

### The Democrat.

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### EDISON'S LATEST DISCOVERY WORTHLESS.

Is the heading of the San Francisco Examiner, sometimes called a yellow journal, but white compared with the Oregonian, over the following:

Thomas A. Edison's recent interview—in which he flatly declared his belief that everything is material and that death ends the mental and spiritual existence of man—would have great weight if we could be assured that the Wizard of Menlo Park were as expert in theology as he is in physical science.

No such assurance can be given. A good while ago, in one of his brilliant essays, Macaulay said:

As to the other great question—the question which becomes of man after death—we do not see that a highly educated European, left to his unassisted reason, is more likely to be in the right than a Blackfoot Indian. Not a single one of the many sciences in which we surpass the Blackfoot Indians throws the smallest light on the state of the soul after animal life is extinct!

Macaulay might have added that the accomplished thinker in physical science, who is absorbed and diverted in a lifelong study of merely material things, is very apt to exaggerate his specialty and thus disqualify himself as a judge of spiritual things.

Upon the whole, the old hopeful faith of mankind in a future life will not be much disturbed by Mr. Edison's theological notions. Men will go on admiring his work in electricity, phonographs, storage batteries and the like; but when they come to the oldest and greatest question known to the mind of man they will seek instruction from other sources.

### THE SENATE WON'T ACT.

A body of plotters back east, called the U. S. senate, propose to throttle every effort to secure the election of U. S. senators by a vote of the people. A resolution providing for the people to have the power that they are entitled to will be buried in a committee and that will be the last of it. This is the program of the stand-patters, the fossils in the senate who represent the trusts rather than the people. There is one way out of it: govt the Oregon system sufficient to secure a body of men who will make the necessary provision for a constitutional amendment for elections of senators by the people. In a round-about way we do it in Oregon, but we wish to do it directly in the proper way, something absolutely impossible except the senate itself makes an initiatory move, which it will never do so long as such men as Aldrich are allowed to dominate the body.

### Premiums Awarded Yesterday at Chambers & McCune's.

Our free merchandise gifts, awarded every few minutes at the sound of the gong in the "Hit of the Season" and pronounced by all the most liberal offer ever made by any store in Albany.

We are going to make it still hotter, commencing on Christmas eve, by giving a valuable merchandise gift with every twentieth sale we are going to give a beautiful hand-painted Sachet Paw with every other tenth sale. This means that only ten sales has to go into the office, when the gong will sound and some one will get, either a merchandise gift or souvenir free. Sixteen merchandise gifts were awarded yesterday. The lucky people were: Mrs. H. N. Willard, Mrs. W. F. McFeffer, Mrs. Margaret Vank, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. L. McDaniel, Mrs. E. H. Orskney, Mrs. Purdom, Miss Carter, Mrs. Leabo, of Albany; Mrs. Saylor, Halsey; Mr. Ed. Hardman, Junction City; Mrs. Lucy Baldwin, Seio; Mrs. Eliza Cole, Tangent; Mrs. Lauren on, Wells; Mrs. Christenson, Lebanon; Mrs. A. R. Henriol, Brownville.

### A Family Wiped Out.

Salem Statesman:—With the appointment of an administrator in the estate of the S. S. Herr of Silverton yesterday morning by Judge Bushby, a closing chapter in a sad story was written. The story deals with the wiping out of practically a whole family through the ravages of smallpox. The only heir to the estate is a son, Clarence, 4 years old, who also fell a victim to the disease, but who is reported to be recovering.

The case of the Herr family has stirred all Silverton and in fact a whole county has been to the circumstances which turned a joyful visit of parents with their son into a scene of tragedy and mourning.

### A Newspaper Show.

The G. T. windows are developing into a menagerie or museum. A fine cougar skin, a "bob" cat, and two fine pheasants, all mounted, have been added to the collection recently. The mounting is the work of W. N. Patterson, now at the Foster Sanatorium taking treatment for paralysis of the lower limbs. The skins are good ones, the mounting good, and the display attractive to many passers-by.—Coryvallis Gazette-Times.

