

Most Extravagant in History of Oregon.

The state legislature is preparing to make appropriations that will amount in the total to over \$7,000,000. Nearly everything will be granted, over \$10 per capita for every person in Oregon. A resolution attacking the single tax idea has been prepared and will be presented this week. Among the bills passing the senate were: Chases' against vermin in schools. Bean, increasing U. O. regents from 10 to 12. Carson, repealing the Tuttle road law. Buchanan, for protection of secret orders. Collins, limiting the time for decisions by judges. Some of the bills passing the house were: Brooks, \$4000 for experiment station in Harney county. Cole, permitting property owner to withdraw from Torrens registration. \$86,000 for National Guards for fighting fire. Merriman, prohibiting the sale of liquors within six miles of U. S. works, outside incorporated cities. Some new house bills: Clyde, regulating width of sheets in hotels. Miller, Linn, granting authority to construct bridge across the Willamette at Harrisburg. Simpson, reapportionment bill. In the senate. Carson, appropriating \$200,000 for additional capital buildings and ground. Carson, for state license on dogs. Calvins, for publication of general laws and journals of the assembly.

News from Albany's Six Early Trains.

J. B. Harrison, recently of the Electric Theatre, left for Portland. Mr. Harrison has sold the play house here to Penay & Richardson, who are improving it, will get a trap drummer and singer and make some general improvements. J. A. Howard went to Salem to see how the legislature does things for a day. One needs to be on the ground to get the inside of legislative action. Commissioner T. J. Butler left for Brownsville on county business. He is looking over the field preparatory to the bridge building of the year. Miss Helen Crawford came down from Donny Brook for a days visit at the home of her brother J. G. Crawford. Isaac Wheelton arrived from Plainview. Tom Young went out with his paint brush to do some work on the new M. E. church at Lebanon. Cal Thrasher came over from Corvallis. Mrs. Dr. Franklin went to Salem for a visit with friends. Rev. Esson went to Gervais. I. R. Schultz left on an insurance trip to the capital city. Clark Price went out to Brownville. Miss Myrtle Wyatt left for Portland on a few days visit.

A Month at the Commercial Club.

The Albany Commercial Club held a short session last night before the get-together meeting. Several communications were on the table, but were continued until the next meeting. The report of Miss Harkness for the month made the following excellent showing: Received inquiries through the Portland Commercial Club 1895; postal folders 184; through the Chapman ads 92; through the Chas. H. Loyd ads 7; miscellaneous 22. Total 2188. Mailed—booklets, 433; postal folders 1653; personal letters written 391. Total 2403. Collections \$394.50.

In the City.

J. F. McMillan of Shaniko. L. M. Chidrester of Red Bluff. J. M. Chambers of Portland. L. C. Sherwood, Portland. Dr. L. A. Newton, Seattle. I. A. Bachrack, Owatonna, Minn. Hugh B. Esson, Portland. D. and H. Fisher, Springfield. O. B. Helt, Portland. B. S. Coad, Ripon.

Vacant Houses.

A man who was in Corvallis this week says there are 166 empty houses there by actual count. It is also said there are quite a good many in Eugene. Here it is difficult to get a vacant house for rental. There are a few empty, but they have mostly been rented, and are being held. A number have been unable to secure houses, such as were desired, at least, and went elsewhere.

The Weather.

Range of temperature for 24 hours 45-33. The river is 6.8 feet. Rainfall .06 inch. Prediction: fair tonight, Wednesday rain or snow.

Married.

Hansen Jensen and Rosa Wilcox were united in marriage Monday after noon, at the court house, by his Hon. and John N. Duncan. They reside in Linn county, just this side the l. e. u. near Mabel, in the Calapooia hills.

TOGETHER ON SCHOOLS.

The regular monthly get-together meeting of the Albany Commercial Club was held last night with a fair attendance. W. H. Marvin presided. No formal program was prepared; but our schools were considered and calls made for talkers. Superintendent Briggs spoke of the great progress of the high school in Oregon. Ten years ago there were only two in the state with a full four years course. Now there are 44 Albany has a good one, but it needs some more equipment, a good library, and should reach out into the working departments, and a six year course may be ordered. It is possible. Mr. Weatherford, of the board, made a splendid talk, showing the situation in reference to teachers, how they apply at a good many places at the same time, so that we often elect teachers not secured. The city is going to need more buildings and they will be furnishing. A practical, working education is the need of the high school. Prof. Bradley spoke of an enlarged work in the high school, with departments for domestic science, cookery, etc., and more educated teachers in the work for life. Dr. Shinn commended the normal training. Dan Johnston, attorney, told of the Indiana system, where every teacher has to have at least a 24 weeks normal training. Judge Stewart spoke of old-time Albany schools.

