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The meeting of the Union Wednesday afternoon was well attended, very interesting and helpful devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Althouse, from the lesson "Bible Meaning of Trouble," prepared by Hannah Whitehall Smith. The committee arrangements reported the collection taken at the annual meeting, \$808. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the friends who so kindly assisted in the evening entertainment, particularly the ladies of the church, who were so generous in their contributions. The collection taken at the annual meeting, \$808. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the friends who so kindly assisted in the evening entertainment, particularly the ladies of the church, who were so generous in their contributions. The collection taken at the annual meeting, \$808. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the friends who so kindly assisted in the evening entertainment, particularly the ladies of the church, who were so generous in their contributions.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS
THE DEMOCRAT receives letters from the east by nearly every mail asking about Albany. Here is a condensed article on the subject, written especially for readers in the West. It is true, and not exaggerated, and home readers are at liberty to skip it. Albany is the county seat of Linn, a county containing 2700 square miles, twice the size of Rhode Island, three-fourths of which has been taken up, the remaining fourth being in the Cascade mountains. It has a population of about 3500, though more is generally claimed for it. It is located on the Willamette river navigable most of the season, the year five or six river steamers doing business continually at its wharves, at the junction of the Southern Pacific R.R.'s main line and branch line to Lebanon and the Willamette Valley & Coast railroad, and a few miles from the Oregonian railroad, which will probably be extended to the city within a year or two. Hence its transportation facilities are not equalled in the valley. It is 72 1/2 miles from Portland, 84 miles from Yaquina bay, about 600 from San Francisco, and will be about three hundred miles near Chicago on the completion of the Oregon Pacific, than Portland by the Northern Pacific. It is the center of a magnificent wheat and fruit country, and is generally well watered. It has just raised a \$25,000 bond for a woolen mill, which will be built this summer; \$16,000 for a street car line, work on which is being begun; \$10,000 for works, already begun; organized a loan and building association with a capital stock of \$200,000; a mining association with a capital stock of \$750,000; a land company with a capital stock of \$25,000 and divers other institutions that are doing well.

THE PRESENT ALBANY.
HOME AND ABROAD
BORN TO THE WIFE OF EDWARD GOINS IN Seio, on May 2, a boy.
The McKeanes minister troupe are reported to be on their way to the coast, on the 15th inst., on the steamer "The Bay" in their private car.
The supreme court meets in Pendleton next week, and Judge Stratten left Albany yesterday for the coast of the coast.
W. P. Smith, of Halsey, was lost in the mountains a week ago, and was not found until the 10th inst., and then in a very exhausted condition.
In the Supreme Court in the case of Martha M. Houston, vs. Josie Timmerman, et al., the court has rendered its decision in favor of the lower court, and the judgment of the lower court is affirmed.
In Monday's issue a live correspondence will give the Democrat's readers a graphic account of the visit of the McKeanes troupe to Albany on the 15th inst. Mr. McKeanes, who is the proprietor of the troupe, is a native of the State of New York, and has been in the business of acting for many years. He is a well known actor, and has been successful in many of his performances. He is now in Albany, and will be in the city for a few days. He is a well known actor, and has been successful in many of his performances. He is now in Albany, and will be in the city for a few days.

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WASHINGTON, May 3.—Postmaster General Wainwright today received a telegram from Postmaster Ryan at Guthrie, Oklahoma, in which he says the daily sales of postage stamps at that office amounts to about \$50, and that the eleven clerks in the office are kept busy from 5 o'clock in the morning until 11 o'clock at night, and that when the mail is ready for delivery there is usually a line of men half a mile long waiting for their mail. About 3000 letters and 100 newspapers are delivered in operation in the new town.
No Blood Spots.
SEATTLE, W. T., May 3.—Judge Hanford last night rendered a decision that is a measure of the relative value of the two rival railroads which are claiming possession of the board gauge strip on the tide flats, upon which both seek to erect large terminal warehouses. The result of the decision is that the Oregonian will have the right to use the tide flats for a period of three years, during which time it will be permitted to erect a terminal warehouse on the tide flats, and to use the same for the purpose of storing lumber and other goods. The decision is a victory for the Oregonian, and is a measure of the relative value of the two rival railroads.
Barned Out.
LOS ANGELES, May 3.—Sheriff Aquilar and six deputies attempted to capture in Los Angeles last night, Jerry Smith, charged with assaulting Mrs. Ann Simmons, who is 56 years old, but they were held at bay by Smith, who wielded a Winchester rifle, and he was finally shot and killed. Smith was taken to the county jail, and his body was found in the street. The sheriff and his deputies were all unharmed, and the case is now pending in court.
Ottawa, Ont., May 3.—Considerable interest is being manifested in the proposed extension of the announcement of the sweeping investigations to be made by the United States committee on trade relations with Canada. Sir John A. Macdonald is expected to be invited to take up the Helmsing case on Tuesday for three years past has been the subject of international correspondence.
New York, May 3.—At a reception a few evenings ago, tendered Mayor William Warder in the city of New York, the Mayor was complimented in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, by expressing himself as much disappointed in the temperance cause, and that he would be glad to see the cause of the enemy. Plant churches were seen in the city, and it was reported that the Mayor would be glad to see the cause of the enemy. Plant churches were seen in the city, and it was reported that the Mayor would be glad to see the cause of the enemy.

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