

**BILL MAY UNTIE  
HANDS OF COURT****Cusick's Measure Would Give  
County Court Discretionary  
Power,****CONCERNS APPOINTMENT  
OF FRUIT INSPECTOR****J. D. Irvine Backs Measure;  
Says It Will Save Money  
For Linn County.**

Providing for the appointment by county fruit and orchard inspectors, Hon. E. D. Cusick, joint senator from Linn and Lane, has introduced a bill in the upper house which will make necessary a petition signed by at least twenty-five resident fruit growers in the county before the court may appoint such an inspector. After such a petition the appointment may be made or not at the discretion of the court.

If the bill is passed it will become the duty of the fruit inspector to enforce the laws of the state in regard to insect pests and all diseases such as affect trees, vines, plants of any kind or fruits and vegetables of any kind. The inspector, however, must be recommended and certified to be competent by the commissioner of the state board of horticulture of the district in which the county is located.

In speaking of the measure this afternoon, J. D. Irvine, county commissioner, stated that he believed the bill would be beneficial to Linn county and would result in the saving of a considerable sum of money.

"I am in favor of the bill for the reason that I believe in strict economy in public affairs," said Mr. Irvine. "The present law compels the county court to allow the county fruit inspector's account whether it appears just to them or not, and in event the county court should disallow it, the state fruit inspector can O. K. it and the county court has no discretion whatever, but is compelled to allow it."

"The proposed bill will leave it to the discretion of the county court as to whether there is any necessity for a county fruit inspector, and provides for the appointment of such officer upon proper petition, but leaves the matter of allowing the expense account of inspector to be passed upon solely by the court."

"The county fruit inspector spent over \$900 last year and I do not consider the county received value for its money."

**SCHOOL ELECTION BILL  
OCCASIONS BITTER WORDS**

(By United Press Association)  
Salem, Feb. 5.—After a bitter debate, the senate indefinitely postponed Moser's bill amending the school laws so as to permit all tax payers, parents of children of school age, to vote at school elections. The house spent the morning debating whether or not to indefinitely postpone the house bill appropriating \$450,000 as a state loan to help develop the arid plains of Central Oregon. The debate was not concluded at noon. The prohibition bill was made the special order of business of the house at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

**HERBERT BLATCHFORD IS  
BEST ORATOR AT COLLEGE**

Competing in chapel this morning, Herbert Blatchford, of the Albany College, speaking on the subject, "Education and Disarmament for World Peace," won out over Howard Speer, whose subject was "The Dawn of Tomorrow." As a result Blatchford will represent the college at the state oratorical contest to be held in McMinnville on March 12. Speer will also go to the state contest and has been chosen to speak at the banquet which follows the oratorical contest.

**D. A. C. WILL ENTERTAIN  
JOURNALISTS TOMORROW****Preparation For Valley Con-  
vention Made; Pres. Kerr to  
Welcome Editors.**

As a part of the conference week programme at the O. A. C., the Willamette Valley Editorial Association will meet in Corvallis tomorrow, where they will be the guests of the college. A committee consisting of C. J. McIntosh, editor of the College Press Bulletin; E. T. Reed, college editor; and N. R. Moores, editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times has completed arrangements for the entertainment of the visiting journalists.

Trains will be met by members of the Corvallis Commercial club, and delegates will be taken about the city and campus in automobiles. A careful inspection of the college buildings will be made, guides being furnished. At noon the editors will be guests of honor at the regular noon assembly, and this meeting will be followed by a luncheon and business meeting. Mr. Moore, recently appointed a reagent of the college, will act as toastmaster. An address of welcome will be made by President W. J. Kerr, and a response will be made by W. H. Hornbrook, of Albany, president of the Willamette Valley Editorial association. There will be an afternoon session.

