

HAMILTON STORE TO RE-OPEN SOON

Time of Opening and Location
Are Not Determined; Improve-
ment Is Promised.

NEARLY 1,000,000 GALLONS WATER POURED ON BLAZE

Tenants of Buildings Adjacent
Driven Out; Postoffice to
Move Back Tonight.

That he will shortly reopen with a bigger and better establishment was the statement made this morning by L. E. Hamilton, proprietor of the Hamilton store which was destroyed by yesterday's fire. "I can't say how soon it will be," he said, "and as far as location is concerned, I have not yet determined on that, but this fire isn't enough to make me quit." Mr. Hamilton was busy among the blackened ruins, when interviewed this morning, directing the work of salvaging what water-soaked goods had in any measure escaped the ravages of the flames.

Only the brick walls stand today as a reminder of what the store was a few days ago, and the loss of building and stock does not tell the entire story. A great part of the office furnishings, books, etc., on the floor above, were either burned or badly damaged by being thrown from the second story window to the wet pavement below. Until the roof caved in, firemen worked yesterday, saving as much as possible, and escaping from the impending disaster with not a minute to spare.

In the building adjoining, everything was moved out to avoid loss from fire and water. Practically no damage was done by the former, but the floors and walls of the nearby structures are in a badly water-soaked condition. The postoffice, since the fire, has been located in the block between Ferry and Washington, on First street, but Assistant Postmaster Powell stated this afternoon that moving back into the old postoffice would commence this afternoon. Box-holders may get their mail at the old place as usual.

According to measurements made by J. L. White, of the Oregon Power company, between 800,000 and 1,000,000 gallons of water were used in fighting the fire.

FRENCH CABINET WOULD BRING BACK STATESMEN

(By United Press Association)
Paris, Feb. 13.—The cabinet is considering the recall of all members of the assembly serving at the front. Owing to complex legislative problems it is believed they will serve their country better in the seats of the chamber than on the firing line.

Attend Blacksmith's Convention

O. P. Dannels and J. D. Bryant, of Albany and J. L. Ray, Joseph Mayer, and Roy Gardner, of Lebanon, are in Portland this week end, attending the state convention of blacksmiths which is being held in that city.

BOY TAKES HORSE'S PLACE WHEN ANIMAL LEAVES WAGON

As the result of a runaway last night at about half past six, Harvey Curry, aged 18, took the place of the horse which usually furnishes the motive power for the Gilt Edge dairy wagon, and dragged the vehicle home. The accident occurred when the horse, becoming frightened at a passing motorcar, made a sudden plunge which snapped off the singletree, and nearly dragged young Curry over on to the horse's back. Another plunge and the shafts stuck fast in the ground. The violent pulling of the horse broke the shafts, and Curry was left with a wagon full of empty milk bottles. When he arrived home the horse was safe in the stable.

FINAL BLOW AT WARSAW IS ORDERED BY KAISER

Von Hindenberg's Victories
Rouse Berlin to Highest Pitch
of Enthusiasm.

(By United Press Association)
Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—Advices from Berlin say that the kaiser appealed to Von Hindenberg to order a desperate dash on Warsaw next week and sacrifice everything if necessary to effect its capture. The reason is declared, to be the desire to have the Reichstag vote on the new war loan of a billion and a quarter dollars. It is believed Warsaw's capture would sweep away all opposition.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Once more Germany is aroused to the highest pitch of enthusiasm over the victories of General Von Hindenberg. It is becoming more apparent daily that the Russian offensive in East Prussia is crushed. The Slav forces which essayed to drive against Konigsberg and Thorn, have been expelled from German territory. Few details of the German victory have been made public, but it is estimated that 30,000 Russians were captured. Many guns and enormous quantities of supplies have been taken.

HORNIBROOK'S NOMINATION CONFIRMED BY SENATE

Wm. H. Hornibrook this morning received a wire from Senator Chamberlain informing him that his nomination as minister to Siam had been confirmed by the United States senate.

