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## ALBANY PAPER JABS CORVALLIS

DEMOCRAT IMAGINES THINGS AND  
PROCEEDS TO RETALIATE.

## LAUGHS AT BUSINESS HOUSES

Says Merchants Here Should Be Ashamed of Main Street and Tells Them They Should Establish a Better "Home Trade."

The Corvallis Gazette-Times seems to be trying to build Corvallis up by running Albany down. It had better pay more attention to getting some creditable store buildings and fronts in the city and establishing a better home trade.—Albany Democrat.

It is very evident that "population" is a sore spot over at Albany. This paper has never yet made a caustic or captious reference to the Hub City's claims, and at no time has there been any disposition to "run down" Bro. Nutting's town. Instead, this paper has constantly printed items of that city's growth, its improvements, and for the various public events at Albany this paper has given as much space as either of Albany's papers.

For the big apple fair last year a couple of columns of space was given; for the paving celebration, liberal front page, scare head space was offered; for the Innes Band concert, this paper set more type than did either Albany paper—and about 125 people went over from here largely as a result of this advertising and not as a result of "Corvallis band work," as the Hub city papers published it. Already this paper has given pleasant mention of Albany's coming apple and chrysanthemum show, boosting Struble's apple pie campaign in Albany words, and stands ready to crow any time that Albany has something that makes crowing worth while.

The Gazette-Times has in a brief word boasted of Corvallis' growth in population and postal receipts and made comparison with Albany, but no one but a dyspeptic would say that any word was unpleasantly spoken.

The fact is, our postal receipts show an increase that, beside Albany's, is phenomenal. And as for population, the directories of the two places, compiled about the same time last fall, show less than a hundred difference. When this fact was casually mentioned, the Democrat gave the Corvallis directory credit for containing the names of 1200 to 1400 students, yet the directory has every student's name marked "student" and there are less than 25 in the book, these being largely in houses rented by themselves. Albany and Corvallis should have no quarrel, their interests are identical, and they had better pull together than apart. However, if the aggregation over there is such a bunch of soreheads that they can not engage in a little gentle repartee without getting their feathers riled, they won't make very good bed fellows.

### A Pointer

Corvallis will have to stand for this jibe about its business section, but things have reached a pretty pass when a city can absorb the business of another city and feel so secure of retaining that business that its newspapers can turn

'round and twit the people for their disloyalty to the home merchant. Think of Albany, which gets much Corvallis trade, suggesting that Corvallis should establish a better "home trade!" That ought to rankle in every business man's soul and in the heart of every person who goes from this city to Albany to buy even a sandwich between trains. It should rankle until that bridge is built across the Willamette here that we may get the Linn county trade that rightly belongs here; it should rankle until the business men arouse themselves to the necessity of having fairs, celebrations and public occasions to attract crowds into this city, thus getting the trade started back this way; it should rankle until the merchants unite on a definite, systematic plan to go out after the trade that should come here, and then some. If it's better stocks or better bargains, let's have them; if it's special attractions, let's get busy; if it's rest rooms, a sight of an electric street car or paved streets, let's have this; and if it requires a systematic campaign of education, let's get at that. With the Corvallis vicinity trade going to Albany turned back to this city, perhaps Albany could not long twit us about the appearance of our store buildings. Buy at home.

## SMITHSON WILL GO TO ATHENS

Forrest Smithson, the O. A. C. athlete who holds the world's championship in the 120-yard high hurdles, will represent Multnomah Club in the Olympic games in Athens next May. This is the definite statement of Frank Watkins, chairman of the athletic committee of the Multnomah Club, who states further that no meet will be held here this Fall that will give Smithson a chance to establish a new record.

"Smithson has gone to Tillamook for a few weeks, and by the time he returns the college boys will have returned to school and there will not be enough athletes in Portland to warrant a meet," stated Mr. Watkins yesterday afternoon. "However, Smithson will not go out of training, but will keep in the best possible condition through the winter and in the spring he will be ready to compete in the meets held under the auspices of the A. A. U. He will then be sent by the Club to New York, where he will join the American team and go to the Olympic games at Athens.

"These games will be held on the same large scale as they were in London in 1908 and will be the regular biennial games with the best track athletes of the world."

## HAS CAUGHT CORVALLIS SPIRIT

A grading crew has begun work to put West Main street, Medford in shape for bitulithic pavement. Over a mile of Main street was paved last spring, and this extension will carry the pavement to the west limits of the city, three-quarters of a mile. With this section completed, Medford will have about three miles of hard-surface streets, and there is a possibility that at least a mile more may be put down this fall on Central avenue and on West Tenth street. It has been definitely agreed to by the interested property owners that East Main street is to be paved next spring. The work would be done this fall, but the sewer system for that part of the city is not all complete. There will be about a mile of this section of Main street, extending from the present paving at the crossing of Riverside avenue, to the city limits.

## ATTORNEY YATES HAS SOME FUN

PLAYS PRANK ON WELL-KNOWN  
PEOPLE OF CORVALLIS.

## LABELS THEM JUST MARRIED

Elderly Couple Starts for Eastern Point With Placard on Their Trunk that is Somewhat Misleading, Though it was Straight Truth.

If a placard on a trunk at the Union Station today may be accepted at its face value, a popular couple left Corvallis on a wedding tour. The placard, printed in bold letters posted on a trunk almost as large as one of our Main street shacks, read as follows:

This Saratoga BELONGS  
to a  
BRIDE  
and  
GROOM  
Bride—DASHING  
Groom—DISFIGURED but still in  
the RING

The placard attracted a great deal of attention and excited no little comment. Everybody at the station at noon was looking for the bride and groom and confidently expected to see a carriage covered with ribbons dash up and unload a blushing maid and a triumphant young man. But they were doomed to disappointment for no wedding party put in an appearance.

