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CASTRO'S ADMINISTRATION NEARING AN ABRUPT CLOSE

Is in Europe Sick, Forsaken and Discredited--New Acting President Gomez Surrounded by a New Progressive Cabinet

Caracas, via Willemstad, Dec. 22.—The end of the rule of Cipriano Castro has come, and the dictator who has governed the republic with a rod of iron ever since he took forcible possession in 1899 is now openly charged with conspiracy to encompass the assassination of the man whom he left at the head of the republic when he sailed away on November 23 for La Guayana, nominally to secure skilled medical aid in Berlin for a malady of long standing and is today thoroughly discredited.

The Bank of Venezuela has cabled its correspondents at Berlin and Paris cancelling the unlimited letters of credit given to Castro and no one in Caracas believes that he will ever dare to return to the capital, the Castro cabinet has been forced to resign and a new and progressive ministry has been

appointed by Acting President Gomez.

Already the new administration shows signs of a desire and intention to settle the disputes between Venezuela and foreign powers that have kept the republic in the light of unenviable notoriety for several years past.

CASTRO SICK MAN.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Castro apparently is unaware of his downfall or of the gravity of occurrences in Venezuela. Members of his party say he receives no dispatches of any kind. The opinion is steadily gaining ground here that Castro's power is completely broken.

Dr. Israel twice examined Castro today. He reached no definite opinion but is inclined to believe that the patient is suffering from severe ulceration of the kidneys, which can be treated without an operation.

COUNTY SEAT NEWS ITEMS RAILS FOR SPRINGFIELD LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Clark are down from Cottage Grove visiting Mrs. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wiltse of the Park hotel.

Lawrence Jensen, one of the proprietors of the Eugene Planing mill was married Wednesday to Miss Mamie Dickson at her home near Albany.

George Fisher, a few days ago, sold the fine Van Osdel farm near Goshen on the river bottom to Nate Hill for \$14,500. It is one of the best farms in this part of the country.

W. M. Welch, of the firm of Welch Brothers of Salem, who have the contract to build the new postoffice in Eugene, was here Sunday. While here he stated that the government had approved the firm's bond and that excavation for the building would begin in a short time, probably within a week if the weather is favorable.

A small shipment of steel rails for the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company's Eugene-Springfield line arrived Tuesday and two car loads are expected to arrive in a day or so. Foreman Utterback of the construction crew, says that as soon as the two car loads of rails arrive he will

put on a force of men and finish laying the track from its present terminus at Judkins' Point to the



FRANK MOSS.
 The successor of Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst as head of the Society for the Prevention of Crime is Frank Moss, the New York lawyer who has been counsel for the organization for many years.

river at Springfield, the grading and trestle work having been completed that far.

AID FOR SIUSLAW IN LANE COUNTY

Eugene, Or., Dec. 22.—J. B. Cushman of Acme, has received word from Congressman Hawley that the chief of engineers, U. S. Army, has secured from the secretary of war the loan of the government machinery now at the mouth of the Coquille river for the building of a jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw river. Lane county will probably be bonded for \$200,000 to carry on this improvement work, if a bill permitting such action is passed by the legislature.

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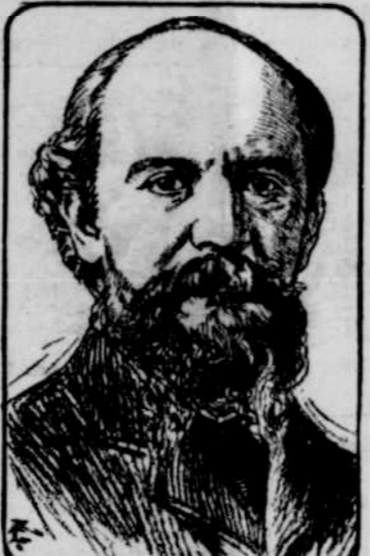
One of the prettiest holiday souvenirs presented by any of the local business firms is that of the Rees-Wallace Co. It consists of a beautiful autumn landscape scene in natural colors 9x17 inches. The picture itself is 4x13 inches, mounted on a venetian walnut card, and in keeping with the usual modesty of this firm, the printed advertisement of the company only appears on the back of this picture panel souvenir. The Leader editors were each favored with one of these pretty souvenirs and hereby congratulates the Rees-Wallace Co. upon their enterprise and good taste in the selection of such a pretty and appropriate holiday souvenir.

