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INVESTIGATION

Is Progressing Very Slowly.

Many Obstacles Encountered-- Witnesses Imprisoned.

NEW YORK, May 21.—A Herald dispatch from Havana via Key West, says:

The joint investigation in the Ruiz case does not get along very well, and there is some danger that the United States representative will find himself forced to withdraw because of delay and the tendency to politely ask and insist on undesirable conditions.

News comes that Ferrá, who figured in General Lee's report of the Ruiz case, and who was in jail with the unfortunate American in Guanabacoa at the time of Ruiz's death has been arrested quietly, probably as a warning to him and others that while Spain consents politely to a free American investigation she has her own ideas about the duty of her subjects in a case of this kind. Ferrá asserts that he is an American citizen, but not registered.

It is also said that since Mr. Calhoun's arrival and just before General Lee began his investigation word had been passed down the line that all persons who talked over much about foul play will hear from it later, no matter how prodigal the American government may be with promises of protection at any cost.

General Weyler is expected here soon and he has just sent ahead of him a long interview to the local press in which he makes the statement that the Cubans are worthy and intelligent people, and that as four western provinces are wholly pacified, the time to put the reforms in operation has come.

DO NOT WANT MEDIATION.

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COMMISSION ORGANIZED.

HAVANA, May 21.—The Ruiz commission was informally organized this morning, and will go to Guanabacoa this evening to begin the inquiry in the death of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, a naturalized American citizen. Senor Enrique Reig, whose name was presented by Dr. Congosto, the Spanish consul at Philadelphia, who accompanies the United States commissioners, W. J. Calhoun, was finally accepted as consul by Consul-General Lee and Mr. Calhoun.

Cordial relations prevail among all the parties concerned, Dr. Congosto and General Lee breakfasting together.

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NEW SHOP.—A. N. Gilbert is having his barn on the alley moved out to front on Court street, and is having the same converted into a shoe shop which will be occupied by B. F. Irvine's factory.

A FORECLOSURE SUIT.—Mary Messick has instituted a suit in the Marion county circuit court to recover from Wm. Arnold and wife \$1,005 due on a promissory note.

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GREECO-TURKISH.

The Armistice Is Concluded.

Seventeen Days of Peace Assured --the Plan of Settlement.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 21.—An armistice was formally concluded for seventeen days between the Turkish and Greek troops on the frontier of Epirus.

WILL TREAT DIRECTLY.

Although it is not definitely decided, it is thought peace negotiations will be conducted between Turkey and Greece direct and afterward, following the prececut of the treaty of San Stefano, the treaty will be admitted to a European conference, probably to be held at Paris.

NO ARMISTICE IN EPIRUS.

BERLIN, May 21.—A telegram received from Constantinople says the effort of the Turkish commander in Epirus to treat with the Greeks for an armistice resulted in a failure, owing to the Greeks having ignored the flag of truce and having attempted, with two battalions of troops, to make a fresh incursion into Turkish territory. The Greeks, it is further stated, also shelled the Turkish position.

In conclusion, the Constantinople dispatch says the Turkish government disclaims all responsibility for what may follow.

MIXED COMMISSION.

The armistice agreement between Turkey and Greece stipulates that a commission of officers of superior rank shall establish a natural zone between the two armies, and that no advance on either flank shall be permitted. It is understood Turkey wants the commission to be constituted of foreign military attaches, with the two armies.

ARMISTICE.

CONSTINOPLE.—The armistice concluded in general, and includes the land and sea forces of both combatants. The ambassador of the powers met to consider terms of peace.

GREECE WILL PAY.

ATHENS, May 21.—M. Ralli, the premier, in the course of an interview, said:

"The indemnity which Greece will pay to Turkey will be in proportion to the resources of Greece and her financial position. The cession of territory is out of the question. Greece cannot accept a modification of the strategic frontier which would render easy the raiding of Greek territory."

CONDITIONS OF PEACE.

LONDON, May 21.—The Rome correspondent of the Mail says he learns on good authority that the powers have agreed upon the chief conditions of peace.

