

Death an Enemy

A subscriber offers a bushel of assorted potatoes if the DEMOCRAT will publish the following. As winter is rushing madly on the offer has been accepted:

By H. A. MITCHELL.

O death thou art an enemy! The Bible calls thee such, and we are agreed. You come to our homes and oftentimes ruthlessly snatch our loved ones from us; and can we call you a friend?

Look at that fond mother as she sits weeping, her heart nearly broken over the loss of her precious babe, and YOU are the cause.

Then see that happy couple as they walk together through life! How they enjoy each others society! And one day you enter that home and take away the husband. Sadly the loving wife follows to that dark and lonely grave, takes the last parting glance and goes back to that home made vacant by the loss of one she loved so well. Does she feel like calling you her friend?

I am not done with you yet: look at those parents who had an only son, a bright, promising young man, on whom they might lean for help, perhaps, in old age; but, alas; one day they saw you coming, and knew quite well what it meant. Every effort was made to drive you back and ward off your blow, but oh, cruel blow! it fell, and that heavily. Tears of sorrow coursed down the cheeks of those parents, and the dear boy was laid away; while those left exclaimed, O cruel death.

You ask mankind to call you lovely and to welcome you to their side and homes, when this is the work that you do? O no! we cannot do so, and we even rejoice at the prospect of your downfall, and love to read in the best of all books concerning your final doom. Some day your work will be ended and you too will die. Let me now read your fate and I will close. "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

The Laws Delays.

All over the state there is a cry going up demanding a prompt trial in the case of J. A. Finch, without the rule of technicalities. This is not local; but general, and it is persistent. The people mean it. Over 90 per cent of the murderers of Oregon are never hanged. The people are tired of it. Where men are guilty they want justice done, and that without years of delay. The Salem Statesman figures out the following interesting facts in connection with a trial for murder that is prompt:

Will "Jim" Finch hang or die of old age? He is 38 years old now. If his trial comes up in December, it will consume several days. If convicted and sentenced to hang, the judge will give him 60 days for time of execution. The supreme court will issue a warrant for his hanging some time during the last 30 days of the time stipulated.

Then there will be a motion for appeal which must be granted. Thirty days are given in which to send a transcript to the supreme court.

After the transcript is filed 20 days are allowed to file an abstract.

After this 10 days are allowed to file a brief.

Following this 10 days are allowed to file an answer.

Finch is then given 10 days more to file an answer.

Then the state puts the case on the supreme court docket.

Cases in the supreme court are now set for six months ahead and by the time the case of Finch gets on the docket there is no telling how much further ahead they may be set.

So the question arises—will Finch hang or die of old age?

Sunshine.

About the best thing in the world is sunshine. It beats down all things and transforms the dead into life. It is the friend of the farmer, the helper of the business man, the joy of all. It is light and power and strength.

It rules in nature; but not alone in nature. Great is its influence when it takes possession of the human life. It makes long faces short and wide. It is a helper, a power for good, a twentieth century booster. It boosts character and changes blue to white. It is a power in the home, and in business. In fact Sunshine is simply immense in human lives. It is a good thing to keep, and one does well to have a dose along when the trying time comes, the time that tests the calibre of men, which is bound sometime to prevail in the lives of all.

That's What.

Eugene Register: Editor Nutting of the Albany DEMOCRAT, who has taken his first vacation in 28 years, has just returned from a two week's sojourn in Colorado, fully convinced that Willamette valley is the best place on earth and is now ready to hustle six days in the week for Albany and the surrounding country.

Saturday Night Thoughts.

Governor Chamberlain left this week for Washington to attend a convention of Governors. He is being mentioned a good deal nowadays on account of the conspiracy concocted by several peanut politicians to defeat his election to the U. S. senate. Should it succeed something will be heard to drop in Oregon.

The State Horticultural Society has been in session this week. The fruit industry of Oregon is jumping to the front in rapid strides, and everything done to develop the business is on the right trolley line.

A good roads convention was held in Albany this week, a very important thing in which the people are dead in earnest about. Good roads is a business proposition from the jump off, striking the pocket book of every man, hence the intense interest in the movement.

A teachers institute was also held in the city, another thing of immense importance. Better teachers means great things for the world. President Woodson, of Princeton recently declared that our public school work was a disgrace to the country; but it is not. Some things are down at the heels, but altogether a splendid work is being done.

Col. Hofer has been mentioned this week by several papers as a candidate for governor. The Col. through his paper has been allied solidly with the whiskey element, and if he should really ever come up for the office he will find a dry opposition that will be felt. And the people are tired of being fooled too.

