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UNIVERSITY MAN'S
SPEECH WINS

Victor Morris, of Oregon Given
Decision at Last Night's
Contest.

ALBANY COLLEGE STUDENTS
PROMINENT AT M'MINNVILLE

Lee Hulbert Elected Treasurer
of Association; Next Contest
at Monmouth.

The intercollegiate oratorical contest at McMinnville last night resulted in a victory for Victor Morris of the University of Oregon, whose subject was "Democracy and World Peace." Mr. Morris' oration was handled in a masterful way and won the decision of the judges. Second place was won by Edward Livingston of Pacific University, on the subject of "The Crying of the Andes." Mr. Livingston's oration was awarded third honors on the oration of Mc. Smithson, whose subject was "International Sympathy." The contest was largely attended, with delegates from every college in the association, and interest and enthusiasm was at a high pitch. Herbert Blatchford, of Albany College was awarded fifth place on his oration on "The Way to Peace." Although he failed to win a prize, his effort was very creditable and he made a fine showing for the local institution.

At the close of the contest a banquet was served by McMinnville college students. Among the speakers was Lee Hulbert, of Albany College. The subject of his toast was "The Orator and the Life." A general good social time was enjoyed by all. Before the oratorical contest the association held a business meeting at which several things of importance to the colleges concerned were discussed. The officers for the past year were: President, C. I. Armstrong, McMinnville; secretary, Miss Marion Stanford, Albany, and treasurer, Ellis Pickett, Pacific. The new officers for the present year were elected as follows: President, Miss Nora Bell, Monmouth; secretary, Mr. Embry, McMinnville, and treasurer, Lee Hulbert, Albany. Monmouth was selected as the next meeting place, and the contest will be held there the second Friday in March, 1916.

Swedish Boat Mined.

London, March 13.—A steamer, believed to be the "Amo," a Swedish boat, ran foul of a floating mine and sank off Scarborough. Eighteen of her crew are reported saved and two killed.

Does Japan Want China?

Washington, March 13.—That most important developments are transpiring in connection with Japan's recent demands of China, is the consensus of opinion in official circles here. Close observers believe Japan is trying to get virtual political control of China. They say it is unconceivable in view of American interests in the "open door policy." That the administration officials are not keeping close watch of the developments, is the statement in regard to the reported developments of the far east is denied by both the White House and state department.

ALBANY BEAT HALSEY 60
TO 10 AT BASKET BALL

A game of basketball was played this afternoon between a Halsey school team and the A. B. G. club, of this city, in the Y. M. C. A. gym. The following team played for Halsey: Standing, G. Gormley and Cross forwards. Bressless and Maxwell guards. For Albany Price and Nebergall played forward, Neclands c, and Henderson, and Boeticher guards. Ed. Warmouth, of Boeticher, officiated as referee. Albany won 60 to 10. Price and Nebergall did the star work for Albany. Price making the most baskets. It was a one-sided affair, the Albany boys playing all around the Halsey youths.

PYTHIAN SISTERS WILL
MEET HERE TUESDAY

Convention of Valley Lodges to
Be Held; Local Lodge to
Exemplify Work.

Another lodge convention will be held here when the Pythian Sisters meet in the K. P. hall Tuesday morning, March 16. The business session will be called to order at 1:30 o'clock and continue all afternoon. At 6:30 a banquet will be served to the visiting members, at which Willard Marks, grand vice-chancellor of the Knights of Pythias will act as toastmaster, and many members of that lodge will be in attendance.

In the evening will be held the regular meeting of the lodge, and the literary work will be exemplified by the local temple. Albany Temple was the first to be installed in Oregon, and Mrs. Sarah Hochstetler, of Portland, who formerly lived here, is known as the mother of the Pythian Sisters in Oregon. Mrs. Hochstetler will take a prominent part in the coming convention.

Following is the program:

Roll call of officers.
Reading of minutes.
Address of Welcome—Sister Emily Ward, Albany.

Response—Sister Jennie Hughson, Corvallis.
Vocal solo—Sister Margaret Kelley, Albany.

Roll call of Temple and reports.
Paper, subject—"Four Cardinal Points of Our Order, P. L. E. & F." Sister Mary J. Kelly, Albany.

Question Box—Answered by G. C. Sister Littlefield, P. G. C. Sister Hochstetler, Sister Lida Van Winkle, P. G. C. Sister Richard.

Music—Sister E. H. Hobson, Seio.
Paper—Subject: "Our Principles and Purposes." Sister Eva L. Potter, Silverton.

