

McKNIGHT'S THE BEST.

The state board of equalization made the least change in the assessment of Assessor McKnight, of this city, of any in the state, from a percentage standpoint, as shown by the report just received. The assessment is decreased only \$17,000. The biggest change is made in Umatilla, a reduction of \$8,000,000. Multnomah is lowered about \$4,000,000 and Lane raised, as it should be, about \$6,000,000.

Got the Rhodes Scholarship.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 4.—The Rhodes Scholarship from Oregon for the present year has been awarded to Mr. Cecil K. Lyons, a graduate of the University of Oregon in the class of 1909. The award was made by the State Rhodes Scholarship Committee, which met in Salem last Saturday. Lyons will enter Oxford next September, and his scholarship will be good for three years thereafter, paying him an annual income of \$1,500.

Well, all the valley towns are humming and they want the world to know it.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Linn.

Elva O'Dell, plaintiff, vs. Joshua L. O'Dell, defendant.

To Joshua O'Dell, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff in the above entitled court now on file with the clerk of said court on or before the 17th day of February, 1910, and you are hereby notified if you fail to appear and answer the complaint as herein required that the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit, for the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony, now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for the costs and disbursements to be taxed.

This summons is served by publication by the order of the Hon. Wm. Galloway made on the 20th day of December, 1909, directing that the said summons be served by publication and that the same be published in the Albany Democrat for six consecutive weeks, the first publication thereof to be made on the 31st day of December, 1909, and the last publication to be made on the 11th day of February, 1910.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1909.

J. K. WEATHERFORD,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Deborah Ann Davis, deceased, has filed with the clerk of the County Court for Linn County, Oregon, his final account in the above entitled estate, and the court has fixed the 17th day of January, 1910, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. for the hearing of objections to said account and the settlement of said estate.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1909.

H. C. DAVIS,
Adm.

J. K. WEATHERFORD, Adm.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Jonas Davis, deceased, has filed with the clerk of the County Court for Linn County, Oregon, his final account in the above entitled estate, and the court has fixed the 17th day of January, 1910, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. for the hearing of objections to said account and the settlement of said estate.

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OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE WINTER COURSES.

Practical work, lectures and demonstrations will be given in such vital subjects as General Farming, Fruit Culture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Poultry-keeping, the Business Side of Farming, Forestry, Carpentry, Blacksmithing, Mechanical Drawing, Cooking, Sewing, Dress Making, Home Management, etc.

All regular courses begin January 4th and end February 11th. Farmers' Week February 14th to 18th.

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

Good accommodations may be secured at reasonable rates. No age limit above 16 years. No entrance requirements. Prominent lecturers have been secured for special topics. The instructional force of the College numbers 100. Excellent equipment.

A special feature is the Farmers' Week which comes this year Feb. 14th to 18th. Lectures, discussions, and a general reunion.

For further information address Registrar, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was on the 14th day of December, 1909, by order of the County Court in Linn County, Oregon, duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Myron Alexander, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to present the same within six months from the date of this notice, with the proper vouchers to the administratrix at her home near Scio, in the County of Linn and State of Oregon.

Dated this 28th day of December, 1909.

MINNIE YOUNG,
Administratrix.

MONDAY

DELTA PI'S.

The Delta Pi's last Saturday evening gave a dancing party for the benefit of the parkfund. It was the social event of the season. The gymnasium was beautifully decorated with evergreens. Greek pennants and Japanese lanterns, electric lighted, with pretty places for sitters. Eighty-three couples were present, including a number of prominent young people from Eugene, Salem and other places. Music was furnished by the fine Henderschott orchestra of Eugene. The grand march was led by Dr. M. H. Ellis and Miss Georgia Dawson and the usual numbers followed. The patronesses were all mothers of members of the Delta Pi, a former college girl's organization, and were Mrs. S. A. Dawson, Mrs. S. S. Train, Mrs. F. J. Miller, Mrs. H. A. Nelson, Mrs. Fluelia Turner, Mrs. J. V. Pipe, Mrs. Geo. Taylor, Mrs. E. W. Langdon, Mrs. Elizabeth Wallace, Mrs. F. M. French and Mrs. W. B. Stevens.

A Depot Like Albany's.

The man who built the Albany depot went to Corvallis, where he said he had the contract for erecting a depot like the one here for the business of that city, and would begin work at once. A depot like the one here would be just about right for Corvallis, but it is not half large enough for the large union business of this city.