Mr. Hornibrook is instructed to proceed to Washington and confer with the state department in regard to his new duties prior to taking his departure for his post.

CITY NEWS

Many Cattle Die—According to a letter just received here by George Cline from his son Charles O. Cline, who lives near Primeville, over 200 cattle have died recently within a radius of fifteen miles as a result of having been bitten by rabid coyotes.

Has Fair Data—A. A. Mickel, local agent for the Southern Pacific, has received a calendar of events for the San Francisco fair. This will be corrected from time to time when any schedule change is made. Anyone wishing information concerning the time of any of the occurrences at the fair may obtain the same from Mr. Mickel.

Only Great Northern Passenger—Miss Julia Williams, who will sail shortly on the Great Northern, has the distinction of being the only passenger in the valley listed for the trip to Honolulu. Her ticket was purchased at the local office of the Oregon Electric.

Left for San Francisco—Mr. and Mrs. William C. White left last night at 11:37 for San Francisco, where they expect to make their home. At the home of Mr. L. E. Blain last night a reception was tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Blain to the members of Mr. White's S. S. class, of which Mr. White had been a member for a good many years, at the end of the reception the newlyweds going to the train for their journey to the exposition city.

J. A. Howard Moves—J. A. Howard, the real estate man, who was driven from his location on First street by the fire yesterday, is making his temporary business quarters in the Rhodes building back of the St. Francis hotel, where he will remain until further notice. His phone numbers are the same as formerly.

Movie Man Takes Fire—While the fire departments of the two cities were fighting the big fire on First street yesterday, the movie man was on the job. William Card, of the Card Film company, took 400 feet of film, snapping the fire and the fire fighters from every possible angle. The pictures will be shown in Albany on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

NEW TAX MEASURE LOSS TO COUNTY

Change Making Sheriff Collector
Will Deprive Linn of Interest
on Taxes Deposited.

\$500 WILL BE ANNUAL LOSS; NEW BONDS TO BE REQUIRED

Condemns Emergency Clause;
Will Cause Mixup at Busiest
Time, Treasurer's Opinion.

That the bill passed in the house at Salem yesterday providing that the sheriff shall be the chief county collecting officer will cause a loss to Linn county of from \$400 to \$500 annually, was the statement made this afternoon by County Treasurer W. W. Francis. "Personally it makes little difference to me whether I do the collecting or whether Mr. Bodine has charge of it," said Mr. Francis, "but according to the state law the county can receive no interest on deposits made by any officer other than the treasurer. This means, of course, that we will be deprived of any interest on tax money such as we received during the year just passed.

"As far as the collecting itself is concerned, I can see no reason why it should not be done just as efficiently by the sheriff as by the treasurer, but the county can not help but lose by the change for the reasons I have stated.

"Another feature I do not like about the bill is that it has an emergency clause attached which will cause it to become a law as soon as it is signed by the governor. If any change was to have been made, it should have been deferred until Fall when we would not have been in the thick of the collecting work. If we have to change now, and I have no doubt but that the bill will pass through the senate as it has passed the house, there will be all the trouble of changing offices just when we need to economize on time the most.

"Another thing that will lose money for the county will be in the change of stationery. There is at present fifty or sixty dollars worth of statements, etc., bearing the name of the treasurer, and which were to have been used in collecting. These will all have to be thrown away. I am under bond for \$30,000. The bond cost \$17 but it will be no good to the sheriff. A similar bond will have to be purchased for him."

Mr. Francis stated that he believed the treasurers in the smaller counties, where men in private business hold the trusteeship as a side line, are responsible for the measure, in order that they might be relieved of the onerous work attached to gathering the taxes.

Sheriff D. H. Bodine stated that he did not know much concerning the provisions of the measure, but that there was no doubt that its immediate enforcement would be the cause of a grand mixup.

It is probable that the office force of the county treasurer will be taken over by the sheriff.