That may do in Corvallis, but you should see the Democrat's art gallery.

Don't forget our gold and white in Austrian china The Variety Store 15 1st St.

THE FINEST RAZORS that money can buy. Turrey's blue steel, Hiller's Razors, Gillett's fine Safety Razors, every one guaranteed. Prices are right. BURKHART & LEE.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

If You Have a Piano Manufacturer's Prize Check, Read This Carefully.

Eilers Music House has arranged to redeem 140 Piano Contest Prize Checks, no matter by whom these checks may have been issued, nor to whom they may be payable, Eilers Music House again demonstrates its ability to furnish buyers the very most as well as the very best for the money.

If you are the holder of a piano-contest prize check, you will be interested in this announcement. We have arranged with seven of the foremost American piano-makers so that we shall accept 140 piano-contest prize checks, irrespective of amount and no matter by whom or to whom issued. Bear this in mind, at Eilers Music House you always secure a better piano for less money than is obtainable elsewhere, no matter what may be the plea for special consideration. In applying your prize award toward one of our pianos, you secure at Eilers Music House any of the seven highest-grade pianos at the lowest retail cash price. You secure a far better instrument than obtainable elsewhere, and whether your prize check is \$50, \$100 or even \$110, Eilers Music House will accept the same exactly as so much cash. Nor need the balance be paid at once. Our easy-payment plan entitles any responsible man or woman in Oregon to two years' time, and longer if needed, in which to complete payment for a piano.

No concern East or West possesses the facilities and the advantages embodied in the Eilers modern selling system of highest-grade pianos. Nowhere else are the very best, specially selected, factory inspected and fully guaranteed pianos sold upon a plan so advantageous to the retail buyer. Many holders of certificates or prize checks have called and investigated these seemingly broad claims of ours. In every case they found them to be facts. They bought their pianos of Eilers Music House. Invariably Eilers Music House was found in a position to supply for almost a third less the identical grades and qualities for which \$375, \$475, \$550 and even \$600 was asked elsewhere. Toward payment of these low prices a credit check may be applied as so much cash. How we can afford to do this is explained in our announcements time and time again.

It is well to remember that our prices are one and the same to all alike. A child can purchase here as advantageously as the shrewdest shopper.

Do not be led to pay the fat, round prices certain dealers and agencies are compelled to ask, until you have convinced yourself that you cannot find better pianos and do better in every way at Eilers Music House.

It should be remembered that we sell more pianos annually than all the rest of the Western dealers combined. Does not this point to Eilers Music House as the one best place for piano buying?

There are several reasons for our extensive business. Eilers Music House is the finest and very best of pianos and other musical instruments, and having no middleman's profits, no San Francisco jobbing house commissions, and numerous other intermediate charges to take care of, Eilers Music House is in position to sell these instruments upon a little-profit-per-piano basis, which means the saving of as much as one-third the usual price.

Every instrument sold by the Eilers Music House is guaranteed both as to quality and as to price. Instruments after delivery must be found satisfactory to the purchaser, or money back.

Select your piano tomorrow at Oregon's Home Piano House, and have it sent home immediately or at any later time you may designate, as a most acceptable Christmas surprise. Eilers Music House, 120 West Second St., Albany, Oregon. Both phones.

Marriage licenses: Roy M. Hutchins aged 22 and Bessie F. Hazenell 22; Albany; D. W. Lawrence, 42, and Alice Lawrence 33, Lebanon; Clyde H. Meeker, 29, and Vera E. Groshong, 24, both of Albany.

### WEDNESDAY.

Guard:—The street car that is to be sent from Salem to Eugene for use on the lines here is expected by Manager O'Connor Friday. As soon as it arrives he will take the big car off the Fairmount loop line and ship it to Albany. As soon as it is received there, the car that is in that city will be shipped to Eugene and the other large green car to Salem.