There were 12,892 arrests in Portland during 1909.

Miss Christine Pipe returned this noon from a Corvallis visit.

Over 100,000 copies of the New Year's Oregonian were printed and sold.

Grant Pirtle, of the St. Charles, has returned from a trip to Medford.

Mart Bilyeu helped eat some Scio turkey at the home of J. A. Bilyeu.

This is the week of prayer and churches generally will observe it.

J. R. Wyatt, deputy U. S. district attorney, of Portland, has been in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newport took New Year's dinner with the Lebanon Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williamson returned this noon from their Portland bridal trip.

Harold Hobbs, a prominent Lebanon young man, came down for the Delta Pi dance.

Mr. Isaac Meeker, of Millers station, has been stricken with apoplexy and is in a critical condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McQuown, of Baker City, went to the Bay today for a visit with S. S. Bodine and family.

Mrs. Bertha T. Parker and daughter, Miss Alzina, left yesterday for Portland on a week's visit with friends.

Corvallis has twenty arc lights. The city council proposes to add thirty-one to the number, making fifty-one lights.

Rev. C. A. Wooley and wife, of Eugene, well-known in Albany celebrated their golden wedding on the 28th of December.

Miss Emma Jones, of Portland, daughter of John Jones, for many years an Albany policeman, is in the city visiting friends.

Among College students returning this noon from their vacation trip home were, Gil Ogden, Eula Schuebel and Buena Bickel.

Mr. Andrew Skaar has the honor of heading the Democrat's cash book for 1910, early this morning making even until Jan. 1911.

Among those attending the Delta Pi ball were Dudley Clark, of the U. O. and Jack Latourette, of Portland, two celebrated foot ball men.

The State Savings Bank began the new year with a deposit of over a quarter of million dollars, after only nine months, a remarkable record of progress.

Mrs. Bundy, of near Independence, is in St. Mary's Hospital, where an operation was recently performed upon her, and she is doing well.

Dr. J. L. Hill recently bought about twenty mounted elk and deer heads of B. K. Leary of Condon, which have been added to his museum, together with some fine Indian relics.

Mr. Frank Wortman, of the First National Bank of McMinnville, accompanied by his wife and daughter, are spending their New Year's vacation with Mrs. Louise Goff.

Watch parties of different kinds occurred on New Year's eve, among those reported being ones at P. A. Young's, L. E. Blain's, W. C. Tweedale's, C. B. Wynn's, Geo. H. Crowell's and H. R. Schultz's.

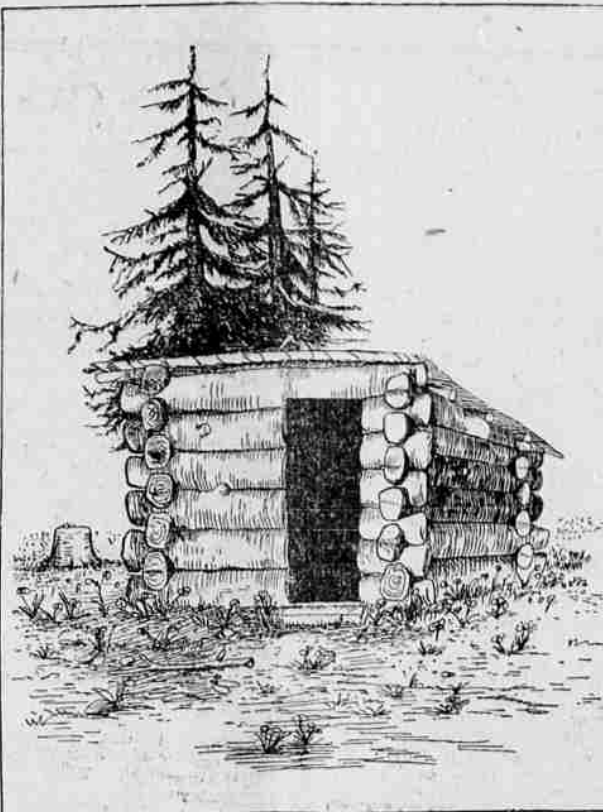
Mr. Jas. Crawford, of Pendleton, is in the city, called here by the dangerous illness of his twin sister, Mrs. M. Acheson. Mr. Geo. S. Acheson, of Portland, a son of Mrs. Acheson, was also here over Sunday.