Greetings—Sister Mary R. Hogue, G. M. of R. & C.
Closing.
Toastmaster, W. L. Marks, grand vice-chancellor, K. P.

Eugene, Sister Elthea Yorani—Response, Purity.
Lebanon, Sister Carrie Wiman—Love.

Albany, Sister Lida Van Winkle—Equality.
Falls City, Sister Emma Hinshaw—Fidelity.
Salem, Sister Susie Parenter—Onward and Upward.

City News

Help the Library—

The Woman's Musical club under the direction of Dr. Lee will give the public one of their delightful programs at the First Presbyterian church April 5. All lovers of vocal music who remember this club, should tell their friends, and be on hand to hear the old songs accompanied by Miss Bachelor of Portland. Don't forget the date.

Attended Smith Funeral—

Among those attending the funeral of Charles Smith at Shelburn today were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne C. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. John Cottrell, Vern Smith, Miss Hazel Smith and Mrs. Louis Fox.

Harmony Grange Meeting—

Beginning at 10:00 o'clock today a community meeting was in progress at Harmony grange eight miles east of this city. Prof. E. L. Potter delivered the principal address on the subject of farming.

To Be Married—

A marriage license was issued Thursday evening to J. V. Shank, of the Irvin Garage, and Miss Frances Scott. Miss Scott left for Portland this morning and it is expected that the wedding will take place here today.

Holiday Dance Not Tonight—

It was stated in the Democrat Thursday that the Holiday club would hold their dance Saturday. It was meant to be Saturday, March 20.

Will Locate in Montana—

Waldo Anderson and son Clarence, Hubert Smith, and William Bain and son Clay will leave shortly for Montana where the boys will take up homesteads on the Fort Peck Indian reservation which is being thrown open. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Bain will return after getting their sons located.

CASE DISMISSED
AGAINST THAW

He Did Not Conspire to Secure
His Own Escape From
Matteawan.

MOTION THAT THAW BE FREE
AND DECLARED SANE MADE

Will Be Heard Monday; Four
Co-defendants Dismissed
Also.

(By United Press Association)
New York, March 13.—Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford-White, was today acquitted on the charge of conspiring to bring about his own escape from Matteawan. As soon as the verdict was in, Attorney Stanchfield moved that Thaw be sent back to New Hampshire as free and sane. Justice Page set Monday afternoon for the argument of this motion. Thaw was the argument. On motion of the Thaw's attorney, the charges against Thaw's four co-defendants was dismissed. This ends another chapter in the country's most sensational murder case.

Mrs. John DeWall returned to her home in Thomas this morning.

MOTT DONACA RELEASED
FROM LEBANON JAIL

Anna B. and R. B. Leabo Get
Possession of Saw Mill
Property at Peoria.

Petitions for writs of review in the case of Matt Donaca vs. the city of Lebanon and A. Jakel vs. the city of Lebanon, were filed yesterday. Deputy Sheriff Ralph Thom went to Lebanon last night and served restraining order on City Recorder Elkins and Matt Donaca was released from custody. Donaca had been detained in jail the past four days and claimed he was illegally held. Jakel had been keeping out of towns and has not been arrested.

In the case of Anna B. Leabo and R. B. Leabo vs. Frank Strong, et al. to regain possession of property in Peoria, Linn county, Justice of the Peace Swann yesterday awarded a decision for the plaintiffs on behalf of defendants. Last night Sheriff Bodine went to Peoria and ejected Strong and his crowd and placed it in charge of the Leabos.
C. O. Budlong has filed suit against Fred Gooch to collect \$114.19 due on a note and interest at 8 per cent from Oct. 26, 1914. Twenty-five dollars attorneys fees are asked.
S. G. Tolia commenced suit in the circuit court yesterday to collect \$1000 alleged to be due on the lease of plow lands from near Albany, from Frank L. Thrift, et al. The complaint alleges that plaintiff leased his farm to defendants for a term of 5 years, but that defendants abandoned the place before one year was up, leaving \$1000 unpaid. An affidavit for attachment has been issued.

Meteorological Data—

The weather conditions for the past 24 hours preceding 8:00 o'clock this morning, as recorded at the local weather bureau, show the temperature to have ranged between 61 and 44 degrees. The rainfall was 19 feet, and the river dropped to 3.4 feet above low water.

Wants to Be Citizen—

Evou Rangeloff, of Thomas, today declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States. He is 23 years old and a native of Bulgaria.