STATE HOUSE NEWS.

Secretary of State Kincaid is in Portland; also F. C. Lovell. The state weather forecast for Saturday is fair and warmer.

Nearly all the state officials will attend local field day at the fair grounds, tomorrow afternoon.

Hon. D. P. Thompson of Portland, was appointed regent of the state university, to fill vacancy caused by death of L. L. McArthur.

The governor has not yet made an appointment to fill vacancy on the board of regents of Monmouth State Normal school.

Cut Rates.

The rate war between the Southern Pacific Company and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company has broken out afresh. The Southern Pacific has come to the conclusion that it is not receiving a fair share of passenger traffic between San Francisco and Portland and has decided to make a reduction in its rates.

It is announced that the rates on the Portland excursion, which leaves San Francisco every five days, will be reduced with the departure of the next train, Sunday evening. The prevailing rates on the five-day excursion are \$21 first-class and \$14 second-class. These rates will be reduced to \$19 and \$12, respectively. Steamer rates to Portland are \$12 first-class and \$6 steerage.

SURVEYING

Falls City-Salem Railroad.

The Capital City to Have Railroad Connections.

The initial steps towards the construction of the Falls City-Salem standard gauge railroad line have been taken. The preliminary survey was completed today and grade work will follow immediately.

The surveying party, numbering twelve, reached West Salem this morning, thus completing the survey having commenced at Falls City and worked towards Salem. Mr. H. E. Chipman, formerly in the employ of the O. C. & E. at Yaquina, is in charge of the work which is progressing quite satisfactorily.

The line will be a standard gauge and the company that is constructing the same expects to have the road in operation by next fall. One terminus of the road will be at Falls City, and it will pass through Dallas, Dixie, Eola and thence to West Salem. The somewhat roundabout course the road will pursue after leaving Dixie whereby it goes to Eola, is taken that the large Polk county hills may be avoided thus doing away with more or less grade work.

The company building the road is one of means and sufficient capital. It will be known as the Luckiamute Valley & Western Railroad, the articles of incorporation of which were filed Thursday April 29th. The capital stock of the corporation is \$50,000. The directors of the road are the following well-known capitalist and business men of Polk county: H. E. Chipman, J. S. Talbot, Frank Butler, H. S. Montgomery, F. A. Lucas and J. J. Montgomery.

The value of this road can scarcely be overestimated since it would bring Salem into excellent railroad connections with the richest farming and lumbering districts of Polk county.

Speaking of the new road today's Polk county Observer says:

"The survey for the Falls city and Salem railroad is being made this week. The survey as far as made is practicable and no heavy grades. The company, no doubt, will meet with proper encouragement from the farmers along the line. The road, as the Observer has said before, will be a great benefit to all Polk county and especially this section. It will open up a vast timber section, and the future possibilities of the development of the lumber interests will be all that the most sanguine expect; besides the large tracts of timber adapted for the manufacture of paper. The company is moving along with the work in a way that looks like business, and we hope nothing may come in their way to stop them until the road is completed. Hurrah for the Falls City and Salem road!"

CHEMAWA.

Sociable tonight in gymnasium hall.

One of the farm boys has just returned from the Meditation hall.

Our band is improving rapidly and three more new horns have just been added.

Our lawn looks greatly beautified since Mr. Goodrich gave it a good shearing.

The boys are, some of them, trying to get ready for the field day sports, Saturday 22.

This school is into the flax culture business to the extent of 12 bushels all of which is in the ground in fine shape.

Mr. Carl Denton, of Salem, has a good class in music at this school, both in violin and piano and guitar. He is an excellent instructor.

Supt. Potter is over on the coast, having gone to take a sick student to his home in northern California. He is greatly missed by all the school.

Our strawberries will not make half a crop this year. The blackberries and raspberries are very full. We have 16 acres of potatoes and will plant 8 acres more and the garden looks fine.

Some of the boys think it very strange to see Mr. Childers take piles of bees from the trees and put them into a hive and not get stung. That is only kindness to the bees. Don't slap them, that's why they sting.

