

It Helps Business

An article like the following from the Spokesman Review, the leading paper of Spokane, is significant: "The stock argument advanced by defenders and beneficiaries of the liquor traffic against local option is that the suppression of the liquor traffic injures business. This argument is a delusion and a snare. It was at one time accepted by a great many business men who accept it no longer, and it has almost entirely lost its force with citizens generally. "About the only kind of business injured by the suppression of the liquor traffic is the liquor business. The money which would otherwise be squandered for intoxicating liquors is quickly turned into other channels of trade, which profit accordingly. "Mayor H. B. Carpenter of Pullman declares that one of the most notable features of that town since the saloons were abolished has been the improvement in business. The abolition of the saloon has been a strong factor in this increase and is so recognized by business men. "Alex Polson, state senator from Chehalis county, who is probably the wealthiest lumber manufacturer in his county, in a recent letter on the subject said that "on account of the many damage suits arising from incompetent workmen, contractors and business men are demanding a restriction of the liquor traffic. Every taxpayer, realizing that one of the greatest reasons why his taxes are larger than they should be is the excessive use of liquor and is demanding local option legislation." "Scores of instances might be cited to show that business men generally no longer regard the saloon as a friend to their business, but look upon it as an enemy. Primarily the local option movement is a business reform as well. "The improvement in the business of Albany has been marked.

Finch's Indictment.

Jim Finch has been indicted for the murder of R. B. Fisher. This was bound to occur, for the evidence seems pretty plain that way. People familiar with the facts appreciate that it is a pretty plain case, one of deliberate murder, and nothing else than the indictment was expected. He is entitled to a fair trial, one entirely impartial; but it should be without technicality, on the merits of the case, and the result will take care of itself. It is true that on account of the large number of murders that have gone unpunished in Oregon there is a decided sentiment prevailing today in favor of a few hangings; but no one wants any one hanged not guilty. They do want a few guilty men strung up. Personally there is no feeling in Albany against Finch, more than against any other murderer, even though it may be a fact that his career here is not considered to have been an honorable one in a business and political way.

Mines as Boosters.

A big mining camp up the Corvallis and Eastern would be a great thing for Albany, the natural distributing point of the district, as well as for the entire valley. The movement to build one up at Gold Creek, now on, deserves attention, and the monied men of the valley do well to make an investigation of the properties, giving the enterprise such support as the facts justify. Mining camps are often great builders of cities, and their development is a business proposition which shrewd men are quick to appreciate.

Our Unloda Depot.

The announcement that the new depot is to be a union one soon is pleasing. The old arrangement has been very inconvenient, crossing the tracks to get to the dinky C. & E. depot. The business can now be done in a more convenient manner in one depot, a fine thing for the traveling public. The real improvements are to come, when the new yard is built up, and there is a trackage sufficient to meet the large demands of the busy station.

For Better Roads.

The universal movement in the Willamette valley for better roads is a commendable one. Linn county is doing well to take a pronounced stand in the matter. One way to get better roads is for better state laws covering the road question. That is the root of it, and in the effort to secure legislation along certain lines the business men of this county are on the right track.

Big things are predicted for Lyon street. There is no telling what will happen along that thoroughfare, particularly if the property owners should insist on the pavement of it.

A short session of congress is long enough if business was attended to.

Saturday Night Thoughts.

The president has been having some fun with congress and the big stick has been swinging in a live manner, all over Panama. It is possible the stick is only a stuffed club, and it is probable only a display will be made.

Congress has been in session, but there are not many very sure signs of anything serious being done in the matter of tariff legislation, the need of the day. There is talk, but this is a short session, and it is probable that will be made an excuse not to do anything.

Governor Chamberlain has been in Washington this week meeting with the governors and other celebrities in a congress. He was not the least among them. On the contrary he made a splendid showing. Besides it was a splendid thing in connection with the coming senatorial election, as it helped to place him on the map in a national way. The animosity of the fight against him by Fulton is being appreciated. Mr. Fulton is the one getting hurt in the scrap.

This week Jim Finch, the murderer of Lawyer Fisher, was indicted for Fisher's murder and his trial will take place soon. It is proposed to force an early trial in the interest of justice. No one wants anything unfair, but the public does want promptness, and it wants justice.