Lodge Meetings:—The K. O. of. every Saturday evening. The Woodmen of the World every Friday evening. L. L. Swan, clerk. Manzanita Circle 1st and 3rd Mondays.

Modern Woodmen meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in Bussard's Hall. Grant Froman, Clerk.

Royal Neighbors meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in Bussard's Hall. Alice Kirk, Recorder.

Ladies of the G. A. R. meet first Tuesday each month at G. A. R. hall, Hattie Stilson, Secretary.

DR. O. S. MATTHEWS DRUGLESS HEALING INSTITUTE.

325 Lyon Street, Albany, Oregon.

Methods:—Chiropractic, magnetic and mental science, electric baths and vibration.

Treated:—All curable diseases, chronic or acute, without knife or medicine.

Experience—14 years' practice. Consultation free.

Mrs. Matthews, assistant.

1911—N. V. another set of books. Start right with a loose leaf outfit. Let Matthews show you.

## DOINGS OF THE WORLD

Ashland will remain dry. It voted on the saloon question yesterday and defeated it.

\$85 a month is all the Eugene Register pays for electricity to run its establishment.

The O. A. C. basket ball team will not play the U. O. team. They have cut them out of their list.

Dr. Cook will return to New York tomorrow prepared to tell the truth. But who will believe him anyway.

The Portland city council have actually refused liquor licenses to several disreputable men. There are many others.

A petition is being circulated for the pardon of J. E. Willoughby, of Harrisburg, in the penitentiary for helping to roll a man near Harrisburg.

The tax commission has placed the value of the railroads at \$65,000 a mile, and the assessment generally will be about 78 per cent of this, approximately \$50,000 a mile, considerable of a raise.

Connecticut has over 100 less farmers and farms than ten years ago. The average acreage is 82, and the average value \$63, an increase of 50 per cent. 1,304 owners are free from mortgage, and 9,822 are mortgaged.

Ward Irvine, a son of B. F. Irvine, formerly editor of the Corvallis Times, now of the Portland Journal, the past season was captain of the Irvington, Portland, foot ball team, making a record as a player.

Some one stole some whiskey from Editor Treadwell of the Rock Lake, North Dakota Ripples, and now George Diggins has a bullet hole in his lungs and Charlie Bills in his neck. The attention of the Oregonian is called to Treadwell's double qualifications as an editor.

## AT THE COURT HOUSE.

Suit for Booze in a Dry Town.

Deeds recorded: Wm. R. Booth to Henry Stephens, 160 acres \$1000; J. A. Fleener to E. L. & J. A. Plummer, 40 acres 2000; Eva Farrier by admr to J. A. Fleener, 40 acres 220.

Mortgage for \$2000.

Mining claim Geo. I. Oakley, Quartzville district.

New suit: Standard Liquor Co. Salem, agt. Al Peacock, to recover \$144.55, balance alleged due on an account of \$411.85, for liquors, consisting of whiskey and wines, mostly whiskey, between Oct. 14, 1908 and February 13, 1910. John D. Turner, Salem, attorney.

Marriage licenses: Roy M. Hutchins aged 22 and Bessie F. Hazenell 22; Albany; D. W. Lawrence, 42, and Alice Lawrence 33, Lebanon; Clyde H. Meeker, 29, and Vera E. Groshong, 24, both of Albany.

Decidedly Silly.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Major General Wood, chief of staff of the United States army, in an address tonight at the banquet of Burnside post, G. A. R., characterized the so-called "war scare" as silly, declaring he never saw any prospect of war, nor had fear of such a contingency, but simply had advocated a careful re-organization of the country's undeveloped military resources.

"All this silly talk," said Wood, "may be answered by one word of three letters which I shall not offend you to repeat."

Man Lost.

Lebanon E. O.: Word was received in Lebanon Sunday of the disappearance of Thos. Bond in the mountains about 35 miles above this city, above what is known as the Big Bottom country.