Miss Kate Cowan, of the Portland schools, was in the city Saturday evening on her way to Portland from Lebanon, where she spent the vacation season with her sister, Miss Naomi, who has been confined to the home of Dr. Booth for four months with inflammatory rheumatism.

Mrs. Addie Gleason Hardin was in the city Saturday on her way to Seattle after a Lebanon visit. She formerly resided in this county, but was married fourteen years ago, and has since resided in different parts of the U. S., among other places, Butte, New Orleans and Denver.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell, of Corvallis, left this afternoon for Los Angeles to see the great flying machine contest and get some pointers for his future sermons. He has a six weeks' lay off. While gone he will also listen to some special lectures at Berkeley and Stanford.

Billee Taylor, an Albany candy maker fifteen or twenty years ago, now of Centralia, Wash., and married passed through the city this noon for Cottage Grove on a visit, and asked about Billy Tweedale, Frank Redfield, Frank French and other old time friends.



News From Albany's Six Early Trains.

Commissioner Butler returned to Jefferson to push the work on the bridge. The lumber was delivered for it yesterday, just a month after ordered.

Senator S. A. Dawson went to Salem to attend of the board of directors of the Columbia Fire Association, a prosperous company doing business among the Grangers.

H. Bryant left for Salem and other points down the road on a business trip of several days.

Dr. Russell Wallace left for a three or four days Portland trip. Portland has at least three former Albany young men doing well in the practice of medicine. Dr. Chas. Chamberlain, Dr. Jos. Sternberg and Dr. Marius Marcellus.

Miss Agnes Craft returned to Portland after a holiday visit home. She will be home again in a few weeks.

Mr. Tom Stevens returned from a Lebanon visit.

Kola Neis returned to Salem.

Mrs. S. Livingstons went to Mill City on a visit with her daughter.

Mr. Webb, a Tacoma handyman, returned home after a visit with his brothers-in-law, the Watson Brothers.

Jack Latourette returned to Oregon City.

Rev. H. S. Shangle, of Milton, arrived on an Albany visit, and before returning home will go to Southern Oregon.

Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Moses, of Corvallis, returned home after a visit with their sons at Tangent.

Down in Mexico.

The latest news from the Mexican mines owned by Linn county people came on the eve of the New Year and is better than ever. They are working in ore that assays \$118.50 per ton. The company is now running two tunnels and have reached a distance of 170 feet. Arrangements are being made to install a rail road track into the tunnel to remove the rock. Last August material was purchased for the track for the two cars were secured.

The Guanajuato Gazette, dated Dec. 25 contains the following account of the rich strike, which if the figures are correct runs the value into many thousands of dollars to the ton, but the owners here think the word kilo should be grams, and if the latter is correct the value would be as above stated. In either case the value is fabulous. We quote from the Gazette: "Shows rich ore. During the week another assay from the La Bonita mine, property of the Mexican Mines Limited, was made running 15 grams gold and 3.483 kilos of silver."

This most gratifying showing is very pleasing, not only to the general manager, Charles Cummings, but also to all in the camp who are interested in the La Bonita property's success."

Mrs. Mary, wife of Kola Neis, died at Salem this morning, after an illness of some time, at the age of forty years.

She was born in Albany, Dec. 19, 1870, and spent most of her life here, leaving a husband, mother, brother and sister and many friends to mourn the death of an excellent wife, daughter and citizen.

The funeral service will be held at the residence of the mother of the deceased, Mrs. Schlosser, at the corner of Ferry and Third streets, on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Mr. Lawrence S. Hunter, a contractor and builder, of Eugene, and Miss Pearl LaPorte, an accomplished young lady, of this city, were united in marriage, in this city on New Year's day. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

The Weather.

Range of temperature 55-15, this being the coldest morning of the season. The river is 5 feet. The prediction is fair tonight and Tuesday.

The receipts of the Corvallis post office last year were \$16,114.82. The U. S. A. C. must spend considerable of its money for postage.

TUESDAY.