D. A. Hoag of the Sodaville schools, spent the morning in Albany on business returning home this afternoon.

Mrs. Joseph Blower is visiting in Albany from her home in Newport.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Last night at the annual meeting of the First Methodist Sunday school board, the following persons were elected to serve as officers for this year:

Dr. C. V. Litter, superintendent; J. A. McKillop and J. G. Minton, assistant superintendents; Miss Beulah Hinckley, secretary; R. M. Kimsley, assistant secretary; Mary Hall absentee secretary; G. T. Hockensmith, treasurer; Edna Cowles, librarian; Elder Wilkins mail clerk; A. M. Hammer, chorister; Earl Canfield, assistant chorister; Mrs. C. H. Wieder, pianist; Hazel Hockensmith, assistant; J. F. Lau, orchestra leader; Mrs. J. S. Van Winkle, primary superintendent; Mrs. J. McChesney, cradle roll superintendent.

NO PLACE OF DETENTION FOR BOY OF SEVENTEEN

Tallman Burglar Is Too Old For
Reformatory and Too Young
For Penitentiary.

An unusual difficulty was encountered this morning in the justice court, when it was found that Paul Warnke, of Eugene, aged seventeen, arraigned on a charge of burglary committed at Tallman a few nights ago, is too old to be sent to the reformatory, and too young to go to the penitentiary. The case was adjourned from the justice court to the juvenile court, and the boy will probably be sent to the Boys and Girls Aid Society, of Portland. As a general rule the society does not admit boys of as advanced age as young Warnke, but will accept him on condition that if his behavior is not good he will be sent back to the juvenile court.

According to the state law, amended at the 1913 session of the legislature, there is a gap between the ages of 16 and 18 which leaves no punishment for boys between these ages, if the charge is a criminal one.

Warnke was visiting with relatives near Tallman just before the burglary took place. In his rail on the Tallman store he furnished a clue to his identity by leaving his shirt in exchange for one which he took from the stock. He also took several knives, and a small amount of change. He was arrested in Eugene by Sheriff Parker, of Lane county, and was brought to Albany yesterday afternoon by Sheriff D. H. Bodine, of this county.

STATE ATHLETIC RULES MAY BECOME UNIFORM

Object of New Association Is to
Make Common Standards of
Eligibility in High Schools.

Tentative rules and regulations of the Oregon High School Athletic Association have been drawn up by City Superintendent of Schools Boetticher, and will be distributed among the committee which has the formation of the association in charge. The new association has as its object the elimination of all difficulties in competition between high schools of the state such as has hitherto been caused by differences in standards and eligibility rulings.

Eligibility, says Mr. Boetticher, has been the chief cause of trouble in years gone by. The rules of the association provide that a high school athlete must be under 21 years of age, must be taking a full course of not less than four subjects, and must not be delinquent in more than one subject for the preceding semester.

Taking money as a reward for athletic prowess disqualifies, as does also enrollment at any time in an institution of higher learning. A one semester ruling applying to those who have changed from another school will also be in effect.

MCDONALD WILL TAKE OVER SECRETARYSHIP OF Y. M. C. A.

Foster's Resignation Accepted;
C. E. Sox Named President
For Present Year.

The resignation of Delos Foster from the position held by him for the last two years as secretary of the Albany Y. M. C. A., was accepted last night at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. board of directors, which was held following the business men's feed. Mr. Foster will leave next Wednesday, according to his present plans, for Kellogg, Idaho, where he has accepted a secretaryship with the Kellogg Y. M. C. A.

Physical Director McDonald will have a new line of work, for with the retirement of Mr. Foster, he will be acting general secretary of the association. He has already assumed many of the duties of the retiring secretary so as to become more familiar with the work.

The board selected the same officers for 1915 as those who served during the year just passed. C. E. Sox is president, J. A. Howard, vice president; J. H. Ralston, secretary, and H. W. Torbett, treasurer.

The questions of finances was discussed and it was agreed to close the canvass for funds which has been going on, some time next week.

WAR ZONE NOTE TROUBLES KAISER

Regarded in Germany As Having
Complicated the Inter-
national Situation.

