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**VENEZUELA AND THE OTHERS.**

War rages between Venezuela on the one side and England, Germany, Italy, Spain and Belgium. England and Germany as a first act entered a Venezuelan port and captured four war vessels. One was released on the demand of France who claimed some interest in the vessel, one was disabled by breaking the steam machinery and the other two were taken to the open sea by the English Cruiser Retribution and sunk because as Germany brutally says they were "too diminutive, wholly unworthy craft" besides the incident is "insignificant". Two old style fortifications at the entrance of the harbor of Porto Cabello were bombarded, and destroyed. They have been occupied and the English flag raised over them. The forts made no resistance. The few shots they discharged from their smooth bore cannon hurt no one or even scared him. Not so fortunate was the German foreign resident who with his servant was hit and killed by a shot from the ship of his own country.

The Allies now propose to reduce a fort at San Carlos in the Gulf of Maracibo. They have all along proclaimed that a "peaceful blockade" was being maintained. Our secretary Hay notified them that the United States could recognize no "peaceful blockade," and he might have added that a paper blockade will not keep our ships out of Venezuelan ports. In 1862-5 we learned that a blockade must be actual. England now abandons the peaceful blockade myth and admits that war exists. Castro has gathered an army of 40,000 recruits, which he arms with Mauser rifles, at the same time the president through our minister asks arbitration. England seems anxious that nothing be done to arouse the United States. The people and the press are asking pointed questions of the government and a Venezuelan war promises to be unpopular. But it seems to the INDEPENDENT that our government ought to forbid the raising of a foreign flag on Venezuelan soil. If

either of the allies occupy land, be it a small spot even, it will not be easy to dislodge her. At the peace convention territory for indemnity will be demanded. An inch demands an ell. Let it never be forgotten that the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine is for our own protection and not that of a South or Central American state.

Solomon Hirsch, the best known merchant and politician in the state died of heart failure at his residence in Portland last Monday December 15, aged 63 years. Hirsch was the head of the great jobbing house of Fleishner Meyer & Co. In addition to being a great merchant, he was a leader in the politics of the state. He had served several terms in the state senate and in 1884 was the caucus nominee for U S Senator. He ought to have been elected. Party usage demanded it. The good of the state would have been conserved, but the legislature adjourned without an election. Last spring the merchant prince was a possible candidate for the same office but when the county delegation was not positive for him the purpose passed to a misty dream. He served as U S minister to Turkey and in that office made it more tolerable for his co-religionists in Palestine. Sol Hirsch besides being a merchant prince was a prize among men. His place will not be easily filled.

The world has a very decided interest in the report that Mexico is to adopt the gold standard soon. Mexico's securities are dealt in on many of the exchanges. Capitalists in most of the great countries have money invested in Mexico. All these have a direct and emphatic interest in the matter of the standard in that country. It has been reported often in the past few years that President Diaz himself is in favor of placing his country on the gold basis, while the report of the same sort with respect to Finance Minister Limantour, who is likely to succeed Diaz, has come so often and so circumstantially that there can be no doubt of its correctness. The change to gold is so obviously proper in Mexico's situation that it is certain to be made before many more years pass, and there is a chance that a beginning in effecting the change will be made before 1905 ends. The day on which the change to the gold standard is achieved will always be a great datemark in Mexico's annals.

Suppose C. E. S. Wood had been the only name on the official ballot last June would the 32,627 votes cast for him bind the republican legisla-

tors whose duty it is to elect a U. S. Senator, to vote for him? As a matter of fact the republican state convention made no nomination. Now since the party did not see fit to bind its representatives can it be reasonably expected that those representatives will allow themselves to be instructed by private individuals. Suppose Wood had received more votes than Geer would republicans be expected to vote for him? Will the democrats in the legislature leave Wood and vote for Geer?

It is not wise, nor is it possible, to fight the great transcontinental systems that reach Portland, excepting the fight be conducted by the provision of means for transportation independent of those offered by the transcontinental. Portland must encourage local rail enterprises, if she is to hold her position in the commercial world, if she is to offset the absolutism of the rail trusts that might at any time, at the option of the managements, discriminate against this city.—Portland Journal.

But Portland hinders the building of local roads: Portland tries to tie up the West side and Suburban Electric line that is pointed to the Nehalem country. Really it seems that Portland desires to wear the enthralling bonds of the transcontinental lines.

