

Lebanon, Ore., Nov. 27, 1908. Now that Linn Co. has decided in favor of the county H. S. at the last election, much discussion has arisen as to the manner and method of procedure on the part of those who are to carry out the provisions of the law. Permit me to submit the following law on the question.

The School Law of 1907, P. 108 reads as follows:

In case the qualified electors of any county deem it expedient to establish and maintain more than one county high school, then such additional school or schools may be established and maintained in the manner prescribed in this act for establishing and maintaining county high school.

The school laws of the same year P. 106 reads thusly: "Provided that said board may contract with the board of directors of any district in the county that now maintains, or may hereafter maintain, a school of high school grade to teach all county high school pupils at such rate per capita, or in the aggregate, as they may deem right and just, and shall pay for the same out of the high school fund".

In my judgment, this is the provision of the law which the people thought they were voting when they authorized the establishment of the high schools in Linn county and this in my judgment, is what the county high school board should do. That is, they should authorize any high school in the county to teach any high school pupil who may apply. This is on the theory of the greatest good to the greatest number.

I am in favor of a system of education that will reach the masses and I believe we are all in favor of the same thing. We have all advocated better facilities for our public school system and this is certainly one great move in that way.

In most every district in this county, there are pupils above the 8th grade. Now if the provisions of this law are carried out as expressed by the people the high school will be practically in the reach of all. Each and every community will be benefited by the same.

This is as it should be, for, looking to the public school for the education of the vast majority of the children of this county, we can not foster them too much or nurture them too closely. For to whom much is given, from him much will be demanded. So if we give to the boys and girls splendid opportunities then we can expect from them many splendid achievements.

Most of the towns of the county have high schools. But this plan puts the high school in reach of the country schools and approaches more nearly to uniformity than any plan yet submitted. I am in favor of and I hope the next session of the legislature will make provision whereby each district in the state may maintain at least 6 months of school in the year.

M. A. MILLER.

Jim Finch

The murder of Ralph B. Fisher, a Portland lawyer with a clean record, by Jas. A. Finch, another Portland lawyer, formerly an Albany newspaper man, then a legislative clerk and peanut politician, a man with an unsavory record, is the natural consequence of a boozing unrighteous life. The noise hangs over his head, and it will probably some day slip close to his neck. In the interest of justice and manhood it should do so and promptly. Some one suggests that one thing might possibly save his neck from stretching, a clean breast of his life, with all the insane freaks as they have actually occurred. But Finch is not insane except as the drink habit has made him so, as in a measure it makes all men who are governed by it. The case is one which calls for a prompt trial and a verdict according to the fact without the intervention of technicalities. A wife with a husband shot dead in cold blood, and a little baby, fatherless, are crying for justice and every law-abiding citizen will demand that if the shot was fired by Finch deliberately and with premeditation that he suffer the full penalty of the law.

The Willamette valley can do worse than propagate potatoes. Just potatoes alone have made Greely Cole, famous, and it is now a city of about 15,000 built up mostly by spuds. Last year the output was 12,000 car loads, about 6,000,000 bushels, at 50 cents worth \$3,000,000, a big thing for a section of country. With a large market and a fine product the raising of potatoes deserves to be pushed in this valley.

A Fine Valley.

Great is the Willamette valley, a fact people appreciate after a visit elsewhere. It's climate is unsurpassed, it's resources varied and increasing and its advantages the best. It is a modern section of country, and its possibilities cannot be overestimated. Comparison with other sections do not hurt it, in fact it shines best then.

DOWN TO BUSINESS.

The Teachers Attending School

The reception of the teachers attending the institute at Maccabee Hall last night, was a fine affair socially. The hall was full and every minute was enjoyed by the professors.

The open sessions this morning was addressed by Miss Cornelia Marvin, the bright and accomplished secretary of the library commission, who knows libraries from top to bottom and back again.

President Campbell will be the speaker tonight, and the Baptist church should be filled.

The programs in the different sections today were very entertaining and instructive, and were as follows:

Primary—Language by Prof. Alderman, numbers by Prof. Traver, spelling and writing by Prof. Traver and Grammar by Prof. Crooks. Intermediate—The teacher by Traver, civil government by Prof. Alderman, geography by Miss Marvin and agriculture by Prof. Alderman. High school—History by Supt. Sanders and high school activities by President Crooks.

Each of them brought out some discussions that were greatly enjoyed and were profitable.