JUDGE DUNCAN MARRIED 35

During the year 1909 Judge Duncan performed the most marriage ceremonies of any one in Linn county, leading with thirty-five, the most ever performed by one person in a year in Linn county. Rev. W. S. Gordon, of the M. E. church, is a good second, with 26 ceremonies on Linn county licenses. Rev. Douglas was third with 19, then Justice Swan with 13, Rev. Geselbracht 12, Rev. Esson 11, Rev. White 10, Rev. Geil 9, Rev. Elliot 6, Father Lane 5, Revs. Evans and Gilchrist each 4, Revs. Gillespie Lacy, Horner and Erskine each 3, Revs. Gatta, Stratford, Burbank, Baker, Marshall, Beverlin, and Justices Porter, Bilyeu and Geil each 2, Revs. Griswold, Carleton, Fisher, Morrison, Comer, Cole, Foukes, M. T. Wire, Keeler, Leech, Matlock, Jones, Powers, Hammond, Templeton, Round, Ellmore, Jameson, Pelletan, Gould, Parker, Holcomb, Snyder, Ware, Clark, Kuhnley, Williams and Walbeck, each 1.

During the year to offset the 220 marriages there were only thirty divorces granted in the county.

Floyd Bilyeu, of Portland, has been in the city today.

2728 marriages and 421 divorces at Portland last year.

Eugene's postal receipts have reached the large figures of \$30,051.52 during 1909.

W. S. Risley returned from the Gold Creek mines with some fine specimens of ore.

\$2,577 was paid out in this county during 1909 for hunters and anglers licenses.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stratton will leave Thursday for Sandiego, to remain six months.

Miss Louise Pirtle, of the St. Charles spent part of the holidays with Brownsville friends.

Will Anderson, who has been at Dec, Eastern Oregon for some time, is home for the holidays.

Booster Geo. Wagner returned to Lebanon this afternoon after a visit at his home in Corvallis.

Fox & Cummings have moved their grocery store into the new block of Dr. Hill at Second and Montgomery streets.

W. F. Heckman also lost seven or eight blooded fowls through that villainous wild cat, loose after a tame season.

Recently the entire passenger list on the Brownsville train was made up of eleven school teachers going home for the holidays.

The safe in Markan's hardware store at Stayton was blown open early yesterday morning and \$7 secured, but the safe was wrecked.

A prominent wedding at Harrisburg recently was that of W. A. Elliot and Miss Addie Anderson, daughter of Ex-Assessor T. J. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence S. Hunter returned this noon from a short bridal trip, stopping at Albany before going to their home at Eugene.

While visiting in Brownsville recently a party was given by Miss Ina White in honor of Miss Edith Hall of this city.

Mrs. Merrill Phillips, of Oregon City, arrived this noon to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Kola Neis, tomorrow afternoon at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Hogan, of Junction, has been in the city on a visit with her son W. H. Hogan. She is now 85 years of age, active and bright.

Prof. O. H. Luck among the men, and Mrs. Guy Knapp among the ladies, are reported to have carried off the honors in skating this season.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sears, of Election, Wash., arrived this noon on their bridal trip. Mrs. Sears first visit to Albany. Spendid young people, they deserve the best blessings of life.

The Empire was packed last evening, the attraction being the Johnson Kecktel fight in moving pictures, a remarkable exhibition. The entire twelve rounds were shown, about as realistic as if one had been at the ring side.

The first foot ball game of 1910, American style was played at Newport, between the clan of the city and Independence, on a hard field, the latter winning 11 to 0. On the Independence team were Capt. Wallace of the O. A. C., Huntly a star player and Williams.

The Oregon Geographical board is making a study of the names of the state and wish all the information possible on such points as, when adopted, by whom, location and description, reasons, other names used for place and seasons, historic interests.

The board consists of Will G. Steele and Geo. H. Himes of Portland, Prof. J. B. Horner of Corvallis, Lee Moore house of Pendleton and Judge Bowley of Astoria. Prof. Horner has charge of this district, and will appreciate information in reference to the following Linn county places: Albany, Balm, Beradin, Berry, Brownsville, Calhoun, Cascadia, Crabtree, Crawfordville, Foster, Fox Valley, Froman, Fry, Gaines, Halsey, Harrisburg, Holley, Irvingville, Jordan, Lacombe, Larwood, Lebanon, Linn, Lawson, Lyons, Millerburg, Muddy, Munkers, Oakville, Peoria, Plainview, Priceboro, Rowland, Scio, Santiam, Shedd, Shelburn, Sedaville, Spicer, Sweet Home, Tallman, Tangent, Thomas, Twin Butte, Virgil, Waterloo, post offices; Caiapouia, Santiam, Willamette, rivers; Knox and Peterson's buttes.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

Members of the Oregon Fire Relief Association—You are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting of the members of said Association, will be held at Burr's Hall, McMinnville, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1910 at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing three trustees and transacting such other business as may regularly come before said meeting.

