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ELK CELEBRATION
ENTIRE SUCCESS

Nearly Five Hundred Take Part in Festivities at Albany B. P. O. E. Temple.

GOV. WITCOMBE SAYS
U. S. WILL STOP WAR

Dwells on Importance of Order: Visiting Elks Have Time of Their Lives.

Elks from Salem, Portland, and from distant points of the country were on hand last night for the big triple celebration given by the Albany lodge.

Last night bore a three ply significance to the Albany members of the order.

In the early part of the evening, Governor Withycombe, a member of the Albany lodge, in an address, predicted that the United States would be instrumental in bringing peace to the warring European nations.

An excellent program was provided by the committee in charge, and visiting Elks reported that they had the time of their lives.

The committee, headed by Dr. Cox, included Charles Burggraf, F. W. Horsky, W. V. Merrill, Harry T. Shea, and Jack Warner.

CHRISTIAN JEW WILL
SPEAK IN ALBANY SOON

A Christian Jew with a message of interest and a tongue of eloquence will speak at the United Presbyterian church, at 7:30 Monday night.

His name is Joseph Cohn, and he is the son of the famous Leopold Cohn, ex-rabbi, who left a synagogue to be a Christian missionary among the more than one million Jews in New York City.

He will tell the thrilling experience of his father in the story of his conversion. Twenty years ago he was a rabbi among his people in Austria-Hungary.

One day he announced the result of his researches to his congregation and they with one accord left him and excommunicated him.

For a long time he has despaired of ever seeing his family again, as all communication between him and them was cut off, and he did not dare go back for them, for fear of being killed.

Then he returned to New York and began to preach the gospel to the Jews of that city. His success has been phenomenal. Several hundred Jews have made public confession to their faith in Christ.

SENATE CONSOLIDATES
OFFICES AND BOARDS

Big Appropriations Are Still Untouched; Longer Session May Be Necessary.

(By United Press Association) Salem, Feb. 19.—Working through the noon hour, the senate disposed of practically all the senate bill and this afternoon is grinding away on house bills.

ASKS DAMAGES 4 MONTHS
AFTER AUTO ACCIDENT

Milk Wagon Indirect Cause of Collision Between Auburn and Buick in October.

Nearly four months after an Auburn car belonging to Paul Buchner had collided with his Buick on Ninth street, A. D. Hudson filed suit this morning in the circuit court for \$268.75, for damages alleged to have been suffered by his car and personal damage to himself in having been deprived of the use of his machine since the accident.

The collision, it will be remembered, took place on October 25. The Auburn car swerving to avoid a milk wagon, struck the Buick sideways, the driver of the latter machine being unable, because of the wagon between them, to see the other car heading for him in time to avoid it.

COUNTY OFFICERS' BILL
EXPENSIVE, SAYS M'KNIGHT

Remaking on the bill passing the house two days ago, providing for the codification of the duties of county officers, County Judge D. Bruce McKnight stated this morning that its passage was extremely doubtful, and that in case of its success, it would prove a burden on the county courts.

"The most objectionable feature, is a provision to the effect that counties can not exceed their budgets in making expenditures. Supposing the legislature saddles us with a new expense, according to this bill the county court would have to issue emergency warrants which would be allowed for in the next budget.

Judge McKnight stated that the bill seemed to be a last effort to gain a supervisory power over county affairs.

PRESENTED A RIFLE
WITH A GOOD HISTORY

S. C. Worrrell has just been presented with a rifle that has a history. It was once the property of the noted scout Jack Crawford and was presented to him by the Winchester Repeating Arms company in 1902.

William H. Hornbrook went to Portland this afternoon to attend to business matters. He will return tomorrow noon.

as he confesses faith in Christ. Mr. Cohn will relate more fully the experiences of his father, besides giving much information concerning the Jews, their habits, customs, their future hopes etc., of which Christians generally know so little.

NORWEGIAN SHIP
RUNS ONTO MINE

Torpedo May Have Caused Accident to Belridge in Straits of Dover.

FRENCH BOAT, DINORAH, IS
DAMAGED BY GERMAN U-16

Crew Keeps Pumps Going and Succeeds in Getting Vessel into Port.

(By United Press Association) London, Feb. 19.—The Norwegian tank steamer Belridge, enroute to Amsterdam from New Orleans, with a cargo of oil, either struck a mine or was torpedoed in the Straits of Dover.

Eighteen member of the crew and the admiralty pilot are missing, and it is feared they have perished. The Belridge, the sinking steamer, was towed to Walmer and beached. This, with the attempted destruction of the French steamer Dinorah, is the first move of the Germans in carrying into effect her blockade against England.

