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MARION COUNTY BOOKS WILL NOT BE GIVEN OVER TO EXPERTS.

Motion Filed to Have Court's Order Therefor Set Aside—Sensational Charge Against Judge.

SALEM, Oct. 26.—County Clerk Hall, Sheriff Durbin, Treasurer Downing and Recorder Roland, of Marion County, tonight filed a motion in the County Court, asking that the court set aside its order of yesterday, employing Messrs. Clark and Buchanan, of Portland, to expert county books. These officers allege in their motion that the action of the court was illegal, because not authorized by law; that the record was made irregularly, since it purports to have been made on October 24, when it was in fact made on October 25; that the employment of said experts was not made at a public session of the court, but at a public session of the court, but at which none of the officers affected were present; that the officers making this motion have kept direct accounts of their transactions, and have, by economy, got the county out of debt; that this employment of experts, at this time, is an unnecessary waste of public funds; that County Judge Scott is the only person actively engaged in the effort to employ the experts, and that he persists in his course in order to vent his spleen and fill with against one of the officers making this motion, and that the officers are willing to have their books examined by competent and impartial residents of Marion County.

The motion will not come up for hearing until the November term of the County Court. In the meantime, the county officers will refuse to turn over their books to experts. They declare that the legality of Judge Scott's course will be tested in the Circuit and Supreme Courts before they will permit the experts to proceed under the order.

PRUNES ARE STILL PILING UP.

Only About 25 Per Cent of the Marion County Crop Has Been Sold.

SALEM, Oct. 26.—About 25 per cent of the prune crop of this vicinity has been sold up to the present date, and the market seems to be very inactive. Dealers say they are getting all the fruit they want at 2 to 3 cents for 40s, but growers generally say that no such price of consequence are being made at those prices. Prunes are still piling up in the big Wallace warehouse on Trade street, and shipments are being made daily in fulfillment of sales made some time ago. The total yield of prunes in the country tributary to Salem is estimated at 25 carloads, or 2,500,000 pounds. Of this quantity there has been sold up to the present date, or 1,000,000 pounds, at prices ranging from 40 cents down to 34 cents for 40s. This leaves the bulk of the crop in the hands of the growers and yet to be sold. Some of the growers have the idea that prunes will yet sell for 4 cents and they will hold a considerable time for that price. There are others who cannot afford to hold their fruit, and will sell at a less price, while some few will find it necessary to sell very soon, regardless of price.

This season has been no exception to the rule that the opening price is the best one, and those who sold early were in luck. If the price should revive later in the season, by the first of December, growers will get through the season in profit, and they are expected to be good shape, but at present quotations the crop would barely pay expenses. Some growers who have learned by experience to keep the fruit in the orchard as long as possible, and to sell it when the price is at its peak, are now regretting that they did not do so. They hold that the total crop of the county is about 25 carloads, or 2,500,000 pounds, and that the aggregate of last year. The total crop of this vicinity is far short of what it was expected the cured product would be. In the hands of the orchard north of Corvallis, for example, where 30 carloads or upwards of dried product was expected, the total amount saved is not expected to exceed 10 cars. The remainder of the great crop of the orchard was destroyed by rains, and by failure of the huge drier built this year to take care of all the prunes as they ripened.

BENTON GROWERS NOT WORRYING.

CORVALLIS, Oct. 26.—Local prune men are not discouraged with the lower prices prevalent for cured prunes. They are in receipt of numerous inquiries from the East for prunes, and are expected to be as soon as the large lots that have been shipped on consignment are sold, a demand and rally of prices will result. They say the Oregon crop is much over-estimated, and as soon as this fact is discovered a change of price for the better will come. They hold that the total crop of the county is about 25 carloads, or 2,500,000 pounds, and that the aggregate of last year. The total crop of this vicinity is far short of what it was expected the cured product would be. In the hands of the orchard north of Corvallis, for example, where 30 carloads or upwards of dried product was expected, the total amount saved is not expected to exceed 10 cars. The remainder of the great crop of the orchard was destroyed by rains, and by failure of the huge drier built this year to take care of all the prunes as they ripened.

NEW FINNISH CORPORATION.

Co-operative Association for Benefit of Finns at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Oct. 26.—Articles of incorporation of the American-Finnish Co-operative Association were filed in the office of the County Clerk this morning. The incorporators are Samuel Peterson, Axel Penttila and August Thompson, and the object of the association, as stated, is "the higher education, moral and social improvement and to promote the principles of fraternity among the Finnish residents of Astoria, the State of Oregon and the United States."

The association is authorized to buy and sell real estate and to engage in any kind of co-operative business, and will be of mutual benefit and financial assistance to the association and its members.

Reports of School Principals.

The principals of the various city schools filed their reports with the clerk today for the month ending October 25. The reports show the number of pupils to be 1201, divided among the schools as follows: High School, 75; Olney, 22; McCune, 27; Shively, 23; Adair, 28; Alderbrook, 28.

New Labor Union.

A branch of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Union, which organized here last evening with 14 charter members. The officers elected were: James Kinkela, president; Henry Valen, treasurer; Edward Englebright, corresponding secretary.

