NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

SALEM

NOTICE.—Salem subscribers will please take notice that The Journal agency has been transferred to E. E. Davis, 180 state street, who will receive subscriptions, complaints, payments, etc.

IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH HE SMILES

(Journal Special Service.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 14.—Harry D. Egbert, the man condemned to be hanged at the penitentiary on Friday, January 29, is bearing his confinement in the shadow of the gallows well, and is much more cheerful than would be expected from a man placed in the position in which Egbert finds himself. He eats well, sleeps well, and spends his time in conversation with the death watch that is constantly at his side. Almost every day he is given exercise, his death watch and other guards walking about with him in the narrow limits allowed him, and he is cheerful and pleasant when in conversation with visitors, when he feels certain they are not there from idle curiosity, but are anxious to assist in every legal and proper way to make his short stay on earth as pleasant as it is possible for one who is doomed. He is constantly under the eye of one guard, J. P. Peterson keeping him company during the day shift and Troy Branson at night. Both men were especially engaged for this duty, and they are doing satisfactory work.

A representative of The Journal visited Egbert in his cell in the penitentiary yesterday afternoon and found the young man comparatively cheerful. He stated that he had great hope of securing a new trial and a change of venue, when he was satisfied that he would escape with a much lighter sentence, urging that he should not, under the evidence produced by the state, be held for a greater degree of crime than manslaughter.

"My conviction was not so much the result of the damaging testimony introduced by the state," he said, "as it was the demands made for my life by a portion of the people of Burns. A mob was formed before I was returned to Burns for trial, and when the officers having me in charge neared that place the mob, provided with a rope, was waiting for me with the firm determination to mete out summary punishment to me, and it was only the determined stand taken by Sheriff Allen—an excellent officer, by the way—that saved my life at that time, and his force of deputies prevented the mob from hanging me. Threats were frequently made that if the jury did not convict me of murder in the first degree I would be hanged anyway, and as a result nothing else could prevent mob law than my conviction of a capital crime, when, if I could have secured a change of venue, with the same testimony, I would only have been found guilty of manslaughter. My attorney, Mr. J. D. Leedy, writes me that he is in hopes of completing arrangements that will enable him to perfect an appeal, and if that can be done and I can have a change of venue, I will not be executed. I am more hopeful now than ever, and I believe that the appeal will be taken and a new trial secured for me."

Egbert is a fine-looking young fellow, 27 years old, and was born and raised in Audobon county, Iowa, coming from there to Oregon in 1900. He is fairly well read, talks intelligently, and is cheerful and open. He said that by the kindness of Superintendent James of the penitentiary several Christian women had been allowed to come to his cell door, and that their visits and conversation had cheered him, and he especially thanked the superintendent for keeping away the morbidly curious. He spends a good portion of his time in reading, securing what books he asks for from the prison library, and he is well cared for and at the same time closely watched by the officers.

Since his arrival at the prison he has written his father for assistance in fighting his case. His father resides at Smith Centre, Kan., and the prisoner hopes to secure from home the necessary aid to lighten his punishment, but expresses himself as ready to die if it must be so.

Ask for Pardons.

District Attorney Frank Menefee, of The Dalles, has forwarded a petition to Governor Chamberlain praying for the pardon of B. B. Deford and Alva Morley, two young men sentenced to the penitentiary from Wheeler county on April 23 last, to serve two years each for the crime of larceny. The men were convicted for stealing from a store a quirt worth about 75 cents, and the district attorney, in a letter accompanying the petition from Wheeler county residents, says that the sentence was imposed more on account of the bad repute of the men for being constantly with a gang of criminals than for the offense with which they were charged.

Want Delegates.

Governor Chamberlain is in receipt of an invitation from Governor A. Chamberlain of Connecticut to appoint five delegates to a national good roads convention, to be held in Hartford, of that state, February 13 to 15 next. The governor of that state says that he hopes great good will result from this convention if all the states will participate in the gathering planned by him, and that the good roads question is one that will be a most important one in the near future for the entire country, in fact, is now of vast importance.

THE POULTRY SHOW.

(Journal Special Service.)

Albany, Or., Jan. 14.—The second annual show of the Willamette Valley Poultry association is attracting large crowds daily, and is proving a grand success. George A. Downs, Sr., of Portland, commenced to judge the fowls yesterday and will probably complete the work late tonight.