OUTCOME OF WILHELMINA TEST CASE UNFAVORABLE

German Ambassador Warns
Secretary Bryan; May Shut
Off America's Commerce.

(By United Press Association)
Berlin, Feb. 13.—The German foreign office considers the American note regarding the extension of the German war zone as having complicated the international situation. The officials admitted this. The imperial chancellor considered with the foreign secretary outlines of the note. He assumed the position that the American demand had greatly embarrassed Germany and will have to be subject to a cabinet council. It is understood the entire text of the message was forwarded to the kaiser, who is at the eastern front. Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg will leave immediately to confer with the kaiser.

Objects to Position of U. S.
Washington, Feb. 13.—The government is advised of an unfavorable outcome of a test case to be made in the British prize court of the seizure of the American steamer *Wilhelmina's* cargo destined for Germany, to bring retaliatory measures against England by Germany in which America may suffer commercially. Ambassador Von Bernstorff presented a warning to Secretary Bryan. He declared the kaiser would not tolerate England's plan to starve the German civilians. It is hinted American commerce might be shut off as part of Germany's proposed course.

Norway, Sweden, Denmark Protest.

Washington, Feb. 13.—It is learned that Norway, Sweden and Denmark have protested to Germany against the latest decree extending the German war zone. The Scandinavian protest is couched in language less vigorous than the American protest, but it is said to stand squarely behind the principle announced in the American note. It is understood Holland and probably Italy will send similar protests.

PROHIBITION MEASURE IS RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

\$50,000 Is Appropriated By the
Senate For Normal School
at Monmouth.

(By United Press Association)

Salem, Feb. 13.—The senate adopted the motion to re-refer the prohibition measure to the committee on alcoholic traffic. Dimmick, a member of the committee, objected because the words "or family" were removed from the bill by the committee without his knowledge. When it passed the house the bill fixed the limit to two quarts of vinous, or twenty-four quarts of malt liquor may be shipped in by any "person or family."

The senate passed the bill appropriating \$50,000 for a new building for the training school of the Monmouth Normal.

The house passed the bill transferring the juvenile courtwork from the Multnomah circuit court to the county court.

SIX HOURS LIMIT ON SHIP DISCUSSION MADE

(By United Press Association)
Washington, Feb. 13.—As a compromise the administration's ship purchase bill launched in the house by Chairman Padgett of the house naval committee, carried a rule limiting the consideration of it to six hours next week.

S. P. MUST SELL HOLDINGS IN PACIFIC MAIL COMPANY

Interstate Commerce Decision
to Hold Unless Operation
Through Canal Stopped.

(By United Press Association)
Washington, Feb. 13.—The South-Pacific Railroad must dispose of its holdings in the Pacific Mail Steamship company unless the operation of the vessels of the steamship company through the Panama canal is stopped within 60 days. This was the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The commission held that the operation of vessels through the canal has made the Southern Pacific's holdings in the line illegal under the law. Under the canal act the steam carriers cannot lawfully hold stock in a steamship line operating through the canal, which may be a possible competitor of the steam carrier. The commission ruled that there is potential possibility of competition between the Pacific Mail and Southern Pacific, particularly from San Francisco.

TWO TONG MEN KILLED; MURDERER LEAPS TO DEATH

(By United Press Association)
Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 13.—As the result of the Tong war, Chin Ham and Chin Chong, two members of the Hip Sings, were shot and killed this morning. The alleged slayer, Chin Guock, broke his neck and died, when he leaped from a second story window with the murdered Chinese engaged friends in warm pursuit. Three of the other Chinese were injured by Chin Guock.

PERSONAL MENTION

Wayne Stewart returned today from Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bertram of Mill City, spent yesterday in Albany.

Curtis Hall, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, is visiting here at the home of William Bain.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Holt left this afternoon for Creswell where they will visit with friends.

T. M. Downing of Lacombe, was an Albany visitor this morning. He returned to his home this afternoon.

Elder H. H. Ritter, of Marcola, is visiting with friends in this city.

