

AN UNCLE TELLS ABOUT A PORTLAND VISIT.

Tall Timber, Or.,
Dear Nephew:—To one who has not seen Portland for twenty-eight years it is a queer feeling that comes over him as the electric car brings him into the great city of the Northwest, especially so when he sees the "far out" country of which he owned a part, city now. Perhaps he does not regret so much the loss of money by not holding on, as he does to the fact that he had so little sense that could not take the long look ahead. And yet the years have brought some wealth that is not always found in the profits of Portland real estate; for to possess the joys of life is wealth not to be "sneezed at." This Christmas was the first holiday season I have seen in a large city for a number of years. Surely the Christmas spirit is a leavening spirit of "peace and good will," as I looked at the shoppers and the clerks saw no evidence of discourtesy. There is one thing about the big stores which does not strike your Uncle favorably, that is their trading on the Christmas spirit, and the tissue paper propositions that were put in the way of "special prices," and "merchandise certificates." Their goods that were marked "\$14.50, special \$9.50," or in like proportion, seemed to be like articles that are regular twenty-five cent values and are put on "special sale supply limited, 29c each." One store attracted my attention by the fact there was no bid for "Christmas trade," in show windows or elsewhere. In the store there was not a sign or hint of making merchandise of Christmas and the goods were worth today what they were worth yesterday. The department store "specials" reminded me of an experience in Salem last fall: One of the large stores advertised a "fire sale," a few rolls of cotton batts which showed signs of having been wet were stuck out in the doorway to entice the bargain hunter to make a raid on the "slaughtered stock." "Macintoshes for women up to \$15.00 values, 98c," was a prominent item in the ad. I looked at these macintoshes, and the proprietor took particular pains to read for my enlightenment the price tags up to twelve dollars, but he did not say these goods "are eight or a dozen years out of style, have carried them in stock ever since and am trying to unload a lot of junk." To many Christmas days was a day of good things to eat. Your Uncle took a look at some of the things which were provided for many who otherwise would have had a scanty dinner. The Salvation Army put out three hundred baskets; each basket contained a fowl and all the necessary things for a good family dinner. The Portland commons expected to feed about one thousand men. There was no half-way business about it, for I saw the tables when dinner was served for one lot, there was plenty of food, its fragrance appetizing. I looked along those tables and saw many bright, energetic looking faces and men better dressed than I, and whether they were broke or not broke I can not quite understand why some of those men at their dinner there. Many of the men about the Commons had a hungry look on their faces, a look which showed a lack of hope and courage, as well as food, but the hungry look for a drink or cigarette was the branding iron which had left the mark on many of the faces.

The rounding-up of the newsboys at the Oregonian corner for the march to their Christmas dinner, given to the boys by a lawyer of the city, was interesting, for the seventy or eighty boys were as lively as a lot of bronchos, and when they were in line, they were not in line. The first attempt to get them to the restaurant resulted in them being herded back to the Oregonian corner. After the lineup with two reasonably steady ones in the lead, the end of a strong cord was given to the leaders and run back the length of the procession, and each boy had to take hold of the cord, excepting those boys who acted as marshals and were on watch to keep the boys in line. At the restaurant door lively cheers were given for Senau Fomits. The boys as a whole are a bright, active, manly looking lot. Some, however, are so small that it seems a shame for them to lose their baby days.

In the composing room of the Telegraph, also the pressroom of the Journal, I saw new things in the machinery part of the making of a newspaper.

Through the courtesy of R. P. Coburn of the Telegraph, the workings of the linotype machine were understood in part, and the puzzle is how did a man think it out? In the press rooms, the rollers, wheels, levers, springs and bars which printed and delivered folded papers at the rate of twenty-four thousand an hour, is made manifest the brains of Hoe, not of his alone for he was "heir of all the ages," and entered into his inheritance. The question is, are we "heirs" if we do not enter into our inheritance and pass something on to the next generation to be "heir" to? The newspaper men showed me much kindness.

The churches helped out many an unfortunate one during Christmas; their entertainments were entertainments in giving and they gave loads of good things and good cheer.

Your affectionate Uncle,
QUOITS.

AFTER FIVE YEARS.

