

This will be a notable year in the progress of Albany. Improvements have been made materially affecting the interests of the city, adding wonderfully to its development:

The establishment of a library, which is declared to be a model one in its arrangement, is a fine thing.

A new union depot, where it belongs, with the beginning of the best depot yard in the valley deserves a prominent place. It will put all the railroad service in one building, with a metropolis service.

At the foot of Ferry street there has been a transformation, resulting in the biggest reinforced concrete stables in the valley, a new planing mill, a wholesale feed and cleaning house and a reconstructed lumber yard neatly inclosed.

The city's best block will have been completed, the new Elks building, an imposing structure for the city, and the big Will-Stark-Brenner brick will be well under way.

The iron works of the city have both been greatly improved, an important industry here.

A cannery and condensed milk factory will have been arranged for.

Pavement will have been started before the end of the year by preliminary work.

The probability is that electric cars will be running to the depot.

An evaporator has been established. Fifty or sixty new residences will have been built, among the finest in the city, of a character for our up-to-date homes.

Exposition Notes.

A unique feature of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle in 1909 will be the camps of the Indians of the Pacific Northwest. A score of tribes will be represented including the famous Nez Perces.

The Arctic Brotherhood, a fraternal organization of the hardy pioneers who have lived in Alaska and the Yukon, will have a fine building on the grounds.

The city of Seattle is expending \$1,172,000 in the construction of an additional pipe line which will supply the city with water fresh from the mountains. This pipe line will double the capacity of the present water supply and will be available during the exposition.

During the period of holding the exposition at Seattle in 1909, a part and at times all the vessels of the Pacific squadron of the U. S. navy will be anchored in Seattle harbor and will be open to visitors. From six to twelve of Uncle Sam's fighting force will be represented, including the largest battleships and armored cruisers.

The school children of Alaska will make one of the most attractive exhibits at the exposition. In addition to showing the work they do in school, the children will make collections of the flowers and plants of Alaska, take pictures of scenes and prepare maps of various localities. This work is in addition to the display to be made by the pupils of the native schools. Mrs. Mary E. Hart, special commissioner has charge of this feature.

Being Happy Though Rich

A man back east, residing in Chicago, is uncertain whether to accept a fortune of \$1,000,000 which has been left him, fearful lest his present great family happiness will be destroyed with so much money. He probably will conclude to try it. Money ought not to destroy happiness. With average sense a man ought to be happy even with a \$1,000,000 in his pockets. He can be if he will not allow it to turn his head. The trouble with many people who get a fortune is that they get the aristocratic big head and run wild. While the average rich man may not be as good a man as the man in moderate circumstances there are some decent millionaires.

Presidential Forecasts

These presidential forecasts really make one feel somewhat weary. Under them almost anything is claimed, regardless of the real facts. It is gotten so one is hardly considered a good partisan unless he claims everything in sight. Now, what sense is there in that? What is the sense of claiming Ohio for Bryan, when it won't go for him, or Missouri for Taft, when it is sure to go for Bryan. The truth is, an election is a very uncertain thing, and many straws are weak affairs. With both sides claiming a state or a nation there is bound to be a good deal of uncertainty in the result.

Honey in the Stocks.

The Examiner has Francis J. Heney in the stocks, caricatured as a malefactor. As a matter of fact, though many are trying hard to step on Heney, he is a man of wonderful prosecuting capacity, a genius in his line. He not only does the trying of a case, but he works it up in the first place with rare discernment. The trouble with Heney is he pinches a good many toes, directly and indirectly, and the result is bound to be trouble.

Saturday Night Thoughts.

Another week of the great campaign is gone, and most people are at sea as to the result. Of course there are some who know everything, who know all about what will happen in November, but the average person doesn't know very much even after reading about straw votes. The campaign has gotten down to the mud throwing stage, and there is considerable doing along that line. People ought to be manly even in politics, but a great many people, steeped in traditions, can see only a little ahead of their noses.

This week the American fleet reached Japan waters, and this is what in the first place people talked about, as the real object of all the demonstration. From the beginning the fleet and Japan have been closely connected in thought. Circumstances indicate that there is a very friendly feeling between the two nations, one which will probably continue. Most of the talk along other lines is simply for political effect, the worst kind of buncombe.

A great base ball contest was ended this week, that between the champions of the great leagues of the country to establish the general championship of the country, which has been won by the National League. And yet there are champions in other leagues which think they can beat the Chicagoes, the Los Angeles team, for instance. There is probably not so very much difference between the teams, and if they play a series of games the DEMOCRAT makes the guess that Los Angeles will make a better showing than Detroit against Chicago.