CANADIAN LINER ON
SHORE OFF PORTUGAL

Bordeaux, March 13.—The Canadian Pacific liner Montrose is ashore on the Bordeaux bank near Albra, Senegal, on the west coast of Africa, according to a cable received here. She is sending a wireless call for assistance. The Montrose is a four-master built in 1907 with accommodations for several hundred passengers. The captain is G. S. Webster. The Montrose was commended as a British troop ship at the beginning of the war. It is assumed that she was either returning with troops from South Africa or transporting Portuguese troops to Portuguese colonies there.

EARLY HISTORY OF COUNTY
COURT IN LINN COUNTY

Paper Read at the Historical
Society Tells of How County
Offices Were Created.

The following letter was read before the meeting of the Linn County Historical Society this week by C. H. Stewart, and bears upon the history of the county as it bears upon the life of John McCoy. It contains much interest to many people of Linn county.

Linn county was created by the Territorial legislature at the session held in December, 1848, and the first election afterwards was held in June, 1849.

Under the territorial law we had no commissioners court as we have now, composed of a county judge and three commissioners. The business was then transacted by two probate judges and a clerk of the court. After this first election was held, the officers elected assembled to perfect the first county organization. John McCoy, acting as Justice of the Peace, administered the oath of office to William McCaw as clerk of the probate court, and the latter then swore in John McCoy and A. Kirk, as probate judges. This occurred on December 11, 1849. Another election was held in June, 1850, at which time John McCoy and James Curl were elected probate judges, and William McCaw, clerk. Mr. Curl declined to serve as probate judge, and was appointed justice of the peace. The vacancy caused by the declination of Mr. Curl was filled by the selection of John A. Dunlap, as the other probate judge. During the summer of 1850, the law was so changed that it required three probate judges, and at a special election held on November 23rd, of that year, G. H. Barber was elected as the third member of the court. From that time until July, 1853, these same men served continuously in the same positions.

It was during the term of office of these three men that the first court house was built. At the meeting of court on April 26, 1852, specifications were drawn up for the new building, and it was ordered that an advertisement should be inserted for three weeks in the Oregonian and Statesman, asking for sealed proposals to do the work.

On May 25th, the bids were opened, and the contract was awarded to Jeremiah Briggs and D. H. McClure for the sum of \$2800. These men gave bonds to double that amount, and the court then advanced them \$500 to begin the job. The work was evidently completed during that year, for at the meeting of the court the following December, G. H. Barber was appointed to receive the building. The building was a frame and the plan was identical with one of the buildings so long occupied by the family of Dr. R. C. Hill, and which is now the home of Mrs. Rufus Thompson. The site of the building was on the block immediately opposite the residence of W. A. Barrett, block 1, in Monteth's Western Addition to Albany.

The building was outgrown in shape, and the plan was furnished by Rev. James P. Miller, who had arrived in Albany in June, 1851, and immediately commenced the erection of the residence heretofore referred to. At the session of the legislature held in December, 1852, the law providing for the probate court was again changed, so as to do away with the three probate judges, and substitute for them one probate judge and three commissioners. At the next election, held in June, 1853, Mr. S. D. Hadley was chosen as probate judge; H. R. Schult, et al. the following commissioners: Hugh L. Brown, J. H. Brattain, and Abraham Miller, Junior. Hadley continued to fill the office of probate judge until he was succeeded by Powell in 1862, but after the state government was established, in 1859, the title of probate judge was done away with, and the presiding officer of the commission court has since been called county judge.

ASSOCIATION WILL MEET
HERE WEDNESDAY

The entire membership of the Willamette Valley Exposition association will meet here in the Commercial club rooms Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Three members from each of the eight valley counties are expected to be present.

The principal matter coming before the meeting is hearing the report on the exhibit at the Panama fair by W. F. Groves, who just returned from San Francisco. Mr. Groves will make recommendations for the completion of the exhibit, and an effort will be made to get the display of Willamette Valley products completed by April first. Arrangements will also be made for a green exhibit. It is planned to keep a green exhibit of fresh fruits and vegetables as they come in season during the remainder of the fair. Other business will be discussed for the welfare of the valley exhibit.

JITNEY ATTACK
IN PORTLAND

Woman Assaulted By Two Men
and the Driver of the
Car.

CONTROL LOST AND CAR
SMASHED INTO A POLE

This Is First Experience in the
N. W. Since Jitneys Began
to Be Used.