The trial of Binger Herman has been set for January 10, almost five years after being indicted. If he had stolen a loaf of bread to keep from starving he would have been tried at once, and undoubtedly convicted. Whether innocent or guilty he should have been given a prompt trial, both in his own interest and in the interest of the people. The government is certainly the limit when it comes to slowness.

SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

Two weeks went by without any thoughts on Saturday night by the Democrat, according to a custom of many years, two holidays coming in quick succession on Saturday. This weekly review of the leading events of the world, with some serious thoughts on different subjects, has been kept up regularly for many years, and frequently people will say that they have appreciated some things in them. Here are some more, any way:

Another year has started all over the world, January 1 now being universal everywhere as the beginning of another period of time. It is called the turning over of a new leaf. Just as well that as anything. It is the time when people make resolutions, at least some do. Then some keep them and some break them, which is the rule through life generally, for the flesh is weak, whatever the will may be.

The 1910 outlook is good, financially, morally and religiously.

The business man seeks to clean up his stock, disposing at a bargain goods before getting out of season. He does well. Others do well to take an inventory of their character and clean it up.

In congress the expected fight between the insurgents and the machine of the republican party has begun, offering things of much interest. On the one side are men with the manhood and bravery to speak out against the evils of their party, while on the other side are the boss-ruled, party bound men, falling into line according to instructions, with visions of continued spoils coming their way. People are becoming more and more independent in their politics, and men are doing some thinking for themselves, without restraint and regardless of party whips.

This has been the week of prayer, a season for communion with one's Maker, one of inspiration for better living and more service, one that should be helpful. It is not a time for fault finding, but for fault killing.

OWNS ITS STREET CARS.

Purposely or carelessly it is being widely published that the people of San Francisco three times voted down the proposal to take over and operate the Geary street streetcar line. The people did nothing of the kind. They three times voted for it, but each time were beaten by the requirement of a two-thirds vote. At each election the vote was increased in its favor. At the election last spring the proposal needed only 400 to have carried. This justified the supervisors of San Francisco to submit the matter again, and it carried overwhelmingly. The system taken over will be extended and it will have back of it an administration anxious to make a success of it. As the lines in San Francisco are known to pay 100 per cent on the receipts as clear profits there is no reason why the city owned lines cannot be operated and extended.

UNCLE SAM'S STYLE.

Uncle Sam is an arbitrary individual. He does just as he pleases. Take the case of the Albany postoffice, for instance. He refuses absolutely to pay the paving assessment upon his property at Second and Broadalbin streets, like other people. He does that everywhere. Albany will pay the amount, nearly \$1500. Albany will do it, and is glad of the chance, for street improvements are small compared with the advantage of a fine government building to the city. But after all, why shouldn't the government pay its part, the same as individuals. Down in Salem they make the state do the whole business, if possible.

C. H. NEWS.

A new circuit court case is Ella Peacock against Albert Peacock, of the city livery stables, begun yesterday afternoon. They were married in 1902 and have one child. Neglect for other women, joy rides, etc., are charged. J. K. Weatherford is the attorney for the plaintiff.

DEEDS RECORDED:
U. G. Hayne to J. L. Hill 5 lots bl 107 H's ad. \$ 10
J. N. Brandeberry to E. C. Brandeberry 80 feet front bl 100 H's ad. 10

A crowd came down from Waterloo asking for a division of school district 73.

Marriage license: Lorenzo D. Vidito, aged 63, and Katie Cochell, 64, both of Brownsville.

Final settlement in estate of Jas. P. Wolf set for Feb. 21.

Sale of real estate confirmed in estate of Jos. Ersberger.

SATURDAY.

C H NEWS

DEEDS RECORDED:
Geo. A. Russell to King Prairie Burying Ground 1 acre. \$ 1
Frank Kirk to J. E. True and wife 100 acres 6000

REGISTRATION TITLE: Ira O. Hanchett. Certificate title D. Hilderbrand.

2 mortgages, 3 releases.

Circuit Court:
New Suit: Ernest A. Kyle agt. Sadie V. Kyle. For divorce. Marriage April 5, 1907, in Corvallis. Charges desertion since July 15, 1907, and cruel and inhuman treatment. J. J. Whitney and L. H. Montanye attorneys.