The following awards were given out this morning in the White Wyandotte class:

Cocks—First, James Fisher, score, 94½; second, Frank Hulburt, 93¾; third, James Fisher, 93¼.

Cockerels—First, George Chrisman, score, 95¼; second, George Chrisman, 94¾; third, George Chrisman, 93¼.

Hens—First, George Chrisman, score, 95¼; second, James Fisher, 94¾; third, Frank Hulburt, 94¾.

These two hens tied for second place, the hen owned by Fisher being awarded the place on weight.

Pullets—First, George Chrisman, score, 95¾; second, Frank Hulburt, 94½; third, George Chrisman, 94¼.

ALBANY

NOTICE.—The Albany agency of The Oregon Daily Journal is at the drug store of Fred Dawson, No. 238 West First street, where subscriptions will be received.

DIED WHEN ALMOST 90 YEARS OF AGE

(Journal Special Service.)

Albany, Or., Jan. 14.—Edward Loat, a pioneer of Oregon, died at his home near Thomas, Linn county, on Tuesday morning, aged 88 years. Deceased was born in England and came to Oregon in 1849. He was a mechanical engineer and placed in position the first steam engine ever operated in Portland. After spending four years on the coast he returned to England and married Mrs. Ann Smith and they settled in Oregon in 1857 on the donation land claim where he died. His first wife died several years afterward and he married Mrs. Ann Dodd, who passed away a number of years ago. In religion Mr. Loat was a Baptist of the old school and adhered to that faith rigidly. He leaves four stepchildren—John and Charles Smith of Thomas, Or.; Mrs. D. P. Mason and Mrs. James E. Bridgeford of this city. The funeral was held today, the remains being interred in the Providence cemetery.

Seven Mill Tax.

The annual meeting of School District No 5, embracing the city of Albany, was held Tuesday evening at the Central school building, and a 7-mill tax levied for school purposes. A very small attendance of school patrons was noticeable. John M. Ralston was elected director to succeed H. C. Watson, deceased.

Poultry Association Meets.

The Willamette Valley Poultry association opened its second annual show in this city Tuesday afternoon, with over 500 fowls entered for prizes. The display is the largest ever made at a local exhibit in the valley and almost equals the state show. The fanciers have brought out a fine lot of birds, and experienced judges declare it to be the best collection ever together in Oregon. George W. Downs, Sr., of Portland, will judge the fowls, and the work will be completed by tonight.

The show will close on Saturday afternoon, and there promises to be a large attendance. The officers of the association who have labored to make the show a success are: President, W. E. Baker, Albany; vice-president, S. N Steele, Albany; secretary and treasurer, F. B. West, Jefferson; superintendent, Ed. Schoel, Albany.

Albany Notes.

During the thunderstorm on Sunday afternoon, lightning struck a tall fir tree near the residence of C. M. Westbrook, in Benton county, and shook things up pretty lively in the house. It stripped a piece of bark nearly six inches wide clear down the tree, running almost around it.

The government has advertised for bids for carrying the mail between this city and Corvallis, mail to leave here in the morning and return in the evening. This will be in addition to the noon mails carried by the Corvallis & Eastern railroad. It is understood that the railroad company will bid and in that event a double train service will be inaugurated.

J. K. Haight left last night for Georgia, where he will act as superintendent of a large eastern carriage company. Mrs. Haight and daughter will remain in this city.

Mr. Albert Solomon of New Britain, Conn., and Miss Clara Sternberg were married at the residence of the bride's parents last evening, Dr. Levine of Portland officiating. A number of Portland people attended the ceremony, as the bride is a great favorite. They left this morning for their home in New Britain, Conn., where Mr. Solomon is a leading merchant.

Rev. Louis Metayer and secretary M. P. Zan have returned from their trip to California.

The First National bank building will undergo a large number of changes in the near future. The building, which is a large two-story block, will be extended about 30 feet to the alley and a new vault will be built in the bank. New furniture will be purchased and the contemplated improvements will cost several thousand dollars.

Miss Emma Sax has returned to Portland to resume her music studies.

Miss Nitia Chamberlin has returned from a visit with Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Bridgeford of Olympia, Wash.