One does well to look after one's body athletically. A good gymnasium is a fine thing for any one. In this as in everything else one should be temperate. Regularity, though, is what counts, and it is well to keep at a good thing, temperately. Many go to extremes in their enthusiasm, which sometimes does more harm than good. The body has to be developed systematically and carefully, and there is often danger of overdoing exercise. When secured in the right amount it is a great thing for anybody.

The sentiment is universally in favor of better roads, and if the county court makes a special levy of 1 mill and a general levy of two mills as recommended by the convention the taxpayers of the county will unanimously endorse the action. Every dollar spent for good roads in the long run will mean several returned to the people of the county, making it a business proposition to have good roads. The way to have good roads is to have them. Not talk but hard work is what will secure them.

The conviction of Abe Ruef is a splendid victory for better things in San Francisco. It is a difficult thing to convict any one in these days of technicalities, hence this one is particularly deserving of commendation. The heart gets weary over the failures of courts of justice to secure convictions in plain cases.

A sample of the government's graft system is the paying of a man \$3,000 for the disbursing of the funds during the construction of the new post office at Eugene, and elsewhere. Albany's turn will come next and as long as it is the custom the DEMOCRAT hopes to see some first-class man get the plum. By the time the selection is made Senator Fulton will have been out of the office about two years. Perhaps Senator Chamberlain will have a hand in it.

Postmaster-elect Young is getting it in the neck red hot by Fulton and others. It now transpires that he was once, like Senator Fulton, a free silver man, and has been dubbed populist, and is said to have criticized Taft. Now isn't that awful.

Mr. Roosevelt continues to want the corporations controlled; but that is as far as it gets. Congress sees to it that the corporations are not controlled. After all it is principally a game of bluff to fool the people.

Senator Fulton had his way in the naming of a Lebanon postmaster any way.

A Timely Kick.

Corvallis Times: Harold Rumbaugh, whose Benton farm near Albany raised the apples that captured five cups at the Albany apple fair, was in Corvallis Tuesday. While at the Times office he voiced his indignation at what he says is the neglect or inefficiency of the present fruit tree inspector. As Mr. Rumbaugh sees it, no effort is made to enforce the proper care of orchards; scale, scab and woolly-aphis abound and owners of infected orchards are not compelled to spray nor to care in any way for their orchards as the law requires. He says this is unfair, unjust, to those who are trying to raise good fruit, as the carelessness of others nullifies the work of those who would have good orchards. Mr. Rumbaugh says it is against the law for merchants to sell wormy fruit, yet he saw such fruit for sale in the stores of this city.

C. H. NEWS

Deeds Recorded:-- Alexander Harbison to John F. Cheldelin 320 a \$ 1 Johnson White to Mosier Development Co. 160 a 1 Patent Johnson White 160 a 1

Mortgage \$200.

School district levies are being reported, as follows: 2 mills--36, near Shedd; 75, near Kingston; 105, Lacombe; 60, near Lyons; 65, near Scio; 87, near Holley; 34, 13, the Sodaville district, 3 mills 1/2 mill, 15 near Lebanon; 40, near Halsey; 17 1/2 mills, the Tangent district and No. 17, near Lebanon. 5 mills, the Sweet Home district, 1 mill, Shedd. Two cities have reported levies, Albany 8 mills, Harrisburg 5 mills.

Probate:-- Will of S. R. Claypool filed. Estimated value of property \$8000. All property left to Callie Young, Annie Claypool, Mary Griggs and Vida Munsey, equally. S. M. Garland executor. Appraisers C. H. Ralston, M. A. Miller and H. Y. Kirkpatrick. Articles filed incorporating the Lebanon Oil and Mining Co. Stock \$9000. Incorporators S. M. Garland, C. H. Vehrs, J. L. Griggs, Wm. P. Nelson and Carl Middstedt.

Deeds recorded: H. S. Owen to Van Owen 120 a. \$ 1 H. S. Owen to Jos. Owen 195 a. 1600 H. P. Minto to W. H. Johart several small tracts 10 H. G. Snyder to Bertha Frank lot Lebanon 300 Patents Edward Eraking and Abram Miller.

Mortgages \$450, \$675, \$500. Satisfactions \$250, \$700, \$175, \$250, \$1100.

Talking Good Roads and Laws.

The good roads convention for business was being held today, at the court house beginning at 9 o'clock this forenoon. Forty or fifty were present and the number gradually increased until the circuit court room was well filled.