The general impression is that he attempted to cross the river in order to get back to his camp, fell in and was drowned, the body washing down the Santiam river, while others incline to the opinion that wolves had attacked and devoured him.

The Weather.

Range of temperature 50 to 28. Three mornings the temperature was 28, one 29, not such very severe winter weather.

The river is 5.6 feet. Prediction: fair tonight and Thursday.

Letter List.

The following letters remain in the Albany Ore. postoffice unclaimed for Dec. 21, 1910. Persons desiring any of these letters should call for advertised letters, giving the date:

Mario Bergiano, T. Limb, George Gerwick, Mrs. Grosse, J. E. Miller, George Moore, Mrs. E. McDonald, Elgin Newton, Miss August Neill, H. A. Pond, Miss Bertha Smiley, O. Orville B. Wayne, Otto Wyss, Miss Hattie Walstead, Mr. Wilkins.

J. S. VAN WINKLE, P. M.

## C H NEWS

New Suits:—Applications Ellen B. Stafford and Lenna Hall to register title. L. M. Curl attorney.

Final hearing in estate of G. W. Vernon set for Feb. 6. Final account approved in estate of A. P. Maxwell.

Marriage license:—Wm. Owen Skeen, aged 28, and Myrtle Lavon Hiatt, 27.

Deeds Recorded:—W. R. Dempsey to Lindon W. Hoigate 295 acres \$ 1; W. J. Turnidge to L. S. Whitaker 2 lots Crabtree 120

Hattie Perkins to J. W. Wolfe 22 1/2 and 11.95 acres near Brownsville 400; Amy McLanials to John McHugh and wife tract near Albany 1

Deeds recorded:—Wm. Holloway to Geo. S. Dodele 53 2/3 acres \$ 850; Mary Langmack to John J. Langmack, 13 3/5 acres 10

Mortgage for \$3600.

Final account approved in the estate of Allen VanNess. In estate of J. N. Rice, final hearing set for Jan. 23, 1911.

Marriage licenses: Philip W. Brant, aged 18, and Addie May Monroe, aged 21, of Mill City. Chas. H. Wilkinson, 23, and Velma P. Lightie, 17, of Soda-ville.

Emmett Arrell of Lacombe and Gerty O. Russell, daughter of Commissioner Russell of Sweet Home. Fred L. Wood, of Albany, and Mary A. Geil, Sweet Home, a sister of Rev. Geil of Albany.

232 marriage licenses have been issued this year, 91 ahead of last year for the corresponding time.

## PIONEER OF 1846

Dies in Portland at the Age of 82.

Elias Keeney died at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, yesterday after an illness of some time, at the age of 82 years and 3 days. He was born in Missouri and came to Oregon in 1846, settling near Brownsville, where he passed most of his life. He was in the Cayuse Indian war, and went to California during the gold excitement, getting \$15,000 in dust, which he took back to Missouri alone, where he bought cattle with his dust and returned to Oregon, but the cattle stampeded and he lost most of them. He was married three times, his last wife dying in 1907. He had ten children in all, among them Dr. Homer Keeney, of Portland, and James Keeney, of Shastiko, a former Albany real estate dealer. The remains will be brought to Brownsville tomorrow for burial.

A Fake Agent.

A. L. Williams, of Chico, Calif., has been arrested for using the mails for fraudulent purposes. The offense consisted in sending fake orders for nursery stock into the Albany Nurseries, receiving commissions for sales that had not transpired at all. He was discovered and arrested after getting into the company for considerable time. The amount secured was about \$70, on two orders, being half of the commission, according to custom, the remaining half to be paid upon delivery of goods. Another order was received for \$1100 worth of trees, exciting suspicion, when investigation revealed the situation, and the young man was arrested. The Company has had other cases somewhat like this one.

## ALBANY

HOT NOON LUNCHES At the Mission Parlors.

Holt again at the Holt corner. A neat place, Holt's Meat Market. Choice lunches at the Vienna Bakery.

The best POSTS in Albany at the SAW MILL. Have your feet attended to by Mrs. Driver 230 Lyon, both phones.

