

ABOUT NICARAGUA.

Everybody seems to be asking, in view of present developments, what, exactly, is Nicaragua, how large is it, what are its resources, commerce and climate? Some interesting comparisons and facts, prepared by the International Bureau of American Republics, will help to answer these pertinent natural questions.

There is only four square miles difference between the area of Nicaragua and the state of New York. It has a remarkable extent of coast line on two oceans. On the Caribbean, it reaches nearly 300 miles due north and south; on the Pacific, it extends 225 miles. Its greatest width is 275 miles, or approximately the distance from Washington to New York. Its least width is 125 miles, or approximately the distance from Chicago to the Mississippi river.

It has the smallest population of any Central American country, but is correspondingly capable of great material development. There are only about 600,000 people within its limits. Of these, five-sixths are upon the western or Pacific side. The eastern or Caribbean shore lies low and is drained by many rivers. The only industry of this section is the growing of bananas which were shipped in 1908 to the number of 1,500,000 bunches, valued at 50 cents a bunch. The principal town here is Bluefields, a little south of the center, having 5,000 inhabitants. It is 1,186 miles from New Orleans and 310 miles from Colon. The only other important places on this east coast are Greytown, at the southern point, with 2,000 inhabitants, near the mouth of the San Juan river, which was to have been the course of the Isthmian canal if built through Nicaragua, and Cape Gracias a Dios, at the northern point, with only 1,500 people. On the populated Pacific slope the chief cities are Leon, the historic and interesting old capital, with 60,000 inhabitants; Managua, the present capital, with 40,000; Matagalpa, with 16,000; Granada, with 12,000; and several other towns of from 5,000 to 10,000. The principal port on the Pacific side is Corinto, near the northern end, with only about 2,000 people. At the southern end is the harbor of San Juan del Sur.

There is one railroad in Nicaragua which starts at Corinto and runs to Managua and thence across Granada on Lake Nicaragua, which is the largest inland body of water in all Latin America. If one wishes to go to Nicaragua, he can take steamers on the Atlantic side from New York, New Orleans or Mobile. Going by Pacific he will take steamers from San Francisco or from coast points of other countries. Perhaps the quickest way to reach it today is either through Mexico by rail and by steamer from Salina Cruz to Corinto, or by steamer from New Orleans direct to Bluefields. The latter journey generally takes about four days. If, however, one lands on the east coast, it is practically impossible to go to the west coast on account of the lack of railroads and other facilities. A common way to go to the west coast is via Panama and the Pacific side.

The total value of the foreign trade of Nicaragua in 1908 amounted to \$7,500,000, of which exports were \$4,500,000, and imports \$3,000,000. Nicaragua bought from the United States textiles, clothing, machinery, etc., valued at \$1,300,000. She sold to the United States, bananas, coffee, rubber, mahogany, cattle, hides, etc., valued at \$1,050,000.

Nicaragua has a president, a cabinet with five ministers or secretaries, thirteen departments or states, and five divisions like our territories. Its National Assembly consists of only one chamber which is now in session.

Lying between 10 degrees 45 minutes and 14 degrees 55 minutes north latitude, and between 83 degrees 11 minutes and 87 degrees 40 minutes west longitude, it is located all within the tropics, but it has a considerable variety of climate. Although the east coast is low-lying and very warm, the central and western sections are in parts so mountainous and elevated that the temperature never reaches a high point and the climate can be considered salubrious. The western section, in which the greater part of the population is located, has such a varying latitude, and the country is so broken with lakes and so close to the sea, that it is not by any means as hot as it would appear to be on the map.

THE NEW CITY HALL.

The people of Albany voted in a decided way for a new city hall, and the council will undoubtedly proceed in the proper way in time to have the work begun on one early in the spring. Already there is a discussion as to the locality, with a variety of opinions. This is a matter that may be left without concern, to the city council, which will make the selection, and whether it shall be at the site of one of the engine houses, or whether they shall be sold and a corner lot selected, a good many people believing that it should be on some corner.

The principal thing is the securing of the building needed in the business of the city, the present accommodations being entirely inadequate, besides there is no vault security for the valuable records of the city, which will be a feature of the new structure, and it is to be hoped there is no contention over the matter of a site.

Just leave it to Cannon and Aldrich. There is no use in congress wasting time. With the president and five members of the supreme court any law could be framed up and submitted to J. P. Morgan with much less trouble and talk.

Mrs. P. D. Gilbert left on a visit with Portland friends.

SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

This Cook controversy continues to keep in the first column, and it is not yet a settled matter whether Dr. Cook really discovered the pole, or whether his narration is a fake, as some are strenuously claiming, during the week a sensational article appearing to that effect in the New York Times, evidently a Peary organ. The Democrat continues to have faith in Dr. Cook and believes he was the first man at the pole. Anyway people should be willing to wait for the proof.

Congress is in session, and that is something that ought to be decidedly prominent; but the public has gotten used to Congress, and has so little faith in its doings that it views with little concern its daily routine of doings, unless something startling occurs. The President's message asking for economy and retrenchment is not taken very seriously, many looking upon it merely as a political ploy, instead of being a part of a real move for actual retrenchment.

Perhaps there are a good many bigger things than the weather; nevertheless since the last Saturday Night Thoughts were put in cold type we have been having a big time of it with the climate just the same, thirteen inches of snow, and then a wait for it to go off, which it did. Oregonians didn't enjoy it; but what fight has any one to kick at the weather, and particularly a resident of the Willamette Valley, where take it year after year we undoubtedly have the finest weather anywhere. That's what counts. The business man who would be discouraged over two or three days of poor business, where the total business of a year was large, would lack all the elements of philosophy. In fact a few disagreeable days should make us the better suited with common weather.

For several weeks some interesting young people's meetings have been held in the city. While not large the attendance has been good, of a class of young people as a rule, earnestly seeking better things in their religious lives. Some people look upon a man's or woman's religion according to the speech or prayer he or she can make in a meeting; but after all, the true test, is not the amount of talking done; but the amount of service in the world; for the man serves the Lord best who serves his fellow man best. The man who shows his colors in his business and in society is the one who has the real stuff in his heart. An inspiration for better lives often comes from a good meeting; but spirituality on Sunday and commercialism and society all the rest of the time is not a combination that counts very heavily when the balance is computed.

GOOD ROADS.

Linn county for several years has been spending a good deal of money on roads, but it has been doing well in doing so. The money cannot be put to better use. Put it to a vote of the people and they will declare almost unanimously in favor of a liberal use of money in putting the roads of the county in first class condition. The county should particularly be liberal in the improvement of the roads around the county seat, and in fact the other cities of the county, entitled to the improvement in the interest of the trade of the county.

RAILROAD RATES.

The Eugene Guard recently paid \$1.08 a hundred on a car load lot of paper from the east, and of this 33 cents was for the haul from Portland, only 124 miles. About a half as much for the short haul as for the entire carriage from Watertown, N. Y., to Portland over many different roads. The inter-state commerce commission should wake up enough to prevent quite so much of a difference.

Zelaya of Nicaragua is no worse than Diaz, the "Monster of Mexico"; but it is lots easier to experiment on the last letter of the alphabet than so near its beginning.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

Christmas and New Years Round Trip tickets on S. P. lines will be sold as follows: Dec. 24th and 25th, Dec. 31st and January 1st, all limited to return not later than January 3rd, at rate of fare and a third for the round trip. No stop overs on these tickets. No round trips sold where the one way fare is \$10.00 or over, or less than 35 cents. For further information call on or address,

R. K. Montgomery, Agent.

Mrs. L. P. Payne, of Shanko, and Mr. B. S. Altmatt, of Rufus, Eastern Oregon, have been visiting at the home of their father, Mr. A. P. Altmatt. They will leave for home on Tuesday. Their brother, John F. Altmatt, now resides at South Bend, Ind., where he is in business.

Dr. M. H. Ellis left on a professional trip to Gates, to return in the evening.

MISFITS.

Thirteen inches of snow goes slow.

We should also have a city park, just the same.

Albany's stores are great Albany boosters.

Well the snow was a good deal deeper in some other places.

Albany is about big enough for a night clerk at the post office.

Anyway Willamette Valley snow is the nicest snow in the world.

The assessors don't all seem to know what actual cash value of a thing is.

Some one says there are some gambling places in Albany that should be stopped.

The best Christmas goods in the world at Albany! at least good enough for anybody.

Whales live a thousand years. Think of the sport they have, without a care or responsibility.

The least appreciation in this world comes from those who ought to be the most appreciative.

The thousands of weather prophets who miss it are never heard from, just those who happen to guess correctly.

The bicycles have begun running again, appreciated by no one more than by the carrier boys who have had to walk during the snow era.

At Butte, Mon., three couples waltzed 14 hours and 41 minutes, out of 53 couples that started, in an endurance contest, without food or even drink. They were properly stopped from further brutality.

A Kansas paper says: Kansas people do not have to go to Oregon to find a rainy season, - we've got it right here. Nor for blizzards and snow drifts. Kansas has them. Oregon hasn't. Our little snow stays where it is put, and as for rain, we have just enough of it.