A state Y. M. C. A. convention has been in session in McMinnville this week. This is an institution that is doing a fine work for the betterment of the conditions of the young men, a work along sane lines, somewhat broad, but comprehensive, one that deserves universal endorsement. Eugene has just raised over \$50,000 for a building and the work, and Albany's day will come soon, when it must show its colors.

This week the banks have been publishing their statements, which they do five times a year. The showing is a good one in Oregon, a state generally equal to the occasion.

This week the Eugene city council passed three more paving ordinances. It proposes to be the paving city of the coast. Already a wonderful result has followed. Prices are soaring in the city. Residence lots well out are said to be \$2,000 to \$3,500, business lots in the air, rents way up, board higher than ever before and everything in proportion. The final result will be watched with general interest. Can the city, one of its size, stand the pressure.

This week saw the last of Albany's old horse car service, and soon the buzz of the trolley will be heard, something that will be welcome, a progressive step of importance.

Mr. Heney got out of the hospital this week. He doesn't propose to die yet. Some men would have done so at once. Not Heney. He has more work to do.

Frenzied Thoughts.

It will be a great relief when travelers abroad can cable home for money at the rate of only 2 cents a word.

That Massachusetts man, the father of 50 children, who deserted his family upon the appearance of twins, must have been figuring up his Christmas liabilities.

A young man in St. Louis has been fined \$1,000 for flirting. It might have cost him more if the little affair had wound up in marriage.

The "woodoo" murder test has the New York method of trial by experts beaten to a standstill.

Chief of Police Biggy, of San Francisco is either dead or alive. He may be either, (and drowned accidentally or committed suicide, Denver, not content with having ten inches of snow is now claiming Biggy is there in hiding. In the meantime a search is being made for his body in the waters at Frisco.

Great is the modern post card with its life-like portrayals of character, a bond of friendship between people who cannot under the conventionalities of society correspond in the regular fashion. But any one can send a post card to anybody.

The amount of outside work being done in Albany these December days is very encouraging. Albany's progress is steady and reliable, without any modern emotional insanity in it.

The punishment for emotional insanity should be hanging by the neck until dead.

C. H. NEWS.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes Peter Powell to G. H. Powell & w765 a, S. Montgomery to Alta W. Comp-ton, etc.

Circuit Court:— In Lora A. Vance agt. J. R. Wyatt et al. suit dismissed.

County Court met and allowed several bills as usual.

1506 hunters licenses issued, far ahead of former years.

Recorded:— U. S. to Oliver Baskaen, 160 acres. U. S. to John Baskaen, 160 acres.

Plat of Home addition to Lebanon filed by J. C. Mayer and wife and M. A. Miller. It is in lots of about one acre, 14 in all. The streets are Elmwood, Franklin and Milton.

Guardian appointed for John Falbert Smith et al.

County Court:— Petition of H. K. Luger for a confirmatory deed granted.

Road petitions up are those of T. J. McClary et al., T. Cummings et al., etc.

A Fruit Inspector Here.

Mr. Geo. W. Taylor, of Medford, fruit inspector of Jackson county, has been in the city on a business trip, while here making his headquarters with his former neighbors, of the Linn & Benton Company.

Came to Albany.

Condon Times:— Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gibbons and daughter, Miss Agnes, left town yesterday morning for Albany, where they may make their home near their daughter, Mrs. Miller.

The Trolley Going Up.

Work was begun this morning on the trolley from the St. Charles to the depot. The first trolley wires were put up opposite the St. Charles, and the cable was being strung.

Dogs vs. Rats.

At the Revere House corner this afternoon: Two little dogs. Four big rats. Snapity-snap. Four dead rats. Applause by the crowd.

A Good P. O. Business.

The sale of stamps at the post office during November amounted to \$1105.79. The total receipts for the month were approximately \$1200. The receipts for the year promise to reach about \$14,000.

A Live Week at the Empire.

Big crowds have been the program all the week at the Empire. The darlings and the boy eugenic dancers have taken, making a live program. Besides the moving pictures and illustrated songs have been fine. Tonight there will be a change of program, new moving pictures etc., and it will pay to be on hand and get a good seat early.

LEBANON

Has a Hold Up. A Woman in It

Miss Carrie Renner, of Portland, Miss Edith Preston of Seattle, and Mrs. Josephine Cruikshank, of Albany, spent yesterday in Lebanon with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Jean Morris Ellis, recognized as one of the foremost lecturers and physiognomists of the day, will begin a course of four lectures in the M. E. church this evening.

G. B. Hansard, who was found guilty of violating the local option law and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and a maximum fine of \$500, was released Saturday morning, after serving his time and paying his \$500 fine.

