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A MAN ABOUT TOWN.

Last week through a misunderstanding the M. A. T. mentioned Mr. Chas Pierce as the leader of the Mechanic's Band. Mr. R. A. Hohman is leader, who, by the way, as a cornet player, has few equals in Oregon. Mr. Hohman has done excellent service for this band and the M. A. T. would not intentionally say anything to take away the credit due him. He is entitled to renewed thanks for many courtesies. Mr Pierce is leader only of the Boys Band.

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A petition was circulated, and signed by nearly every business man in Albany asking the repeal of the provision in the police ordinance prohibiting the riding of bicycles on the sidewalk anywhere in the city. The M. A. T. believes the petition should be granted. Bicycle riding is now just as much a means of navigation as walking, does not injure the sidewalks in the least and does not endanger life or property. The bicyclists of Albany are responsible young men, and are entitled to be treated as in other cities of the size of Albany. In Salem it is allowed except on the main business street, in Portland it is allowed except on and beyond Fourth street, and everywhere the bicycle is only kept off the business streets, and in many places not even there. Albany cannot afford to be one sided in this matter. The fact that the city officers have been instructed to "wink" at the matter does not do away with the right of the petitioners to have some kind of action on the petition.

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The new divorce law, permitting divorces on the grounds of one years desertion, is now in effect. It will be a fine thing for lawyers; but is a disgrace to our statute books. Our divorce laws are becoming shamefully loose.

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It is becoming too common for people, on slight provocation, to have their neighbors arrested for offenses they are never able to prove. On their *ex parte* proof a case is easily made out before a Justice of the Peace, and all he can do is to issue a warrant. He gives it to the Constable, and all he can do, is to serve it, if he has to travel several hundred miles to do it, though only a six year old rooster has been taken. The history in Linn county has been that in only about two cases out of ten a conviction follows, that in eight cases putting the county to a large and unnecessary expense. The fault is generally not with the Justice or Constable, but with the neighbor, who under the heat of spite or passion, makes wild statements, in order to effect an arrest, and which when the trial, or examination before the Grand Jury comes off he cannot substantiate.

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And now these Salvationists. It has become catching for newspapers to run them down, and for the crowd to follow suit. The M. A. T. does not like their style of converting sinners; but the fact is they make less disturbance than the crowd that persecutes. There are no doubt harlots and bad men in some of their brigades, but, like other religious organizations, some of them are in earnest, and they reach a class of sinners not touched in any other way. If the public would try the experiment of treating them respectfully there would be less occasion to keep up the cry of disturbance. Like the Chinese, though, we can get along without them, but while here they should not be persecuted.

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The M.A.T. has no objection to being called My Aunt Tabytha—that is a good name, — but he objects to being hauled into fields not his own, and about which he is as poorly posted as even N. P.

Arrested for Libel.

William R. Boone, editor of the Oregon *Siftings*, was arrested last week on charge of Peter Riley for libel, brought to this city and Friday held to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of $500 bonds, which were furnished. This is about the way it happened. A scurrilous item appeared in the *Siftings* from this city about a well known citizen. The subject of the sketch went to Portland and hauled Mr Boone over the coals. In the next issue of his paper he apologized and said the article written was signed by one James or William Riley, and as there was no such person here it probably referred to Peter Riley, whom he attacked in strong language. When Mr. Riley saw this he was very naturally greatly incensed, as it is generally considered a disgrace to be connected with such a correspondence as has been going on in the *Siftings*, and Mr. Riley is not that kind of a man. Hence the warrant of arrest.

Closing Exercises.

Closing exercises of the Albany Public School, under the management of Prof. Lonsway and assistants, will be held in the double rooms, at the school house, on Thursday and Friday afternoons of next week, beginning at 1:30 p. m. each day. There will be room for about one hundred and fifty visitors. A cordial invitation is extended to the citizens of Albany generally to be present at these exercises.

Some Shingles.

Those who went to Mr. William Fortmiller's Friday evening ascertained the fact that a shingle social is a very fine thing. This one particularly was. Numerous games were played by an uncommonly large number of young people, and a choice lunch served on nicely naturally scented shingles, which, by the way, are much more convenient than plates, and are novel for the purpose. Albany needs a series of shingle or other socials.

