

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

A CHANGE WANTED

PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF THE PETER KIRK EXECUTORS.

A Creditor of the Estate Asks to Be Named Administrator—Would Hasten a Settlement.

Thomas Colman, a creditor of the estate of Peter Kirk, deceased, yesterday filed a petition in the probate court, asking that Matilda M. Kirk and Robert E. Kirk, co-executors of the last will and testament of the deceased be removed, and that the petitioner or some other suitable person be appointed to act as administrator with the will annexed.

The petitioner alleges that he holds a note against the estate of the deceased for \$500, bearing date of May 11, 1897, payable six months after date and bearing 6 per cent interest; that no part of said note has been paid, although the executors had accepted the claim.

FACULTY RE-ELECTED.—Governor T. Geer, State Superintendent, J. H. Ackerman and Secretary of State F. I. Durbin returned yesterday from Corvallis where they attended the annual meeting of the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural College, located in that city.

THE BICYCLE PATH

THE WORK ON MOST SECTIONS IS NEARLY FINISHED.

Cost of the Different Roads for Wheels—More Surveys May Be Made Soon.

Nearly all of the bicycle paths, to be constructed in Marion county during this year, have been completed so far as the work can be done with the funds on hand, and a very good system of roads for the wheelmen of Marion county is the result.

The path from this city to Silverton has also been completed. It runs through a comparatively level country passing through one of the richest farming sections of the Willamette valley, and will always be a favorite with wheelmen who start out for a few days' ride, for the reason that, after passing through the rich region mentioned above, they reach the beautiful scenery surrounding Silverton,

and many of those going to the Silver Creek county and to Willcox Springs, on their bicycles, will utilize this path. It was constructed at a cost of \$493.92.

The path from Turner to Mehama by way of Stayton, which has also been completed, is being much used by many wheelmen, large parties from this city passing over it on their way to the summer resorts on the Santiam, aside from the regular travel by wheel.

The cost of each of the sections of the bicycle path mentioned above, is for the construction work alone, not including the work of survey.

A petition will be presented to the county court, at its meeting on September 7th, for the construction of a new county road on the Willamette river near Hall's Ferry. The petition, which is now laid on bill boards, is signed by R. H. Bone and twenty-two householders residing within two miles of the proposed new road, and the description of the highway is given as follows:

A SICK VOLUNTEER

BERT LOW'S CONDITION IS MUCH IMPROVED.

General Summers' Report to Governor Geer—Petition for Clemency for Frank Girard.

Gov. T. T. Geer yesterday received a telegram from Gen. O. Summers, commanding the Second Oregon volunteers, now at the Presidio, San Francisco, awaiting the time when they will be mustered out of the service.

Governor Geer, upon his return home from Corvallis yesterday, found awaiting him, a petition from the friends of Frank Girard, a member of company I, of the Second Oregon volunteers, who, without securing a furlough left his company and hastened home to the bedside of his mother who was reported to be seriously ill.

The young man, who came home in response to a telegram from his mother's physician, acknowledging having violated the military rules, and gives as his excuse the anxiety he felt for his mother. His petition is endorsed by Dr. W. H. Parrish, the physician attending the sick mother of the soldier, who is

anxious that young Girard should not suffer for his act. The soldier is the son of the owner of the Luckiamute flouring mills near Monmouth, and belongs to a highly respected family.

The petition to the governor reads as follows: "In behalf of the whole people of our county we beg that you will use your utmost influence in behalf of Frank M. Girard, a private of company I, Second Oregon volunteers, in securing not only his exoneration from military discipline or punishment, but his honorable discharge from the service at the earliest date possible.

This is the common sentiment of our people, if you desire in any form an expression of the people, we will be pleased to furnish it. Our people cannot patiently permit the young soldier to in any wise suffer from his technical wrong act, if in our power to prevent."

Last night the governor sent a letter to Brigadier-General Summers, accompanied by the petition for clemency, signed by the friends of the young soldier, and the affidavit of Dr. W. H. Parrish, whose telegram called the young man home.

My Dear General.—Enclosed you will find a statement of circumstances under which Frank Girard technically deserted from his company last week. It seems the furlough for which he applied was promised him, but not in time for him to be sure of seeing his dying mother, and while he was in violation of strict military discipline, he was coming from the war instead of going to it, had performed every duty required of him, and really did only what you or I would be very much tempted to do under similar circumstances. I would be very much pleased if you can see your way clear toward assisting in securing his honorable discharge without requiring his return to San Francisco.

IN THE FUTURE

Father of the Girl—My dear young man, I have called to ask if you will accept the hand of my daughter.

Young Man.—Indec! Girl's Father.—Yes, sir, I have reason to believe she cares for you, and I know you can make her happy. Young Man.—What are your prospects? Girl's Father.—I am 65 years old, and have the gout, which may take me off at any time.