Some men have been around Albany this week with a new kind of religion, the long haired kind, a very exclusive kind of religion, so technical as to make one wonder. There are religions and creeds galore, much contention over disputed points, but, after all, in all the life of Christ there was little more important than: "He went about doing good," and the Christian who pins this to a strong faith is the one who is going to do the most good in this world and get closest to the kingdom here. Instead of disputations over things about which men are sure never to agree there should be a more general campaign in the world for mankind.

Mr. Bryan's Past is the heading in a paper this week. There are few men with a cleaner record. His personal life has been stainless, a man who has always stood for something, the highest type of manhood, besides whom that of the mud slinging caricaturists is but a beetle.

The trouble with a good many people in the world is a dirty mind. Predominated by vulgar thoughts their lives are characteristic of their minds. The world will be wonderfully improved when men are as particular to keep the inside of their heads as clean as the outside.

One On the Oregonian

The Journal has a good one on the Oregonian. The Oregonian mistook Taft's tariff plank for Bryan's and pitched into it tropically, or as the Journal says, it bruised, battered and bludgeoned it. It straight-armed it, upper-cut it, and landed a swing on its jaw. It jabbed it, smote it and slashed it. It hissed at it, spat on it and spurned it. It choked it, vaccinated it and punched its mug. It knocked it down, kicked it, sat on it and cursed it. It denounced it as deceptive, spurious and false.

Then it transpired that it was written at Chicago, not at Denver. Of course the Oregonian will not confess its mistake. It never corrects anything. It just sees if a thing is labeled democrat and bangs away at it.

What's Albany Doing.

Review: A. J. Caldwell, who conducts a knitting plant at Stayton, wishes to move it onto the main line of the railroad and where he can secure water power. He writes to know what Jefferson business men will do in the matter. The Jefferson Mill Co. will furnish him water power free for a year. We shall try and secure full information regarding the matter for the next issue.

Arrived From Kansas.

Three Kansas families arrived at Albany last night direct from Kansas. One of them recently bought the property of Robert Crosby, into which they will move. The head of the family owns 1100 acres yet in Kansas, and expects to invest here after he has made a study of the country.

The Epworth League last evening held a social at the residence of H. C. Harkness, meeting with one of its members of many years, Miss Orah. A pleasant time was had socially and in games, with a tasty lunch added. The following program was rendered: Instrumental duet, Misses Becker and Hart; Reading, Miss Mildred McBride; Vocal solo, Miss Edna Gilbert; Vocal duet, Messrs Hammer & Littler; Vocal solo, Miss Maybelle Becker; Reading, Miss Orah Harkness; Vocal solo, Miss Helen Elkins.

C. H. NEWS

Deeds recorded: Frank L. Huston to Geo. F. Felts 160 acres.....\$ 2400  
John Harrison to Minnie M. Harrison bl 15 H's 2nd ad..... 700  
Jos. Harcastle to Mary F. Crawford 4.02 acres..... 1500  
Mary E. Allan to Ola Saltvelt lot 7 bl 121 H's ad..... 290

Mortgage for \$700.  
Power of attorney F. L. Huston of Clarke Co., Wash., to C. H. McGinnis, Portland.

Circuit court.  
Demurrer to the complaint filed by Weatherford and Wyatt in W. H. Goltzard agt. Albany Farmers Co.

Marriage license: Roy R. Knox, aged 30, born in Oregon and Gertrude Johnson, 24, born in Kan.

The record of the past month was 15 deaths and 27 births.

The nominal delinquent tax list is \$10,149.27, of which \$4,468.43 is due from four companies, including the N. P., W. U. and W. F. companies, leaving \$5,680.84 among the people, and of this little is on real property of any value. The showing is said to be the best yet. Any one who wishes may get a certificate of sale of any delinquent property desired, the tax drawing 15 per cent for three years, when the district attorney will conduct foreclosure proceedings.

Probate.  
In estate of W. R. McKinnon Dec. 7 was set for the final settlement.

Marriage issued to B. N. Rockwell, and Carrie A. Mill, both born in Oregon and of near Lyons.

Deeds recorded: Geo. Weddle to P. W. Coulter 10 1/2 acres.....\$ 120  
J. A. Clemens to N. H. Cummings 10 acres..... 200  
Z. Heald to A. G. Pearson 160 acres..... 1  
L. H. Star to J. B. Nanney lot 8 bl 24, Albany..... 400

Mortgages on \$2500 and \$2800. Satisfaction for \$400.

News from Albany's Six Early Trains.

