

DENIES BROKEN PROMISE

THOMAS J. B. NICHOLSON ANSWERS SUIT FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES.

He Admits Being Engaged to Miss Lois E. Devereaux, but Pleads a Release.

Thomas J. B. Nicholson, sued by Miss Lois E. Devereaux for \$10,000 damages for breach of promise, filed an answer in the State Circuit Court yesterday, denying the charge, and pleading a release from the engagement.

In his answer Nicholson admits that in August, 1894, he agreed to marry Miss Devereaux, who is now a resident of the city. He admits that he was engaged to her, but pleads a release from the engagement.

The evidence submitted by the prosecution went to show that on the night of October 5, 1902, three Chinese were seen emerging from the room occupied by the deceased at 123 Second street, after the noise occasioned by the killing of Lum Gau had been heard.

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ENLARGING WOOLEN MILLS

Machinery Coming to Double Its Present Capacity.

Plans are being carried out for doubling the manufacturing capacity of the Portland Woolen Mills, on Johnson Creek, at Sellwood. This announcement was made yesterday by E. L. Thompson, secretary of the company.

The factory has been burning out 2,000 yards of fabric a month. When the plans for the enlargement have been carried out the output will range from 40,000 to 50,000 yards a month.

The enterprise has succeeded in getting the most enthusiastic promoters and founders hoped for. It has not been able to fill the orders. Only the other day the management had to refuse an order to manufacture 20,000 blankets.

At a meeting of the Sellwood Board of Trade Friday evening the committee on local improvements submitted a report showing that in that district over 30 new buildings of all kinds have been built this year, the cost of which aggregates \$100,000.

The report says that 45 new dwellings were erected, and a great number of old houses were remodeled and rebuilt.

Cost of these buildings ran from \$500 to \$2000 each. Mention is made of the new schoolhouse built for Willoughby district.

It has plenty of room for increase in the territory, and also the new eight-room school built for the Portland district, the enlargement of the Portland Woolen Mills and the starting of construction on the new sawmill at the foot of Spokane avenue.

This showing was regarded as satisfactory. The demand for houses continues.

CONFERENCE COULD PROBABLY BE CALLED TO SETTLE DIFFICULTIES IN SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.

It is considered probable that a conference could be called to settle the difficulties among the members of the Second Baptist Church. This will consist of the ministers and leading laymen of the district, about 40 in number, who will hear the evidence and act as an arbitration board.

Each side will submit its grievances. Full testimony will be taken.

The investigation in this case will go back several years to find the cause of the trouble. There is yet no move to organize the council. Both sides of the controversy have been quiet since the acceptance of the resignation of Rev. William E. Randall, the pastor.

However, whatever is done will be done behind closed doors.

THE "CHRISTILLA VALLEY."

Name Selected in Honor of Pioneer Settlers Near Mount Scott.

The pioneer settlement in Clackamas County, southeast of Mount Scott, which has been called "Deardorf Valley" and "Happy Hollow," will be known hereafter as "Christilla Valley."

This name was adopted for that valley at the last school meeting. It is a combination of the name of Chris and Tilla Deardorf, pioneers of that settlement.

By combining the first names into one the name was formed in memory of the pioneer residents. It is a beautiful and prosperous district, and is rapidly filling with settlers.

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GREAT IDEA REALIZED

INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN A PROVED SUCCESS.

It Will Now Enlarge Its Capital to Extend Its Field of Operations Through Latin America.

The idea of the late James G. Blaine and others, advanced at the first Pan-American Congress in 1889, that a great international bank should be organized to establish business relations between the United States and the Spanish-American countries, has been embodied in the organization of the International Bank & Trust Company.

It represents the union of the Mexican Trust Company and the Corporation Trust Company, both organized under the laws of Delaware, and both highly successful in their respective spheres. The authorized capital is \$100,000,000, of which \$50,000,000 is now outstanding.

The company is offering \$20,000,000 of the additional stock at \$100 a share, which will make the total amount outstanding \$70,000,000. It is officially stated that the growth of the company's business affords ample opportunity for the profitable employment of the proceeds of the new stock.

Of the two original companies, the Mexican Trust Company was organized June 1, 1891, and earned and paid a dividend of 7 per cent for the first year. It declared a dividend of 2 per cent for the quarter ending September 30, and carried forward a large surplus. This was the first international banking institution formed and financed for the purpose of operating a system of branches in a foreign country, and paid special attention to the question of foreign exchange in Mexico and established a system of par exchange to its depositors, from its branches on the City of Mexico, which became highly popular.