Mystery in huge chunks hung over the Union station and it finally became thick enough to cut with a knife. Just at the point when the tension had reached the breaking point, Attorney J. Fred Yates, wearing a smile as large as a sunshade, put in an appearance and gave the joke away. The great trunk belonged to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wells, octogenarians (more or less) starting on a trip to Seattle, St. Paul and Kansas City. Mrs. Wells is a demure little woman as quiet as she is sweet and lovely, while W. A., though past seventy years, is a royal sport with enough red blood in his veins to make him enjoy a horse race even yet. Attorney Yates recalled a prank these people played on him before his golden hair had turned to silvery grey, and he saw in this an opportunity to even up an old score. He spent two hours printing that placard and another half-hour tacking and pasting it on the Wells trunk so that nothing but a battering ram would remove it. Fred was so filled with the fun of his mission that he had to show his work to friends of the Wells family and these became as enthusiastic as the principal in the deal. It was really a good joke, and the point of it is that Mr. and Mrs. Wells do not yet know that they have been started off as bride and groom. Imagine their horror when they go to claim their trunk at Seattle and at the further knowledge that it will take all of their Seattle time to remove even a portion of the placard.

Friends here are waiting with considerable anticipation for letters from Mr. and Mrs. Wells.

\$700 For Tea

On the broad verandas of the Breakers, at Palm Beach, in the after-noon

hour, an average of \$1,000 will be taken in for drinkables. Five o'clock tea at the Plaza is worth about \$700; last New Year's Eve, the Knickerbocker took more than \$24,000 through its restaurant. And one of Louis Sherry's waiters, upon oath, estimated his tips at from \$80 to \$100 a week. All these items have their significance. Significant too, is the number of "big hotel" proprietors who now own country estates. The big hotel is not run at a loss.—Arthur E. McFarlane, in the September Everybody's.

## Acknowledged the Corn.

About the time when a show was to be in town, a small boy sold a lady living on Van Buren street a dozen ears of green corn for ten cents. On removing the husks some cobs were found, but the grains of corn had not started to grow and were too small to take note of. A week later the same boy appeared with another armful of corn. He explained that the fraud was unintentional, as he did not discover the corn was too young until the ten cents was spent.

"I want you to take this," he said, handing over the corn, "it is good and will square our trade. No, I don't want any ten cents. This will make us even."

The lady does not know the little fellow's name, but should he come again she would take his word for the quality of any commodity he may offer for sale.

## Baker City For More Paving

At Baker City an adjourned session of the Council held yesterday evening a contract was awarded the Warren Construction Company to pave seven

## AFTER NEWPORT EXCURSION BOATS

FOREST GROVE MAN WRITES  
ABOUT CONDITION OF BAY.

## SAYS PRESERVERS ARE PUNK

Points to Failure of Life Preservers— Says "Tule" Preservers Used on Yaquina Bay Boats Caused 130 Men to Lose Lives.

Following one of the Sunday excursions to Newport, the Gazette-Times mentioned the overcrowding of the tubs that convey passengers across the bay from Yaquina, and considerable more was inferred. Now comes a letter making a direct statement in regard to the life preservers carried on these boats. The letter furnishes interesting reading. It says:

Forest Grove, Aug. 17, '09  
GAZETTE-TIMES, Corvallis, Ore.:  
In your issue of Aug. 6 appears a creditable article on excursions to Yaquina Bay.

Please bear with me while I invite your attention to the positively dangerous "Life Preservers," exclusively carried by all craft at this place; that, after confirmation of my postulation, you may incorporate this into an article at some subsequent time.

These "Tule" life preservers will not sustain a person in the water above a quarter of an hour. They have drowned many a good swimmer. Witness the sinking of the British ship, "Islander," near Juneau, Alaska, about 1905, when some 130 men were drowned by these, though but 1 1/2 miles off shore. These can be manufactured for about 7 cents each, while real preservers made of

cork cost much more. This accounts for vessel owners "tipping" inspectors of hulls and boilers, superintendents of navigation, et. al., to permit the use of these snares for our loved ones. While having no objections to associating my name with the above, this is marked "personal" lest one trespass on your prerogative. I remain,

Whether the allegations here are wholly correct the Gazette-Times does not know. On its face the presentation looks like the writer knows what he is talking about. The Gazette-Times does know that as a rule men handling people in out-of-the-way places are too frequently careless of their responsibility and in every way possible get around strict observance of the law. This is true the country over. We are also absolutely certain that on the Yaquina boats on which we have ridden there were not sufficient life preservers for the number of people carried at the time. It is the general impression of those who go to Newport occasionally that no loss of life is more a matter of good fortune than ought else. It is always too late to kick after the horse is stolen, hence the presentation of this matter now.

## Fruit at State Fair

The sum of \$300 was set aside by the Oregon State Board of Agriculture towards improving and encouraging a horticultural exhibit at the next Oregon State Fair, Salem, September 13-18. This is in addition to the usual premium classification of fruits. This action by the board will be received with much favor by the fruitgrowers, who should aid the fair management as much as possible to make a worthy display of orchard products.

Scenery at the opera house is receiving some touches calculated to brighten things up a little. Artist Hays is throwing the oils for Mr. Groves and is doing his customary excellent work.

We announce the first showing of Fall,  
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