The German submarine U 16 torpedoed the Dinorah off Dieppe while enroute to Havre from Dunkirk. The submarine's torpedo did not strike the Dinorah at full force. One of the vessel's plates was sprung. The Dinorah was towed safely to port by the tug. The Belridge was steaming into midchannel when a violent explosion stove her plates below the water line.

The pilot, and eighteen of the crew left in the small boats and have not been heard from since. Several volunteers remained with the captain of the tanker until the Dover tugs arrived and towed them to Walmer.

DINORAH TORPEDOED

London, Feb. 19.—A German submarine torpedoed the French steamer Dinorah off Dieppe, according to a Paris dispatch. The Dinorah is badly damaged. The crew kept pumps going and succeeded in taking the vessel to Dieppe.

CITY NEWS

On English Committee—Miss Louise Blackwell, of the Albany High school faculty, has been named as a member of the committee of the Oregon council of high school English which will survey the work being done in the high schools of the state in the teaching of English.

Hard Times Party—A hard times social will be given at the Christian church this evening. Luncheon will be served cafeteria style, and a good program is promised. As a special attraction, it is announced that J. A. Nimmo is listed for a solo.

Divorce Granted—In the case of Tillie Gordon vs. A. P. Gordon, which came before the circuit court yesterday, the defendant failed to appear. A default was entered and the decree given the plaintiff.

Partition Suit Dismissed—In the case of Elizabeth Millhollen vs. Mathe E. Gruner and others, the matter was settled out of court and the case dismissed on motion of the plaintiff. The case was one for partition.

Leaves for Kansas—C. Retherford left this morning for Wichita, Kansas. On his way he intends to stop off for about ten days in California in order to take in the fair.

O. W. R. & N. Man Here—J. H. O'Neill, travelling passenger agent of the O. W. R. & N. was in the city today looking after prospective passengers.

Will Speak to Men—Dr. Parsons, of Eugene, will speak to men only at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon and also at a mass meeting at the Y. M. C. A.

Would Recover Money—G. H. Dunn and Nora S. Dunn have filed suit in the circuit court against Eudora E. Vanaken, W. J. Vanaken, and August W. Fischer to recover \$1000 alleged to be due on a note.

Jubilee Singers—The California Jubilee all-star Quartette will give a sacred concert at the First Methodist church on Sunday evening Feb. 21, at 7:30 o'clock. This will take the place of the usual evening church service. Seats free. Everybody welcome.

Earthquake Reporter—F. M. French received a letter this morning from E. A. Beals, of Portland, appointing him earthquake reporter for this section. Mr. French says that at times there are noticeable vibrations through Albany.

JITNEY BUS LINE STARTS
IN ALBANY THIS MORNING

H. Warnke Is First Man to Give Up Five Cent Piece For Auto Ride Here.

The first five-cent piece for the first jitney bus ride in Albany, was paid this morning. The man who paid it was H. Warnke, the man receiving it, G. T. Hockensmith. Both are department managers in the Young department store.

The new bus line runs from Second and Broadbald street to Ninth and Ferry. Hockensmith did not start it voluntarily. It was an honor thrust upon him.

Recently the grocery manager of the department store went to Portland to attend meeting of the Oregon Merchants' association. Flung suddenly into the crowded streets of the metropolis after the wouted calm of the Albany thoroughfares, Mr. Hockensmith had time but for one thing to notice the vast number of jitney buses constantly threatening the life of the pedestrian.

On returning he described his experiences to the force at the store. When he started to ride home for dinner just before noon today, he was accosted by Mr. Warnke, who requested a ride. Then for the first time Mr. Hockensmith noticed that his machine had a large card attached branding it as a nickel bus. Mr. Warnke got his ride and the new bus driver got his five cent piece.

Mr. Hockensmith is uncertain as to how long the new enterprise will continue as a factor in Albany traffic conditions.

CAPE PERPETUA ROAD
NEARING COMPLETION

Will Be Continuous Highway From Newport to the California Line.

Portland, Feb. 18.—Supervisor Rankin, of Eugene, announces that the road which the forest service, in cooperation with Lane and Lincoln counties is building around Cape Perpetua, is nearing completion, and will be ready for use by wagon and auto this coming summer.

With the completion of this road, there will be a continuous highway along the Oregon coast from Newport to Gold Beach, or almost to the California line. That part of the road constructed by the Forest service is about a mile and a quarter in length, and is located on the side of a steep mountain or promontory jutting out into the ocean, the highest point on the road being 300 feet above sea level.