VANCOUVER

NOTICE.—The Vancouver agency of The Oregon Daily Journal is located at 603 Main street. John P. Lundberg, agent.

VANCOUVER DRYDOCK NEARING COMPLETION

(Journal Special Service.)

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 14.—The drydock building in Vancouver is nearing completion. Last night the management laid off 10 to 12 of its employes, keeping only enough to launch the last pontoon. When this pontoon is launched, so far as known now, there is to be no more work done over here, so far as the Portland drydock is concerned.

This, in connection with the shutting down of the Columbia River Lumber company's sawmill, has thrown a number of laborers idle in Vancouver. The sawmill is expected to operate again in the near future. The mill intended at the beginning of this week to run no longer than was necessary to cut enough lumber to fill the ship that was loading here. The vessel took about 500,000 feet of lumber from here and intended to finish loading at Oak Point.

The shut down of the sawmill is for the purpose of getting everything in readiness for the receiver's sale, which is to take place on the 16th of this month. And whether the mill will be operated after that time depends very much on who purchases the same. Not only is the mill to be sold, but also all the logs in the booms at Lewis river and the manufactured lumber in the mill yard are to be sold. There are a large number of contracts for standing timber that it is said will be sold with the plant, but these may be sold separately.

EUGENE

NOTICE.—The Eugene agency of The Oregon Daily Journal is at the bookstore of Allen H. Eaton, where subscriptions to go by mail or carrier will be received.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY MAY NOT BE BUILT

(Journal Special Service.)

Eugene, Or., Jan. 14.—The offer of Andrew Carnegie to erect a $10,000 library building in Eugene was discussed at the meeting of the city council last night. A letter from Mr. Carnegie's private secretary was read. The conditions of the offer as set forth in the secretary's letter are that the city agree to maintain a free public library at a cost of not less than $1,000 per year and provide a suitable site for the building. The matter was referred and will be taken up at another meeting. The conditions of the offer makes it probable that it will not be accepted, as the councilmen think that $1,000 per year is too much for the city to spend toward the maintenance of a library.

Fire Chief's Report.

At the meeting of the council the annual report of Fire Chief W. C. Yoran was read. The report shows that the expenses of the volunteer fire department the last year were $975. During the year the department responded to only 12 alarms and the loss to property by fire amounted to the small sum of $1,630.

Councilman E. K. Henderson of the Second ward tendered his resignation, which was accepted. His successor will be chosen at the next meeting of the council.

Lane County's Tax Levy.

The county court has fixed the Lane county tax levy for this year at 22 mills, as follows:

School	6 mills
State	6 9-10 mills
County	8 1-10 mills
Special road	1 mill

This is ½ mill lower than the levy last year and over 2 mills lower than two years ago.

Glee Club Tour.

The University of Oregon Glee club is arranging to make a concert tour in Western Oregon during the Easter holidays. A set of new books is on hand from which the main line of work for this tour will be taken up.

An effort is being made to organize a university orchestra. A notice has been posted calling for a meeting of those students who play the various instruments.

Oregon Will Buck Strong Debaters.

Eugene, Or., Jan. 14.—Interest in the debate Friday night in this city between the University of Oregon and Whitman college of Walla Walla, is now taking precedence over all other activities at the university at present. Whitman is coming down confident of victory, while the Oregon men are just as determined to retrieve their defeat of last year. "Hez" Brown, Whitman's famous fullback, will lead the Whitman team. The Oregon men are Tomlinson, Moulton and Bacon.

Governor George E. Chamberlain will be at the university for the first time and will act as one of the judges. It is believed that the debate will be the most interesting, taken as a whole, of any yet held in Eugene. The question will be that of the labor unions.

The Burglar Ran.

Tuesday night a burglar attempted to enter the home of Hon. T. G. Hendricks, president of the First National bank of Eugene. The burglar ran against a chair on the porch, tipping it over and making quite a noise. This awoke several members of the family and an investigation of the cause of the noise was made. It was found that a large pane of glass in a window opening on the porch was partially cut with a glass cutter, the burglar intending to make a big enough hole to admit him into the house.

He Met a Rounder.