R. E. Hartson, this government special who has been looking up data in the C. A. Smith case, went to Corvallis to investigate the Benton records.  
W. W. Crawford returned from a visit with his sister in Corvallis.  
Prof. Kent, of the O. A. C. went down the road.  
D. P. Mason went to Portland to attend a convention of wholesalers. The Foshey & Mason Co. of this city, does an extensive business in its wholesale department, with R. E. Mason as traveler, a great convenience to valley people wanting quick shipments made possible by Albany's splendid railroad facilities.

Lawyer Carl Sox went to Portland on legal business.  
Prof. Kendall went to Portland to make arrangements for his coming winter's work in Logan work.

Mr. Joe Swank left for Ontario on a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Virgil Staples. Mr. Staples is in the lumber business.  
F. H. Porter, who came near being sent to the state legislature, came down from Shedd.  
Dr. Starr, of Eugene, formerly of this city, came down for the day.

Mrs. Olie Jackson Stephens, of Portland, returned home after a visit with her brother Henry. While home she did a little pheasant hunting. She held the horses while Mr. Jackson did the shooting. Mrs. Stephens was formerly a printer, now prominent in fraternal circles.

Mrs. Bates and daughter came over from Corvallis.  
Mrs. John Thomas went to Jefferson on a visit with her folks.

One on Rev. Gordon.

Lebanon Criterion: Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Newport spent Sunday in Albany with relatives and to hear Rev. W. S. Gordon preach his opening sermon in the M. E. church in that city. Rev. Gordon and Mr. Newport were fellow students in the Hillsboro High School more than 20 years ago, before either entered college. From the Hillsboro school they each entered college, Rev. Gordon going to Pacific University at Forest Grove and Mr. Newport to Willamette University at Salem. They each graduated from his chosen school, and though one entered the ministry and the other the law, they have kept track of each other for almost a quarter of a century since they were public school boys.

Scio.

Mrs. A. B. McCall, has won a prize contested for in four states, for the best results from the use of a Sure Hatch incubator.

A 9,000 pound boiler has just been put into the Parker saw mill.  
Father Lane will hold services at Scio on Sunday.

E. C. Peery, R. M. Cain and Dr. Prill have been elected directors of the school board for the coming year, the latter two being new.

The proprietor of Dreamland at considerable expense, in addition to the already large expense, has engaged Miss Lillian Brenner, pianist, and Mr. Lee Davis, soloist, a combination in the illustrated song part hard to beat.

BOOSTERS

Things Done and that Will Be Done.

Mayor Wallace yesterday signed the street railway franchise ordinance, and it is thought it will be accepted by Mr. Welch. Thirty years is certainly a liberal term. The ordinance is meeting with general favor. A street railway in a city the size of Albany is an expensive luxury for years, and it takes a long time to get on a paying basis. It is said the Company will be at an expense of at least \$10,000 at the first jump.  
The city wants an electric line, a splendid booster for Albany, and it is to be hoped the work of putting one in is pushed without any further delay.

It is said that at the carrier's convention at Omaha there were none there who equalled J. H. Goins, of this city as a booster for his home state. Everything was Oregon with Goins, and he kept the name a going, putting Oregon on the map emphatically.  
Mr. Goins took a leading part in the convention, the hottest contest in it being between two factions, one for a low membership rate, headed by O. L. Steinbecker, an Ohio man, the other for a standard rate of \$1, headed by Goins, who won out, notwithstanding the majority report was with Steinbecker. The convention went on record in favor of local parcels post.

Manager Dasent has had fifteen or twenty pictures of photographs of new buildings in Albany completed or in course of construction taken, as an evidence of the boost being done in the city this year, to be utilized in a practical way later. The city is making a fine showing.

PERSONAL.

Eugene's Hartog went north this afternoon.  
Rev. J. J. Evans went to Portland this afternoon.  
Edwin Fortmiller, a U. of O. freshman, is home for a Sunday visit.  
Miss Evah Sternberg returned to Portland today after an Albany visit.  
Mr. and Mrs. Angus Shaw have returned from Astoria, where they spent several weeks.  
Mr. Ralph Croke, brother of Judge Croke, of Portland, returned this afternoon from a Yaquina trip.  
Mrs. Miller, of Philomat was brought to the hospital this afternoon in charge of her physician, Dr. Neuth.  
Mrs. Rickey and children returned to Portland this afternoon after a visit at the home of Mrs. Rickey's mother, Mrs. Bloom.  
Mrs. Henrietta Brown, president of the State W. C. T. U., left this afternoon for Denver, to attend the annual convention of the National W. C. T. U. which will convene in about a week.  
Judge Swope, of Toledo, a prominent attorney and an enthusiastic supporter of the Nebraska man, returned home this afternoon after an Albany business trip.