Final Foot Ball Meeting The Albany College foot ball team closed its season of 1908 with a meeting at the College. There was much enthusiasm. Under Prof. Luck the team has done splendid work and has been well managed by Manager Gibbons. The non-conference record is: Pacific 0, Albany 5, Willamette 6, Albany 5, Chemawa 0, Albany 11, A. H. of Albany 0, Albany 34, Willamette 4, Albany 11, Eugene high 0, Albany 12, a record of 78 to 10 in favor of Albany. One game was played, that with Multnomah, of course resulting in defeat. Leate, Beeson, who proved a star in the games of the season, was elected captain for next year.

Mr. Barney J. Hecker arrived home last night after an absence of several months. He took east several hundred blooded Cotswold bucks, the sale of which he recently completed, doing business in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and the Dakotas, making Denver his headquarters. Mr. Hecker has become so used to mile high living it is anticipated it will take some time for him to get down to the level of Albany people only 212 feet above the ocean. Any one wishing to see a picture of the hotel Mr. Hecker stops at, a fine place splendidly located, when in Denver, can do so at Holt's Again.

Mr. M. Dempsey, an old Black Hill friend of J. W. Dickover, with the Bain Clothing Co., has been in the city on a visit with Mr. Dickover. Mr. Dempsey is a Cherokee Indian, who is now interested in a valuable mining proposition at Chesana, near Valdez. Near that place several million dollars have been taken out, so there is little question of the importance of the mines he is interested in.

C. H. NEWS

Probate:— Inventories in estates of Oren Newland and Anna Boencke. Final accounting set for Jan. 4 in estate of Miles K. Lewis. Second account in estate of Louis M. Moechn et al. In estate of Jason Wheeler citation for sale of property to be heard.

- Deeds Recorded:— S. M. Pennington to G. S. Hill 80 a\$ 1 Same to E. R. Rogaway 3200 Same to W. H. Booth et al 10 C. W. Stokes to J. M. Stokes 2 lots Lebanon 10 R. M. Goodrich to Louis A. Alexander, Lebanon 1600 J. S. Warwick to Martha Phillip 50 a 1500 Edward Bures to H. M. Crane 17 1/2 a 1200 Sarah P. Glenn to Geo. W. and Albert Noble 143.66 a 750 E. S. Marster to W. W. Robe 2 a R. Robe to S. Marsters 20.05 a 300 R. Robertson to W. H. Kirk 63.100 a 25 J. J. Lampkin to J. L. Freeland 40 a 1200 Registration title M. E. Cougill.

18 marriage licenses during November.

A new complaint was filed in case of the S. P. agt. the Albany Tanning Co. this one against Albert Sternberg, a non-suit being given in the former suit.

The Willamette Valley Co. today paid the second half of its taxes, due Oct. 1st, a check for \$1774.19 being presented, this including \$270.64 penalty, at the rate of 18 per cent for two months.

- Deeds recorded:— Ione Gloss to W. M. & S. B. Sawyer 175.65 a 1066 W. M. Sawyer to W. A. Sawyer et al lot Brownville 1000 Est. Job Gloss to W. M. & S. B. Sawyer 175.65 a 1929 L. H. Power to Delos Conser 20 a Delos Conser to L. H. Conser 25 a Delia A. Richardson to the E. Richardson Co. Several tracts Mary McDowell to D. W. King 110 a 1080 H. H. Small to Ida Richards 160 a Marion Arnold to A. I. & L. O. Arnold 44.30 a 4650 Patents: Louis C. Stallman, T. L. Phillips, F. C. Staines, Lewis Jacobs and Harry Dunlap.

The receipts of the recorder for Nov. were \$388.55, a new record.

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Galloway held an adjourned session of court this afternoon, transacting the following business: Application of S. P. Bach to register title argued, Lawyer Peggott, of Portland, partner of the notorious J. A. Finch, appearing for the defendant. Submitted. Judgment granted in Henry C. Hedgpath et al. agt. Minnie E. McCord et al. Divorces granted William Haight from Viola F. Haight, Emma Beardley from John Beardley and Albert A. Shoors from Alice Shoors. In the pen in California.

The case of Percy R. Kelly trustee of Thomas Large, a bankrupt, agt. Thos. Large jr. to set aside a sale, has been on trial before Judge Galloway today. Cases disposed of are: William Cullum vs. E. L. Wheeler et al., judgment for the plaintiff. Calanooia Lumber Co. agt. J. N. Rice, R. A. B. Veal appointed special referee to take testimony. Kola Neis agt. W. S. Paul, Jan. 4th, set for trial of same. Crandall Bros agt. A. E. Carstens, decree as per stipulation. Eli Aunspaugh agt. Clara Ann Aunspaugh, demurrer overruled and 30 days given for answering.