Judge Duncan presided and former Judge Stewart officiated as secretary. At first the convention was somewhat at sea, without a program; but Judge Stewart soon set things going. He outlined the present laws and recommended new ones, as follows:

The old laws,--Three, one providing for a levy as high as 10 mills, now operating, under which as provided the Rock Creek district get as high as \$100 a mile for road improvement and the districts around Albany \$9 to \$12. Another providing for road district meetings and a third for taxing adjacent property, the two latter being impractical and practically dead laws. Proposed laws, as considered necessary after four years service as county judge: One providing for an annual road meeting in each district, with power to determine what roads and their character shall be built and improved, power to make special levy for the work, and the election of a road supervisor, the whole in as simple form as possible. Another providing if possible for several timber land districts to be joined in one district, and the funds divided up among the districts by the county.

Upon motion of Hon. M. A. Miller these recommendations were made the order of the day. Judge Hewitt thought the recommendations of the state good road convention should be considered first; but there seemed to have been nothing definite from that convention and the Stewart order prevailed. Judge Hewitt at once took the floor against the first proposition, objecting to the annual meeting and election by the districts, claiming that the county court should be exclusively responsible, centralizing the power in it, keeping it out of the politics involved in the district management. He also opposed any state commissioner and state engineer, favoring the county court as the central power.

Judge Stewart, L. L. Swan, M. A. Miller and many others followed, and the result was the passage of a resolution favoring a law providing for the annual road meeting and tax levy in each district. The election of supervisors at the meeting was defeated, the sentiment being in favor of the county court having the responsibility. At the session this afternoon a resolution was passed after considerable discussion, providing that the sense of the meeting was that the county court levy a special 1 mill road tax and a 2 mill general tax under the supervision of the county court.

A resolution providing for a state civil engineer to have charge of all road work was laid on the table at terrific speed. The matter of a ditch law was being discussed.

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LEBANON.

Criterion: Mrs. John Dumond, of Albany, came over yesterday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Mayer. I. E. Putman, of Corvallis, has purchased the moving picture show business of Murphy & Will and has taken charge of the same.

Mrs. C. J. Wolters left for Eugene Tuesday where she and her husband will make their home and where Mr. Wolters has already taken charge of his new grocery store. Charles H. Greer died at his home in this city Tuesday night after an illness of a few months of organic heart trouble. For several days prior to his death he was almost blind.

Lebanon High School has decided to again enter the state debating league and their first contest will take place in about two weeks at Salem. The Lebanon debaters will be Clarence Thom, Miss Beatrice Spencer and Harry Hurlbut. The question to be discussed is "Resolved, The Same Law Should Apply to the Exclusion of Japanese as to Chinese from this Country." The Lebanon team will have the affirmative.

THE ATHLETIC SHOW.

Those who attended the athletic entertainment at the Alco gym last night got the worth of their money. It was a good one, something interesting occurring from the jump off.

After some excellent music by the Albany orchestra the senior and junior girls began their basket ball game, with Prof. Marquam as referee and W. L. Marks as umpire, followed by the boys, half being played at the beginning and half at the end. Mr. Marks was referee and Prof. Marquam umpire in the boys games.

The Juniors were it in both games. The juniors winning the girls game 9 to 6 and the boys game 35 to 13. The teams were: Girls--Juniors: Elsie Bain, Ethel Gourley, Ella Howard, Margaret McDonald and Alice Martin. The seniors: Dollie Bending, Leis Scott, Mae McDonald, Clara Eckert and Mildred McBride.

Boys--Juniors: Gale Sanders, George Stalnaker, Alvin Carnegie, George Dooley and Frank Engstrom. Seniors: Claire McDonald, Chester Houston, Jerry McBride, Rolla Ralston and Frank Powell.

The heavy lifting of Dennis Merrill was a pleasing feature. He raised on a platform, the ten girls of the basket ball team and Prof. Marquam. As an all-around athlete Merrill is hard to beat.

A floor exhibition consisted of ring work by Earl Fortmiller, mat tumbling by Chas. Cleek and high jumping by Prof. Marquam, Hiram Torbet, Grover Birchot and Ed Vierick, won by Prof. Marquam at 5 feet 4 inches.

Blain and Simons gave a good exhibition of boxing, in approved style, three rounds of two minutes each, and Merrill and Ries an up-to-date wrestling exhibition of eight minutes. The audience was pleased and will want to come again.

Died in Honolulu.

