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THURSDAY.
BIG CHANGE
IN 4 YEARS.

An Oregon business man and his
three sisters, the latter just from Ger-
many, this morning spent three hours
in Albany, while on their way to the
Bay, taking a walk through the city.
They were much pleased with the nice
appearance of things, and wished to
express their congratulations to the peo-
ple of Albany for their activity in build-
ing up a city to be proud of. The party
have been considerable of this world,
but were glad of the opportunity to
praise this western town. A pleasing
surprise was the absence of saloons,
and the gentleman, a native of Ger-
many, said he hoped Albany would keep
the city dry. He visited Albany four
years ago, and wished to compliment
our city on the wonderful progress that
the city has made since then. He did
not think so much of Albany on his
first visit, but does now. The man
said: "It surely must be one of the
biggest lies the devil and a lot of selfish
people ever told, that prohibition kills
a town."

The W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. held an interesting
and instructive meeting, at the home
of the President, Mrs. L. E. Blain, on
the afternoon of Tuesday, the 8th. The
County President, Mrs. Mears, was
present, and told in a delightful manner
what she saw and heard at the national
convention, which she attended.
She reported the prospects of the
work encouraging, as evidenced by its
growth and the interest manifested.
More of the enthusiasm and earnest-
ness of Mrs. Mears is needed in the
work in Oregon.
After considering plans for the
County Convention to be held in Sept.,
refreshments were served, and the
meeting adjourned regretting that more
of the women of Albany were not pre-
sent at this pleasant afternoon. I read
recently that "the world is too busy,
and there is too much to do, for any
woman to give time to an organization
that does not really do things." The
"Women's Christian Temperance
Union" is really doing things, in various
and useful ways, and sadly needs good
helpers in this important work.

Need a Railroad.

From Lincoln County Leader: In
what is known as the Siletz Timber
District is perhaps 15,000,000,000 feet
of fine timber as there is in the
world. It has remained bottled up for
want of transportation. Its natural
outlet is through the Yaquina Bay. The
land on which this timber stands is
first-class farming land when cleared.
When under tillage it will be worth
more than it is now with the timber
on it. One farm in the Siletz district
netted \$96.50 per acre last year. The
great need of this section is a railroad.
Some of our own citizens realizing
these things and having grown tired
waiting for others, organized them-
selves into a syndicate for the benefit
of the entire county, and to build a
railroad into the great virgin forest
and this empire of untold wealth and
thus open it up to modern progress and
settlement.

Cecil Fox, of Salem, has been in the
city.

H. E. Earnest has been here from
Klamath Falls.

W. O. Nissey, the piano tuner and
dealer, has been in the city today.

Chas. Bilyeu, of Enterprise, this noon
returned from Newport.

W. O. W. Shepard, of Lebanon, re-
turned from Newport this noon.

Mrs. L. J. Sears and Mrs. Helen L.
Haskins, of Medford were in the city.

The Astoria centennial is now on,
with prospects of a large attendance
and a big event.

Mrs. Fred Carson, of Twin Falls,
Idaho, after a visit at J. H. Kaufman's,
this noon left for Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Staats, Prince
Staats and Louis G. McReynolds, of
Svend, spent last night in Albany.

Miss Marie Long has returned from
the Bay and is living in her new resi-
dence in Hazelwood, now being finished.

A movement has been begun in this
city, by petition to the city council, for
the municipal ownership of a water
plant.

H. Bryant returned last evening from
Cascadia, where he left his folks, and
fifty other people having the time of
their lives.

Few people appreciate the fact that
Albany has a summer resort at the
north end of the steel bridge, where
there are always a good many campers.

Beginning next Sunday the evening
local from Portland will leave that city
at 3:50 instead of 4:15, which will mean
the arrival at Albany at about 7:20 in-
stead of 7:45.

Mrs. S. S. Train this noon returned
from Corvallis, accompanied by her
daughter, Mrs. Dolan, of College Crest.
Mr. Dolan was called to Portland by
the serious illness of his father.

In a big fire at the Carlton Hotel,
London, last night James Lee Finney,
an American actor was burned to death
and Miss Lillian Burke, an American
actress lost all her jewels, but herself
escaped.