Rev. Davis Popular. Corvallis Gazette: A very pleasant surprise was given to Rev. Davis, of the Baptist church by his church members and friends on Wednesday evening. While the choir was practicing at the church they quietly lined into the church with an elegant supply of provisions loaded on a wheelbarrow which was placed in front of the parson by Bro. Robinson. The gentleman was informed that the contents were intended as a mark of esteem in which he is held by the people whom he has served so faithfully during the past year. After an eloquent expression of thankfulness by Rev. Davis a pleasant evening was spent at the church.

The Passing of the Horse Car. The black horse at the death of the old horse car system in Albany certainly has a good record. He was on the car six years and five months, and as near as can be figured travelled 33,988 miles, further than around the world, doing his work faithfully and uncomplainingly. Mr. Ross proposes to keep him the rest of his life. He is somewhat stiff, but a residence out in Sun's Rise will limber him up. The car, which was made by Mr. Ross himself, was run 6 years and 5 months and travelled 50,882 miles besides extra trips. Mr. Ross was conductor for over nine years.

One of the best papers in Denver is the Express, a folio, about the size of the Democrat, doing a good business in that city of big papers, padded to death. People like condensed, pointed news, not big headed until there is nothing to read. CASTORIA. Bears the Signature of The Kind You Have Always Bought

OREGON.

Portland, Oregon, November 30th. Tremendous interest is manifested throughout Oregon, Washington and British Columbia in the great fruit gathering which will convene in Portland under the auspices of the State Horticultural Society and Northwest Fruit Growers' Association December 1st to 4th.

It has been predicted that the great Y. M. C. A. movement which resulted in raising \$51,250 at Eugene in seven days, is to be felt in many of the other cities and towns of Oregon.

W. H. Wehrung has been elected President of the Portland Country Club & Livestock Association and Secretary M. D. Wisdom will go to Chicago to attend the International Show and arrange dates for next year.

Congressman William Lorimer of Chicago, member of the River and Harbor committee, is making an extended visit to many of the important harbors of the Pacific coast. He gave the Columbia river especial attention.

One of the most enjoyable trips yet made by the Portland Realty Board was to Vancouver, Washington, on the 28th. They went by trolley.

LARWOOD.

Farmers are busy seeding. Hickory and Wick Craft are getting to be experts breaking horses to ride and drive. Uncle James Charleton is making his home with Mr. and Mrs. John Davnport. He is remarkably hale and hearty considering his age and has many interesting reminiscences to tell of earlier days.

The school board of Dist. 98 has been making useful improvements about the school premises.

Mylo Barton spent Thanksgiving at home with his parents. He is a student in the O. A. C. His father believes in scientific farming and practices what he preaches as much as possible.

Mr. Posvar is a recent arrival from Nebraska. He placed his family of fine children in school in Dist. 23. The newly organized Sunday School flourishes finely with Mrs. Lee Gaines superintendent.

Mrs. C. T. Craft and a few other ladies organized a Thanksgiving celebration on the 26th inst. and a most sociable time was the result. "Uncle Jimmy" led in the expression of thanks and then everybody set down to one of the best dinners ever provided for such an occasion. Racing and singing was on the program. Everybody left for home in a great glee hoping that another such event shall occur soon.

There is no better country in the world for diversified farming and fruit raising than there is around Larwood and Lacomb. The young people enjoyed an "illigant hop" Thanksgiving night.

It will not be long until a railroad will be built up Crabtree Creek to haul the timber and lumber out.

At the Hotels.

H. A. Brewer, commercial traveler. F. B. Reed, Kalamath Falls. Ira Hamilton, Salem. J. S. McNair, Ashland. Tim Wandel, Portland, a former Albany merchant. Judge W. S. McFadden, Corvallis. J. H. Cradlebaugh, Salem. A. M. Langguth, promoting the Gold Creek smelter. Ames Stevenson, Klamath Falls. William Staiger, Salem. F. S. Stewart, Portland. C. C. Perrin and wife North Yamhill. J. H. Whitesaker, Eugene. L. A. Crausshank, who sells furniture. No one can ever tell when the Alleyites will break loose. Last night, not content with having pelted the Democrat man with post cards they got into his home, with the mayor along to make it stick, and ran things for several hours. It was a complete surprise, and with it considerable of a comedown, from a mile high to only 212 feet. The Alleyites, with several prominent neighbors along to add to the pleasures of the evening run things in their usual entertaining manner. During the evening a program was rendered, consisting of piano solos by Mrs. Winnie Worrell and Margaret Cundiff, of Eugene, a daughter of one of the original tribe of Alleyites, readings by Mrs. Anna Archibald and Mrs. Edna Barton and vocal solos by Misses Evah French and Eva Rhodes, Mrs. Nutting. Pinnin a slice of watermelon in a darky's mouth, while blind folded, was won by Mrs. Ben Kirk, and other games were played. A fine lunch of oysters on crackers, ice cream, cake, pickles and coffee had been gotten together and was greatly enjoyed. It was after 12 o'clock before the gang separated and went to their homes along the alley.