Miss Nellie Bridges professional nurse. Phone Home Red 238. 119

Dr. W. R. Shin, physician and surgeon. Calls answered day and night. Office, Flinn block, Residence 119 E 5th street. Both phones.

George Miller, former pianist at Dreamland, will teach music in this city with headquarters at Davenport's Graduate of Berlin Conservatory of Music

Cedar fence posts 10c at Curtis Lumber Co's.

Order your Christmas trees of John Kruse, foot of Montgomery street.

The Royal Neighbors will have a Saturday market of good things at D. C. Burkhardt's gallery, next the P. O.

New lenses in old frames, or old lenses in new frames, whatever your eyes need, at Dawson's Drug Store, The Guarantee Optical Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnson, of this city, are now grand parents, there having been born in Eugene to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gilstrap, a daughter.

The juniors and sophomores of the high school will play basket ball at the Aco gym tomorrow night for the championship of the school. The sophomores beat the freshmen 19 to 8 and the juniors the seniors 36 to 17, so the game will be one worth seeing.

## MISFITS.

Busy store keepers this week. Standpatters are also throttlers.

A good Christmas present—the Democrat. These aviators will all take a tumble in the end.

That eastern cold snap has wiggled over the hills.

Governor Elect Wilson, of N. J., is jumping into the fight on both feet.

Don't be a clam. If you know anything tell it—to the newspaper man.

It pays to advertise. The newspapers set people to buying early, and it is the right way.

The post office boys have to run to keep up with the procession of presents going east.

Oregon's little snaps are summer breezes compared with some of the real cold weather back east.

About the time congress turns around the short session will be over. But it doesn't want to do anything anyway.

The big battle ship manufacturers are trying to create a war scare in their own interest, and the jingo papers are helping.

The Eugene Register refers to a hobnob with the railroad as a socialist headquarters. Now look out for some fireworks.

If Jim Hill doesn't extend that electric line of his to Albany this year the people of this part of the valley will climb all over him.

Wonder if Uncle Sam will begin on the new P. O. building in January the way he promised. What's Albany's number now in the list.

Mr. Hill warned the people against prejudices against the railroads. We shout for the roads until we get them, and then we begin to whack them.

The Courier says Grants Pass will be the most important commercial, manufacturing and railroad center of western Oregon. Bring all you please, adjust you keep out of Albany's territory.

William Ragg Holt, a celebrated London correspondent, spent 38 hours in the U. S. and will now write up the U. S. from observations in the London Mail. That will be very reliable, doncher know.

Just plain Smith is the name of a play that has made a hit in New York, with John Drew as the star. It shows the shallowness of our modern society, and Smith, who is a servant girl with character, is made the heroine of the play, marrying the hero. Society gambling whist is given a whack along with the rest.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times has made this discovery: The report here is that there are many cases of typhoid at Eugene, and that an effort is being made to bush up the matter. This may or may not be true, but it is always folly to attempt to keep such things under cover. The rumor invariably over reaches the fact.

Pretty good winter weather comparatively.

Too busy buying to do much of anything else.

Everything is holiday trade these days. Other things have to take a back seat.

It takes a woman to select the Christmas presents. The average man is a very poor hand.

John D. Rockefeller has now given about \$85,000,000 to Chicago University, a touchdown for that institution.

This is the shortest day in the year, so far as light and darkness makes it so; but it no longer makes much difference with the business of the world.

The jingoists continue to bow back at Washington about the nation being at the mercy of our foes; but we haven't any, and never should have. With average good sense the U. S. doesn't need never to have any foes.

Some pictures of the new depot at Weildort, at the snap of C. W. Sears & Son show a fine building. This firm furnished the wood material for the structure, a fine job.

For your Christmas candy and nuts come to the Crest 316 W 2nd St.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and taxpayers of School District No. 5 Linn County, Oregon, that a special meeting in said District on Wednesday, December 28th, 1910, at the hour of 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of voting a tax for the support of the public schools for the coming year, and for such other business as may come before the meeting.