In the police court this morning Claude Blake was fined $10 for being drunk and disorderly. Blake and his father came to Eugene from the country and were going to leave soon for Klondike. Young Blake fell in with one Bill Monroe, an all-around tough character, with the result that he was soon drunk and both were having a good time on Blake's money. They proceeded to "take in" the town and out in the residence district they became engaged in a fight. Chief of Police Stells was sent for and when he arrived on the scene Monroe ran away and has not been seen since, but Blake surrendered. Having spent all his own money his father paid his fine.

CORVALLIS

PARENTS WILL BE GREATLY PLEASED

(Journal Special Service.)

Corvallis, Or., Jan. 14.—Corvallis councilmen have enacted a new law that will be heartily endorsed by every mother and father as well as others in this city. It is a measure to prohibit minors from loitering about places where any games of chance are operated and from taking part in such games. Section 1 of the new ordinance that has become a law declares that: "No person or persons keeping or engaging in the business of keeping, within the corporate limits of Corvallis, any house, room or place for the playing of games of cards or dice or other games of chance, * * * shall suffer or permit any minor to loiter or remain in such house, room or place, * * * or to engage in or play such games."

Section 2 declares: "Any person proven guilty of violating such section of this ordinance shall be fined not to exceed $100 or by imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed 50 days, or by both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the police judge."

The punishment to be applied to any minor violating this law is to be a fine not to exceed $50 or by imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed 25 days or by both fine and imprisonment.

The new law is iron-clad and will do away with an evil that exists in nearly every town and city—the presence of young boys in places where they ought never to be found.

New Mail Service.

A new morning and evening mail service between Albany and Corvallis is one of the things hoped for by this city and which hope is built upon a proposal by the government to establish such service. At Washington bids are being asked for by the department for carrying the mail on such a route daily. The carrier would be required to leave Corvallis at 6:30 p. m. arriving here on the return trip at 8:30 next morning.

This plan would bring in the Portland and eastern mail early in the morning instead of at midday, as at present, and in many other ways would prove a very great convenience and benefit to Corvallisites.

Roads in Benton.

There were formerly but 18 road districts in Benton county, but the number has been increased to 24. The change is due to a division that has been made in several of the larger districts. The new policy shortens the road mileage of each supervisor, and it is thought that as a result there will be better and more thorough work done by each district. Five new supervisors have been appointed to preside in the five new districts.

METHODISTS WILL GATHER AT TACOMA

(Journal Special Service.)

Tacoma, Jan. 14.—Methodists of the Northwest are planning a missionary conference to be held either in Tacoma or Seattle next May to give an opportunity to those who cannot attend the great quadrennial gathering of the Methodist Episcopal church in Los Angeles that month an opportunity to hear the noted divines and lecturers who will be passing through the Northwest for California. The plan is being discussed by Tacoma ministers and will be up for consideration again before the Tacoma Methodist Preachers' union on January 25 when ministers from other cities in the Northwest will be in attendance. Seattle will probably be selected for this gathering, which will be held just prior to the Los Angeles conference, as the regular Puget Sound conference was held in Tacoma last September.

$6,000 for Hops.

The entire hop yield of the Mullen ranch, 15 acres, has been sold for $6,000, the price being 25 cents per pound. The gross earnings of the ranch per acre were thus $400. The Mullen ranch is located in the White river valley.

Suffered from Fire.

The report of Fire Chief Poyns for the year 1903 shows an extraordinary fire loss in Tacoma during 1903, due to four large fires in manufacturing plants, two alone of which cost nearly $200,000. The total loss by fire amounts to $309,556.15, insurance involved to $1,501,100 and insurance paid to $283,936.15.

The steamship Ching Wo sailed from this port yesterday, carrying with it the corps of Wong Lee Qui, an aged Chinaman who died with a hoard of American gold in an old worn leather bag. His body was twisted and bent with age and disease, and without friends.

Wong Lee Qui came to San Francisco 15 years ago, settled in Chinatown and became rich. He accumulates $25,000 before he was content and by that time he had become so feeble that his doctors told him if he wished to die in his own country he would have to hurry home. But his miser's instinct stayed by him to the last and he waited until cheap rates were offered on the Ching Wo, which afforded poor accommodations and sailed by the way of Puget Sound where the winds were severe and the old man paid the penalty with his life. He died while in port here and he left $25,000 in gold.