**TO STARVE OUT KAISER  
NOW ENGLAND'S POLICY****Destroyer Flotilla Will Attempt  
to Rid Seas of German  
Submarines.**

(By United Press Association)

London, Feb. 5.—England has accepted Germany's challenge to starve the enemy out. Determination of the Kaiser to extend the war zone to the British and French waters will be met by the British warships. It is authoritatively reported that an order will be issued for part of the destroyer flotilla detachment from the British north fleet to assume the task of sweeping the seas free of the hostile submarines, and conveying the allied and neutral merchantmen after February 15, the date the German order goes into effect.

C. O. Foster left for Deer Park, Washington last night.

**CITY NEWS**

**High Bowling—**  
At Eugene last night in the valley bowling tournament the Rainbows of Eugene defeated the Corvallis team, winning two out of three games, with the highest scores by both teams ever made in the valley. Eugene had a score of 2934, an average of over 195 and Corvallis 2910, an average of 194. Eberling of Corvallis made the high average of 211 and Eaton of Eugene, 208.

**Will Dedicate School—**  
Superintendent Jackson left this morning for Fox Valley where he will dedicate the new school building which has been erected in that district. In addition to the dedication there will be a community meeting held there.

**Rainfall is Slight—**  
Rainfall within the 24 hours ending this morning at 8 o'clock has registered only .17 inches. The river now stands at 9.3 feet. Temperature variation has been from 37 to 50 degrees.

**Go to Fair—**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Simpson left this morning for Portland. From there they will go to California where they will take in the exposition.

**Attend Albany Dance—**  
Professors Horton Vass, and Childs, and George Vilas and Carl Berry, of the Oregon Agricultural College, came over from Corvallis last night to attend the dance given by the Alpha Omega.

**Tickets for Salem Concert—**  
Reservations for seats for the Gluck-Zymbalist recital to be given at the Salem armory Friday, February 12, may be made with W. C. Burkhart, of Burkhart and Lee.

**HIGH SCHOOL GAME  
IS DECLARED OFF****Threatened Financial Shortage  
Causes Dropping of Basket-  
ball This Year.****SMOKING, SWEARING, AND LOW  
GRADES, OTHER REASONS****Players, Peeved at Action of  
Principal, May Secede to  
College.**

Mainly because of a financial shortage at the Albany high school, basketball as a student activity has been dropped for this year. The first intimation of this came when high school authorities wired to Eugene, cancelling the game with the team from that city which was to have taken place in Albany tonight.

"A hard combination of circumstances made it necessary for us to drop basketball this year," said Professor Marquam this afternoon. "In the first place we had difficulty in coming to an agreement with Eugene concerning the games with that high school, and if we went through the season there seemed every probability that we would come out at the end with a considerable shortage."

"There were other things, too. Some of the players were eliminated because of low grades, and there were some of them who were breaking training rules by smoking. Some complaints came in to me that the boys were using bad language in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, but I think that most of this had been stopped. I do not consider that this was an important reason for discontinuing basketball."

Mr. Marquam stated that although basketball would not figure in high school athletics this year, that baseball and track would both be taken up in the spring.

This was contrary to the belief held by high school athletes, one of whom asserted today that high school athletics would be entirely dropped for this school year. He stated that the members of the team felt badly put out at having no opportunity to contest with the other basketball teams in the valley this year, after having practiced for the past two months and mentioned that a number of them were thinking seriously of quitting high school and registering at the Albany college.

**GIRL LEAPS TO DEATH FROM  
SEVENTH STORY WINDOW**

(By United Press Association)

Portland, Feb. 5.—While suffering from spinal trouble for which she came to Portland for treatment, Miss Agnes Wolfer, 19 years of age, of Nashville, Oregon, leaped from the seventh floor of the Morgan building, on the Washington street side today, killing her instantly. She barely missed pedestrians passing along the street.

M. L. Bostrack, of Detroit, was in Albany yesterday on business.

G. B. Giesey, of Salem, was an Albany visitor yesterday.

Mrs. J. D. Irvine of Brownsville is visiting with her sister, Mrs. George W. Wright, of Albany.