W. C. HAGREY, Secretary.

COMMERCIAL CLUB

In Its First Meeting of 1910.

The Albany Commercial Club last evening held its first meeting in 1910, with the following present: President Davis, Secretary Van Winkle, Manager Struble, Vice President McCune, Treasurer Bain and Directors Dawson, Veal, Cameron, Rawlings, Bowersox, Hewitt, Ellis, French and Nutting.

A letter of appreciation of a Christmas present from the members of the board was read from the very efficient typewriter and stenographer, Miss Orah Harkness.

An application from Elmer E. Warford for census enumerator was read and filed.

Dallas D. Huze, lecturer, of Philadelphia, asked for some Albany slides to show in his illustrations and six were ordered sent him.

The San Francisco chamber of commerce asked for Albany's cooperation in a great Panama-Pacific exposition upon the completion of the Panama canal and at the proper time will be considered.

The report of Manager Struble showed the following for the past month: 900 inquiries through the Portland club, 178 Sunset, 6 Pacific Monthly, 1 Better Fruit, 495 letters written, 1704 pictorial folders mailed, 1832 booklets, 1085 conductors pamphlets, besides those sent east by J. M. Hawkins and to W. McMurry of the Harriman roads.

\$596 was reported collected during the month.

The securing of drainage for the depot park, by the Southern Pacific, was directed.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 18 was set for the reception to new members.

Some one wanted action looking to the retention of Prof. E. R. Lake, of the O. A. C., who is wanted east.

A resolution was passed asking that the Detroit train leave later in the morning, about 8 o'clock, and arrive earlier in the afternoon, about 4 o'clock.

The following committee was announced on the matter of railroads in and out of Albany: J. K. Weatherford, Dr. W. H. Davis, A. C. Schmitt, J. P. Wallace, P. A. Young, F. J. Miller, C. H. Stewart and Wm. Bam.

News from Albany's Six Early Trains.

F. H. Colpitts, who came down from Gates, last evening, went to Portland. He reports some work in the mines.

A. E. Colghill left for Portland. He has been in charge of some railroad building crews in Tillamook county, and other places in the past year, and is making arrangements for the coming season, which he thinks will be a very active one in Oregon.

Capt. Stanley Hammel returned to Portland, where he is working as a pharmacist on the East Side.

Miss Mildred McBride, of Willamette, returned to Salem after a holiday visit with her folks.

Deputy District Attorney Wyatt returned to Portland.

Henry Winkley returned to Gates.

Rev. Geil returned from a trip to Sweet Home.

The Corvallis train brought back several extra cars needed last night in taking O. A. C. students home from their holiday trip home.

K. P. Instalation.

Laurel Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias, installed the following officers in the semi-annual instalation last evening: Chancellor commander, William S. Risley; vice-chancellor, George B. Cummings; prelate, Delazon C. Smith; master of the work, George H. Eldman; keeper of the records and seal, L. M. Curl; master of finance, Perry R. Con; master of the exchequer, Ralph E. McKeechie; master-at-arms, M. T. Freeman; inner guard, N. D. Conn; outer guard, J. W. Miller. The officers were installed by Deputy Grand Chancellor W. L. Marks. Following the instalation there was initiatory work in the first rank and a lunch was then enjoyed.

The Maccabees.

The Knights of Maccabees have elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

H. C. Jordan, commander.
A. Crowder, lieut. Com.
A. Sender, record keeper.
G. W. Goff, chaplain.
Kasper Kropp, sergeant.
August Smith, M. at A.
Chas. Danna, 1st guard.
Dan Wolver, 2nd guard.
W. P. Morris, sentry.
William Cook, picket.
J. S. Van Winkle, trustee.

Big Piano Sale.

Prof. Head reports the sale of six instruments at Mill City recently, a remarkable record for a small town, as follows: a player to Lottie Rambo, a player to George H. Loteller, a player to Dr. Morrison, a Clarrington to Homer Speer, a piano to Mrs. M. J. Kerr and one for the Rebecca lodge.

The Weather.

A thin coating of snow fell last night and the wind changed to the north again. The range of temperature was 32-20. The river is only 4.6 feet. Prediction: Fair tonight and Wednesday, continued cold.

Linn county's share of the state tax this year will be \$55,694.52, reduction, Lane's \$62,533.02, Benton's \$22,345.22, Marion's \$71,373.32, Multnomah's \$513,985.41, Umatilla's \$74,729.52.