J. K. WEATHERFORD, Chrmn. J. L. TOMLINSON, Clk. Albany, Oregon, Dec. 12, 1910.

DR. VIRGINIA V LEWEAUX, Osteopathic Physician.

1-3 Brenner Block, Albany. Phones: Office Home 339, Bell 2. Residence 291 Home block 823

## BRICK,

A fine lot at our yard at this city, just burned. Phone Home 431. ALBANY BRICK CO

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

Notice is hereby given that the final account of R. C. Farwell as Executor of the last will and testament of the estate of James Mooney, deceased, has been filed in the County Court of Linn county, state of Oregon, and that the 16th day of January, 1911, at hour of 10 o'clock a. m., has been duly appointed by such court for the hearing of objections to such final account and settlement thereof, at which time any person interested in such estate may appear and file objections thereto in writing, and contest the same. R. C. FARWELL, Executor Aforesaid. AMOR A. TUSSING, Atty. for Exr.

### REFEREE'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned referee will on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1911, at the hour of 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at the front door of the court house, in the city of Albany, Linn county, Oregon, pursuant to the decree and order of sale duly made and entered in the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Linn county, on December 6, 1910, in that certain suit pending in said court, wherein John Shaffer is plaintiff and William Bilyeu is defendant, sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand subject to confirmation by said court, all the right, title and interest of the above named plaintiff and defendant in the following described premises, to-wit: The north one-half of the northwest one-fourth of the northeast one-fourth of section 2, T. 12, south range 1 W. of the Will. Mer. in Linn county, Oregon. C. E. SOX, Referee. First publication December 9, 1910, last January 6, 1911. C. C. BRYANT, Plaintiff's Attorney.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that the undersigned had been duly appointed administrator of the co-partnership estate of Charles E. Fox and George B. Cummings, doing business as co-partners under the firm name of Fox & Cummings, Charles E. Fox, deceased, by the county court of Linn county, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned duly verified as by law required within six months from this date at his place of business at the corner of Second and Montgomery streets, Albany, Oregon. GEORGE B. CUMMINGS, Admr. J. K. WEATHERFORD, Admr. Attorney for Administrators.

### ADMINISTRATRIX'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Ben J. Williams, deceased, pursuant to the order of sale made and entered in the matter of the estate of said deceased by the County Court of Linn county, Oregon, on the 7th day of November, 1910, will from and after the 10th day of December, 1910, proceed to sell, at private sale, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, subject to confirmation by said court, the following described real property, to-wit: The southwest quarter of section 5 in township 15 south of range 3 west of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn county, Oregon, containing 160 acres; also beginning at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 6 in said township and range, and running south on the east boundary of said section 6, 53.78 chains to the north boundary of a tract of land conveyed to R. W. Phillips by Thos. Landingham and wife on the 18th day of May, 1858; thence west 20 chains; thence north 53.78 chains; thence east 20 chains to the place of beginning, containing 107.56 acres, more or less, all in Linn county, Oregon. MARGARET E. WILLIAMS, HEWITT & SOX, Admr. Atty. for Admr.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of A. P. Maxwell, late of Linn county, Oregon, deceased, has filed in the county court of said county his final account as such administrator, and that said court has fixed Monday the 19th day of December, 1910, at the hour of 1 o'clock in the afternoon, as the time for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof. F. M. MAXWELL, HEWITT & SOX, Administrator. Atty. for Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executors of the last will and testament of David Froman, deceased, have filed in the county court of Linn county, Oregon, their final account as such executors, and that said court has fixed Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, 1911, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. as the time for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof. FRANK FROMAN, L. C. MARSHALL, HEWITT & SOX, Executors. Attorneys for Executors.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Albany Creamery Association will be held in the office of the Creamery on the 12th day of January, 1911, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business that may come before the meeting. C. L. SHAW, President. Albany, Dec. 9, 1910.