**OREGON FILMS APPRECIATED  
BY CROWD AT ARMORY**

A large and enthusiastic audience attended the first showing of the "See Oregon First" made last night at the armory under the auspices of the Albany Military club. Many Albany people were recognized in the films, particularly in the one depicting the breaking of ground for the postoffice.

The football games played at Corvallis and Albany last fall were also shown.

**OFFICIALS MAY PROTEST  
EXTENSION OF WAR ZONE****Situation Likely to Bring De-  
velopments Important to  
United States.**

(By United Press Association)  
Berlin, Feb. 5.—Germany has announced that she is posing to strike another blow at England's control of the seas. The new official warning to neutral countries, declaring the intention of Germany to attack the British transports bearing troops and munitions to France has been issued by the government. "England is even shipping large numbers of troops and quantities of war material to France," says the announcement. "We shall proceed against the transports with all the means of warfare at our disposal."

Washington, Feb. 5.—After a brief examination the German proclamation extending the war zone to all waters in the vicinity of England and France, officials of the administration are inclined to believe it grounds for protest. While it did not actually declare that a protest be made by the United States, a high administration official volunteered a "guess" that it would be. He said that the situation would likely bring developments important to the United States.

**ADVISES USE OF NATIVE  
PLANTS IN DECORATION****Oregon Trees and Shrubs Are  
Best Obtainable Says  
Prof. Sweetser.**

Over two hundred people were in attendance at the lecture on "Albany Trees and Shrubs" given last night by Professor Sweetser, of the University of Oregon. Among those present were twenty members of the Hike Club, an organization of Albany boys formed last year at the suggestion of A. C. Schmitt.

Professor Sweetser stated in his lecture that the forests and shrubs of Oregon are without equal in the world. "Plant native trees along your streets," he said. "Don't import trees and shrubbery for the purpose. You have the best there is right here."

As a case in point, the lecturer mentioned the University of Oregon campus and told of the wonderful results in natural decoration which have been achieved there in the way of using native trees. He said that the people of the eastern part of the United States could not believe the stories told of Oregon forests. "When I was in the east lecturing last summer, my audiences thought I was stretching the truth when I told of our magnificent trees."

Professor Sweetser illustrated his lecture with stereopticon views, showing cross sections of trees and explaining their growth.

Following the lecture Mrs. Viola Franklin was hostess at an informal gathering in honor of Professor Sweetser.

**WILL WHITE WILL MARRY  
TONIGHT SAYS FATHER**

That his son Will, will be married in Marshfield tonight to Miss Blanche Brewer, was the statement made today by Rev. White of this city. Rev. White received a telegram today from his son, stating that the wedding would take place at the home of the bride's sister in the Coos Bay city.

Since the younger Mr. White left Albany several days ago, speculation has been rife as to whether or not he would continue to live the single life. He was known to be engaged to Miss Brewer, and it was also known that he had been given an application for a marriage license at the county clerk's office, but nothing definite could be ascertained.

According to the telegram received here, the newly married couple will leave at once for California, where they will take in the San Francisco exposition as a part of their honeymoon.

**BLOOD OF WOUNDED  
DYES RUSSIAN SNOW****Germans Hurl 100,000 Men  
Against Slav Possessions  
Near Warsaw.****TEUTONS CAPTURE 6000  
ENEMIES IN INVASION****Turks Delay Move Against the  
British Waiting For Rein-  
forcements.**

(By United Press Association)  
Petrograd, Feb. 5.—One hundred thousand German troops are being hurled into the Russian positions west of Warsaw. One of the greatest battles of the war is rapidly developing there, the war office has officially announced. Seven divisions of the German army are making a series of frontal attacks between the Buzna and Rawka rivers, Poland. Hundreds of German batteries are shelling Slav trenches. Already they are full of blood, dead, and wounded, surrounded by crimson snow.

6000 Russians Captured.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—It is officially announced that General Von Mackensen's troops west of Warsaw had captured 6000 Russians, including 25 officers, during the past four days' fighting. Efforts of the Slavs to recapture the positions lost east of Bolimow were repulsed. Indications are that the Russians are trying to resume the offensive in East Prussia near Tilsit.