State Grange.

The Oregon State Grange meets at Salem May 24th to and inclusive of May 27th. An open reception will be given in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol on May 24th, when Governor Pennoyer will deliver the address of welcome, which will be responded to by Mrs. H. E. Hays, and Mayor Ramsey will do the welcoming for the city. Delegates are expected present from Washington Territory, Idaho and Oregon.

Fine Bouquet.

That fine bouquet which you have seen standing on our front counter this week was presented to us by a little Miss, oldest daughter of J. I. Livingston, living a few miles east of the city. We thus publicly return our heartiest thanks to the young lady for the compliment paid us.

C R Meeker has been appointed Superintendent of Gas and Water Works, vice Geo. Burkhart, resigned.

A MIXED UP MESS.

This paper was the first one in the world that announced that the O R & N lines would be leased to the U P R R Co. It is now ready to make other startling revelations in the near future.—Washington *Independent*.

Our dearly wishes to inform the readers of the *Voice* that it is R—A—I—N—I—N—G—rainy; i—Salem *Voice*.

Great shades of Civil Cervice Curtis! behold us of Oregon City about to live under an ideal mugwump government—a "citizen's" mayor, presiding over a Republican council, which in turn is served by democratic officers.—Or. City *Express*.

The Astoria *Transcript*, in referring to the lease of the O R & N Co., to the Oregon Short Line, gives sanction to it as follows: "Good-bye, you OR Nery cuss."

COUNTY COURT.

(J. J. Whitney Judge; Enoch Miller, Alex Brandon Commissioners.)

In addition to the proceedings of the County Court given in our last issue up to the time of going to press were the following:

Matters of fees in State against Della Lord, State agt Arthur Davis, and State agt James Keeney and son, continued.

The petition for the bridge across the North Santiam at Mehama was not granted.

J W Grimes, of Harrisburg, was appointed stock inspector for the ensuing year.

Thos Rome, a pauper, was ordered placed in the charge of C L Morris.

Mr Peter Hume was ordered notified that the allowance for keeping Clark, a pauper, would be reduced $5 a month.

The following fees of witnesses before the U S Court were allowed: J H Robb, $21.40; N Crabtree, $19.00; A Wheeler, $20.80; A L Cannon, $22.60; J W McGee, $25.80; E Turner, $18.00; W R Bishop, $2.00; J P Schooling, $2.00; J E Knox, $17.20; J C Johnson, $18.00; N C Dozier, $26.00; E E Hammack, $20.00; Phil Smith, $25.20.

The following additional bills were allowed:

D S Smith, fees	$47.63
J P Galbraith, fees	151.85
J J Dorris	28 00
B Fitzwater, keeping pauper	8.00
J P Galbraith, postage	2.50
John Marshal, keeping pauper	5.00
R R Humphrey, lumber	17.20
Mrs Porter, keeping poor	5.70

Fees of County Court officers were allowed.

REAL ESTATE.

Following were the recorded sales in Linn county during the past week:

A Hackleman to Jane E Carter, lots 5 and 6, block 11, H's 2nd A. Albany	$ 600
A Hackleman to A J Carothers, block 40 H's 2nd A., Albany	75
Aaron Baltimore to Ashby Pearce, S W ¼ block 64	500
Moses Miller to Ann M Hays, N E ¼ block 23, H's 2nd A., Albany	600
Wilhelm Werth to Geogre Buhl, 159x26 feet in Lebanon and ten acres in tp 12, S R 2 W	2200
H Bryant to E J Lanning, 66x110 feet in block 111 H's A., Albany	350
Cyrus Westlake to Ashby Pearce, E ½ block 45 and N E ¼ block 44 H's 2nd A, Albany	900
Mary Ann R Savage to John B Cornett, 110.80 acres in tp 13 S R 3 w	3200
John H Simpson to Ashby Pearce, lots 5 and 6, block 53, Albany	675

Fire Department Matters.

