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OAKLAND.

The Thanksgiving ball seemed to be a success. All present enjoyed the music by the orchestra.

Miss May Kellogg went to Eugene Sunday morning.

H. D. Graves and wife of Roseburg were visiting here Thursday. They returned on the evening local.

Mrs. P. B. Beckley has been quite sick but at last accounts she was up and around.

Judge Stearns and family of Portland left here for Eugene Friday morning.

Roy Stearns came home from Eugene last Wednesday and returned Sunday morning. Roy is looking well and says that his sister May and cousin Vinnie Young and he are getting along nicely in school.

Judge Stearns and family of Roseburg came over last Wednesday preparatory to attend the Thanksgiving dinner at his father's, Mr. D. W. Stearns. They returned on Thursday evening's local.

Creed Chenoweth has his new picket fence completed around his residence which is a decided improvement.

Mr. P. Beckley has the latest improved method of taking cough medicine and the beauty of it is it works like a charm.

The society club for married men and their wives is said to be a decided success. Their last meeting was held at Creed Chenoweth's residence last Thursday evening. An enjoyable time is reported. Their next meeting will be at Mr. C. H. Medley's.

We hear that Horace Masters of Roseburg and Katie Houser of Oakland were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at the residence of the bride's parents Sunday afternoon. The couple left on the evening train for Roseburg. Our good wishes go with them for their happiness and prosperity.

Prof. James Underwood of Roseburg and Mrs. Georgia Young of Oakland were married Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Ambrose Young. Rev. Marcellus officiating. The wedding was a quiet one. Besides the bride, groom and minister, Mrs. Ambrose Young, Mrs. Marcellus and Wm. Underwood were present. The wedded pair departed on the evening train for Roseburg, where they will make their home. Many of their friends were at the depot to see them off and wish them a God speed and a happy life. Their faces will be missed from among us so much, but our wishes are for their happiness and success.

OLALLA.

The rainfall now prevailing is making miners smile.

Professor Byron's school closed Friday.

W. E. Welis and son returned home from the metropolis Thursday. Burt complains of having had a good time in Portland.

George Frater and wife are visiting relatives in our neighborhood.

Ben J. Byron has gone to Albany to seek a fortune. May success attend him.

Mrs. J. W. McFarland is suffering from neuralgia.

Thomas Coats of Tenmile is confined to the house nursing a sore hand.

E. L. Hoover has gone to Medford to visit his family and perhaps will not return until after the holidays. J. W. McFarland will have charge of the farm during Mr. Hoover's absence.

Mrs. Wm. Morton is visiting Miss Bessie Kester.

Fred Fisher is nursing a sore thumb. He was thrown from a horse, and as he fell to the ground the horse placed his foot on Fred's hand lacerating the thumb in a fearful manner. Although the wound is still very painful Fred feels hopeful of soon regaining the use of his hand.

TELEGRAPH NEWS

The Massacre At Sassoun.

BUFFALO, Nov. 28.—Misses Charlotte E. Ely and Mary C. Ely have just returned home after a long period of missionary labor in Eastern Turkey, under the direction of the American board of missions for foreign missions. Their absence covers a period of 28 years, and so soon as affairs in the disturbed districts have quieted down they will return to Turkey. The Misses Ely were stationed at Bitlis, about 55 miles from Moosh, where the most horrible of the atrocities occurred.

Speaking of the Sassoun massacres, a large part of which occurred near Moosh, one of the ladies said:

"The massacre was undoubtedly planned by the porte. The immediate provocation came about as follows:

"The Kurds were in the habit of raiding the flocks of the Armenians. The Armenians, impoverished by repeated acts of robbery, banded together for the purpose of recovering their flocks from the Kurds. When the two parties met, of course, there was fighting. Two Moslems were killed and several Christians. The Turks mutilated the bodies of their slain countrymen. After that the corpses were carried to the quarters of the provincial government of Bitlis, and shown to the vali, Tahsin."

"See what the Christians are doing to us," they exclaimed to the vali."

Miss Ely said that after the first collision a series of retaliatory conflicts took place. That was a year ago last August. Soon afterward Tahsin Pasha went in person to Galigoozan and ordered the massacre of the Armenian Christians. He was suspended by a cord about his neck an imperial edict from the porte, commanding him to "chastise" the Christians. This was read to the Turkish soldiers who had massed at that place from all parts of Asia minor. Miss Ely continued:

"Before the reading was completed, as if unable to delay the diabolical deed, Tahsin gave the order to 'smite' the Christians. Then followed a scene almost too awful to describe, so terrible were the orders given by the officers. Some of the better ones among the common soldiers begged that they be not compelled to carry them out. Others actually refused to execute such barbarous commands, and were told if they did not obey orders they would be shot from the cannon's mouth. Some of the good soldiers, however, protected Armenian children, hiding them in fields of grain and among the rocks in the mountains."

The missionaries say it was hard to pick specific instances out of such an inferno of cruelty, but mentioned the following:

"The soldiers would toss children into the air and catch them on their bayonets when they came down. At other times they would stand a number of children in a row, each Turk would take a child by the hair, and they would see who would be the first to cut the child's head off."

"When Tahsin started on his mission of butchery he took with him a large quantity of kerosene oil for the purpose of removing by fire all vestiges of the dreadful work which he contemplated. The oil was afterward used to saturate the clothing of living beings and the match would be applied."

"I saw one boy with the whole side of his face burned away. He told me he had been attacked by the Turks and then thrown on a heap of coals, being left for dead."

Miss Ely was asked about the treatment of Armenian women by the soldiers. She said:

"The violation of women and girls by the Turks was one of the commonest and worst features of the whole horrible affair. In one instance scores of them were shut up in a church and kept there all night by the soldiers. In the morning they were all murdered. One witness told me that he saw blood flow over the threshold of the building."