**Turks Becoming Active.**  
Athens, Feb. 5.—Thirty thousand Turks have crossed the Sinai pass, and are massing along the Suez canal, near Port Said, according to a dispatch. The Moslems are delaying a general advance against the British, pending reinforcements.

**LARGE AMOUNT OF RURAL  
MAIL HANDLED IN LEBANON**

The rural carriers out of Lebanon completed the annual weighing of mail matter handled by them on Saturday, January 30, covering the month. The results show that the mail matter passing over the routes was not quite so heavy for the month as last year, but still a good volume of business went out. The amount over each route was as follows: Route No. 1 delivered 8191 pieces weighing 1278 pounds. Collections 1105 pieces, weighing 88 pounds. Route No. 2 delivered 10,568 pieces, weighing 1711 pounds. Collected 1230 pieces, weighing 72 pounds. Route No. 3 delivered 6056 pieces, weighing 991 pounds. Collected 758 pieces weighing 110 pounds. Route No. 4 delivered 6454 pieces, weighing 994 pounds. Collected 1249 pieces, weighing 74 pounds.—Lebanon Criterion.

**WHEAT MAKES NEW RECORD;  
RUMOR OF CORNER RESULTS**

(By United Press Association)  
Chicago, Feb. 5.—May wheat at 10 o'clock touched \$1.66 7-8, a new high record. It resulted in rumors that a "man of great wealth" would attempt a corner. May wheat opened at \$1.65 and July at \$1.43 1/2.

**NORTH ALBANY MAN HAS  
OPERATION PERFORMED**

In answer to a call from North Albany last night, an ambulance was sent to that vicinity and returned to St. Mary's hospital shortly, bringing in A. H. Latta, who was seriously ill from intestinal troubles. He was operated on as soon as he arrived at the hospital, and while the operation was successful, he is reported to be in a serious condition.

**OREGON GIRL WOULD BROWN  
IN EASTERN RAINFALL****Placard to Advertise Willa-  
mette Valley, Shows Section  
Not So Wet As Supposed.**

Believing that the climate of the Willamette valley has been badly maligned, C. H. Stewart has had prepared a drawing showing the relative amount of rainfall in this section of Oregon, and in New Orleans, and New York. The drawing will be enlarged and will be used in connection with the exhibit at the San Francisco exposition.

The title of the picture is "What Would Happen to An Oregon Girl in a Year's Rainfall." Miss Lottie Mayer, American aquatic champion, who posed specially for the picture, is shown in three glasses of water, each representing the annual rain fall in the localities mentioned. That of the Willamette valley, 38 inches comes a little above her knees, that of New York comes above her waist, and measures 45 inches, while that of New Orleans, 62 inches, nearly drowns the girl.

Mr. Stewart disclaims all honor for having originated the idea. "Credit for that belongs to John Hartog, formerly of Eugene, who is now in business in Portland," he said this morning. "He made the original drawing to advertise Eugene, and we obtained his permission to use it in advertising the entire Willamette valley. We didn't like the looks of his girl however, so we induced Miss Mayer to pose for the picture."

**GERMAN AVIATORS SHELL  
TRENCHES OF ALLIES**

(By United Press Association)  
Paris, Feb. 5.—Squadrons of German aviators are shelling the allied trenches at Neuport to the south of Ypres. Two monoplane have bombarded Arras, six miles inside the Allies' line, and the artillery is bombarding simultaneously with great damage. Several Taubes have passed Neuport, evidently toward Dunkirk. The Germans desperately attacked and forced the French to evacuate more than one hundred yards of trenches by a brilliant night attack. The French recaptured the place.

Dr. H. A. Beauchamp, of Stayton, was in Albany last night visiting his brother in this city. He returned home this morning.

**CITY NEWS**

**Railroad Officials Here—**  
H. G. Smith, travelling passenger agent for the Northern Pacific, was in Albany last night on business. He left this morning for Stayton.

