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NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

STUDENT UP TO PRANK TOUCHES AN ELETRIC WIRE

FALLS TWENTY-FIVE FEET

Narrowly Missed Wire Carrying 10,000---Lad Carried to Hospital and Attended, but He Got Restless and Ran Away, Slipping From Window.

Lorenzo Pilkington, O. A. C. student engaged in an effort to hang Physical Director Angell in effigy, was all but electrocuted Saturday night about 12 o'clock. He climbed a telephone pole at the corner of 9th and Jefferson, sat on the large cable filled with telephone wires and, while working away with his effigy, tilted backward. The back of his neck touched a live wire and he jerked forward with such haste that he fell from his perch to the ground. When he regained consciousness, Dr. Johnson was there.

An examination revealed the fact that young Pilkington had been badly burned on the neck, the seat of his trousers were charred and the boy was bleeding from the mouth. He was taken to the Mary's River Sanitarium where a complete examination offered the assurance that no bones were broken, and the electric shock was not serious. A finger could be laid in the neck burn, but otherwise Pilkington seemed to be in fair condition.

Sunday morning Pilkington was very restless and wanted "to see the boys." He was told that he would have to stay in bed for a time and some medicine was left for him. During the afternoon the boy concluded to hike, so he slipped out of a window and left the institution. Evidently he is all right. There

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FAVORS PROPOSED ANNEXATION

GOOD REASONS ADVANCED FOR JOINING IN MOVE

A MAN OUTSIDE WANTS IN

Tells the Public Why He wants to Come In---Says City Can Give What is Needed, Sewers, Lights, Mail "at The Door," Etc.

To the Editor:
Next Saturday the electors of Corvallis and the outlying district to the westward will vote upon a matter of considerable importance. It is remarkable that so little discussion has been had up to this time in regard to the annexation of this district to the city of Corvallis.

I am prompted to express my views because I have a home in the district in question, and for that reason am interested in the general welfare of the community.

Nowhere outside the city limits, during the past few years, has growth and improvement been more rapid or more substantial in character than in the territory west of the city. The people are largely composed of those who have employment and business interests in Corvallis. Their interests are inseparable from the general interests and welfare of the city. It seems to the writer that there are several good reasons why these people should become a part of the civic organization of Corvallis.

We have as good water as any city in the state and better than most. The water plant is owned and operated by the city, and while extensions have been made covering a part of the territory, which it is proposed to annex, it is not probable that the city mains will be extended further if the annexation project should be voted down. Moreover, should a shortage occur, the outlying district would be the first to be cut off.

After good water, the next thing of importance is a good and complete sewer system. In this matter our city has nothing of which to boast, since several large and populous areas within the city limits not only have no sewer, but can not get them until expensive main sewers are built. An improvement of this kind is long overdue in the district west of the railroad and north of Monroe street.

If annexation should carry, the new part of town would become a part of this unsewered district and as such should demand, not only that the sewer be built at once, but also that ample provision be made for the new territory.

On the other hand, should annexation fail and a sewer be built for Job's and other additions in the city, it is not at all likely that provision would be made, at a large additional expense, for a locality which had voted against annexation. Nor would we then be in a position to demand it. Nor is this all, for the outlying district would then be left in such a position that it could not get a sewer for many years to come.

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VOTE ON "GREATER CORVALLIS" TO BE TAKEN ON SATURDAY, DEC. 18

IF PROGRESSIVES WIN THE CITY WILL ADD 500 TO 600 POPULATION AND ASSUME SOME BURDENS.

SOME OPPOSITION IN DISTRICT CITY DESIRES TO ANNEX

Some Fear Their Taxes Will be Greatly Increased, While Others in The District Have No Such Fear---College Hill People Stand Chance of Losing Conveniences They Now Have in Case the Vote is "No."---Now Using Water From City Mains, Which Can be Turned Off.

Next Saturday the people within and without the present city limits will vote to approve or disapprove an ordinance proposing to extend the city limits. If a majority of the people in the district to be annexed vote "yes," and the people within the present boundaries of Corvallis vote "yes," the annexation will be made. If a majority outside or a majority inside present boundaries votes "no," there can be no extension of the city's limits. The district affected lies northwest, due west, and southwest of O. A. C., and includes the holdings of this institution. Six hundred, or more, people are concerned, or about 150 to 200 voters.

Until very recently there has been little expression in regard to the proposed annexation. By interview and from other sources, the G.-T. discovers that there are now voters both in and out of the city decidedly favorable and others actually hostile. The opposition in the district it is proposed to annex seems to be based on the belief that the financial burdens of property holders will be greater than they now are. Those in the outlying district who are favorable to annexation see great advantage and no financial disadvantage so are anxious to be taken into the city. A signed communication in this issue gives some of the

reasons why it is a good thing for voters in the outlying district to vote "yes" next Saturday. To these reasons may be added the fact that those already enjoying city advantages without paying city taxes are in grave danger of losing what they already have. It was only a little good luck that prevented an injunction suit being filed a short time ago to prevent the Water Commission from furnishing non-residents water from the city mains. They are also in danger of special road taxes reaching to fifteen or twenty mills, (or double the total city tax,) which was the case in Road district No. 2 in 1908. The county court can levy ten mills at any time, and a special tax of ten mills can be voted by the tax-payers. This is a total of 20 mills for the outlying district, while the charter of Corvallis fixes a limit of 7 mills. Annexed to Corvallis, those who paid fifteen mills road tax in 1908 would never have to pay more than two mills for street purposes, and a total of 7 mills for city purposes. They would get sewerage, water extension and lights. The writer has not yet come in contact with an oppositoinist in the outlying district with specific reasons for his opposition. Any communication will receive the same consideration accorded those in favor of the annexation.