N. D. and Perry Conn yesterday re-
turned from a hunting and fishing trip
to the Alsea country. They got several
deer and saw at least twenty-five of
them, but not all bucks. They also
caught some fish and picked 35 pounds
of blackberries for canning.

The team of C. R. Kendall this morn-
ing, while standing at Carter & Rob-
son's took a spin out to Ferry street and
clear to the end of it, stopping at
Elkins gate, with not a particle of
damage having been done. The horses
were taken back, the wagon loaded and
the trip home made without further
trouble.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE
OF SUPT'S.

Present—Mayor, recorder, chief of
police, St. Supt., Ch. Eng., and all
councilmen but Miller.

The following bills were allowed:
Oregon Power Co., \$329.17; Imperial
Restaurant, \$4.50; C. G. Rawlings,
\$10.00; Curtis Lumber Co., \$18.87;
Albany Sand & Gravel Co., \$16.15; Hill
& Anderson, \$80.00; F. K. Churchill,
\$9.50; F. M. Redfield, \$16.66; Albany
Transfer Co., .75; Beall & Co., \$23.00;
Barrett Bros., \$3.75; Hulbert-Ohlms
Co., \$6.00; Spaulding Logging Co., .55;
Albany Hardware Co., .25; R. A.
Murphy, \$3.00; P. J. Pingel, \$1.25; H.
G. Fisher, \$42.50; J. A. Warner, \$45.00;
H. McMurry, \$2.00; W. H. Palm,
\$2.00; J. D. McDaniel, \$3.50; Warren
Contract Co., \$12.40.

A resolution was passed providing for
a cement walk along the property of
the M. E. church south.

Final estimates and bills were filed
on paying 3rd St. and Ferry First to
Water.

A remonstrance was filed against the
paying of 6th St. over half of section
involved. Granted.

Street improvements recommended
two weeks ago were ordered.

An order was issued for the collection
of the Ellsworth pavement assessment,
and a surplus ordinance was passed.

An ordinance was passed providing
for the fees of the recorder's court, the
same as the old one, except the omis-
sion of the \$2 license fee.

Councilman Chambers moved that the
Mayor appoint a committee of three to
select a commission of five to prepare
a new charter.

Councilman Curl moved that no sur-
veys be made hereafter except when
ordered by the council, and when made
shall be itemized.

The matter of changing the hydrant
from Cleveland to Denver street was
referred to the committee on fire and
water; also matter of engine house at
east end with hose and cart.

Complaint was made of wooden forms
being left in Washington and Ferry
streets culverts. The Supt. of Streets
was ordered to take them out at once
at expense of owner, if not taken out
by him at once.

News From Albany's Six Early
Trains.

S. S. Bailey and daughter, Mrs. Capt.
C. C. Hammond, left for Portland.
Mr. Bailey is now a resident of Seattle,
but is interested in the new bank at
Eugene, of which Mr. Hammond is one
of the officers.

Hon. M. A. Miller left for Portland
on a short business trip, and from there
will go to Astoria to attend the cen-
tenial and specially the Oregon Develop-
ment League convention.

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Skiff, and Mr.
and Mrs. Poland, prominent Salem peo-
ple, left for the Breitenbach springs
for an outing, a popular resort for Sa-
lem people.

Conductor Sherwood, who has charge
of the Wendling train, with headquar-
ters at Springfield, left for home after
a trip to his claim on the Siletz, an 88,-
000 property. On the claim of over
8,000,000 feet he cruised one tree hav-
ing over 43,000 feet.

Ben Clelen and J. M. Frenth went up
to Berry for a fish.

L. L. Potts went to Portland.

E. L. Clark, wife, son Reed, and
baby, went to Newport for their sum-
mer's outing.

Misses Hughes and Liston, two popu-
lar telephone young ladies left for
Newport for their summer's outing of
about ten days.

S. H. Friendly and family were
among prominent Eugene people going
through to Newport.

Chas. Fortmiller returned from Cas-
cadin, where he has been over a month,
at the Geisenendorfer house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morgan left for
Newport.