The new Board of Fire Delegates met at the Hall of Linn Engine Co. No. 2 on Monday evening and elected the following officers:

Leon Power, President.
U. C. Hale, Secretary.
C. E. Brownell, Treasurer.

At a meeting of Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. held Friday evening, W R Blain and Richard Fox applied for exempt certificates. Of the charter members of the Co. these are the only two to remain in the Company the required seven years.

No preparation whatever is being made to attend the tournament at Vancouver by any of the Albany Companies.

No. 1's have postponed their proposed picnic for the present.

In the matter of water Albany is now well prepared for any kind of a fire. The cisterns, ditches and depressions generally are full

Just received at McIlwain's new line of ginghams, 10 and 12 yards for $1.

All by Himself.

A Marion county farmer said the cost of raising 2800 bushels of wheat, beside the threshing, was only about $50, and remarked that "it is quite a secret to know how to do all the work attached to the production of such a crop as this all your own self." Another farmer answering this said: "He should however, have told the rest of it and said that he made his own wagons and harness and harrows and plows and his 'New Monitor Drill' and his McCormick Binder on his farm all by himself (also the twine) and consequently no part of his $50 had to go towards paying for those implements. He should have also added that his horses were made of cast iron (all by himself) and never got out of repair, and that it cost nothing to keep them, In short that he is strictly a "home producer" imports nothing—exports everything for cash."

This is a continuation of an item in last weeks DEMOCRAT headed "farming."

A Disgraceful Affair.

A sensational story was started Tuesday about eleven Albany young men, who came near getting themselves into a very bad scrape; but sensational stories are sometimes uncertain, hence are hardly material for newspaper items in reliable papers. This one though is probably true and was a very disgraceful affair. The blankets and straw bed, in the sack house at the Farmers warehouse, the sending for a doctor at midnight, the threat to commit suicide if one of the girls died, the seven empty whiskey bottles, the claiming of the ownership of the blankets after they had been sent to be advertised, etc., all speak of guilt, and yet the case is not in a tangible form. If arrests were to follow a shameful practice might be broken up that is disgracing our city.

The Crops.

Reports from various parts of the county indicate that fall wheat on the higher lands is turning somewhat yellow; while in lower places it is looking uncommonly fine. The present weather, though is bound to bring it out in good shape. In the county as a whole the crop may be set down as an encouraging one, Spring wheat has only been sown on the higher lands and is looking well. Though late considerable oats and some Spring wheat will be sown yet, with promise of results. We are told of Spring wheat sown as late as the 25th that yielded well. The farmers of Linn county have no reason to look downcast.

We Congratulate Her.

To-day is the 85th birthday of Mrs. John Smith, of this city. Her husband is 87 and they have been married about 63 years. We all have birthdays and most of us get married, but the cases where the united ages of a couple reach 172 after such a long marriage are rarer, if possible, than angels visits.

You

will find our stock of carpets, oil cloth, matting and window blinds full and attractive, all that is new in patterns and styles can be found in our assortment, to see is to believe.

MONTEITH & SEITENBACH.

Our Spring stock of dress goods, fancy goods, boots and shoes, etc, have arrived and we are now showing the most complete and attractive stock of goods ever brought to Albany. A visit to our store will convince all that we are in the lead.

MONTEITH & SEITENBACH.

Received this week direct from manufactures in Chicago, tailor made ulsters and fancy jackets, plain black jersey jackets, black jerseys, etc.

SAMUEL E. YOUNG.

For Sale.

A good organ. Call at Dr Kelly's. A good shingle mill. Call on J. H. Maine.

Among the entries for the Oregon State Short Line are Stock Farm, Hambletonian, Clydesdale, Percheron, Shetland Pony, Jack and Jennet, Poland China, Berkshire, Essex, Cotswold, Leicester, Southdown, Merino, Cheviot, Angora Goat, Cashmere Goat, Fine Wool Sheep, Mammoth Bronze Turkey, Light Brahma, Dark Brahma, Langshan, Plymouth Rock, Houdan, Black Cochin, Black Langshan, Black Leghorn, Brown Leghorn, White Leghorn, Black Spanish, Black Hamburg, Golden Hamburg, Silver Hamburg, Golden Polish, Silver Polish,