Hon. S. R. Claypool, one of our best known pioneer citizens, was taken seriously ill last night with heart disease, and has since been unconscious and it is thought can live only a short time.

A footpad and burglar is pursuing his nefarious business in this city. As Mrs. N. D. Keefhauser was going home about 9:30 o'clock Saturday night a man stepped out of the alley near her home and grabbed hold of her and snatched her purse away from her and ran north up the alley. The purse contained only about \$1.50.

Lebanon.

Criterion: J. D. Smith and A. O. Sturm will open their new moving picture show in the opera house tomorrow night for their initial performance.

Florat G. L. Allen went to Albany yesterday to prune the rose garden at the Catholic Academy and St. Mary's Hospital.

The Council at its meeting on Tuesday night gave the Lebanon Electric Light & Water Co. a 15 year contract for 11 arc lights, the first six at \$10 a month, the next three at \$9 and the remainder at \$8 a month, or \$103 a month for all of them.

A new 15 year contract was also given the company for 20 fire hydrants at \$2.50 a month each, or \$50 a month for the twenty, and additional hydrants at \$1.50 a month for each.

At Shedd.

Shedd, Dec. 2.—Rabbi Jonah B. Wise of Portland lectured here last night (Tuesday) in the United Presbyterian church on "The Wandering Jew," to a large and interested audience.

This was the first address in a lecture course to be given under the auspices of the U. P. church during the winter, which course takes the place of "Rally week" this season.

Rev. H. C. Marshall, pastor of the U. P. church, will preach for Dr. J. R. N. Bell in the First Presbyterian church at Corvallis, next Sunday, Dec. 6.

The Albany Extension

Salem Statesman: "There is a strong possibility that the extension from Salem to Albany will be constructed during the coming year," stated General Agent G. W. Talbot, of the Oregon Electric, who was here yesterday with traffic manager G. F. Nevins and General Agent C. S. Walters.

"We had fully made up our minds to build to McMinnville, after we had been turned down by the Salem people, but the outlook for the Albany extension and small difficulties along the right of way are so much smaller no doubt we may find opportunity to construct the Albany extension during 1909, and possibly both of the roads."

Two Resolutions.

The teachers desire the following two resolutions recently passed, considered thoughtfully by the people of the county: Resolved that the corporation tax be placed in the state school fund instead of the general fund as at present.

Resolved that we express our appreciation of the value of school libraries to the work of education in the county, and that we honor the county court for the progressive spirit shown in the maintenance of a levy of 25 cents per pupil, and that we believe a further up-building of our school libraries is so important we respectfully ask the county court to renew the present levy.

An Oregon Possum.

Woodburn Independent. For the first time in the history of Oregon a 'possum has been caught here. Freeman McKay was trapping for coons eight miles west of Woodburn last Thursday and captured a real 'possum. He has the hide. Now the question is, how did that 'possum get over the Rockies? More than humans seem to be migrating to Oregon.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bennett on Nov. 30, a girl. All doing well. This makes v. Dan Hurley about the youngest grandfather in Albany.

MISFITS.

Lots of cleaning up to do out around the depot.

The life spent just in money making is wasted.

Congress is about to meet, talk and do nothing.

Men make fortunes for their families to fight over.

Albany is too much in it in the Finch murder trial.

It is the same old Standard Oil however you view it.

Albany will have the finest depot grounds in the valley.

Advertising pays; but it is a mighty poor way to get a wife.

Self defense in the Finch case will be so thin it won't stand up.

Editor Hofer is sweeping valiantly towards the Governor's chair.

Emotional insanity if permitted to prevail would clear almost any criminal.

It is time the Jim Finch element in politics was kicked out. And there are others.

T. T. Geer has sold his interest in the Pendleton Tribune and will move to Portland.

Port Au Prince fell without a drop of blood being spilled. Horrible, wasn't it, Mr. Roosevelt.

Under the circumstances it would be a disgrace to politics and a stab at the will of the people to again put C. W. Fulton in as senator.

Wouldn't that jar you. A correspondent of a Portland paper felt three earthquakes at Sweet Home recently. Who's blasting at Sweet Home.

Rabbi Wise, a former Portland minister, is making himself heard back in New York. He has just tanned the notorious Croker. Hit him again.

Sam Dolan, of this city, a student in Notre Dame the past three years, has been chosen on the All-Indiana football team. He is one of the best players in the U. S.

Dolan of Notre Dame and Dutter of Indiana have played guard just enough to warrant their selection for the guard positions. Both are tackles, and excellent ones, but a state team can be rounded out better by putting them next to the center than by considering them for their regular positions, for which there are other very capable men.