The Chisholm logging camp near Knappa has closed down for the winter, after having cut the body of timber that it has been working on since the fall of 1900. It will start up again in the early spring on a body of timber in the same vicinity.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 26.—Alfred Dolge, formerly a resident of Dolgeville, N. Y., but now living at Lamanda, Cal., has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court of Southern California. He asks to be relieved of debts amounting to \$1,547,943.61, and declares assets to be \$2,250,000. In the explanatory statement set his affairs, Mr. Dolge states that "through business reverses and misfortunes brought upon him as the result of machinations, frauds and conspiracies of other parties in whom he had explicit trust and confidence, he became financially embarrassed, and was induced to make an assignment for the benefit of his creditors April 11, 1900, to Walter N. Kerner, of the City of New York. Mr. Dolge was an extensive manufac-

turer of felt shoes and felt piano covers, having a factory at Dolgeville, N. Y. According to the inventory there are 258 creditors. Among the claims exceeding \$20,000 are: American Exchange National Bank, New York, \$150,000; First National Bank, Jersey City, \$33,134.84; estate of Gustav Freygang, Hoboken, N. J., \$81,281.75; Mrs. Kate Sidwell, Chicago, \$27,564.34; National Herkimer County Bank, of Little Falls, N. Y., \$113,565.63; Louis Kleen, Mount Vernon, N. Y., \$170,000; Philip Helmer, Dolgeville, N. Y., \$22,599.70.

FIVE CINNABAR ORE.

Southern Oregon Deposits as Good as Any on the Pacific Coast. GRANT'S PASS, Oct. 26.—The discovery of mercury in paying quantities in the Meadows district, east of Grant's Pass, has caused much activity in that section. Many claims have been located and are being worked, and many thousands of dollars worth of cinnabar ore have been removed from the mines, while the work of development and discovery goes on without abatement.

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MR. JAMES E. YEATMAN

PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF CHARACTER IN "THE CRISIS."

Life and Home of a Man Who Lived Only to Help and Inspire His Fellowmen.

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—(To the Editor.)—An old and well-known friend of mine, Mr. James E. Yeatman, is one of the characters in Winston Churchill's latest book, "The Crisis." When I first knew Mr. Yeatman he was no longer young; his hair was growing gray; his form, still commanding, was beginning to droop slightly beneath the weight of years, his complexion was clear and pure, his eyes bright and dark. His manner might have been stated were it not for his gentle dignity. To converse with him was to breathe a purer atmosphere than that of

fruits were the houses of the negroes, the curio-house and stables.

To all these evidences of a sweet and elegant home life were added a great deal of statuary, so disposed as to create surprise and pleasure as you came upon it unawares, in quiet nooks, where it delighted fancy more than it compelled attention.

Inside the house the large square hall, with a winding staircase at the back, another sunny room back of that, the conservatory and drawing-room to the left, the tapestry hung dining-room to the right, and no end of unexplored rooms and offices stretching back into a long L, gave more the air of a French country place than a house of the Colonial pattern. The great canopied bed-rooms of rosewood draped with lace, handsome furniture of rosewood, mahogany mirrors, consoles, carvings of ivory and marble, pictures in massive gold frames, rare lace and rich brocaded hangings, deep-plush velvet carpeting, all made up an ensemble that had all the glamour of the storied past. Almost every article in the house, including hundreds of pieces of china from France, painted with a wealth of coloring and gaudy of design now seldom seen; crystal chandeliers, candelabra and quaint designs in mirrors, lamps and candlesticks, would make the heart of the present collector of curios wild with envy.

Many of these things belonged to the Yeatmans, much has been added since, and the old place is like a museum or rather a storied shrine to me.

Mrs. Eddy lived there alone with a daughter, who was a schoolgirl, as I was. We studied together, and would study and recite our lessons in the long dining-room. We wrote essays together, and often got into very deep water with high-flown subjects. We studied elocution and read Shakespeare and recited "speeches" from his plays. We were apt to sit up all night, if left to ourselves, and Blanche would never get up in the morning, but sitting up never made any difference to me about getting up. I was always too fond of sunshine, the first blush of the roses, the songs of the earliest birds, to stay in bed.

In winter, when the snow was falling, there was just as much to enjoy in the velvet views through the naked trees, in listening to the changed sounds of the bells and the city sounds, in the fragrance of the gardens' breath the early Summer's sun.

Ah! dear old Belmont, when will I see you again, rising to the east of you, and sending its beam of light to the west, or watch it from your vine-clad balconies descend in glowing splendor down the rocky west, or see again the sun lying in golden patches on the lawn, dry sward in the mystic dreamy days of Indian Summer.

Since writing the above I have had a letter from Blanche, who says that her memory of the old place is as clear as day, but that her mother and sister are much disappointed in the book, owing to its many inaccuracies. I agree with her that the book is not a true picture of the old place, but I think the book was not near the present Lindell Grove or Lindell Park, but was nearer where Lindell avenue now is. I knew one of the Lindell heirs, who lived at Thirty-second and Olive street, and I had heard of this question, in which he said Camp Jackson was on the Lindell estate, east and south of him. I also noticed another thing in the book which Blanche criticizes. I can see her before me now, as her slender form rises to its proudest height, her dainty fingers interlace themselves, her thin nostrils quiver, her glorious hair flows down her forehead, her head grows broader and whiter under its wealth of raven hair, as she says with a spirit not a whit less imperious than her mother's: "I had heard of this question, in which he said Camp Jackson was on the Lindell estate, east and south of him. I also noticed another thing in the book which Blanche criticizes. I can see her before me now, as her slender form rises to its proudest height, her dainty fingers interlace themselves, her thin nostrils quiver, her glorious hair flows down her forehead, her head grows broader and whiter under its wealth of raven hair, as she says with a spirit not a whit less imperious than her mother's: "I had heard of this question, in which he said Camp Jackson was on the Lindell estate, east and south of him. 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