As the Corporation Trust Company of Delaware had a highly valuable charter and had signal success in securing like charters for a number of other corporations, a merger of the two companies was considered the best means of carrying out the idea of an international bank advanced by prominent financiers at the Pan-American Congress in Washington in 1889, and at the City of Mexico in 1891.

The board of directors of the new company consists of 20 representative business men in different sections of the United States and Mexico, who have given much time and thought to the establishment of a Pan-American bank.

The scope of the company is broad. Among its purposes are to extend the facilities of exchange between the different nations of the American Hemisphere, and the promotion of American trade in every possible manner compatible with safety and business prudence.

The nine branches of the Mexican Trust Company Bank in Mexico are to be maintained.

WAR ON TUBERCULOSIS.

Instruction to New York's Crowded Tenement Districts.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—A campaign against tuberculosis has been inaugurated in this city by the New York City Health Society. Lecturers will visit the crowded districts and address the tenement dwellers in various languages, in the hope of inculcating ideas which will check the spread of the disease. Special attention will be paid to the negro section, where the death rate is higher.

KILLED IN RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

WARSAW, Ind., Nov. 15.—A head-on collision between two freight trains on the Pennsylvania road here today resulted in fatally injuring Fireman Cowell and badly injuring Engineer Pearson, both of Fort Wayne. Killing 40 head of cattle and 15 horses, besides maiming as many more, most of which will have to be killed. The other engineer and fireman escaped serious injury by jumping.

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LOW PRICES AT FLOOD TIDE

It is said that lightning never strikes twice in the same place, but great merchandising events follow themselves in quick succession at ROBERTS BROS.' Last week the whole store contributed one mighty force of unequalled values, appreciated by a response the largest in our history. Monday and Tuesday this force is again concentrated in a series of opportunities that will mark an event of the greatest, most practical and most economical advantage a buyer can obtain in Portland.

Sweeping Sale Silk Waists

The variety is immense—The waists are as pretty as you can dream of—Their beauty and finish, their fresh style, would make them especially attractive at full prices. But we have purchased 18 dozen highest grade Taffeta Silk Waists at 25c on the dollar from the Great Northern R. R. left on their hands in shipment, and will sell the entire lot, worth not less than \$5.50 each, sizes from 32 to 42, Monday and Tuesday for

Best always go first—Come early.

DRESS GOODS SPECIALS

28-inch fancy Plaids for children's wear, per yard 12c

36-inch fine weave all-wool Venetian, all colors, per yard 50c

38-inch all-wool Henriettas, finest, every color, per yard 50c

56-inch heavy cloth for Walking Skirts, dark colors, per yard \$1.25

50-inch all-wool Cheviot Serge, in black and navy, \$1.00 value 85c

SILKS

20-inch Taffeta, all pure silk, in black and all colors 50c

20-inch Jap Silk, all colors, worth 35c yard, for 25c

20-inch Velveteens, elegant quality, black and colors 50c

Silk Velvet, in all the leading colors and black \$1.00

LADIES', MISSES' AND BOYS' SHOES

Women's Vici Kid Lace Shoes, hand turn and hand welt soles, newest styles, kid and patent leather tips, our regular \$3.50 grade Utr & Dunn's make, Monday and Tuesday's special, at \$2.75

Misses' heavy kid lace School Shoes, extension soles, wide orthopedic coin toe, patent leather tips, solid leather, substantial make; our regular \$2.00 line, sizes 11½ to 2, Monday and Tuesday's special \$1.60

Child's of same quality, regular \$1.75, sizes 8½ to 11, special \$1.40

Boys' heavy kangaroo calf seamless lace Shoes, good honest leather soles, good shapes, our regular \$1.85 and \$2.00 lines, sizes from 12 to 5, Monday and Tuesday's special, at \$1.45

Our Prices Will Always Be the Lowest

SALE OF WRAPPERS

50 dozen ladies' Flannelette Wrappers, made with deep flounce ruffles over shoulder, handsome patterns, fast colors; regular price \$1.25; on sale this week at 98c

FUR SCARFS

Your choice this week of about 75 fur scarfs, various kinds of furs; usual prices, \$1.25 and \$1.50; special price \$1.09

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JACKETS

Ladies' Kersy Cloth Jackets, 27 inches long, lined with fine grade satin, six large pearl buttons, three cloth straps on back