The College Matter.
The Gazette-Times hopes to

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ANGELL COMES BACK TO CITY

MAN WHOM STUDENTS WOULD "MOB" SEEMS FEARLESS

NOT ATTACKED NOR SPAT ON

When Interviewed Says He Knows Little About Cause of Big Rumpus. Says Somebody is After Cheap Popularity.---No Censure of Students.

E. D. Angell, director of athletics at O. A. C., returned from Portland yesterday. And this morning he was on the college campus and about the city. Not only that, but he had conversation with prominent students. From the hullabaloo raised Friday and Saturday, as voiced by special editions of the Barometer, the college paper, and students on the streets, one could not but doubt the wisdom of his return, in case Mr. Angell cared anything about his physical well-being. That the director would be lammed, skinned and jay-hawked was about the least that could have been anticipated, but, according to Mr. Angell, no one has even said "doggone it" in his presence.

When interviewed in regard to the difficulty that led the cadets to hold their dance in the Coffee Club rooms instead of the College Armory as originally intended, Director Angell said he knew less than anybody. Some time ago application was made for the use of the Armory for the purpose named. The students having gone through the red tape that is a part of the policy of the institution, were given the assurance that the date, Dec. 11, would be held open, no athletic events being scheduled. A week ago a representative of the cadets

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TO RAISE CRANBERRIES IN CORVALLIS

STUDENTS SUGGEST THE NORTH SCHOOL CAMPUS AS PLACE

WHAT THE FRIDAY POST SAYS

School Paper Makes Some Valuable Suggestions Along Various Lines---Humorous References to Teachers and the Students.

The Friday Evening Post, the organ of the North school's seventh graders, extracts from which were published Saturday, is not edited by Robert Dryden, as stated. The paper has no editor---she is an editress, Miss Ada Snook. Young Mr. Dryden is associate-editor or editress and this is all the honor he desires to stand for. Other members of the staff are Assistant Editor, Wallace Cate; Sporting Editors, Joe Wilson and Robert Dryden; Society Editors, Millie Handy and Alice Cady; Illustrator, Elza Geyer; Magazine Editors, Jessie Adams and Neva Moore; Advertising Manager, Richard Carroll and Dannie Felton. Among the numberless interesting items in the Post are the following:

Cotton Growing:---We have such a warm and tropical climate in the seventh grade room that we can grow cotton quite easily. Like air plants it will grow upon anything without cultivation. Anna Paulson had quite a crop of it on her sweater. Harry Orner and Cleve Moore raised a ton or so in their ears. We hear that Frank Jones is going to raise quite a crop on the top of his head. Such fertile ground should produce a fine crop.

Some of our enterprising citizens should try cranberry cul-

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Palace Theater

Monday and Tuesday

Clever Vaudeville
Pretty Pictures

THE M'KENZIE MERRY MAKERS

7-People-7
In a charming 4-act Comedy-Drama,

"The Senator's Daughter"

"Lines of White on a Sullen Sea"

A pathetic story of unrequited love, in which a faithless wooer is forced to fulfill his vow.

"The Lonely Bachelor"

A pretty story of how a little child brought two lonely hearts together.

"Across the Island of Ceylon"

This is a beautiful scenic picture, descriptive of the famous Isle, and will prove a delightful treat to all who see it.

"The Best Man Wins"

A thrilling race for a bride between a lot of cowboys, in which an absent lover comes in ahead of the bunch and carries off the prize.

Admission: Adults, 25c; Children, 15c

OPENING OF TOY LAND, SECOND FLOOR, TUESDAY THE 14th

Great Christmas Sale of Men's Overcoats

Every Coat a Garment of Quality

Special Reduced Prices this week, including all this season's best models.

- \$10.00 Overcoat, Sale Price.....\$ 7.85
- 12.50 Overcoat, Sale Price..... 9.75
- 20.00 Overcoat, Sale Price..... 15.10
- 25.00 Overcoat, Sale Price..... 19.75

Every Coat in the House a Bargain

FREE

To every lady visiting Toy Land on our opening day, Tuesday the 14th, on our big Second Floor Toy Department, we will give a handsome souvenir free.

Come and See This Display



Toys, Second Floor

Visit Our Second Floor Toy Land. Bring the children to see the Toys.



Leather Goods

We are showing a large assortment of Hand Bags and Purses, all the newest styles. Prices from 50c to \$10.00.