Mrs. H. F. Swartout, of Lyons, was an Albany visitor yesterday.

William Bain went to Eddyville this afternoon to spend a few days camping and fishing.

W. B. Chance went to Salem this morning to attend to business matters in that city.

Mrs. Emma Watts left this morning for Portland to visit her daughter, Mrs. Frank Tension.

Mrs. Vivian Hammel returned this morning from Eugene, where she has been visiting with friends.

Harry Smith of the Northern Pacific lines left this morning for his home in Portland.

William Bertram and wife, of Portland, were in town this morning on their way to Mill City.

Mrs. Carrie Beauchamp who has been visiting here for the last few days, left this morning for her home in Dayton.

Mrs. C. T. Williams returned to her home in Buzzard this morning after a short visit spent with friends in this city.

Miss M. Stout, of Salem, was in town this morning on her way to Mill City where she will visit her parents during the coming week.

Mrs. J. B. Cooley returned to Scio this morning after visiting with friends in Albany.

Archer Leech came in from Corvallis this morning to spend the week end in Albany with his parents.

T. H. Payne, of Potter, was in Albany yesterday on business.

SHOULD TEST HOSE ONCE IN 3 MONTHS

Oregon Power Co. Will Furnish
Pressure Needed If Council
Likes Plan.

SHOULD HAVE NO FAULTY HOSE SAYS ALBANY MAYOR

Praises Conduct of Corvallis
Firemen; Albany Will Be Glad
to Reciprocate at Any Time.

To make impossible the keeping of juvenile court. J. L. White, manager of the Oregon Power office in this city, will make a proposition to the council at the next meeting of that body, according to which the fire hose shall be tested at least once every three months.

"We can't maintain effective service when leaky hose is in use," said Mr. White this morning. "If the council sees fit to take up with our proposition, I will see to it that they have all the pressure they want to make a real test as to the condition of the hose. I want to do everything in my power to make for efficiency of fire protection, and I want the people of Albany to feel that I am ready to co-operate with them at all times in this matter."

Mayor L. M. Carl heartily endorses Mr. White's proposal. "I think he is absolutely right," he said today. "We have no right to have hose on the racks that is unable to stand the proper amount of pressure. We should certainly be grateful to Mr. White, as representative of the Power company, for being Johnny on the Spot with all the pressure that our fire department could make use of."

"Another thing, I want the Corvallis firemen to feel that the people of Albany appreciate their work here at the Hamilton fire. There is nothing in praise of the Corvallis boys which would be overdrawn. They were on the job every minute from the time they arrived and did some very effective service. If ever Corvallis should be unfortunate enough to be overtaken by a disaster similar to that visited on Albany yesterday, we would be more than glad to reciprocate with them for their aid to us."

Ex-fire chief Ed Horsky was also warm in his praise of the work done by the Corvallis men. "The fire was not yet under control when they arrived," he said, "and they worked just as hard as if the blaze had been in their own city."

The Corvallis firemen were dined at the city's expense last night. Yesterday afternoon at four o'clock a huge basket of sandwiches was procured, and the firemen were fed while they worked. Hot coffee was served in addition. A large proportion of the Albany firemen had had no dinner as the alarm was turned in shortly after twelve.

Miss Vera Taylor went to Jefferson this morning.

Mrs. W. W. Francis left for Thomas this morning to visit in that city with her daughters.

FEW CHINESE ARE LEFT TO CELEBRATE NEW YEARS

This is Chinese New Year, a day that used to be of great importance to the Celestials in Albany. Now little attention is paid to it, principally because there are hardly enough Celestials here to fire off their crackers. In earlier days when Albany had a regular Chinatown much was made of this day. On one occasion the devotees of the day gave a continuous fusillade of firecrackers for about half an hour without stopping. A string of crackers 10 or 15 feet long were kept going, being replenished as fast as fired off, with the entire city for an audience. One interesting feature of the day is the rule that all debts shall be paid before the day arrives, the practice being to start the day with a clean balance sheet.