R. Thomas, the pioneer agent at
Turner, arrived.

Mrs. Ed. Quinn, of Pasadena, Calif.,
left for home by way of Portland, after
an enjoyable visit of a month at the
home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. J.
Collins, who accompanied her to Port-
land.

Ed. Lanning, of Seattle, left for home,
delighted with his Albany visit, and
pleased with the progress of his native
town. He is manager of one of Seat-
tle's biggest milk concerns, doing a
business of about ten thousand quarts
a day, with fourteen wagons delivering
the lactical fluid, 10 cents a quart is
paid, 15 cents for a special milk for
children.

Pleased With Albany.

Mrs. Hanley, of Everett, Wash., has
been in the city today on a visit with
her friend, Mrs. Marie Loomis, of the
Hamilton Store. She is on her way
home from California, where she
travelled extensively over the state,
and says she saw only one place that
looked as good as Albany, Palo Alto, a
city of rich people and fine residences.
Everything in California looked dust-
covered and dry, while in Albany there
is a cleanliness and freshness that is cer-
tainly inviting.

Johnny Got Wet.

So far as Johnny Peterson is con-
cerned it rained pitch-fork—last night
about 11 o'clock. He was sleeping out
doors in an improvised bed room. It
B. H. Boles, when suddenly the water
began falling, covering him and soaking
the bed. He proved to be from the
nozzle of a hose, in the hands of some
of his admiring friends, who wanted to
help him have an outing with a shower
than in it.

O'Brien Said Yes.

J. P. O'Brien at Eugene last evening
at a big banquet, confirmed the an-
nouncement of the road from Eugene
to Marshfield, declaring that a bet on it
would be a sure thing.

G. X. Wendling was present and an-
nounced that his company would pay
out from \$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000 for
timber holdings in Lane county, and it
is said there was talk of a Wendling
saw mill at Eugene.

LIVE SUIT
FOR DAMAGES.

E. Willis, a prominent Linn county
farmer, of Syracuse precinct, has
brought suit against Gustav Rose, a
neighbor, for \$2560 damages, caused by
an assault on May 13. The charge is
that the defendant unlawfully, malici-
ously, willfully and wantonly assaulted
the plaintiff with a stick or club, knock-
ing him to the ground, jumping upon,
and striking, beating and rendering
him unconscious, bruised, battered and
mutilated, on the face and head, break-
ing and fracturing his nose, breaking
out and knocking out his teeth, perma-
nently injuring his sight, brain and
nerves, causing great and excruciating
pain and long, severe headaches and
nervous disorders. \$80 is wanted for
loss of work 30 days and \$2500 for gen-
eral damages Weatherford & Weather-
ford are attorneys.

A Minister's Outing

Rev. John L. Acheson last evening
returned from an outing at Detroit, an
enjoyable place. One of the excite-
ments of the camp was the matter of
Irving, sister of Mrs. A. M. Williams,
who fortunately was found, still going in
the wrong direction.

Stopping St. Work.

A suit was begun last evening by J.
E. Vetter, W. B. Glass, I. W. Starr,
Grant Pirtle, M. Martin, Geo. Koenicke,
Theo. Tezie, C. C. Snyder, Clark of
Brownsville, Mary E. Powell, Jefferson
Myers, Geo. B. Pugh, F. L. Howe, W.
H. Swank, Tena H. Howard and W. H.
Myers, all of Brownsville, to restrain
the city from putting Main street of that
city down on grade, it being alleged
that it will ruin the property of all the
plaintiffs; also to prevent the collection
of an assessment for the work, amount-
ing in all to \$2744.54, of which \$256.67
is against the properties of the plaintiffs.

An Auto Outing.

An interesting automobile outfit
passed through the city this forenoon,
dust-covered, bound for almost any-
where. On a Glide car a small house
had been built, with a let down arrange-
ment for a bed at nights. The party
consisted of a man, J. D. Spencer, and
his wife, of Seattle. They had a com-
plete camping outfit, and stopped
wherever they pleased.