A temporary rock wall, which is to be replaced later by a permanent one of cement, now protects the edge of the bluff. To build this length of road required the moving of approximately 5,000 cubic yards of rock, 9,000 cubic yards of rock and dirt, and cost the government \$11,000.

The construction of this road around the cape was a very difficult piece of work. Most of the way had to be forced through solid rock, so that much drilling and blasting had to be done. Furthermore, it was often difficult to keep a foothold on the face of the slope. In fact, this was found to be a task for both mules and men.

On one occasion a mule went over the grade and turned a somersault down the side of the mountain about 60 feet, his fall being checked by some brush at the edge of a precipice. He was rescued and found to be little the worse for wear. At another time, one of the men fell about 50 feet down the bluff. He was holding a rope to guide a plow on the edge of the grade, and was walking along a 90 per cent grade, clinging to the sidehill as best he could, when the rope broke and let him fall. He struck first on his face and shoulder, then slid about 20 feet further, landing on his feet. His comrades on the road above watched him with bated breath and wondered how they could get a dead man up that steep slope!

To their surprise and relief, he turned and waved his hat to them! He was able to get out without assistance and resume his work. This incident has caused this spot to be named "Keller's Leap."

May the marching of the Albanians bring glory to the Hub City of Oregon.

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Just a few more spring days and you'll see kids starting for the swimming hole.

Billy Sunday has reached the front page of the New York papers. That certainly beats a home run play.

BRITISH VESSELS
ESCAPE INJURY

Lloyds Have No Record of Any Steamers Overdue at Destinations.

GOVERNMENT BARS PUBLICATION
OF SUBMARINE REPORTS

Admiralty Orders Suspension of Passenger Traffic Between England and Continent.

(By United Press Association) London, Feb. 19.—With the German blockade of the British coast in existence for 36 hours, Lloyds had no record this afternoon of any British steamers overdue at their destinations.

The admiralty declared that no report had been received of any attempts to attack merchant vessels. That none of the coastguard ships had been "engaged."

There is no way of ascertaining whether the presence of hostile submarines in the British waters have been reported. The government has forbidden the publication of reports regarding submarines except the official statements through the admiralty. The traffic across the channel continues as usual.

Blockade Taken Seriously.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The state department has been advised that travel between England and the continent has been suspended by order of the British admiralty until further notice. The order is taken to mean that Great Britain regards the German blockade seriously, and does not propose to risk the lives of passengers in the danger zone.

Railroad Official Here.

J. V. Murphy, general agent of the passenger department of the Canadian Pacific railway, was in Albany last night on business. He left this morning for his headquarters in Portland.

MISFITS

By F. P. N. An exchange very unkindly says the way to stop using flour is to buy one's bread of the baker.

Sometime since Albany has had a church wedding, always a drawing card.

After all a legislature is simply a legislature, in the interest of men, full of trade in the interest of their constituents. Not much difference between the present and the past ones.

It is declared that the new Dodge automobile doesn't need any horn or siren. The name itself is sufficient.

Those beautiful little spring violets have arrived in all their glory. They are peeping their heads up and sending forth their fragrance. Already they are being fondled by lovely maidens. When they arrive spring is here, because they decree it and speak it aloud. Lovely flowers, we are all glad to have them with us again.

The state legislature has been playing hob with Fern Hobbs.

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GENERAL REPULSE OF FRENCH
TROOPS CLAIMED IN BERLIN

Drive Back Allies' Aerial Fleet; Austrians Say Big Battle in Progress.

(By United Press Association) Berlin, Feb. 19.—The repulse of the French troops at all points where they assumed the offensive is claimed by the war office. "On the road to Lille and Arras," said the statement, "the French were driven from the section of the German trenches the former carried on February 16. Renewed French assaults were attempted in the Champagne district but broke down before the German fire."

Claim Victory. Vienna, Feb. 19.—The greatest victory of the war is claimed by the Austrian war office. Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina has been recaptured and the Russians driven entirely out of the province with staggering losses, it is claimed.

Planes Driven Back. Berlin, Feb. 19.—Official advices received tonight from Rotterdam say that a great aerial fleet of British and French aeroplanes and seaplanes, which attempted to destroy Ostend and Middle Kerke, were repulsed by German batteries.

"JULIET" MACK IN JAIL
HAS RELAYS OF ROMEO

Knights of Road Send Tokens of Love to Second Story on String.

Albany has its relays of Romeo, but only one Juliet to do the balcony act. A portion of the Shakespearean drama is enacted nightly at the city jail. Hobos on the lower floor of the jail obtaining a night's lodging at the city's expense spell each other to woo Miss Jane Doe Mack, a fifty day tenant of Chief Austin's stronghold.