Through the Straits.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—A report is current that a British warship has passed through the Dardanelles, and that while making the inward passage she was fired upon by the big Turkish forts. The rumor cannot be confirmed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 29.—After all the warlike talk of yesterday the British ambassador, Sir Phillip Currie, has backed down, and the British gunboat Dryad has been ordered back to Salonica. The general opinion is that the powers have been placed in a somewhat ridiculous position. Following the repeated threats of forcing a passage of the Dardanelles if the sultan persisted in refusing to allow extra gunboats to enter the Bosphorus, this looks very much as if Abdul Hamid and his advisers were well informed when they persisted in holding out against the demands of the representatives of Great Britain, Russia, Italy and Austria, for additional guardships, believing they were justified in so doing on the ground that the powers are not in accord as officially stated, and that the disarming powers were behind Abdul Hamid in the stand he has taken.

Comment on the Backdown.

LEANS, Nov. 30.—A dispatch from Constantinople this afternoon, which announced the humiliating backdown of the British ambassador to Turkey, Sir

Phillip Currie, in his insistence, based on treaty rights, that Great Britain, and, incidentally, Russia, Italy and Austria, be allowed an extra guardship in the Bosphorus, was not well received by the sultan, and it is certain to be made much of by their opponents.

Although the Dryad had been ordered back to Salonica, it is understood in official circles that this is only a temporary move, taken in order to avoid giving any provocation which might lead to rioting in Constantinople, and the sultan's obstinacy in this matter is all the more annoying, for it is clear that the powers are being dallied with and placed in an undignified position by Abdul Hamid, who is evidently skeptical as to the longevity of the European concert.

The suggestion is published here that the sultan has a few brokers operating on the different foreign bourses, and that he has been personally manipulating the recent rapid changes of the political situation in the east from a speculative point of view. If this be true Abdul Hamid must have made huge profits within the past few weeks merely on the movements of funds which attended the various phases of the extra guardship question, which has been the greatest attraction throughout the week.

European Control Alone Effective.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The Duke of Westminster, according to a letter just received by the Armenian Relief Association, says: "No settlement of the Armenian question can be deemed satisfactory which does not forever place beyond the reach of their oppressors the remnant of the persecuted Christians in Turkey. This can be best done by effective European control."

The duke has written to the Russian, French, Austrian, German and Italian ambassadors begging them to ask their respective governments to co-operate with England.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Proceedings of the December Term, 1895.

The circuit court convened this morning with a full attendance of court officers, lawyers, jurymen and witnesses, and the usual number of spectators. The docket is an unusually long one, and many of the cases that come up for hearing are quite important.

The grand jury is composed of the following named gentlemen:

D. C. McWilliams, foreman; S. D. Evans, A. L. Hancock, David Morgan, Nathan Smith, George Bollenbaugh, George Applegate.

Bailiffs—M. C. Ruckle, Burt Brockway, W. K. Vinson, R. A. Woodruff.

THE DOCKET.

Up to 2 p. m. the following cases have been passed upon:

6. C. A. Sehlbrede vs. F. F. Patterson; foreclosure. Dismissed.

11. J. A. McCully vs. South Umpqua Mining Co.; to recover money. Dismissed.

13. C. H. Manpin, Admr. vs. A. S. Peters; to set aside contract. Dismissed.

20. Charles R. David vs. L. F. Anderson; in equity. Confess, motion to file amended complaint.

23. Thos. Hirst, I. Hacker et al. vs. Emma Nasburg, et al.; partition. Continued.

24. Thos. Hirst et al. vs. Emma Nasburg et al.; partition. Continued.

25. S. Hamilton vs. C. Gutches et al; foreclosure. Settled.

44. Jane McDonald vs. William McDonald; divorce. Continued for service.

49. Asher Marks, admr., vs. J. M. Dillard; to recover money. Default.

50. Caro Bros. vs. Wm. Copley et al; to recover money. Default.

59. E. P. Spaulding vs. Harry M. Ball; to recover money. Continued for service.

63. J. W. Hamilton vs. Onesime Pelland; to recover money. Settled.

64. Asher Marks, admr., vs. J. H. Whitsett; to recover money. Demurrer withdrawn, answer to be filed.

65. McGee & Sons vs. Sun Insurance Co.; to recover money. Settled.

66. McGee & Sons vs. Phoenix Insurance Co.; to recover money. Settled.

67. Kittie J. Bushnell vs. H. E. Hoover et al.; injunction. Injunction perpetual.

70. J. E. Trump vs. Jerome Smith et al.; foreclosure of lien. Settled and dismissed.

71. Abraham Jones vs. Mary A. Drollinger et al.; foreclosure. Default.

72. Honeyman De Hart & Co. vs. McGee & Sons; to recover money. Settled.

73. The Standard Shoe Co. vs. McGee & Sons; to recover money. Settled.

74. A. T. Ambrose vs. Douglas county; appeal from county court. Settled.

75. James M. Ambrose vs. Douglas county; appeal from county court. Settled.

80. Hannah Josephson, Admr. vs. Hugh Fenton; to recover money. Default.

81. W. D. Childs vs. Joseph Melvin; to recover money. Default, order of sale of attached property.

82. Jacob Brown vs. John Jackson et al.; foreclosure. Demurrer withdrawn.

85. State of Oregon vs. Albert Pool and Andrew Pool; larceny. Dismissed on motion of State.

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Bicycles.

All wheelmen are invited to meet at T. K. Richardson's music store tonight at 8 o'clock. Object of meeting to secure rights and privileges for the wheel in the city of Roseburg.

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