**Phrenologist Appreciated—**  
An enthusiastic audience listened laughed and cheered Prof. Alexander's lecture on Fits and Misfits at the Opera House last night. Tonight he lectures on "Who are Our Benefactors?" Saturday on "How to Read Character by Temperaments" and on Sunday at 3 p. m., and 8:30 p. m., he will lecture to men only on "Hereditry, Eugenics and Social Problems."

**General Freight Agent Here—**  
H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific, of Portland, was in the city today, in the interest of his department of the work of the road, while on a trip up the valley, his first visit to Albany for several months.

**Kansas City People—**  
Newton Hinshaw, wife and four daughters, of Kansas City, will arrive tomorrow on a visit with Mr. Hinshaw's aunt, Mrs. W. T. Cary, residing near this city, while on their way to San Francisco to attend the Panama Exposition.

**Bishop Biffed—**  
Chauncy Bishop, ex-all-American football player, and present staff biff ball artist, is suffering from an ailment today that might be a cracked rib, secured in a game of biff ball at the Y. M. C. A. last night. Mr. Bishop does not know who broke his rib, but several of the members of the class are claiming the distinction today.—Salem Journal.

**INFORMATION ON  
SIAM IS GIVEN****Relations Between Oriental  
Kingdom and U. S. Are  
Friendly.****COUNTRY ONE OF MOST PRO-  
GRESSIVE IN ALL ASIA****Oxford Educated King Puts  
Army and Navy on a  
Modern Basis.**

By F. P. Nutting.  
On account of a good deal of local interest just now in Siam, I have looked up some facts in reference to that country and give them for the benefit of those who are anxious to know about a country with which the United States has a very friendly relationship.

Siam is situated in the southeast corner of Asia, about a thousand miles west of the Philippine Islands. It is part of a peninsula. From north to south the country extends 1130 miles, while the width ranges to 508 miles. It is situated between 13 degrees and 21 degree north latitude. The country covers 242,587 square miles, and is therefore about the size of Texas. Siam is sometimes called the country of the white elephant, on account of the large number of very light colored elephants found there.

The principal products are rice, tobacco, fish, tea and teak wood. Rice is the most extensive source of revenue in the country. About one million tons are exported annually. There are thirty-six rice mills in the vicinity of Bangkok, tea is used by placing a ball of the leaves in the mouth and leaving it there until the juice is entirely absorbed. The ball is so large it makes the face of the person look deformed.

Most of the people outside of Bangkok live in villages, in houses built on piles five or six feet high, very plain, but suitable to the climate.

The people are a little darker than the Chinese, of about average size, well built and athletic. The language is Thai, with the Indian alphabet.

The climate is of course of a tropical character. The range of temperature is from 50 degrees above to a little over 100, with an average of about 80 degrees. There are three seasons: hot—March, April, May and June; wet—July, August, September and October; cool—November, December, January and February.

The government is an absolute monarchy. At present it is fortunate in having a king whose character is of a high type, up-to-date in his education, with ideas of progress in keeping with the age. Maha Vajiravudh is 34 years of age, being born Jan. 1, 1881. From 1893 to 1902, inclusive, he resided in Europe, where he received a thorough education, attending the Royal Military Academy, the school of Musketry and Oxford University, in England, besides spending some time with a mountain battery. With him in the government is a council of ministry covering the different departments, such as the army, navy, foreign affairs, justice, etc.

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**WOULD LEGALIZE SERVICE  
OF JURORS BY LETTER**

Senate bill number 199, introduced yesterday in Salem by Sam Garland, will provide, if passed, for the legalization of service to jurors by mail. The bill was drawn up by District Attorney Gale S. Hill at the instance of Sheriff Bodine, who wished to be entirely within the letter of the law in summoning jurors.

"I believe that the measure should pass," said Mr. Bodine this afternoon. "According to the law, jurors should be summoned personally, but practically none of the sheriff in this state do it in that way. The service is mostly by mail, and at present this is not legally binding. The bill just introduced would correct this defect."