There is nothing that makes a newspaper man more weary than being asked for cash for a cause after giving in free advertising more than anyone else, and yet this is a common occurrence in the lives of all the fellows. No wonder some of them get gray young.

SENSATIONAL WILL SUIT.

Judge J. N. Duncan today issued an order setting aside the will of Seth H. Childs, who died at Kaukauna, Wis., May 28, 1908, at the age of 88 years, leaving all his property, valued at \$2150, to his daughter, Mrs. Elsie L. Hamilton, but \$5 to each son, E. A. Childs, now of Imperial, Calif., and Geo. S. Childs, of Lebanon. It is charged that Mrs. Hamilton came out here, secured undue influence over her father, old and irresponsible mentally, induced him to sell his property, make his will in her favor, and with the cash go with her to her home, where he died. The will was filed for probate March 15, 1909, with G. L. Alexander and S. M. Garland as witnesses. The will was made Dec. 17, 1905, at the age of 86 years. Geo. Childs is appointed administrator. Hewitt & Sox are attorneys for the Childs brothers.

An Indoor Base Ball Game.

Another indoor base ball game occurred at the gym last night, between the Bankers and Alco seniors. The Bankers on a previous evening had gotten the kids of the club out alone and walloped them hard. The men of the Club gave them a punishment for the treatment with a score of 34 to 15. Capt. Stellmacher pitched a cannon ball game for the seniors. Stover caught until knocked out of joint, and then Marks and Weatherford each tried it. The other seniors were Tom and Bert Stevens, Nelson, Archibald and Nutting with Anderson as sub. Stewart was delivery clerk for the bankers, with Bain as receiver. Irvine, Knotts, Torbet, Ed., Harry and Cans. Cusick did the work for the bankers, with Teubalt as sub. The fly catches of Cashier Cusick and the short stop of Torbet were the sensation of the banker's playing. Bain played a star game behind the stick.

For fun indoor base ball is the limit.

At the Hotels.

Chas. S. J. Banks, Portland
Lon Morrison, Portland
W. C. Bailly, Honolulu
R. T. Powell, E. G. Wickett & w. f. T. C. Wickett, S. E. Myer, Tulsa, Oklahoma
B. A. Brown, Hoover
H. G. White & w. f. Dufar
E. L. Spore, Portland
J. E. Cennedy, Shelton, Wash.
J. B. Lang, Portland
W. C. Noon.

Rev. Knotts will preach at the Crowfoot Grange Hall tomorrow.

George Prinsler, of the Griggs Hotel, Eugene, has been in the city, returning to Eugene, this afternoon.

E. A. Easton is home after a trip through Southern Oregon. No place here Albany he says.

Mrs. William Myer returned from Salem today, having been there to see her daughter Margaret, who is better.

TELEGRAPH.

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 9.—A \$750,000 fire occurred last night. Five firemen were injured, a block burned. 160 guests were driven in their night robes from the Burdick house.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—The steamer Clarion was burned, two are dead, and the fate of 13 is unlearned, and the steel freighter Richardson was wrecked with 5 drowned on Lake Erie last night.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Money was elected the minority leader.

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Snyder of Argo loses his license for carelessness.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Blackburn has resigned from the canal commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Before the rivers and harbors committee today, J. N. [Tea] asked that the Celilo Canal and Columbia jetty be placed on a continuing contract. Congressman [Law] recommended appropriations for Coos, Tillamook, Yaquina and Siuslaw and an appropriation to open the Willamette at Oregon City, presumably a canal on the east side.

LA GRANDE, Dec. 10.—State Senator Oliver clashed with the street superintendent last night with bricks as weapons, to keep the official from tearing up the side walk in front of his property. A trespass complaint was filed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Interior withdrew 7000 acres of California land in connection with Clear Lake reservoir, being unable of carrying out the modifications at Klamath.

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 10.—Mathew Law was arrested at Pason in connection with a blackmail case.

STAMPS

That Deserve Being Bought.

The Red Cross Stamps have reached Albany, and deserve to be purchased like hot cakes. They are for the benefit of tuberculosis victims, poor unfortunates, weak lunged, with chances against them, deserving all the help money will give them. One man in a neighboring town was wounding for a chance to buy a couple thousand of them. These stamps are one cent a piece, and some one has said they are bullets fired straight at the vitals of the great white plague. There are some at Foshay & Mason's. Invest in a lot of them, a handful. Paper a room with them if you can afford it.