Oregon's Dryest Cities.

The following from the Ashland Record is so timely and readable the Democrat republishes it:  
J. W. Hobbs, United States internal revenue agent for Western Oregon, was in Ashland a few days ago. In response to inquiries put to him, Mr. Hobbs said that Ashland and Newberg were the dryest "dry" towns in Oregon with Corvallis a close third. Mr. Hobbs admitted that the blind pigs that existed here in former "dry" periods were a thing of the past. This is also the judgment of the city officials, who are not making any noise about the matter, but are seeing to it that the laws are being obeyed as far as it is within their power to do so.  
There is great difference in the character of officials and the manner in which they look upon an oath of office. This enforcement of the law is not because the officials here are prohibitionists, but because they have respect for themselves and their honor. Of those that have the matter of enforcement of the law in hand the majority of them vote in favor of licensing of saloons at the annual election.

The enforcement of the liquor laws seems a difficult matter for some persons holding official positions, while others can go about it in a quiet manner and get good results.  
Just why individuals feel like prostituting the offices they are entrusted with for brief periods in a disreputable manner is past understanding.

Rev. Hicks All Right.

Rev. Elbert H. Hicks, of the Baptist church, of Roseburg, pleased those fortunate in hearing him, last night, at the Baptist church, in his lecture on the life of the Tennessee mountaineers. The subject proved one of great interest, presented eloquently, giving his hearers something to think about as well occasionally something to laugh about. A former Tennessee man Mr. Hicks was at home on the subject.

M. Daniel, the marble dealer today placed a fine Vermont monument over the Dannels lot, with the inscription of the late Laura Dannels, and those of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dannels, with the dates of their birth. It is to be hoped it is a long time before the inscription is completed.

Oysters at the Metropolitan.

The oyster season has opened, and from now on the Metropolitan Market Broadbin street, will have the best to be secured, the fat article, good measure. Just from the beds.  
Also all the fish delicacies of the season. Call when you want the best, neat and clean.

MISFITS,

Some people can only knock.  
Shake, Mr. Jap, glad to see you.  
Let us have a city park. We need it.  
Here is to all of the John Barretts.  
Insinuating remarks are better unsaid.  
The mission of some people is only to sting.  
Keep the mind as well as the body healthy.  
John Barrett is getting a distinguished look.

Let's see, what has become of Jonathan Bourne.  
About all Hearst is doing is to make a fool of himself.

Rain storms pay little attention to the wishes of people.  
The much neglected umbrella has again been conspicuous.

Wild ducks had better keep away from the Albany country.  
Lots of drummers are for Bryan. A very observing class of men.

October promises to do its duty in the marrying business in Linn county.  
It rained twice as much at Portland as at Albany during the same time.

"Look at the little street car; isn't it cute," said a stranger this morning.  
The foot ball heroes will now have a chance. Chicago has put up its bat.

The National is the father of base ball associations and has the right to win if it can.  
Salem people who have pavement assessments to pay appreciate the value of wide streets!!!

Electric lines are bigger things for a city than many of the things people pay big bonuses to get.  
A man filling an office is a servant of the people, and should keep out of politics. The Governor does well.

The school boys of America and Australia have opened a correspondence. A well written letter is often a knot tier.

The boats can run now; but what's the odds. There seems to be a combination with only 2 cents advantage by the river.  
A discussion over which is the better food sauer kraut or oat meal led to a fight in Portland yesterday, Germany against Scotland.

People who like clean programs will attend the college course of entertainments, deserving the best support of the people of Albany.

Later. The Chicago cubs have not put up their bat. They are coming to the Pacific coast, where there is winter base ball playing weather.

Here's to the high ball, a modern nuisance. May it evaporate alone, the enemy of health, a disturber of peace, a brain racker, a high emissary of the devil.

Richmond Pearson Hobson, one of the best speakers in the United States will be in Oregon Oct. 21 for a few Bryan addresses. He will be welcome in Albany.

Pretty near time to hear from that post office site. Mr. Youkin said he would make his report along towards the first of November, perhaps a little before.  
Yesterday was the fiftieth birthday of John L. Sullivan, once the champion fighter of the world. Then he became the champion boozier and now he is the champion Has Been.

There will be five sets of electors on the coming ticket: democratic, republican, prohibition, socialist and independent. Take your choice. It's your royal American right.

Albany's electric street car system deserves to be boosted. We need it in our business. It will be one of the best boosters the city can have. It is time to get out of the horse car rut.

In order to get a constitution Persia will have to kill the Shah. The Nationalists are ready. All over the world the people are itching to have a hand in government. The days of despotism are being numbered.