"Dolan and Dutter are powerful men, charge well, can break through the line and tackle in the open field. They are almost as fast as many of the lighter players and at guard would give the line great strength in positions which otherwise would be only ordinarily well filled."

At tackle, even after Dolan and Dutter are eliminated there are several athletes who deserve consideration. Probably the best tackle in the state is Gipe of Wabash. Although he is not an exceptionally strong man, he is a powerful player either offensively or defensively. His work in the Wabash-Notre Dame game stamps him as one of the greatest tackles the state ever had, and it is doubtful if there is his equal in the west."

Over the River.

Republican: Henry Voss, one of Oak Grove's foremost bachelors, left the first of the week to visit his old home in Iowa. Henry may become a benedict before returning to his Oregon home.

We have a new arrival direct from South Dakota—Mr. Van Nee, wife and four children. He brought along all of his farm paraphernalia, consisting of horses, cows, farm machinery, household goods, etc. He came with the intention of making Oregon his home and will buy a farm as soon as he finds something to suit him.

Made a Name.

The following from the Ashland Tidings shows the reputation of the Albany College football team this year under the splendid coaching of Prof. Luck: Albany college football team has disbanded for the season with a splendid record of having won the championship of the non-conference colleges of Oregon. The team has won all the games it has played, defeating every college in the state except the two large state institutions and it is believed that it could have made a very creditable showing against those two big schools.

TELEGRAPH.

PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 3.—Twelve were killed in rioting last night and many shops were looted after Alexia was driven from the city by a mob. Quiet was restored today, but more trouble may ensue.

DENVER, Dec. 3.—The police declare the missing Chief Biggy, of San Francisco, is in hiding at the home of a friend in Denver. Making efforts to find him at San Francisco discredits the rumor.

PINEBLUFF, Ark., Dec. 3.—Citizens defied the orders of Uncle Sam last night and used dynamite to widen the Arkansas River channel to save the town.

LONDON Dec. 4.—Six Dutch warships and cruisers today made a demonstration before Venezuela. It is taken to mean that plans for action against Castro are complete, if it is deemed necessary and that the plans for a blockade are complete.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The attitude of President Roosevelt on woman suffrage was made plain today by the reading of a letter he had written some time ago. He says he believes in it, but doesn't consider it important. Woman's place is in the home at the head of the family.

News from Albany's Six Early Trains.

W. F. Pfeiffer, of San Jose, Calif, left on a Portland trip.

Miss Ida Stelmacher went to Portland on a business trip for the Foshay & Mason Co.

Dr. W. F. Jones left on a business trip to Marion. He has relocated in Albany, with his headquarters at the Spire stables.

Rev. W. P. White returned from Lebanon, where he presented his illustrated lecture on Alaska. It was given in the Presbyterian church before a good sized audience, one of the best of several lectures.

Mrs. J. C. Mayer, of Lebanon, came down on a visit with her mother, Mrs. Dumond.

Dr. M. M. Davis arrived from Eugene.

The kitchen of the depot is ready to be moved to its new foundation, and this will be done Monday. Then the main part of the depot sometime during the week. It has taken sometime to get the foundation ready.

To Be Married in Portland.

It is reported a couple of weddings will occur in Portland this month of interest to Albany people: Mr. Irvin Curri, son of Dr. Curri, now in the government service in the east, and Miss Ethel Crowder, formerly of this city, on the 23rd, and Mr. Harry Read, formerly of this city, now with the Portland Gas Co., and Miss Vesta Young, of Portland, on the 20th.

Sis Hopkins.

Sis Hopkins is the most difficult character on the stage to day to dress. Miss Rose Melville, who created the part and who will be seen again the coming season as the Posey County girl, uses old fashioned celluloid combs, striped stockings and panella gaiters, the kind that were worn 20 years ago. They all have to be made especially for her.

The B. B. A.'s.

Mrs. Chas. Bruce entertained the B. B. A. club Thursday afternoon. Much interest was taken in a fudge eating match—in which Mrs. Chas. Carter won the prize. A dainty lunch was served, such as only Mrs. Bruce can prepare. During the business meeting it was decided to hold a watch meeting New Year's Eve.

China now has an infant emperor. Well, he is about as capable as any other chinaman to rule.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

of the J. W. CUSICK & CO. Bankers at Albany, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business Nov. 27, 1908.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Loans and discounts, Overdrafts secured and unsecured, Bonds securities, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, etc.

Total State of Oregon, County of Linn—ss: L. E. D. Cusick, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. E. D. CUSICK, Cashier.

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