C. H. NEWS.

Circuit Court:
New suit: Cecelia Holmes agt. Harry Holmes. For divorce. Married March 19, 1905. Desertion since July 1907. W. S. Risley attorney.

Tressa J. Harrity, of Crawfordsville, was committed to the asylum.

Probate:
Final settlement in estate of W. T. Heckman set for Jan. 17.

Registration title Harmon Shelton jr. and Clyde Thomas.

Deeds recorded:
F. J. Walling to Samuel D. Yoder 2 lots B's ad Albany..... \$ 10
J. C. Walling to Samuel D. Yoder lot B's ad..... 10
Chas. Duncan Monteth & sister to Maggie E. Moo lot bl 50 Albany..... 1
Walter Govro to Henry Broders 2 lots H's 3rd ad..... 10

Lease Geo. W. Hughes and Emily Sloan to Rachael Mischler for 3 years of 320 acres for \$1200.

Deeds recorded:
J. A. Walker to J. F. Potter, 160 acres..... \$1500
Jessie Glass to Crosssett Timber Co., 40 acres..... 125
A. F. Bahyke to John G. Fincaid, part of lot, Lebanon..... 1
G. W. Hunsaker to J. A. Bilyeu, 46 by 162 feet. Sec. 10..... 10
Patent Jeremiah Shea, dated April 1882.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Vetch Growers Union will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 1910 at 1 o'clock p. m. in Tangent for the election of five directors to serve one year each to amend by-laws. And any other business which may come before the meeting. By order of the Board of Directors.

W. E. PARKER, Pres.
J. E. JENKS, Sec.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE WINTER COURSES.

Practical work, lectures and demonstrations will be given in such vital subjects as General Farming, Fruit Culture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Poultry-keeping, the Business Side of Farming, Forestry, Carpentry, Blacksmithing, Mechanical Drawing, Cooking, Sewing, Dress Making, Home Management, etc.

All regular courses begin January 4th and end February 11th. Farmers' Week February 14th to 18th.

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

Good accommodations may be secured at reasonable rates. No age limit above 16 years. No entrance requirements. Prominent lecturers have been secured for special topics. The instructional force of the College numbers 100. Excellent equipment.

A special feature is the Farmers' Week which comes this year Feb. 14th to 18th. Lectures, discussions, and a general reunion.

For further information address Registrar, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon.

TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS

Two fatal accidents occurred this week, at and near Mill City.

On Tuesday a young man, named Jessup, twenty years of age, was at work in the logging camp, when in falling a tree, he was struck by a snag, causing a concussion of the brain, which was crushed. He was taken to the Company's hospital at Mill City, where he died.

Yesterday, Mr. McClure, a driver of a team, got in front of the log carriage, losing his head, and was badly crushed, one leg being broken in two places. He was taken to the hospital, living only about an hour, dying from the shock. He was a married man, leaving a wife and one child.

\$20 ROOSTERS

Added to Albany's Poultry Stock.

Messrs. Hart & Dannels, the Barred Plymouth Rock dealers, have just received two more fine roosters, the other day getting one from Pennsylvania, mentioned by the Democrat. The three cost, with the expressage, \$49.70, almost an average of \$20, which shows these Barred Plymouth Rock people to be game. These came through in fine shape, and the first thing they did upon being released from their box, in which they had ridden just twelve days, was to crow at being in the Willamette Valley. One of the fellows is a son of the rooster that won first prize this year at the big Boston show, considerable of a feather in his cap.

The poultry business is a big one and deserves black heads whenever it is improved. Albany may well be proud of being the poultry hub of the valley. Hart & Dannels, E. Schoel, Dr. Sievers, W. E. Baker, Claud Vunk and others continue to make Albany known as a chicken center, though the poultry show has passed from among us.

NEW ZEALAND.

As Shown in an Entertainment.

A large audience enjoyed the entertainment of the New Zealanders, at the U. P. church, last night, in the regular college course. It consisted of a few New Zealand pictures, not many, numerous colored lights thrown on the three New Zealanders, consisting of a man, his wife and daughter, some songs and numerous talks by the man and his wife, and then some more. It was quite entertaining and instructive.

New Zealand has made marvelous progress in the last few years, and its people are now in a splendid state of civilization. It is a land of great foliage and fine flowers, without a wild animal on it, but plenty of birds. The clothes of the natives are made from grasses, wood fibre and feathers, and specimens were shown, very durable and pretty. The women have the right of franchise, and there are no millionaires there, and cannot be.

New Zealand is a country worth hearing about, and it is well people have an opportunity to attend an entertainment of this character.

MARRIED.