A Park Benefit.

The two moving picture houses have made the civic improvement club the splendid offer of half the receipts of the houses for the park fund, and Albany people should see that both houses are packed to the doors Thursday night. Splendid programs of films have been secured for the night, and it will be worth while outside of the worthy object. Secretary Van Winkle spoke for the need of accommodations to meet those who shall come and J. A. Howard and others spoke along the same line. A good feed was had and a social session enjoyed.

The Linn County Historical Society.

Next Friday night at the U. P. church the Linn County Historical Society will be formally organized. At that time Geo. H. Hines, the father of Oregon History, will be present and give the talk. It is also proposed to have some pictures thrown on the canvas of old time Linn county men, those who helped make our history. The evening will be one worth considering, and the organization is certainly an important one.

Miss Flava Lake Gets the Piano at Chambers & McCune's.

It was estimated that a thousand people filled the aisles and crowded the side walk and street in front of "The Big Day Light Store" Saturday night waiting to see who would get the \$400 Baldwin piano. Mr. Archibald, Mr. Bouley and Mr. Cusick had charge of the affair. Miss Flava Lake living at the residence of R. A. Peterson, 617 W. 4th street Albany was presented with the instrument. Miss Lake is a young lady and one most deserving of the valuable premium given away by Chambers & McCune.

Great Is Arriola.

San Francisco Call: Musicians find it hard to reconcile their ears with their eyes at Christian Science hall when Pepito plays. In that fact there is found the only disconcerting element of the boy's concerts. It seems eerie, weird, almost uncanny that so small a child should have so great a grasp of the truths that lie at music's heart. To his hearing Pepito Arriola is to lose from life a very unique and enjoyable experience. He is not one of whom it is said, "he plays well—for a boy!" His music is absolutely music. It is art, and it has no age. It just "is." Will be here later.

The Or. Power Co. Managment.

H. H. Fisher and M. D. Spencer, of the Oregon Power Co., were in the city yesterday. Mr. Fisher has charge of the business of the valley, while Mr. Spencer is at the head of the Eugene business and in fact of the district. The headquarters for the business of H. M. Bylesby & Co., will be at Eugene, transferred from Portland to that city; but all the business is practically done through the Chicago head office. The company is making extensive improvements to its plants, generally being put in first-class condition.

Now Is the Time.

NOW is the time to prune and clean up your orchards and vines. Old, gnarled and otherwise undesirable trees and vines should be grubbed up and burned when pruning and spraying will not bring them back to the standard. Will be in your locality soon and hope to see much of this needed and necessary work already done. The formula for spraying will follow later. (Signed) D. W. RUMBAUGH, Fruit Inspector for Linn County.

The High and Alcos.

There will be a hot game of basket ball at the gym tomorrow night, the high school team, which has been paying a great game, and the Alco team, which can also go some. Time 8:30. Admission 25 cents.

Proposes a Statue of Liberty for the Golden Gate.

New York, Feb. 4.—Originator of an ambitious and patriotic plan to build a statue of liberty at San Francisco to commemorate the discovery of the Pacific ocean, Harry Means Crooks has appealed to the people for help in carrying out the plan. Mr. Crooks is now in this city seeking funds for Albany college of Albany, Or., of which he is president. The statue, Mr. Crooks believes, should be erected on Alcatraz Island, on the San Francisco side, at the very summit, where all who pass through the Golden Gate would see it. The design, the enthusiastic college professor says, should be open to the genius of the world. To attract hidden talent, as well as that of those whose fame is assured, he suggests that a prize of at least \$25,000 should be offered. Such a statue, Mr. Crooks declares, would be a pledge of peace, its dedication a sign of America's pacific attitude and a final indication to the orient that conquest is not the purpose of the occident. Albany first saw the Pacific September 25, 1513. That date in 1913 should see the statue completed, Mr. Crooks affirms.

The Baloons Went Up. Only Three Captured.

Saturday was certainly a most exciting day at Chambers & McCune's. It was the opening day of their semi-annual Rummage Sale and it was almost an impossibility to get inside the store during the afternoon. At 3 o'clock six balloons were sent up from the top of the store and hundreds of boys lined the streets, on foot, on bicycles and on horse back, in anticipation of capturing the balloons; on which was attached a savings deposit account. This idea was to encourage boys to start a bank account. Three balloons were caught, one by Arthur Head, one by Kenneth Bloom in a boat on the river, and one by C. W. Busight who followed the balloon five miles, capturing it the other side of Spring Hill. There was a strong wind which was much against the favor of the boys.