At The Hotels.

L. F. Carothers, Baker City. H. Elwood, Portland. J. B. Horner and C. A. Dobell, Coevallis, over to attend encampment. W. Richardson, Stayton. Mark A. Paulson, Harrisburg. F. B. Reed, Klamath Falls. E. V. Carter, Ashland. Robert Hanford, Detroit. Alonzo Gesner, Salem. Hon. Benton Bowers, Ashland, a former Benton county man, after which he was named. Phil Flood, Portland. C. D. Gabrielsen, Salem. Tom Pyrie, Eugene. Nothing like photographs for a Christmas present; but have them taken in Albany, the railroad and art center of the valley. At the V. H. Caldwell sale Saturday there was a good crowd. The personal property sold at \$616.10, a fair price.

MISFITS.

Rah, rah, rah, good roads. Jim Finch is reaping what he has sowed. Albany is good enough for the Democrat man. Albany is not proud of the Finch notoriety. Dallas is noted for widows, widowers and basket ball. Good roads, yes, above all things, and give us the best going. Linn county teachers are among the best organized in the world. Ten inches of snow in Colorado. sunshine in the Willamette Valley. Bitulithic streets are about the best of all. Mighty fine pavement.

This Willamette Valley doesn't ask any odds of any place on the globe. Say, but these muddy streets do look bad after a little pavement experience. Paved streets do marvels for a city. Albany must have them, the more the better. A trip away from home will make one appreciate Albany, the garden spot of the world. According to a significant picture in the Oregonian the nose is covered with cob webs and needs using.

One of the street jokes is that the Democrat man tried to sleep in the hammock and drank out of the finger bowl. A couple waiters at the Royal restaurant refused to wait on four dorky comedians in the city, and quit their places yesterday. Here's to the memory of the old horse car and its heroic effort to fill the needs of the city. But this is an electric age and Albany is a progressive city.

The Chinese pheasant will now take a rest, what is left of him. He has been pretty well slaughtered. A two years' protection law is in order.

Next year at all events first street, Second street and the adjoining streets, Washington to Lyon, and Lyon to the depot should be paved. It is time that Albany passed the mud age.

The conspiracy theory in the Finch-Fisher murder, will never be proven. The prosecution had better devote their energies to hanging Finch and letting the conspiracy take care of itself.

After passing through Irrigon, E. O., where the Irrigator is published, it is no wonder that Editor Bennett spends his time being funny, for the indications are there is very little real news there. The stories about Finch's career as a populist and then republican politician, are quite readable. Politics are not being helped any either, by them, for there is too much of the Jim Finch in modern politics.

The narrow streets, and narrow side walks, of Portland, covered with dirt makes a poor contrast with those of Denver, neat and clean. Nevertheless Portland is the better city according to the Democrat man's observations.

B. F. Keeney informs The Register that Jim Finch, who so foully murdered Ralph Fisher at Portland formerly lived at Creswell and married a Creswell girl. He was quite well known in that part of the county.—Register: Next.

Linn county must not lag in the apple business. Money spent for apple development is well spent. Let us have a fruit inspector and keep things going. It takes years to get the apple business on its feet, and there should be no stops. Albany is decidedly in the swim in this Finch business. Finch resided here for many years. Miss Verina Burkhardt, the principal witness against him, was born and brought up here and Dr. Leonard, a leading witness, formerly practiced here.

Finch has been referred to as a man of power in the politics of Linn county. As a matter of fact, while he made a big splash at times, he never did have much power, and it is a discredit to politics that he ever had any strength at all.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the last will and testament and estate of Miles K. Lewis deceased, has this day filed his final account as such executor with the County Clerk of Linn County, Oregon, and the County Court of said Linn County, Oregon, has appointed Monday, the 1st day of January, A. D., 1909, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., thereof, as the time for hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof. Dated this 28th day of November, A. D., 1908. HIRAM M. PALMER, Executor of the Last Will and Testament and Estate of Miles K. Lewis deceased. PERCY K. KELLY, Attorney for Executor.