Young Man.—Well, this is sudden, but I will think it over. Young Man.—I will give you my answer. Girl's Father.—Very well, sir. Good morning. Young Man.—Good morning.

"LEND ME YOUR ANTS"

A plague of small ants is worrying the good housekeepers in the lower part of town. The little pests get in the sugar bowls, play havoc with cakes and pies and drown themselves in the jelly and fruit preserves.

TUBERCULOSIS AND BICYCLING

My attention has lately been called to cyclists, particularly those who sprout, riding rapidly, especially on an upgrade or on a road that is sandy.

NOT EXACTLY GOOD ENGLISH

A trespass notice, posted on premises somewhere near town, would hardly stamp the law from a strict adherence to good English.

HOW DEWEY COMES SAILING HOME.

Daily Life of the Admiral on Board the Olympia—How His Quarters Are Arranged—His Enormous Mail.

Washington, D. C., July 13.—To the average man it would seem rather odd to have two 5-inch breech-loading rifles in his bedroom and sitting room, but Admiral Dewey doesn't mind it a bit, having got used to those two articles of furniture in his cabin on board the Olympia.

The Admiral having done all that his country demands of him, may take things henceforth as easy as he likes. On the Olympia, during her homeward trip, he is practically a passenger, traveling in semi-royal state.

The Admiral is not obliged to get up at any particular time in the morning, he might lie abed all day if he chose. As a matter of fact he rises about 3 o'clock—3 a. m.—and takes his tub, which is conveniently near at hand, inasmuch as a bath room is attached to his cabin.

While he is engaged in dressing, the steward lays the cloth and sets the table for his breakfast, which, when it is served, he eats in solitary state. No one messes with the Admiral, unless specially invited. If he chooses to take his meals at irregular hours no body is inconvenienced, for a separate range is provided for his exclusive benefit, and he has his own cook.

After breakfast the Admiral devotes two or three hours to answering letters. This in itself is no small task, and it occupies a good deal of his time during his busiest days in Manila Bay.

At every port reached by the Olympia on her voyage homeward several great bags of mail addressed to the Admiral personally are delivered aboard, and pretty hard work is required to get rid of one batch before the next stopping place is reached.

This office is one of three little rooms just outside of his cabin, the other two are the bathroom and the pantry. Naturally, the pantry is the headquarters of the steward, it is much like any other pantry, with lockers, a china closet and a few shelves in which a few bottles of wine are kept customarily.

Faith in Christ's divinity may be difficult, but less difficult than the acceptance of any other possible explanation of his person.—Dr. G. H. Combs, Kansas City, Mo.

About 500 persons a month are required for jury duty in the New York courts.

PALMISTRY AT SQUAWVILLE

When Professor Abdul Hamis, from the far Egyptian land, where the pyramids an' sphinxes their silent grandeur stand, Came a sailin' into Squawville in his Oriental robe,

He explained in slick palaver that creases in the hand Told an interestin' story only he could understand;

When he made a call for subjects was met with frozen stares, His solicitation fallin' to unglorious from our chairs,

The suggestion was the signal to uproarious applause, An' a universal howlin' for the minter, because he bein' jest as meek as a saint as it.

BOSTON'S TREES.—Boston has a city forester and 1,000 street trees are under his care. There is a law in the streets and parks and even the forester is not allowed to trim or remove them without a permit from the board of aldermen.

SIBERIAN RAILWAYS.—Siberia is ahead of this country some things, according to John Bookwalter, who says: "At every station on the railway there is placed front of the station, at a point convenient of access by the passengers, a large cauldron of hot water that has bubbled, and it is the duty of the station master to see that the supply is kept up. This is free to all passengers, even to the poorest emigrant whose comfort and welfare are provided for in many ways with thoughtful care."

BY LIGHTNING.—Lightning caused the death of 6 persons in the United States last year and a loss in property of \$1,441,000. Few of the deaths occurred in cities. The annual number of thunder storms in this country is from thirty-five to forty-five. The maximum is in the Southeastern states.

THE MYSTERIES.—There are those who violently oppose the mysteries which have grown up with religion. They are unwilling to await the process of evolution, gradually cast it off. In their haste they would destroy religion itself, or cast it off with the mysteries.—Rev. G. W. Stone, Unitarian, Kansas City, Mo.

CAUSE OF THE BLINDNESS.—Ethel (on rear seat of tandem). We're searching. Aven't you afraid that policeman will see us? George (on front seat). He? No. He never sees me. He's been owing me \$5 for more than a year.—Chicago Tribune.

ENGLISH WEDDING CAKES.—The cake at English weddings is always a star feature. Usually at a fashionable affair it is fully six feet high, and is a marvelous architectural structure of icing adorned with flowers and figures.

FEMALE THIEVES IN PARIS.—According to the Paris police, there has been a marked increase of late in the number of women thieves in that city. It seems they cannot resist the temptations offered by the displays in the large shops.