Eugene is spending out 12,000 post cards, covered with a map, showing Lane county in light red and the surrounding counties in cream color, including Linn, which appreciates the honor, the cream of the valley. There is something more than being pictured as a meteor.

THE PRUNE PACKER.—The prune packer will begin work on Tuesday morning, when all who have signed for work are requested to be on hand.

TELEGRAPH.

LAGRANDE, Oct. 15.—Examiner Gatch today sent a secret report to Washington relative to the suspended Farmers and Traders Bank.  
He refuses to give out the slightest information.

TOKIO, Oct. 15.—The American fleet will arrive here Saturday. Great preparation has been made all over the empire to entertain the Americans.

DETROIT, Oct. 16.—At least fourteen lost their lives in the wreck of a rescue train carrying refugees from the Presque Isle county forest fires last night. The train struck a burned culvert and was derailed. Three mothers and nine small children were burned in an iron car. One man was boiled alive in the water tank of the engine. The relief train was made up of box cars and one gondola. It is feared the death list will be much higher.

OMAHA, Oct. 16.—A deputy broke into the door of his state room last night and served a summons upon Hearst in Haskell's libel suit for \$800,000.

C. H. NEWS

Will Vote on the High Schools

In response to an opinion received this morning from Attorney General Crawford that the high school question may be voted upon at the coming election, as a special election, Judge Duncan today, at an adjourned session of the county court, ordered the question placed upon the regular ballot at the coming presidential election, and Linn county people will have an opportunity to vote upon this important question.

County court: Oct 27th was appointed for the viewers, Messrs. Geddes, Sprenger and Holt to meet in the cases of C. M. Burkhardt et al, and T. Cummings, et al. Several bills were allowed.

Probate:— In the estate of J. H. Sterling, insane, personal property was ordered sold.  
In estate of Marie Schaffer the inventory was filed.

1437 hunters licenses have been issued.

Deeds recorded:— Nellie S. Hoover to Kirk Hoover 30 acres.....\$ 1  
Fred McCormack to C. D. & Carrie F. Frazer 82.41..... 3000  
G. R. Whitlow to J. C. & May Gorman 19.63 acres..... 10  
S. W. Crowder to G. F. Hardy lot 3 bl 26 H's 2nd ad..... 750

Release of mortgage \$158.

News from Albany's Six Early Trains.

Prof. McMinn, the new dancing teacher, returned to Salem. He will be in Albany again on Friday of next week to continue his dancing lessons.  
Ed Dooley went to Portland to play with the alumni of Columbia in the game against the regulars.

The Albany College foot ball squad left for Salem to play Willamette this afternoon, with the same lineup used against Forest Grove. The boys have improved, aided by the excellent pointers from the Forest Grove game, and hope to be able to take care of Sullivan.

W. R. South, of Lebanon, went to Portland after Hon. S. R. Claypool, who has been there a couple of weeks receiving special treatment; but he is no better, and it is thought best to bring him home. A splendid citizen, his serious condition will be generally regretted.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Greenhalge went to Portland on a visit with Mrs. Greenhalge's brother, Robert Andrews, a former Linn county man.

Mr. Fred Walker went to Portland on a business trip.  
J. M. Ralston went to Portland.  
Prof. Torbet, of the college, went to Portland on a short business trip.  
Mrs. A. W. Marks, of Hillsboro, returned home after being at Lebanon to attend the funeral of her mother.

Rev. McMillan, state evangelist of the Presbyterian church, went to Mill City to preach tomorrow, and see Rev. Gillespie, who has been ill for several weeks.  
Mrs. Allen and daughter left for their new home at Sheridan.

More material for the depot on hand. The new seats will now be put in, substantially like those in the union depot at Portland. A pretty stained finish is being put on the inside work.

Public Speaking.

Hon. E. S. J. McAllister, democratic candidate for presidential elector, will address the citizens of Linn County at the following places:  
Harrisburg, Wednesday, October 21st, 1908, at 8 o'clock p. m.  
Shedd, Thursday, October 22nd, 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m.  
Brownsville, Thursday, October 22nd, 1908, at 8 o'clock p. m.  
Lebanon, Friday, October 23rd, 1908, at 8 o'clock p. m.  
Albany, Saturday, October 24th, 1908, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Call No. 3.

Notice is hereby given that I have funds on hand to pay warrants No. 394 to 400, issue of 1907, of the city of Albany, Oregon. Interest on these warrants will cease with this date.  
Albany, Oregon, Oct. 17, 1908.  
E. D. Cusick, City Treas.