(By United Press Association)
Portland, March 13.—Mrs. Cecil Marshall was attacked by male occupants of a jitney bus early this morning. The driver joining in the scuffle, let go of the wheel, and the car crashed into a telephone pole and was wrecked. The woman was picked up and succeeded in escaping. The police are seeking H. Stokes, supposed to be the driver.

New \$600,000 Steel Steamer.
(By United Press Association)
Portland, March 13.—The W. R. Grace Co., today awarded Cramps of Philadelphia, a contract for building the first ship of their new steel fleet. The boat will be a duplicate of the Santa Catalina. It will cost \$600,000.

CELILO OPENING TO BE
A GREAT CELEBRATION

Elaborate Plans to Bring Here
Many Celebrities, Perhaps
the President.

Portland, Or., March 11.—(Special)
—Eleven cities of the Columbia river basin will hold distinctive celebrations during the week of May 3-8, 1915, in honor of the formal opening of commerce of the Dalles-Celilo canal of the Columbia river, Oregon, thus removing the last barrier to free navigation in a stretch of the river five hundred miles inland from the Pacific ocean. The towns which will participate in the series of celebrations are Lewiston, Idaho; Pasco and Kennewick, Washington; Wallula (including Walla Walla), Washington; Umatilla (including Pendleton), Oregon; Maryhill (including Goldendale), Washington; The Dalles (including Big Eddy), Oregon; Vancouver, Wash.; Portland, Oregon; Kalama, Washington; Astoria, Oregon.
Coopering in this series of celebrations the seven northwestern Pacific states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada—territory of each state mentioned being embraced in the Columbia watershed, will unite with official representatives of the United States government, delegates from the province of British Columbia, cities and towns of the Pacific Northwest and many visitors from all over the nation. Beautifully hand-engraved invitations are being sent out by a general committee composed of members from all the towns mentioned, to federal officers, members of congress, governors of states, officers of the army and navy, leading commercial organizations and many individuals, inviting their participation.
The president of the United States has signified his purpose, if possible, to arrange his Pacific Coast itinerary so as to permit of his taking part in the celebrations, and already large numbers of acceptances have been received from United States senators, congressmen, governors and other leading officials.

Prof. John Straub, dean of the University of Oregon, passed through the city last night on his way home from Portland to Eugene.

NEW VARIETY OF QUAIL
LIBERATED IN LINN COUNTY

J. R. Metzgar, deputy state game warden, today liberated 108 California quail on the E. B. Smith place on the other side of Knox Butte. The birds are from the state game commission, and are for propagation purposes. Hunters who happen to be in the vicinity are particularly requested not to kill these birds, whether in season or not. The California quail is similar to the Oregon native bird, but of a prettier color and is said to be a nicer bird.

W. C. T. U. HELD AN
INTERESTING CONVENTION

Some Valuable Papers Read;
Mrs. Hatcher Was Especially
Good.

The W. C. T. U. institute held Friday was of unusual interest. The forenoon was given to different phases of department work conducted by the unions. The needs of the field were considered especially.

The discussions were opened by Mrs. Backmeyer, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Edgar and were full of pathos.

A very appetizing banquet was served at the noon hour, the guests of honor being Mrs. Hatcher, the speaker of the evening, and Mrs. Mearns, the county president.

The afternoon was crowded with good things. "Educating Public Sentiment," brought out many bright and helpful suggestions. Mrs. Hatcher spoke of national prohibition making it plain that this nation wide movement was the thing upon which all our energy should be concentrated.

Mrs. Mearns gave a resume of the latest prohibition victories, which created much enthusiasm. An exceptionally well written and comprehensive paper was presented by Mrs. D. H. Bodine on the topic "The Influence of Women's votes upon normal reforms."

It was unique in its conception and forceful. A motion to have it printed was carried unanimously.

The lecture of Mrs. Hatcher in the evening was one of rare merit. It was heard through with profound interest. It was entertaining, instructive and very original.

The special music was much appreciated. Mrs. S. C. Worrell rendered an organ voluntary of great brilliancy with power and artistic skill. The solos of Mrs. Shipley and Mr. Bachmeyer were gems and delighted the audience. Dr. White kindly lent his aid in manipulating his stereopticon, showing pictures upon the canvas which illustrated the lecture in a pleasing manner.

The meeting throughout was a success and the thanks of the W. C. T. U. were tendered to all who contributed in making it so.

Mrs. M. A. McIntosh went to Portland this morning.

Mrs. J. M. French and child are spending the week end in Corvallis.