The Board of Directors of the Lewis and Clark Exposition sent a committee to Hillsboro this week to attend the Farmers' Congress and secure its endorsement of the 1905 fair. Mr. J. C. Cooper a member of the Committee read a strong paper on the value of Co-operation between city and country. This can be heartily endorsed by Washington County. The Hillsboro Board of Trade took action at its last meeting along the same line by appointing Messrs. W. N. Barrett, J. H. Sewell and F. M. Hessel a committee to work with the Portland authorities in the hastening of the building of the Portland-Hillsboro electric railroad. A franchise was granted a few months ago permitting a road to pass through the streets of Portland, but lately there have been indications that hindrances are planning. This, our committee will strive to prevent and at the same time aid the Lewis and Clark Exposition since it is to the interest of both city and country that both projects be promoted.

Four English setter pups for sale C. Blaser.

Forest Bridgess visited Hillsboro friends this week.

**SATURDAY ONLY DOLL SALE!**

A choice selection of Dolls sold here-to-fore at 50 cents apiece will be sold on Saturday for

**35 Cents**

Don't miss this opportunity to get a doll at a big reduction.

**JOHN DENNIS.**

The Aikin murder case was given to the jury late last Thursday evening. The jury was kept together till Friday noon when the foreman reported to the court that no agreement had been reached and that there was no probability of agreeing. Thereupon the court discharged the jury and directed that the case be continued till the March term of the court. On motion, Defendant Aikin was admitted to bail in the sum of \$1000. Cash bail in that sum was offered and accepted. So Aikin went home with his sister who has been so persistent in defending him. She used rare good judgment in selecting only local attorneys and making Hon. S. B. Huston the senior counsel.

The membership of the State Dairy Association for the past five years has been at Hillsboro, 1902 ..... 84 Hillsboro, 1901 ..... 42 Hillsboro, 1900 ..... 59 Albany, 1899 ..... 51 Portland, 1898 ..... 39 This indicates that our town is a favorite place for meeting.

Notice. Those knowing themselves indebted to The Delta Drug Store will kindly settle by cash or note by January 1st as I will sever my connection as manager of the store at that time. M. E. EVERITT.

The fields and streets were covered by a heavy white frost on Tuesday morning.

**The Kind of Seed That Pays.**

Like every thing else there are good seeds and bad seeds. Seeds that grow and seeds that don't grow, seeds that yield and seeds that don't yield, and a little thought given now to the selection of the seed you'll need, will be found time well spent, though realized much better at the harvest if you select the world-famed Ferry's seeds—the kind that always yield. For nearly half a century Ferry's seeds have been known and sown wherever good crops are grown, until farmer and gardener alike, have learned to depend upon their wonderful reliable growing and yielding qualities, year after year, to the exclusion of all others.

Unfortunately the seed business seems to afford a means for many unscrupulous people, who aim to blind the unwary to quality, through flattery of price and boastful claims; who in reality have nothing to substantiate their claims, no reputation at stake, no past record as proof. It is better to pay a little more for the seed and be assured of a great deal more at the harvest by sowing Ferry's. The 1903 Seed Annual which is sent free, postpaid, will be found unusually interesting and instructive. Write for it today. Address, D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich.

**A MONSTER EXHIBIT.**

The government board for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition will hold a meeting within a few days to take up the matter of finally allotting the space in the government building. The members of the government

**Holiday Packages**

We offer holiday packages of up-to-date stationery, the newest designs at wholesale prices. From

**30 CENTS TO \$1.75**

A large line of Xmas books for the children at lowest prices.

Holiday perfumes in swell packages—the latest odors—Imported and American. Our prices on Imported perfumes are lower than those advertised by the cut-rate-druggists of Portland.

We invite you to call and inspect the goods whether you buy or not.



**DEADLY NARCOTICS**

Any honest, intelligent druggist or physician will tell you that narcotic poisons such as opium, henbane, deadly nightshade or cocaine and mercury are and have been since the Dark Ages used in all Pile Medicines, and that such medicines really perpetuate Piles. Verus Pile cure is not a relic of the Dark Ages, but contains no narcotics or mercury. \$5000 Reward if a trace of any narcotic or mercury can be found in Verus. All others contain narcotics or mercury. If you dare messbacks, \$50 Reward if Verus fails to cure any case of Piles. Worst cases cured with one box of Verus. Over 10,000 permanent cures in five years. Sold in Hillsboro by the Twentieth Century Store.

