving heroes of that battle are gathering in Portland from all parts of the state preparatory to departure tomorrow for the happy reunion grounds, where the remnant of Meade's army will meet the remnant of Lee's army in a semi-centennial observance of peace and reconstruction.

It will be unlike their meeting of July 1, 2 and 3, 1863, when more than 40,000 brave men were killed, wounded or lost in battle.

Sectional lines will be withdrawn at this reunion. The Confederate soldiers will be in the same tents with their Northern brethren. For the camps will be allotted by states. Oregon has been allotted a choice place. Thirteenth Street, between the place where the first line of troops in the battle, A. Lee's headquarters tent has been established near the "clump of trees" that all historians tell about and which marked the "highwater mark" of Pickett's famous charge.

Among those who arrived here yesterday was J. P. Fletcher, of Roseburg, who was a member of Company B, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and a member of Company I, Sixth New York Volunteer Infantry. He fought in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac.

Rudolph Freeburgboose, who lives at 244 East Forty-sixth street, was a member of Company I, Sixth New York volunteer cavalry. He fought in the Potomac campaign and was in the hardest part of the battle of Gettysburg.

Robert A. Moody, a survivor of Company B, Nineteenth Maine Volunteer Infantry, who was in the battle of Gettysburg, was in the hardest part of the battle of Gettysburg.

Henry Thuman was a member of Company C, Fifty-eighth New York Volunteer Infantry, known as the Morgan Rifle Regiment. Thuman was wounded at second Bull Run August 30, 1862. He was wounded twice at the battle of Gettysburg and was taken a prisoner by the Confederate forces.

"Boys" Are Reminiscent. As the veterans assemble here they get much enjoyment in exchanging reminiscences.

Adjutant-General Finzer will be in charge of the parade and will assign the various participating bodies to their places. Two companies of National Guard troops will be in line. An effort also is being made to assemble the Coast Artillery Battalion.

A. E. Cooper, commander of Scout Young Camp, Spanish American War Veterans, yesterday gave assurance that a large number of members of that organization will be out. They will march in line.

The Police Band, the Firemen's Band and a Platoon of police will head the procession.

The "Hanky Panky" actors and actresses are planning to gather enough roses to fill a big automobile. The Commercial Club, the Ad Club and several other organizations have agreed to have official representation in line.

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of the accomplishments of Guy C. Stockton, who this year completes five years at the head of the Eugene schools, and now goes to China to take up educational work there.

The manual training in the high school is the most recently established class, having been offered for but the past half year. Manual training work was started for the grade schools with the opening of school last September, and Arthur C. Blair was put in charge.

Three shops were erected each to provide for the boys of two of the city schools. With the demand for classes for high school students, L. H. Enright, of Eugene, was appointed assistant. Mr. Blair, not an applicant for a position next year, and Mr. Enright will take charge of the department.

The course when fully introduced will cover three years and will enter into the chemistry of foodstuffs.

Sewing is taught in the grades by Mrs. L. H. Enright, who goes from building to building on special days, instructing the girls while the boys are taking their manual training lessons. At the annual school exhibit there were samples of patching that were excellent.

GIRL TO WED NEPHEW

BRIDE'S BROTHER SOON TO BE HER FATHER-IN-LAW.

Portland Lass Takes Sister-in-Law as Mother-in-Law—Bridegroom's Stepfather His Brother-in-Law.

LOS ANGELES, June 23.—(Special.)—Emil Oriva, aged 23, Los Angeles, and Paulina C. Oriva, aged 23, Portland. That's all that was recorded on the marriage license by Clerk R. S. Sparks, but later he drew up his bill, flushed a few times and scratched his head. Then he got to work, figuratively, to figure out the Oriva family tree.

The Orivas are going to marry Thursday night at the bridegroom's home. The girl he is going to marry is his aunt, because her brother married his mother. As young Oriva unfolded the truth, Sparks gasped feebly a few times and clutched the atmosphere.

But on with the family tree. This is what will happen when wedlock unites Mr. Oriva and Miss Oriva. Miss Oriva's brother will become her father-in-law. Miss Oriva's sister-in-law will become her mother-in-law. Miss Oriva, by marrying Mr. Oriva, marries her own nephew and gets a husband at the same time.