Commercial Club Doings.

The regular get-together meeting of the commercial club will be held tonight, preceded by the monthly business meeting. There will be an open program. Tomorrow J. C. Cooper will speak on walnut culture at 2 o'clock, and also at any time in his favorite esperanto, about which he will be glad to see any one interested. Forty cards were received today from all over the country, asking about Albany and vicinity. Last week Miss Harkness personally wrote one hundred letters in response to people from the east interested in Albany. Visitors today were F. E. Church, wife and son, recently from Akron, Ohio. They are negotiating for a small tract near Albany, and will go into the poultry business. Mrs. Church was a prominent vocalist in Akron and will be a welcome addition to Albany's chorus of singers.

Death of Ed Shea.

Edward Shea died yesterday afternoon, at the home of his folks in this city, at the age of 23 years. He was born in California, coming here when young, where he spent the rest of his life. He had been working for the Oregon Power Co. and its predecessors for several years, a faithful and reliable young man. A while ago he was in Southern California for the benefit of his health. He was affected with heart trouble. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Shea, who with several brothers and a sister survive him. He was born in Santa Rosa, Calif., March 4, 1888. He was a member of the Catholic church.

The Weather.

It was down to freezing this morning, 32 above. Yesterday it went as high as 42. The rainfall for 24 hours was .44 inch. The river is 6.9 feet. The prediction: occasional light rain or snow tonight or Tuesday.

56 TO 8.

The Salem Statesman tells how the Albany high slaughtered the Salem high at basket ball Saturday night: Beaten by a heavier, bigger and more clever bunch of players of the game of basket ball, though putting up an admirable and consistent fight to the end, the Salem high school basket ball quintet went down to defeat last night in the Williamette University gym at the hands of the Albany high school five to the overwhelming score of 56 to 8. The local lads played a hard game and fought every minute of the time, even when the score was rolling up against them like a snowball going down hill. However, had some of the locals kept closer to their men and had not been dressing occasionally, several points might have been kept off the score board. The Albany five showed excellent team work and were clearly superior to the Salem lads, who seemed unable to keep the visitors from scoring. The score shows the relative strength of the two teams in every department of the game, except the fighting spirit. For Albany Beeson led the scoring with 12 baskets and two free throws, Bigbee comes next with seven baskets, Kennard next with five baskets, and M. Bigbee with three. The score at the end of the first half was 20 to 4; the points made during the second half were 36 and 4, totaling 56 to 8.

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Judge P. R. Kelley went to Salem, where he will hold court this week, with a couple of big cases on the docket, Oregon sgt. Myers and Oregon sgt. O'Rourke, both for murder. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Heinrichs, of Kimball, South Dakota, left for home after a two months visit at the home of the parents of Mr. Heinrichs, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Heinrichs. They liked Oregon, but Mr. Heinrichs established in business and will probably remain in Dakota. Representative Simpson returned to Salem, where he is living a quiet life amidst a boisterous people. H. M. Grant, the insurance man, returned to Portland. Mr. Grant once was an Albany business man, being secretary of the Albany woolen mills doing business here for several months, until the fire of March 29, 1905.

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THE STORY OF A COW.

Editor Democrat.—I saw in the Oregonian Saturday morning a picture of a Jersey herd of cows at Albany, and this brings to mind a story of the cow shown in the fore ground, and the pencil sketch of her at corner of the picture. This cow is a high grade Jersey, and is now 12 years old. She was raised in Marion county and was cared for and milked by the farmer's daughters at the marriage of the daughter's. She was given as a wedding present and was brought to Linn county, where the young couple made their home. Here the cow was sadly neglected and often compelled to break her rope halter to obtain feed and water. For this offense she was counted mean and a nuisance to the community, and on one occasion was shot and nearly killed for raiding a corn patch. While yet in a crippled condition she was sold to a farmer for \$5, and one year later was purchased by the writer and placed in an Albany dairy. With the kind care and treatment she received in the dairy, she proved to be one of the most profitable and kindest cows in the herd, the owner refusing as much as \$80 for her at different times. She weighs 1200 lbs. and has raised 5 heifers for this herd, all her type and very fine stock. She, with the Golden Rule Dairy herd, was sold last fall to the Jersey Dairy of this city, said to be the second largest dairy in the state. The sequel of this cow story is: you may short weight the human family, but you can't gold brick the dairy cow and succeed. H. M. PALMER.

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