MORE ANON.

Teacher's associations in Minnesota are asking for the passage of a state law providing for the payment of pensions to teachers who have taught in the public schools twenty-five years continually—the fund for the payment to be raised by a tax of 1 per cent on their salaries.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

In Nebraska a law was submitted declaring football a crime.

Senator Mullin, of New York, submitted a law prohibiting the exposure in public of any woman's legs.

Bismarck says that as he grows older he grows more and more indifferent to calumny and falsehood.

Turkey owes \$500,000,000 in Europe. The war indemnity will enable her to make a payment of interest.

A Philadelphia church wants its pastor to resign because he rides a bicycle and smokes cigarettes.

In four weeks there arrived at New York 21,000,000 pounds of foreign wool; at Philadelphia, 8,000,000; at Boston.

Mr. Baynard left London with 200 pieces of luggage (luggage) is English, baggage is American) and four dogs.

Senator Kellar, of Minnesota, wished to compel all saloons to display a red illuminated sign "Danger."

The New York senate passed Barney Martin's law making it a crime to be found in possession of any anesthetic or similar drug.

Thirty days of war have cost Greece about \$100,000,000 and a degree of humiliation that cannot be expressed in words.

In committee an amendment was added making long hair presumptive evidence of addiction to football, the law was rejected.

In Indiana Representative Farnsworth submitted a bill designed to prevent women from sending flowers to prisoners in jail.

Kansas has been prolific in attempted freak legislation. One law forbade the wearing of corsets and bloomers by women.

The authorities of Wellesley College, for women, have been compelled to expel a number of students for indulging in cigarettes, wine and beer.

Mary Ellen Lease's daughter, Evelyn Louise, has graduated from Wichita high school and has "her mother's eloquence and personal magnetism."

The New York tea merchants have anticipated the imposition of a tax on tea by adding three to five cents a pound to the price. They are patriotic souls.

The tax on bequests in England is said to have yielded a revenue during the last fiscal year of over \$70,000,000, and the operation of the law is so satisfactory in every way that some of the Massachusetts papers are urging the adoption of a similar tax in the state to the exclusion of all other taxes on personal property.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, May 21.—May wheat opened at 71 and closed at 71½; Cash wheat sold at 72½. Liverpool 5s 10d.

PORTLAND MARKET.

PROVISIONS.
Portland, May 21. Wheat valley, 75¢@76¢; Walls Walla, 75¢@76¢.
Flour—Portland, 3.75¢@3.90; Graham, 3.40¢@3.50; superfine, 2.75¢ per bbl.
Oats—White, 38¢@40¢; grey, 37¢@39¢.
Potatoes—Oregon, 45¢@50¢ per sack.
Hay—Good, 14.00¢ per ton.
Hops—7c.
Wool—Valley, 11¢@12½¢; Eastern Oregon 6¢@8c.
Mohair, 10¢@20c.
Milkstuffs—Bran, 14.50¢; shorts 16.50¢.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 2.50¢@3.00¢; turkeys, dressed, 12¢@12½¢.
Eggs—Oregon, 11¢ per doz.
Hides—green, salted 60 lbs 6½¢; under 60 lbs 5c; sheep pelts, 10¢@70c.
Tallow—2½¢@3c.
Onions—1.50¢ per 100.
Wheat Bags—Calcutta 25¢ per 100.
Beans—small white, 1½¢@1½¢; lima 3½¢.
Hogs Heavy, 4.50¢.
Butter—Best Dairy, 20¢@22½¢; fancy cream 25¢@35¢ per roll.
Cheese 11¢.
Dried Fruit—Apples, evaporated, bleached 6½¢@7c; unbleached 3½¢@4c; sundried 6½¢.
Pears—50¢@6c.
Plums—pitless, 30¢@4c.
Fruit—4½¢@6c.
Veal—small 4½¢@5; large 3½¢@4c per lb.
Mutton—Weathers 3.00¢@3.50¢ dressed mut on, 5½¢; spring lambs 7½¢@8c per lb.
Beef—Steers 3.50¢; cows 2.50¢@3; dressed 5¢@6½¢.
Cured Meats—Hams 10c—10½¢; bacon 6c; Lard—in pails, 7c½.