The Boys at Columbia Beach

The Democrat appreciates post cards
from a couple of its friends in G. Co.,
now at Fort Stevens, Edmund Ander-
son and Edmund Parker. The boys
were out at 4:30 yesterday morning to
see the torpedo fleet go by, a sight
worth witnessing. One of the boys
wrote up, by saying: "Behave yourself."
Good advice for the Democrat or any
one else.

Good Wheat Crop.

According to the government esti-
mate Oregon will have a bumper crop
of wheat this year, 11,765,000 bushels,
which is 698,000 bushels more than last
year. The average is given at 22.2
bushels per acre. Washington is also
given a big showing. But back west
the conditions are bad, which means
good prices.

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New Assistant for Albany Parish.

Word has been received by Father
Lane that another assistant will shortly
be assigned to St. Mary's church, this
city. The new assistant, Mr. Wm.
Hamson, is a native of Scotland. He
will be ordained to the Diaconate on
Saturday and to the Priesthood next
Monday, taking up his work in Albany
next week.

FRIDAY.

Ben Looney came up from Salem this
noon.

T. W. Holman, of Salem, has been
in the city.

Another hot wave has begun in the
middle east.

President Taft sees a big fight on
hand and will come west.

Miss Anna Finn went to Newport
this afternoon for an outing.

The price of prunes this year will be
the highest yet, about 7 cents.

Mrs. A. C. Harold, of Lebanon, was
in the city yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank O'Brien came up from
Salem last evening for an Albany visit.

Mrs. Lottie Willard Glantz, of Port-
land, is in the city on a visit with her
folks.

Postmaster Farrer and wife, of Salem,
went to the Bay today for their outing
at Seal Rocks.

Misses Belle Williams and Emma
McNamara, of Ballard, Wash., have
been in the city.

Editor Fisher and wife, of the Eugene
Guard, last evening returned from a
Newport outing.

W. A. Barot yesterday was operated
upon at the hospital for appendicitis,
and is doing well.

The house has almost agreed on the
wool schedule. It will be somewhere
near 30 per cent.

Mrs. J. H. Otto, of Everett, Wash.,
arrived last night on a visit with her
sister, Mrs. A. B. Beckley.

Admiral Togo, the great Jap soldier
visited two cities yesterday, Philadel-
phia and Baltimore, and is awake
yet.

The forestry service advertises for
cones of Douglas fir and spruce, at 75
cents a 2 bushel sack. They will ripen
for picking from Sept. 1 to 15th.

Guy Fox, of this city, who is now a
motorman on the Eugene street car
line, was in the city last evening,
returning to Eugene on the local.

President Taft has announced that he
will veto the Arizona constitution,
with the judge's recall in it. Mr. Taft
is liable to be vetoed by the people also.

D. Bussard and family last evening
returned from their annual Newport
outing, with enormous fish catches as
the record, and a good time generally.

Misses Hazel and Blanche Earl returned
home after a two months vacation at
their grandpa's fruit farm one mile and
a half from Oregon City.

Mrs. S. B. Strawn and two sons,
spent several days in the hub visiting
her sister, Mrs. C. B. Earl. Returning
to Eugene which is her home.

F. W. Watson returned from Eddy-
ville yesterday, with the disabled car
of the Bell Telephone people, which broke
down there. He fixed it up, and then
ran it into Albany.

75 feet of the new brick wall of the
farm agricultural building of the O. A.
C. fell yesterday, and three men working
on it were badly bruised, one, Jas.
Lowry, having a leg broken.

Eugene Guard—E. Thrall has pur-
chased the old residence on the lot
where David Link and the Merchants
bank will erect their fine two-story
brick on East Seventh street.

Harry Shea went to Eugene this
afternoon, accompanied by his mother,
who makes her first trip to her former
home for the first time in twenty years.
Harry has gotten in the habit of going
every week.

John M. and Seth Thomas French and
Ben Clelen returned last evening from
Berry, where they went fishing, getting
23, the largest of which, caught by
Seth being 13 inches. That trip ought
to bring good luck.

Prof. Z. M. Parvin, of Portland, a
former Albany music teacher, at the
head of the college conservatory, went
to the Bay today. Prof. Parvin has
composed several popular Oregon
songs of merit.