The Democrat has received a copy of the Pacific Commercial Advertiser, of Honolulu, with the following item marked: Died in Queen's Hospital, November 24, 1908, Mr. A. H. Pitney, aged 58 years. Mr. Pitney came to Honolulu on the steamer China, which arrived here November 10. On the 12th he was taken to the hospital. His birthplace was given as Marion, Oregon. He has no relatives here, but has a sister, Mrs. Schendler, in Silverton, Oregon. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. C. McKeever of the Christian church.

U. S. and Japan.

The U. S. and Japan have agreed, under the signatures of their proper officials to the following, which means continued peace: 1. It is the wish of the United States and Japan to live in peace. 2. They accept the status quo with the policy of the open door. 3. They recognize the meaning of meum and tuum as applied to the island of the Pacific. 4. They are for unutilized Chinese territory and the square deal in that country for all powers. 5. If necessary, they will put their shoulders together to enforce the aforesaid.

Got a Blank.

Geo. W. Taylor, of Roseburg, has been arrested charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. Mrs. N. J. Foley was loused by Taylor on a timber claim, paying \$175. She was shown the claim, and it was represented that it contained 3,000,000 feet of timber. Now it is learned that what Mrs. Foley actually secured is a barren piece of land, burned over several years ago. Taylor was held under \$500 bonds.

Born in Spokane.

On Monday, Dec. 7th to Mrs. Eva Cowan Meikle, a former Albany young lady, a son. Mr. and Mrs. Meikle's third son and fourth child.

W. W. Allingham, the commercial traveller, returned this noon from a trip into the Tillamook country, somewhat muddily just now, but an enjoyable trip all the same.

Mr. Irvin Curi and Miss Ethel Crowder will be up from Portland tonight to spend Sunday the guests of Miss Velma Davis, and to meet old friends. On Dec. 22nd the ceremony will be performed.

MISFITS.

Santa Claus' pack is full. Buy early and save the rush. Train your body, but don't overdo it. Lots of foolish sentiment in this world. Spite never wins out in the long run. Let your heart swell out. Christmas is coming.

The President is brandishing his big stick vociferously. Portland does not feel well without a tangle to unravel. Governor Chamberlain is making good back in Washington.

When once built the Panama canal will look out for itself. The next U. S. Senator: Geo. E. Chamberlain formerly of Albany.

"Drunk beats his mother," is a newspaper heading. That's what and everybody else.

A New York man, with a salary of \$4 a week is accused of supporting two wives. Next.

Election is over and 15,000 second class postmasters have received their pay, by appointment.

Great is Portland's police force. A robbery before dinner, sort of a brass band affair, and not a man captured.

The President is about to have some one arrested for criminal libel for doing some Panama lying. It is getting hot down at the Canal Zone.

There are eighty-five automobiles in Medford and 137 in Jackson county. This easily explains the smallness of the bank deposits in Medford.

About the meanest spirit displayed is that of unforgiveness. Some people in this world need a looking glass continually before their face.

The hardest knocks Albany has ever gotten has been from Eugene papers; and yet the least adverse remark about that city causes a spasm.

A man once got mad and refused to speak to a friend. The only person injured was the man himself. Life is too short to spend in the dumps.

Speaking of high prices for Eugene residence lots, what's the matter of Albany residence lots. Recently \$1500 was offered for one inside lot, in this city, over six blocks from First street.

Orange and Black Victim of a Hoodo, is the black heading of a Corvallis paper. Listen! There is no such thing as hoodoo or luck. It is all cause and effect.

A milk condenser will mean a number of new families around Albany right off. A Washington man from a condenser city wants to come here if the condenser goes.

Here's the best misfit yet. A man called at the recorder's office yesterday evening, shook hands with Chief of Police Ries and congratulated him on his safe return from Denver.

Prominent men are being mentioned for governor. Here is one list: S. L. Kline, Dr. Withycombe, Senator Hodson, Supt. Ackerman, J. W. Bailey, Dr. Andrew C. Smith, Thomas Ryan, George J. Cameron, republicans, Os. West, Mayor Harry Land, John Manning, democrats.

These assessments are odd things, without much uniformity. That of Linn county is over \$2,000,000 more than that of Lane county, the boom county of the valley. Multnomah is first, Marion second, Jackson third, Umatilla fourth, Clackamas fifth, Linn sixth and Lane seventh.