The County Court has allowed a good many bills.

The will of Samuel Porter was admitted to probate. Estimated value of property, real \$4,000, personal \$6,000. He leaves John M. Porter 100 acres, Virginia F. Morgan 40 acres for life then to Florence Morgan, balance to be divided between O. W. Porter, T. W. Porter, F. L. Porter, A. W. Porter, Emeline Mulkey, and the heirs of Catherine Ashby, Ellen Quinn, Harriet Wallace and Maria Gruse.

Application Mary P. McClain to register title to lot and 10 feet block 14 Eastern ad. Albany.

The County Court went to Harrisburg to see the ferry, roads, etc. Only bills have been allowed. Upon the return of Commissioner Butler Monday, other things will be considered.

DEEDS RECORDED:
Geo. A. Circle to Vincent Circle 35.87 acres. \$ 330
Chas. J. Howe to John Brady 50 by 100 feet Brownsville. 100
Jas. C. Blain to M. C. Carolin 7 acres. 1

NEWS FROM ALBANY'S SIX EARLY TRAINS.

Jones and his crew began moving the freight depot, preparatory to lengthening it, and placing it on the line of Lyon street, a decided improvement.

Among the passengers on the Lebanon train were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Underwood and daughter, on their way to Corvallis, and Mrs. Dr. J. C. Booth for an Albany visit.

Several prominent men came over on the Corvallis train, Bishop Scadding of Portland, on his way home, after a visit with his parishners in Corvallis, Lawyer E. E. Wilson and Prof. Herze of the O. A. C. Printery, on their way down the road.

J. M. Stewart, president of the new Lebanon bank, arrived on a trip to the southern part of the state before returning east.

Miss Batty, who has been visiting at E. C. Anderson's left for Denver.

Prof. Hargrave returned from Lebanon, where he had been to look after his class in music.

Miss McGilvrey left on a Portland visit.

In a New Field.

J. R. Flynn, the popular traveler for the Blake McFall Co., is in Medford today and tomorrow will leave for the Klamath Falls country on his first trip there under a new arrangement. Herebefore he has only covered the country from Portland to Albany, east and west side. Hereafter he will also go as far as Klamath Falls, making the trip three times a year.

The Kind That Kills.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 6.—The storm of the last few days in the country along the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railroad has resulted in seven deaths, including Sheriff Whitehead of Reayburn and a homesteader named Hillsborn, living south of Rouleau. A little boy was found dead in a haystack south of Yellow Grass Beside him lay his two sisters, who had been kept warm by the boy and were living.

Twelve Robo Sweepers.

Twelve strong looking travelers this morning, after spending the night in the city's hotel, on Second street, started out with big brooms to clean up the pavement. Albany is getting some good street cleaning done this way. Lyon street needs to be made an issue. It has gotten pretty dirty, and should be brushed from end to end.



W. D. Davis on blind pigs.

MISFITS.

Always do your best.

The webs have begun to sprout again.

How people do differ on things they ought to agree about.

Just now there is lots of confidence, a big thing in business.

Mighty few people are made better by being scolded all the time.

An armless Seattle man whipped his wife. He should also be headless.

Men too frequently set their own ideas up as the standard for morals and religion.

An inspiration for better living is a splendid thing to get at this time of the year.

Funny how these old fellows like Morgan want to keep running things until they die.

Everybody says 1910 is going to be a better year than 1909, and that's what makes things go.

The Trappist Fathers at Jordan are vegetarians, not even eating fish, a healthy, vigorous lot of men.

A Chinaman says Americans worship the Almighty Dollar too much for the good of their health. About right.

Teddy Roosevelt has finally killed a vergeratist, something new for his collection. Great is Teddy, the mightiest hunter in the world.

Jeffries says he is in the best shape in his life, and will fight Johnson and whip him easily. In the meantime Johnson is making a fool of himself with booze.

A Portland highwayman got twenty-five years, about the limit, but none too long. It is not certain but what hanging would be proper. The highwayman is about the meanest of all criminals.

In early days men thought they had to get in a cave to be real religious, away from the temptations of the world. Now they get out in the open, and the most religious man may be the one who meets the temptations the best and bravest.