A fine, almost new 3-horsepower Fairbanks & Morse gasoline engine, tanks and equipment for sale. Inquire at the Leader office.

FINCH MURDER TRIAL NOW ON

Alleged that Fisher was Shot from Behind By J. A. Finch

Portland, Dec. 22.—That Ralph B. Fisher, prosecutor of the state bar association who was killed by



ALGERNON C. SWINBURNE.
 It has been announced unofficially that the Nobel prize for literature will be awarded to Algernon Charles Swinburne, the famous English poet.

J. A. Finch, a disbarred lawyer, was shot behind without warning; and that he fell with his feet under

his desk and his overturned chair beside him: that the bullet which caused death ranged downward and that there were no sounds of a quarrel before the shooting nor signs of a physical contest evident, was the burden of the testimony, presented by the state against Finch, whose trial is now in progress.

The purpose of this evidence was introduced by the prosecution with the apparent purpose of combatting the contention made by Finch's counsel in their opening statement that Finch shot in self defense during an altercation and after he had been lit over the head with a notary's seal.

Miss Vera Burkhardt, Fisher's stenographer, the only eye witness of the tragedy, told a simple straightforward story which withstood all the attacks of Finch's lawyers. It was she who testified to the suddenness of the shooting. Finch is practically directing his own defense. During the direct examination he takes copious notes, and he frames many if not most of the questions asked during the cross-examination.

Grant Holcomb, private prosecutor and a deputy game warden who lives at Springfield, arrested three persons, Tilden Warden and his two nephews, Clarence E. Warden and Allen Warden, two boys aged 19 and 17 respectively, for having in their possession a deer contrary to the law and they pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 each, except the younger boy, Allen, who was turned over to the juvenile court and allowed to go home.—Register.

GARDINER MINISTER BACK IN HIS OLD TEXAS HOME TALKS FREELY REGARDING THE ERROR OF HIS WAY

The Leader has during the past two months published brief reports concerning the arrest of Rev. Summers at Gardiner and his being taken back to his old home in Texas for trial. The following dispatch from Salem, gives an account of Summer's arrival at his Texas home and probably a true version of his escapades:

Salem, Dec. 23.—Those who heard Rev. George Summers, alias George Clark of Halsey, Or., deny that he was Summers before Governor Chamberlain here a few weeks ago, will be surprised to also hear that Clark admits he is Summers. Clark came to Salem with several ministers and a large following of Halsey people who were firm in their belief that Clark was really Clark and not Summers. Clark contended he had a double and that he was not implicated in an elopement with Bessie Massey from Throckmorton, Texas.

A copy of the Throckmorton (Texas) Times, has just been received. "Clark" was sent by the annual conference to Gardiner, where he spent a short time until he was recognized by Jack Parrott, of Throckmorton, as Rev. George Summers, a minister of his home town who had eloped four years previously with a pretty young girl named Bessie Massey, who was organist of Summers' church and with whom Summers was living. They had two young children.

Sheriff Spurlock of Texas, left Roseburg, Oregon with Summers, Miss Massey and the children, November 28. Rev. Mr. Summers is in the county jail at Throckmorton awaiting his trial, which the Times states will be in May the regular session of court convening then. Miss Massey and the children have returned to her father's home in Throckmorton.

A reporter visited Summers in jail and he became communicative. Heretofore he has stoutly maintained innocence. Even when Miss Massey, before leaving Oregon, confessed all, and Sheriff Spurlock, who was a member of Summers' church at Throckmorton, recognized him, he declared

he had a double and that it was all a mistake. Summers is quoted as saying:

"Yes, I realize the sentiment is strong against me here. I only ask for a square deal. I fear no law. I have violated no law of Texas."

He was accused of obtaining money under false pretenses and admitted he borrowed money from



JAMES J. STORROR.
 James J. Storror, mentioned as possible successor of President Elliot of Harvard, is prominent in educational matters in Boston. He is a graduate of Harvard.

George Cloud before leaving, but said he made no false statements about the loan and would have returned it long ago but had forgotten Cloud's initials and circumstances were such that he could not send to ask what they were.