Walter and Percy Palmer, and their
family, of Portland, returned this
morning from their Newport outing, and
went out to the Palmer farm, the home
of the young men for many years, for a
rest of two or three days before re-
turning to Portland's street car traffic.

Conrad Meyer Jr., returned at 4:15 this
morning from a trip to Portland. Last
night at 11 o'clock he witnessed an
amazing fire on Block S, the new site of
an old wharf, evidently an incendiary
affair. It took four or five engines to
handle it.

F. N. Sornsen, representing the Wiley
Allen Co. of Portland, has been in
the city looking for a room for a branch
store at this city. This company was
founded in 1873, and some of the earlier
years of the Company were spent in
Albany, where a store was run for
several years.

BOOKS.

Miss Kennedy, of the Oregon Li-
brary commission, who is at the library
for two or three days helping to cata-
logue the new books, and put the library
system in shape, is a very interesting
young lady, not alone because of her
personality, but as well because she
knows her business. She is a library
expert. A former teacher in the li-
brary school at Madison, Wis., she has
made a deep study of one of the most
interesting and fascinating things in the
world, books and their readers, which
branches out into the details of classi-
fication and distribution.

Miss Kennedy says Albany is building
up a splendid library, almost too good
for the average public taste, often seek-
ing fiction more than solidity. While
a great deal of fiction is being read it
is true that many seek a good class
of books. Twenty-two have now read
David Copperfield, a dozen Scott's
Ivanhoe, the Democrat considers the
best novel ever written, many Vanity
Fair, etc. Miserables was recently
added, Kingsley's Westward Ho, and a
fine list of fiction is being made out for
the next order.

In children's books some excellent
columns are being collected. Another
peculiarity will be bound magazines.
Library interest is steadily increasing,
and will be well developed when the
Carnegie building goes, which will be
as soon as the board can manage it.

By the Man About Town.

The gold fish in several fountains all
died one night this week, it is thought
in some way from the water. One day
some of the water looked like milk.
W. F. Pfeiffer and C. M. Giddings lost
all of their fountain fish.

Some fine strawberries were left in
the Albany market this morning by E.
Hartsook, of Benton county, fine looking
berries, pretty good for the middle of
August.

The best peaches seen in the market
yet by the Man about Town, were some
brought to the city today by F. H.
Hughson, of North Albany, large, lus-
cious fellows, not surpassed anywhere.

New steel ceilings in the Hamilton
Store, being put in now, will add de-
cidedly to appearances, a fine thing.
Striking changes are being made at
this store.

The depot park looks better everyday,
an ornament to the city, fortunate in
having a good care-taker.

Fifteen or sixteen hoboes last evening
were camped at the oil tank waiting
for trains on which to go southward.
Most all of them now are going towards
California.

News from Albany's Six Early
Trains.

Editor Smith, of the Corvallis Re-
publican, returned on the early train
from San Francisco, where he contracted
for a linotype for his office. This will
make two machines in Corvallis.

H. N. Coskerline returned from Eugene,
where he was during the big
O'Brien meeting, and reports Eugene
people running over with enthusiasm,
as they have reason to do. He thinks
it looks like a go, and there is a reason
for this particular road, through a rich
timber belt, in which the S. P. is in-
terested more or less.

Dode Craw, breakman on one of the
passenger trains, returned from a pri-
vate trip to Springfield. He is taking
a short vacation. The R. R. men do
not have a regular vacation season, but
take an outing when they can get a
sub.

George Will of Salem, once an Al-
bany man, went to the Bay to join his
family for an outing. Mr. Will now
owns a block and four houses in the
capital city.

Rev. John L. Acheson left on his
mountain trip, by way of Cascadia.

Mrs. W. H. Marvin went to Lebanon
on a visit.

Wennersten, the Lebanon merchant,
returned home.

Iva Bates, of the S.P., went up the
C. & E. on a fishing trip. He prom-
ised enough fish to the other boys to
clean the river out.

Oostie Danna, the conductor, went
to the Bay to join Mrs. Danna's for an
outing and a rest from the Detroit
run.

Catherine Donahue, of Munkers, re-
turned home after a visit with her aunt,
Mrs. Gedney.