Albany has the best sewerage system of any in the valley, a splendid one; but it does not reach far enough east, the entire city should be covered, and every house in the present sewerage district no matter how small or where, should be made to have a connection with the mains.

Johnson promises to whip Jeffries in the first round, if he can, pictures or no pictures. This is pretty near an admission that in the Ketchel fight he prolonged the knock out blow in order to make good with the picture men, something that makes the modern prize fight a travesty and fiasco.

The city government of Albany should cover the entire city impartially in its improvements; but everything cannot be done at once. It takes time to make improvements; but the arrangements should be made for them. There should not be a single point within the city limits not reached by the sewer and water systems.

While Salem is boosted by the capitol, Eugene by the U. O., and Corvallis by the O. A. C., Albany has to make it alone, and is doing it steadily, but surely.—Democrat. Great is the reward of the city that wins solely on its own merits. Here's wishing Albany the greatest possible success.—Register. Neatly said, and Eugene is also making it in great shape regardless of the U. O.

Mr. Grefon and family, recently of the Corvallis saw mills, formerly of Albany, were in the city this noon on their way to Santa Marie, Calif., to reside. Miss Norma has been there some time attending school and playing basket ball.

TELEGRAPH.

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—O. S. Parker fell between two cars on the Mount Scott train at Kern Park station during last night. He was dragged 1,000 feet and shreds of clothing, patches of blood and pieces of brain and skull were found all along the roadway. What remained of the mangled body was found at 6 o'clock this morning by a crew on the first out going car.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Pork prices reached \$9 in Chicago today, the highest price since 1865, with one exception.

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—Tomorrow Receiver Howard will pay the annual interest amounting to \$45,000 and all claims up to \$500 against the Guarantee and Trust Company.

Here is to the insurgents in congress, men of character, facing the Cannon bravely.

A ten year old Boston boy is astonishing the world with his mathematics. A meteor that will soon disappear.

A Portland man has offered to fly in his machine from Portland to Los Angeles and charge nothing if he fails. Just a bluff.

The icebergs won't be the only big thing up in Alaska this year. President Taft announces that he will pay Alaska a visit.

If you are looking for faults in people there is no trouble to find them, and generally more in the looking glass than anywhere.

The Oregonian had a cartoon of J. P. Morgan, with a \$ mark over his face. The Journal at once discovered that the picture was that of Harvey Scott, of the Oregonian, and that the \$ mark really read H. S.

Albany Won.

The Albany high school basketball team defeated Independence last night 52 to 17. Independence has a strong team, but were easy for Albany. Tonight the boys will play Monmouth, and evidently have a harder contest on hand, from the following from the Monmouth Herald: "The boys have defeated Dallas, Corvallis and Salem, and if they don't soon meet their match they will be like Alexander when he wanted more worlds to conquer."

Corvallis Gazette-Times, I. F. Conn, a mechanic of Albany, is in Corvallis putting up the bunkers, which are a part of the paving plant being installed by the Warren Construction Co.

The Market.

Wheat 85c, Oats 40c.
Beef on foot 2 1/2 to 3c; veal dressed 7c; pork dressed 9c; on foot 7c.
Lard 15c.
Eggs 45c.
Chickens on foot 10c.
Hams 16c to 20c, sides the same, shoulders 12 1/2 to 15c.
Butter 30c to 35c.
Flour \$1.50 to \$1.75 a sack.
Potatoes 1c per lb.
Hay, from \$7 for some clover to \$14 for the best timothy.

First Meeting of Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon.
In the matter of Charles Knecht, bankrupt. Case No. 1504, in bankruptcy.
To the creditors of Charles Knecht, of Albany, Oregon, in the county of Linn and district aforesaid, a bankrupt: Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of January A. D. 1910, the said Charles Knecht was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in Albany, Oregon, in the office of the undersigned referee in the Cusick Bank Building, on Tuesday the 18th day of Jan. A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Dated at Albany, Linn County, Oregon, this 7th day of January 1910.
C. C. BRYANT,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

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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, Ona 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 62.82 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 roadway off the south end of the above described premises. Also an open roadway 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, Admr.
HEWITT & SOX, 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, Admr.
HEWITT & SOX, 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.

GEO. W. WRIGHT,
Atty for Admr.
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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