He Beat Uncle Sam.

J. C. Emfield is under arrest here charged with raising a postoffice money order for $1 to $55 and cashing the same at the Lumbermen's National Bank here Monday. The trick was a bold one, but the postoffice authorities, aided by the police, at once ran the man down before he could get out of the city. He is believed to be one of a gang of men who have been operating in this manner in the Northwest. Seattle is said to be the center of the operations, $1 postoffice orders having been sent from the headquarters there to men in Everett, Tacoma, Bellingham and even to Portland. In all of these cities several have been cashed. The Tacoma arrest is the first one made.

Squaw-Man Robbed.

Bill Fyke, a squaw-man living with his wife on her land on the Puyallup Indian reservation, sold some of his wife's property last week, put $380 in his pocket and got drunk within an hour. He was arrested and when he woke up in jail he found his money missing. As soon as he was released he swore out a warrant for the arrest of Charles Johnson who had been with him the night of his arrest. He charges Johnson with rolling him and robbing him of $380.

ALBANY HEIRS TO SULLIVAN ESTATE

(Journal Special Service.)

Albany, Or., Jan. 14.—By the death of John Sullivan in Seattle, Wash., two years ago, C. Sullivan, superintendent of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad in this city, will probably inherit a large sum of money. Mr. Sullivan is one of about half a dozen heirs who will come in for a share of the fortune estimated at about $500,000, and is the only one on the coast, the remaining heirs living in St. Louis, Mo., and Ireland. A contest will probably follow as another family of Sullivans living in Ireland has made claim to the property and the American heirs have employed Messrs. Weatherford and Wyatt of this city to defend their title. The estate consists of valuable real estate in Seattle, the large Sullivan block being included in the property. Messrs. C. Sullivan and J. K. Weatherford have just returned from the East where they secured papers and other evidence to establish their rightful claim to the estate.

The Kennedy Case.

A number of Albany people left yesterday for Hillsboro, being subpoenaed as witnesses in the case of the state vs. Rev. R. H. Kennedy, whose trial for burglary commenced at that place today. Kennedy was pastor of the Congregational church in this city for about two years and his reputation and general character will be sought to be established by the defense while the prosecution have a number of witnesses from his former flock to refute this. Hon. Percy R. Kelly, Walter M. Parker, H. Bryant, A. Brownell, E. V. Smith and Will Merrill are among the witnesses, a portion being subpoenaed by each side. Owing to the prominence of the parties concerned and the position occupied by the accused, the case is attracting considerable attention.

A Big 21 Layout.

Although Albany is known as a "closed town" so far as gambling goes, yet the knights of the green cloth occasionally ply their vocation. It has just leaked out that the strongest game in years was played in this city Monday night and almost all day Tuesday. A 21 layout opened up for business in the rear room of one of the saloons and soon found plenty of customers. The cards were first dealt about 8 o'clock Monday evening and a prominent Portland man who has large interests in the valley, was one of the heaviest players and bet the limit, which had been raised to suit his fancy. Old-timers have related many tales of frontier life when all night sessions were the rule, but in these days it is doubtful if a man ever pursued the fickle goddess with a more ardent desire than on this occasion. Daylight found the tired and sleepy players around the table and not until 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon did the game close down. Meals had been served, but time was seemingly so precious that scarcely a pause had been made between bets. The Portlander was just a trifle over $1,800 loser at the end of the game and the bank had the money and checks. A large number of spectators watched the players at different stages of the game, as it was a sight not often witnessed in the smaller cities.

SPOKANE PEOPLE INTEND TO BE SAFE

(Journal Special Service.)

Spokane, Jan. 14.—Two more buildings in this city have fallen under the ban of the city investigation committee. The Palace department store and the Crescent store have each been declared lacking in facilities for escape in case of fire. Both buildings will be compelled to put fire escapes on and the Crescent will have to cut through a stairway from the basement to the sidewalk so that the employes in that part of the building could escape. The committee manages to go through two or three buildings in an afternoon and the morning is spent in fixing up a report containing the improvements ordered. The committee has stirrel up public opinion and many owners of buildings have voluntarily made improvements without waiting for a visit of the commission.