He then proceeded to shift all blame from his own shoulders to the shoulders of his wife and Bessie Massey. He said that while he was in Kansas, where he and Miss Massey had gone to hold revival meetings, he received a letter from his wife saying that all Throckmorton was stirred up over his and Bessie's elopement. He then offered Miss Massey \$40 and her ticket to Dallas, Texas, if she wished to go back home, but at the same time told her he would never go back unless an officer compelled him to do so. She chose

to accompany him to the Pacific coast. He then promised her he would be true to her regardless of consequences.

"That promise has landed me in jail," said the abused minister. "I had every opportunity to escape the officers and get into Canada, but I was determined to keep my word."

"Now my mind is made up to be true to Bessie, I am the only person on earth who can place her back in society and give her children a name. I will get out of this and get a divorce and marry her or die in the attempt."

"The reason I maintained to the last that I was not Summers was because I knew good people would desert Bessie and she would be left to the rough element."

"I am known throughout Oregon where we led exemplary lives. I am not all bad. There is a good streak in me or I would have deserted her and left her here among strangers."

He told the reporter that when he was recognized by Parrott at church he went home and told Bessie that "the jig was up."

The Times states that Summers has three children in Throckmorton, a son 25 years of age and two daughters, aged respectively, 22 and 13 years. It spoke of the grief of Mrs. Summers over her husband's escapade.

While Summers, as Clark, was pastor at Halsey he did several things which looked crooked, but owing to his position they were covered up and excused. When church officials went to look at his credentials, which were written on sheepskin and preserved with like documents of the district, they were not to be found and it is supposed that he watched his chance and removed them, though they were kept under lock and key.

Snap in a fur coat, just the thing for drivers and horse-back riders, cost \$35, going at \$12, good as new. Apply at Leader office.

BOOTH-KELLY LOGGING ROAD IS EQUIPPED FOR BUSINESS

Special School and Road Levies Must be Made Before the First Day of January for the Ensuing Year Says County Judge.

The Booth-Kelly company initiated their new five-mile railroad east from Wendling last week.

George Kelly came down from there yesterday and reports everything working well. They have their own locomotive and about 25 cars, 50 of which are low flats, built especially for hauling logs. There are others for extra lengths used for hauling large and long logs, the latter having no air brakes, but which are dragged behind the rest of the train. The new road will give them access to the best timber in the valley and if the business outlook for timber increases they will be in shape to

do a large business at this mill.—Register.

Must Make Levy Soon

Those road and school districts which wish to make special levies must do so before January 1, as the law compels this to be the case when special work is planned for the following year. A large number of levies are now in, but in several districts for both road and school development there have been indications that other work would be planned and as yet the district has not made its levy.

The county judge issues a warning that these levies must be filed with the county clerk by January 1, or they will not be permissible.

COOS COUNTY BOYS SENTENCED TO TERMS IN THE PENITENTIARY

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 19.—For selling to minors whiskey which caused two of them to go to the penitentiary, George Baxter, the keeper of a hotel and a bar room at Coquille, was fined \$250, and costs.

Rose, Williams and Kinnicutt

Point girl and it was further brought out in the trial that the whiskey was purchased from Baxter's place. This matter was brought to the notice of the grand jury and an indictment was returned against Baxter. He pleaded guilty before Judge Hamilton.

Rose, who was found guilty by a jury, and Williams, who pleaded guilty, were both sentenced yesterday by Judge Hamilton. Rose goes to the penitentiary for three years and Williams for two years. Sheriff Gage will take them to Salem in a few days. Kinnicutt jumped his bail of \$500.

An Error Corrected.

Elder B. C. Tabor misunderstood the phone calling him to conduct the funeral at Eugene mentioned in the last issue of this paper.

It was Joseph Loretz, that shot himself near Junction City, and how the boy's name should have been used in connection with the phone message the Elder says, will remain among life's unsolved mysteries, and that the duties he was called upon to perform were not classed among the pleasantries falling to the lot of a minister.

The well established Millinery business of Ida Frances Barrett is for sale. For further particulars inquire at The Ideal Millinery store. 31-St



EDWARD J. STELLWAGEN.
 Edward J. Stellwagen has been selected as chairman of the committee in charge of the inauguration of William H. Taft. He is a native of Washington, fifty-four years old and president of some of the largest financial and commercial enterprises of the national capital.

were found to have been drunk when they assaulted the Myrtle

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