SALEM MARKET.

Wheat—66¢.
Oats 35¢.
Hay, baled, cheat, 12.00¢.
Flour, in wholesale lots, 90¢; retail 4.40¢; bran, bulk 16.50¢; sacked, 17.00¢; shorts, 17.50¢@18.00¢; chop feed, 15.00¢@16.00¢.
Poultry, Chicken, 3 spring chicken 12½¢; Turkeys 10c.
Veal—Dressed, 4.
Hogs—Dressed, 4.75¢.
Live Cattle, 3.
Sheep—Live, 1½¢@1½¢.
Spring lambs, \$1.15¢.
Wool, Best, 12c.
Hops—Best, 9¢ a 10c.
Eggs—weak 8¢ a 10c, in trade.
Farm Smoked Meats—Hacc, 7c; hams 10c; shoulders, 5½¢.
Potatoes—.25¢ per lb.
Dried Fruit—Apples, evaporated bleached 7c—8c; unbleached 4c@5c.
Plums—4c.
Butter—Dairy 8¢@10c; creamery 12½¢@15c.

REAL ESTATE.

Is Now Beginning to Move.

A Salem Firm Sells a Large Tract Near Scio.

Real estate has been a drug so long that actual sales create surprise and are a sure indication that an upward tendency in values is setting in.

F. N. Derby & Co, the Capital city real estate firm, has just closed a deal transferring 2470 acres choice farming lands in one tract near Scio, on the forks of the Santiam, to Minneapolis parties for \$35,000 cash.

Dr. A. F. Hinz and Mr. M. A. Lang, representatives of the St. Michael's Colony Co., have spent some time at Salem and Albany looking over large tracts, suitable for a colony of 140 families of German farmers who are coming to Oregon in a body.

The lands comprise the Harry Shelton estate, the Wm. Cyrus estate, and the T. D. Pickford estate about four miles southeast of Scio, on Crabtree creek. The Albany papers are claiming the credit of this big sale, but it was made and closed by the Salem firm above named. Mr. F. N. Derby and Jefferson Myers, are both Salem real estate men, and they are very much pleased with the result, as it will supply a very desirable class of immigrants with farm homes in the best kind of a farming country.

This Salem firm is thoroughly acquainted with the best valley lands, and was able to direct the managers of the colony to a choice tract of good land in the forks of the Santiam which could be obtained at reasonable figures.

The colony, which will consist of 140 families of well-to-do industrious Bavarian German families, will arrive this fall and next spring. The lands were selected with a view of raising hops, fruit, gardening and dairying. They come from the state of Minnesota, Indiana, Wisconsin and Nebraska, and will go to work to carve out comfortable homes. The lands, which are very fertile, are already partially improved, will be divided up into small tracts, each family being allowed what they can till themselves.

The chief advantages which attracted the colonists to Linn county were competing transportation lines, both on rail and water, the rich soil in the very heart of the Willamette Valley, and the low rate of taxes in Linn county, resulting from economical management of county affairs. The promoters of the colony enterprise say that the departure of the colonists for Oregon will be followed by hundreds of other home seekers who will come to Oregon within the next year. Many of them will, it is believed, also locate in Marion county.

Mr. Lang and Dr. Hinz, who have charge of the colony enterprise, are well informed, wide-awake business men and courteous gentlemen, and seem to be the right men to carry the undertaking to a successful termination.

Changed Hands.

The "Passtime" billiard parlors have been purchased by the undersigned, and will be conducted in first-class style. Everybody invited to call.

MILLER & DAVIS.

ADJOURNED.—The term of Marion county circuit court, department No. 2 that was to have been held today was adjourned to 9 a. m. Tuesday, owing to illness of Judge Hewitt at Albany.

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