Each night there is a fresh batch of enamored ones. Each night "Juliet" lets down a string and her suitors below attach fruit and other tokens of their affection.

Unfortunately there is no ladder from first to second floor available, so that the climax of the balcony scene has not yet been possible of enactment.

FIELD MARSHALL FRENCH
ADMITS CONFLICT SEVERE

London, Feb. 19.—Another report of Field Marshal French was made public. It admits there was severe fighting along the entire front of northern France and Flanders, with advantages about even. "The enemy displayed considerable activity southeast of Ypres the last few days," the report says. "Fighting is severe. At certain points the Germans occupied some of our trenches, but have been driven out by determined counterattacks. At one point 60 dead were left on the grounds, while we took a number of prisoners and blew up one of the enemy's trenches."

ALLEGED LOS ANGELES
DYNAMITER ARRESTED

(By United Press Association) Port Orchard, Wash., Feb. 19.—David Caplan was arrested near here last night, charged with participating in dynamiting the Los Angeles Times building and was lodged in jail here. He admits his identity, but denies guilt. He says he never has been in Los Angeles, but passed through there. He will return to California without extradition.

Arrange Lebanon Lectures—Miss Orab Harkness, of Albany, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Corimer Monday afternoon and evening. Miss Harkness is working in the interest of the Ellison White Lyceum Bureau and was in Lebanon in the endeavor to place a course of lectures here the coming winter of 1915-16. This is the company back of our Chautauqua and the present lecture course and they promise as popular a course for the next season as they have put on the past winter the last one of which will be given on Thursday evening, March 4.—Lebanon Criterion.

Jubilee Singers—The California Jubilee Singers were in town this afternoon on their way to Corvallis. Sunday afternoon they will appear in town to sing before a men's mass meeting to be held at the Y. M. C. A.

COLLECTION LAW
MAY BE CHANGED

Emergency Clause on Change of County Collectors Deemed Unconstitutional.

WILL SAVE AT LEAST \$300
FOR LINN SAYS TREASURER

Bodine Can See No Use In Putting the Law Into Effect at Once.

That the taxation measure passing the house and senate a few days ago providing that the sheriff shall be the collecting officer in Oregon counties, will be reconsidered by the legislature and eventually passed without the emergency clause, which is considered one of its most objectionable features, was the opinion of Governor James Withycombe, who was in Albany last night for the Elks' celebration.

"The question of the constitutionality of any taxation measure having an emergency clause attached has come up," he said, "and because of this I believe that the bill will be remodeled so that the measure will become a law in 90 days instead of immediately."

County Treasurer W. W. Francis stated this morning that if the emergency clause is stricken out it will effect a saving to Linn county of not less than \$300. "This would be in the matter of stationery, bonds, and expenses incidental to changing offices with the sheriff," he said. "It would save an immense amount of confusion, for we could get all the boxes for the first half of the year closed up in ninety days."

Sheriff D. H. Bodine agreed with Mr. Francis in his estimate of the effect of the proposed change. "It will be a much better method than to have the law go into effect at once," he said. "We will have time to make the change, although I suppose we could do it at once if we really had to. As a matter of fact, I can't see the idea in making the law the way it stands. It would be much more practical if the change would not come until September 1. Then the treasurer would have only the delinquent tax roll to turn over to me, and he would have to do that in any event."

Mrs. Cyrus Whitney came in from West this morning to spend the day in Albany.

J. A. Grigaby left for Brooks on business this morning.

E. P. Anthony went to Salem this morning to attend to business matters.

Mrs. E. D. Cusick is visiting with friends in Salem today.

W. H. Bachmeyer went to Independence this morning on business.

Mrs. L. Vallet, of Mehama, spent last night in Albany returning to her home this morning.

G. J. Tyson and wife returned to their home in Sheridan this morning after a short visit spent with friends in this city.

Miss Minnie Concek left for Mill City this morning to visit in that vicinity with friends.

H. L. Parker and wife left for Portland this morning. They have been in Albany for the last two months.

W. W. Crawford came in from his place near Lebanon this morning.

John Wither, of Portland, who has been visiting in Lebanon, was in town this morning on his way home.

Mrs. F. M. Jack, of Brownsville, is spending the day in Albany.

A. A. Tussing of Brownsville, is in Albany today on legal business.

Mrs. A. H. Wilson came in from Lebanon this morning.

Mrs. Mary Robinson, of Brownsville, is visiting with friends in Albany today.