Brother Nutting of the Albany Democrat rode away off to Denver on the Kyars, and got back alive, and wasn't bunked once. Hurray for the Oregon editor.--Portland Journal. Gee Whiz, wasn't that great. It is said the Journal man never went any farther than Bonnevile and that he broke the hammock down the first whack.

L. E. Bean, of Eugene, candidate for speaker, stands on a sensible platform for speaker, one along decent and sane lines, and though a republican he ought to be elected. The Democrat would like to see the democratic members help in putting the right kind of a man in for speaker even if he is a republican. It would be an outrage to permit an anti-statement number one man to go in under the circumstances.

Mr. Harry Holmes, the actor, returned to Portland. He will be in his new home about Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes will have their theater on Morrison street open about the first of the year. They have been sent for at Roseburg and will assist in the Elks minstrel show there next week.

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Seven of the members of the Pacific Telephone Co's crew of linemen, including Clyde Ward and Dan Mover, left this noon for Roseburg, where they have been transferred for some special work. A good deal of work has been done here the last few months.

TELEGRAPH.

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.--The grand jury this morning returned a verdict of murder in the first degree against James A. Finch, the murderer of Ralph B. Fisher.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.--Senator Bourne announces that he does not anticipate much trouble over the confirmation of John C. Young as postmaster at Portland. Also that he will stand by Young to the end. Many protests have been received from Portland against the confirmation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.--The Ruef jury is still locked up this afternoon. The long time of deliberation makes Ruef's spirits rise. One or two at least it is believed are opposed to conviction.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.--Governor Chamberlain, J. Teal and Hermann conferred with chairman Burton of the rivers and harbors committee today, and asked for money for Oregon rivers and harbors. Burton would make no promises. He said he is not sure there will be a rivers and harbors bill owing to the condition of the treasury.

Gov. Chamberlain leaves for home this evening, when he will prepare his message to the legislature. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.--Secretary of the Treasury has ordered an investigation of the manner of the treatment of Alaska's insane. There is much complaint about the treatment being taken to the asylum. It may result in a new legislation for the care of the insane.

A BEER RAID

On a Couple of Places in Albany.

At 4 o'clock last evening a raid was made upon a couple of places and considerable wet goods secured. Chief of Police Ries and Nightwatch Munkers called at James Blackburn's on Ferry street, and confiscated, under the nuisance ordinance four kegs of Salem beer, a barrel of bottled beer, five partly filled barrels of beer, and a few other things. Mr. Blackburn and his bar tender Frank Patterson, were placed under arrest.

At the same time Sheriff Smith and Nightwatch Guy Fox called at the livery stable of Al. Peacock, and in a rear room took charge of a barrel of Salem bottled beer, part of another barrel, some empty bottles, glasses, etc. Mr. Peacock was away from home, and was served with his warrant upon his return later in the evening. The beer was taken to the recorder's office and stored as evidence.

The case was called at 10 o'clock today and the defendants were given until 1 o'clock Monday to plead, and their bail was placed at \$100 each, furnished in cash. City attorney W. R. Bilyeu appeared for the city. Mr. Peacock announced that he would employ Mr. Kelly for his defense.

C. H. NEWS.

Deeds recorded:-- J. F. Mayberry to B. J. Bidders 100 acres 11-4 W \$ 4000 O. A. Retan to Retan-Wentworth Lumber Co. 3 lots 16 2 W 1 Satisfaction \$230.

Probate:--In estate of Strauder Froman, inventory filed: real property \$3890, personal \$705. Total \$4595.

Timber proof Jerry R. Green, Crawfordville.

Marriage license Adrian P. Howe, aged 22, and Grace Needham, aged 19, of Brownsville.

News from Albany's Six Early Trains.

Editor Dugger, who has been in town to attend the good roads convention, returned to his home at Scio. H. A. Hinshaw, of the freight department of the S. P. returned northward.

Rev. Jamison came down from Brownsville. Mr. Geo. Coshow and daughter came down from Brownsville, accompanying Mr. Coshow's aunt, Mrs. Dr. Carpenter of Portland, who returned home. Her brother, Mr. O. P. Coshow, is in Eugene, where he was taken ill several weeks ago while in that city on a visit. He is gradually improving.

Harry Schlosser returned to Salem. Mr. Chase of the Spaulding Lumber Co. went to Salem on a business trip. R. L. Weatherford and family came down from Harrisburg.

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