TELEGRAPH.

Jim Finch Was Sane.

Self Defense and Emotional Insanity to Be the Plea. PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—Confronted with a mass of evidence showing that Finch was in his right mind when he murdered Fisher, legal counsel and friends of prisoner have decided that self defense and emotional insanity will be his plea.

A President Deposed.

PORT AU PRINCE Dec 2.—The rebels quietly arose last night and took possession of the city. President Nord Alexis was deposed. Not a drop of blood was spilled, but there is danger of trouble yet.

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—That attorney Fisher was murdered by J. A. Finch as a result of a conspiracy of several persons is the theory on which detectives are working. Finch's mother broke down when she visited him in jail this morning, she said. "I would rather see him a corpse in my room than here."

PITTSBURG, Nov. 30.—One hundred ten bodies have been recovered from the mine at Marianna. It is believed the total deaths are one hundred thirty.

DALLAS Nov. 30.—Seventy six widows and widowers are invited to a banquet by W. C. (Uncle Bill) Brown today, all of them residents of Dallas. Uncle Bill is eighty-four today.

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—By whispering too loudly when talking to his wife and her brothers, J. A. Finch is said to have destroyed his one hope of missing the gallows. A deputy who was nearby told, as Finch told his wife and her brothers that he shot Fisher, but did so in self defense as Fisher was in the act of reaching for his gun.

SAN FRANCISCO Dec 1.—The question is whether the Chief of Police Biggy, who was dined in the Bay last night aliped from the launch and fell overboard or jumped over. He is said to have been worried. The decks were slippery and greasy. The body has not been found.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The Cruiser Des Moines landed with its machines at Port Au Prince, with a view of preventing the looting of the city by rebels should they break loose from officers. It is considered fighting will ensue soon and the government will probably fall.

BOOSTING

What Oregon Cities are Doing to Get Ahead. The following are taken from ads in Sunset:

Roseburg—Is the place for you to make your home, the metropolis of Southern Oregon, 1 1/2 miles bitulithic pavement in course of construction, good schools and churches, best climate on the Pacific coast.

Washington county—Leads Oregon, being the general farming county in the state, leading the whole N. W. in dairy products, a splendid truck garden county, has every variety of fruit, walnut groves, hop yards, land at reasonable prices, growing towns and cheap timber.

Klamath—Land of rare opportunities, delightful climate, with blizzard-unknown, stockman's paradise, the land where things grow. Astoria—The climatic capital of the Pacific N. W., a city of homes and schools in the U. W., opportunity. Population 5,500, \$30,000 high school building, 11 churches, NO saloons, Chautauqua, normal school, pure mountain water and fine water system.

Lincoln county—Something different. Salem—The largest city between Portland and Sacramento, 17,000 population, growing more rapidly than any place on the coast, over 300 new residences this year and many new business blocks!!!

Umatilla county—1 per cent of the wheat raised in the U. W., shipped 6,000,000 pounds of wool and marketed 185,000 sheep, shipped 125,000 beef cattle and 512 cars of apples, peaches, pears and prunes. Wheat ranges \$12 to \$75 per acre, irrigated orchards \$60 to \$125 per acre, producing orchards \$200 to \$800 per acre.

Elgin—Shipped last year 35,000 bushels oats, 136,000 bushels wheat, 900 cars live stock, 1,800,000 pounds wool. Ontario—The city that charms, not a country village, but a city of 6,000 energetic, progressive citizens.

Grants Pass—The Italy of America. Apple, pear and peach orchards pay \$300 to \$800 per acre. Population approaching 5,000. Albany—The clearing house for the commerce of the Willamette Valley, a transportation center in the garden county of Oregon. Clover seed pays \$40 to \$50 per acre, apples \$150 to \$350 per acre, cherries \$100 to \$500 per acre, no floods, no cyclones, good schools and civilized advantages, a city of 6,000, electric lights, splendid water, three large public schools, 10 churches, a fine college and an electric line, which will connect Albany with Portland, is under way.

Yamhill—The tide is set that way, and Yamhill against the world. Rogue River valley—A proven locality. The Grangers of Linn county want good roads right at home, roads leading out from their market towns. The plot against Gov. Chamberlain is an infamous one, and the people will see that it does not succeed. Taft has decided that he will not fight Cannon. Of course not, and Cannon will run congress the same as heretofore, a modern tyrant.