City News

Former Albany Professor—

A Bandon paper gives praise to the work of Prof. Hopkins, who has been at the head of the schools there, who has resigned to accept a position in the valley. He is a former instructor in Albany College, where he did excellent work. His father is a Eugene saw mill man. The Bandon paper says the school at that city made wonderful progress under him, with new buildings, new courses, with reorganization, playground, etc.

Saw the Saw Mill—

Royal Shaw, manager of the Hamman Lumber Co., at Mill City, and G. W. Aldrich, salesmanager of the company, returned last evening from Eugene, and Springfield, where they had been to visit the new mill at Springfield. They made the trip in the Shaw auto.

Will Have the Harmonic System—

J. C. Lowe of the Home Telephone Co. of Corvallis, has in the city last evening in the report of the Albany plant. He reported that soon the company would install the Harmonic system here, under which on party lines only the party wanted will be sounded. This will do away with listening, so frequent on some lines now. It is a great invention and shows the progress of the telephone, now a business and social necessity.

Will Plant Walnuts—

G. A. Schneider went to Albany Monday to consult with nurserymen with regard to the advisability of planting walnut trees on his place in Highview Addition. He expects to put out about eight hundred trees at once, after which he will go to Portland where he has an interest in the Schneider Stack Fruit Evaporator Manufacturing Co.—Harrisburg Commonwealth.

Big Gasoline Tank—

J. H. Kallston is installing at his place on Second street, a 280 gallon underground tank. The drawing will be from a standpipe at the edge of the sidewalk, convenient for automobiles, and close to his air pressure pipe.

Response to Sun—

S. E. Young & Son this week in response to a statement sent out, received a response via a letter head of the state penitentiary, in which the debtor remarked that the bill had been received and would be attended to in due time. At present the debtor is boarding there.

MORE WAR SHIPS
FOR DARDANELLES

With Six More Battle Ships
British Will Rush Bombardment of Smyrna.

SYMYRNA WILL BE USED
AS HEADQUARTERS IN FIGHT

Then the Way Will Be Cleared
Until Constantinople Is
Taken.

(By United Press Association)
London, March 13.—Reinforced by six British warships from the Dardanelles, Admiral D'Almeida's squadron is prepared to begin the final sea assault which will bring the downfall of Smyrna in Asiatic Turkey.

The bombardment of the forts inside the harbor continues, with the Turkish gunners replying spiritedly. Among the six reinforcing ships is the British battleship Triumph, the Athens dispatches say. For several hours she shelled the Moslem defenses until forced to retire when Turkish projectiles exploded on her deck.

Germans Withdraw.

Berlin. (By wireless via Sayville), March 13.—The official admission is that the Germans had abandoned the attempt to recapture New-Chapelle, a fortification from the war office. It is stated that "the attack had a successful beginning, but superior English forces were encountered; and the attempt was discontinued." The British are showing the greatest activity in this district. Aviators are kept busy making maps and dropping bombs. Three aviators were brought down captured by riflemen.

The Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

Newport News, March 13.—Five British warships are patrolling the Atlantic outside the Virginia capes to prevent the escape of the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, should he captain decide to make a dash for freedom from this port. The British steamer Anglo-Patagonian, arrived. Members of the crew reported that they sighted the ship last night, steaming through the blockading lines just before dusk.

Petrograd, March 13.—The official announcement of the death of Count Zergis Wittke, former premier to Russia, one of the strongest men in the history of the Czar's empire, was made by the government today.

SPRING CAMPAIGN IS
OPENING ON WEST SIDE

Heavy Reinforcements Is Marked
the Preparation For a
Hot Battle.

(By United Press Association)

London, March 13.—A great battle, involving the opening of the spring campaign, is impending between Austrians and Libanese. Dispatches from the continent indicated that the Germans are bringing up heavy reinforcements to check the British offensive which is developing rapidly in that vicinity. The official Communique issued at Paris, announced that the British and Indian troops had made further progress towards Aubere, having delivered a determined attack upon the German positions near there. The British took 612 prisoners yesterday.

ALBANY MERCHANTS WILL
BOOST GROWERS' UNION

In order to create more interest in the proposed growers association a large number of local men are planning a trip to Lebanon next week for the purpose of holding a big booster meeting. The Albany band will accompany the invaders and the people of that section of the country will know that a bunch of live wires are among them. Two meetings are planned. One will be held in Lebanon and the other in Tennessee in the fruit district.

The growers' organization will be thoroughly explained and an effort made to create an active interest among the farmers of that section.

Mrs. M. E. Bruce, of Lyons, after visiting at the home of Mrs. O. E. Mills, returned home this morning.