Altermatt-Morgan.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morgan, near Plainview, at 2:30 p. m., Mr. Nelson Altermatt and Miss Vandy Morgan, in the presence of relatives and 50 guests, by Rev. A. J. Ware of Immanuel.

After an impressive ceremony, hearty congratulations were offered followed by refreshments. A general good time was had while viewing the beautiful presents and until time to disperse.

After visiting among friends for a short time the happy couple will go to their home near Rufus where Mr. Altermatt has been on a fruit ranch for the past two years.

New Albany People.

Messrs. Levi Hulbert, wife and daughter, and John R. Hulbert, wife and daughter, arrived this week from Racine, Wis., and Mr. W. G. Ballack, wife and daughter, are expected tonight. They have come to make their home here. Messrs. Hulbert & Ballack have bought the large hardware and implement store of Ohling & Taylor, and will take charge of the business as soon as the invoicing is done. They are experienced business men, and are said to bring considerable capital to Albany, besides being people of splendid personal reputation. Some of them are former neighbors years ago of William Ritchie.

Os. West, railroad commissioner, left on a trip up the C. & E. to the end, to look over the road after the recent floods, and as well to investigate several vital complaints on file from different places along the way.

Dr. Londa Grey left on a Sunday visit in Portland.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of S. T. Crooks, deceased, has filed her final account in said estate with the County Clerk of Linn County, Oregon, and the County Judge has set the 20th day of December, 1909, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. and the County court room of said County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

MARY JOSEPHINE CROOKS,
L. L. SWAN, Admrx.
Attorney for Admrx.

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REFEREE'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned referee will on Monday the 27th day of December, 1909, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon at the front door of the county court house in the city of Albany, Linn County, Oregon, pursuant to the decree and order of sale duly made and entered in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Linn county, on the 17th day of November, 1909, in that certain suit pending in said court wherein Ocie D. Karney, Omer O. Karney and Ida Karney, his wife, Lizzie Comer and Hugh Comer, her husband, Ora B. Zwahlen and Fred Zwahlen, her husband were plaintiffs and Ora E. Karney and Eva Karney, his wife, Archie J. Karney, Flora M. Karney and Martha Karney were defendants, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, subject to the confirmation by said court all the right, title and interest of the above named plaintiffs and defendants in the following described premises, to-wit: Beginning at the quarter section corner in the east boundary of section 5 in Tp. 10, S. R. 3 W. of the Will. Mer. in Linn County, Oregon, and running from said corner S. 42 minutes W. along the east line of said section 5 a distance of 20 chains; thence west 1990 chains; thence northerly 6282 chains to the N. W. corner of the N. E. quarter of the N. E. quarter of said section 5, thence south 89 degrees 42 minutes E. 20 chains to the N. E. corner of said section 5; thence S. 42 minutes W. 42.90 chains to the place of beginning containing 125.40 acres, more or less, save and excepting an open road-way 30 feet wide off the east side of the S. E. 1/4 of the S. E. 1/4 of section 5 in Tp. 10, S. R. 3 W. of the Will. Mer. in Linn County, Oregon.

C. E. SOX, Referee.
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County, his final account as Administrator of the estate of David Andrews, late of said county, deceased, and that said court has fixed Monday the 27th day of December, 1909, at the hour of 1 o'clock in the afternoon as the time for hearing objections to said final account, and the settlement thereof.

F. M. REDFIELD,
HEWITT & SOX, Admrx.
Attorneys for Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County, his final account as Administrator of the estate of Addie H. Andrews, late of said county, deceased, and that said court has fixed Monday the 27th day of December, 1909, at the hour of 1 o'clock in the afternoon as the time for hearing objections to said final account, and the settlement thereof.

F. M. REDFIELD,
HEWITT & SOX, Admrx.
Attorneys for Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrators of the estate of Anna Barovicka, deceased, have filed their final account in said estate with the clerk of the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, and that Hon. J. N. Duncan, Judge of said Court, has appointed Monday, January third, nineteen hundred and ten, as the time, and the County Judge's office in Albany, Oregon, as the place, to hear objections to said final account, and for the settlement of said estate. Dated this Nov. 30, 1909.

RUDOLPH BAROVICKA,
RUDOLPH R. BAROVICKA,
Administrators.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executrix of the last will and testament and estate of Louis Miller, deceased, has filed her final account in the matter of said estate and the County Court of said Linn County, Oregon, has fixed Monday, January 3rd, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. as the time for hearing objections to said final account, if any, and for the final settlement of said estate.

Dated December 3rd, 1909.

AMELIA MILLER, Executrix.

T. J. STITES, Atty for Executrix.

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