**The Hillsboro Pharmacy.**

board have already begun the preparation of their exhibits. The secretary of the treasury has approved the employment of seven men this far, who have been placed on annual salaries, and whose sole business it will be to assemble and arrange the department exhibits. Acting under the authority conferred upon them, representatives of the war and navy and interior and agricultural departments have rented a large warehouse on Fourteenth street in St. Louis and there the special and large exhibits are being brought together and arranged thus far in advance of the opening of the exposition.

It is the intention to have one of the features of the exhibit at St. Louis a monster model of the recently launched battle ship Missouri. There may be a rearrangement of the allotment of space in the government building, with the idea of giving the post office department more room, as it proposes to have a model post office station in actual operation and serving the people on the grounds. As now planned, it is believed the post office department is to be away from the principal entrance.

**Ashland Politics.**

At the municipal election held this week at Ashland two tickets were presented. Medford Success de-

**NOT A RELIEF BUT A CURE**

Helena, Mont., Oct. 4, 1902. Dr. C. A. Ferrin, Helena, Mont. I wish to thank you for my relief. I was suffering agonies from piles and was taking morphine to relieve me, when, on the advice of a friend, I procured a bottle of your Ferrin Pile Specific and took a tablespoonful at night and another in the morning. At half past twelve, noon, my wife gave me another tablespoonful, when my pain all stopped. In two days I was able to attend to my regular business entirely relieved.—Julius Meyerboefer, Ferrin, Helena.

**PERRIN'S PILE SPECIFIC**

scribes the platforms of the contestants. The Labor Union ticket is favorable to a license system for saloons for the city, instead of the prohibition system now in effect. The Prohibitionist in addition to demanding prohibition system for the city, declare themselves in favor of the city owning and managing the water plant, an electric plant for supplying light, heat and power to consumers, the strict enforcement of the laws of the municipality, this clause referring to the closing up of the "blind" saloons, and the recognition of organized labor.

**HOLIDAY HINTS**

This is a Puzzling Time. A Time that Taxes the Thoughts of all the People--- for we are Loath to Imagine there is a Man, Woman or Child who has not Someone to Remember on Christmas Day. Let me try to Help You Out. I Cannot Mention all I Have.

**THESE, HOWEVER, ARE SUGGESTIVE:**

- Silver Mounted Scissors.
- Silver Mounted Pocket Knives.
- Silver Mounted Gents Suspenders.
- Silver Match Boxes.
- Silver Stamp Boxes.
- Silver Scarf Fasteners.
- Silver Thimbles.
- Silver Book Marks.
- Silver Violet Holders.
- Silver Stamp Photo Holders.
- Silver Mounted Ebony Novelties.
- And Hundreds of Articles I have not Space to Enumerate.

**If Clocks Could Talk**

What a lot of queer stories would be given to the world. What a tale the mantle clock in the parlor could tell—of courting, quarling, of kissing and making up! What a lot of good dinners the dining room clock has seen eaten, and not a mouthful for itself! And the dainty French clock in my lady's boudoir—many secrets it knows! To be sure, all well-behaved clocks hold their hands before their faces, but they must see everything just the same. I have a collection of handsome and well-behaved clocks—clocks that always tell the truth about the time and tell nothing else.



In watches I have the finest and most Complete line West of Portland at prices that defy competition.

**The Always Acceptable Gift.**

A piece of Cut Glass is always most welcome at Christmas and at all times between the Christmases, by maid or matron. There is something about its glitter and beauty and brightness which makes it most appealing to those of refined tastes. I have some superb samples, for those who can afford to buy them and at our prices all can afford to buy them.

There is a great difference in Cut Glase qualities and Patterns. We are showing the kind you ought to buy. The right value is in each piece for the money you pay.

**Don't Fail to See the Latest.**

**THE WAVE CREST WARE**

The most beautiful Christmas goods ever displayed in Hillsboro, made in Opal and China, handsomely hand painted with rich gold trimmings.

You are cordially invited to call and see the many beautiful things with which I have filled my store in preparation for the holidays.

**HOYT'S JEWELRY STORE.**