Now for the bridegroom. By this marriage the bridegroom's stepfather becomes his brother-in-law. He marries his aunt by marriage. For those who have their minds still clear, it may be said that in case there are any children from the marriage—"let's see," said Sparks; "which sure, the children will be sisters of their own mother."

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PIONEERS HAVE PICNIC

Programme Consists of Songs, Reminiscent Talks and Oration.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., June 23.—(Special.)—The third annual reunion and picnic held by the Alder Creek Pioneers' Association at Cleveland, Wash., last Saturday was attended by 1200 people. W. A. McCredy, of Cleveland, was the oldest pioneer on the grounds. Mr. McCredy was born in Ohio in 1830, and crossed the plains in 1852, setting in Yamhill County, Oregon. He moved to Eastern Klickitat in 1879. Robert Newell was the oldest resident pioneer attending. Mr. Newell is a stockman, and settled on the east fork of Rock Creek in 1861.

The programme consisted of songs, reminiscence talks on pioneer days, and an oration by N. E. Brooks, representative in the State Legislature from Klickitat, who has been a resident of Klickitat County for 35 years.

GOLDENDALE to Celebrate. GOLDENDALE, Wash., June 23.—(Special.)—Goldendale will have a July 4 celebration and various committees are busy arranging the details. An automobile parade will start the programme followed by exercises at which R. K. Butler, of The Dalles, will deliver the oration. The afternoon will be given over to baseball, sports, horse-racing and a broncho bucking contest. The celebration will be concluded by a grand ball at the McCrow Hall. The Goldendale brass band, will furnish music.

Umpqua Fishways Inspected. ROSEBURG, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—E. E. Clanton, State Game and Fish Warden, and F. J. Hughes, chairman of the State Game and Fish Commission, inspected the fishways in the Umpqua River today. An engineer has been employed by Mr. Clanton and the several dams in this vicinity will be provided with additional fish ladders.

Roseburg Conductors Organize.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—A branch lodge of the Order of Railway Conductors was organized here today by Chairman Sam Johnson, of the Southern Pacific conductors, and T. A. Gregg, vice-president of the Order of Railroad Conductors. Officers were elected as follows: E. H. Billings, chief conductor; W. B. Johnson, assistant conductor; L. C. Johnson, secretary and treasurer; W. W. Bonebrake, junior conductor; A. Ford, senior conductor; F. M. Parrish, inside sentinel; H. L. Coffin, outside sentinel; J. H. Hall, M. C. Leuvan and M. H. Crandell, trustees. The local committee on adjustment comprises E. H. Billings, M. C. Van Leuvan and L. C. Johnson. There are about 40 conductors in Roseburg and the order starts out under the most flourishing conditions.

Lipman Wolfe & Co. Merchandise of Merit Only. High Tide for Bathing Suits. Everybody seems to be coming here for a bathing suit this season. Every day someone comes in saying "Miss So-and-So told me to be sure to go to Lipman, Wolfe & Co. for my bathing suit, as they have the most attractive line in the city."

Every Tailored Suit in the Store Selling Regularly from \$32.50 to \$42.00 Clearance \$20. Linen Crash Suits With Individuality That Sell Regularly at \$12.50 But on Account of the Backward Season They Go on Sale Today at \$8.75

Your Summer Laces Are Best Supplied Now at June Clearance Prices. \$1.25 VENISE LACE BANDS, CLEARANCE 58c. \$2.00 NET TOP LACE FLOUNCING AT 89c. \$5 VENISE LACE BANDS, CLEARANCE \$2.95. \$3 VENISE LACE BANDS, CLEARANCE, \$1.69. Voile Floouncing, Clearance 78c, 98c, \$1.38, \$1.98

Intensely Interesting Reductions on Summer Novelty Dresses For Girls From 6 to 14 Years. A collection of pretty Summer dresses, for the Summer girl, in effective Summer styles. Piquant in design, pertinent in color, perfect in workmanship and unusually low in prices.

Portland Trust Company of Oregon. Interest paid on Savings Funds and compounded semi-annually. Deposits made on or before JULY 5th, 1913 will receive interest from the first of the month. THE BANK FOR SAVINGS. The Northwestern National Bank of Portland. Combined Resources, Over \$4,500,000.