

## OREGONIAN TELLS ABOUT ALBANY'S FIRST BAND

In the Sunday Oregonian was a good picture of Albany's first band with the following sketch of its history:

One of the first bands ever organized in Oregon was formed at Albany in 1859. In that day it was the pride of that whole section of the state. It existed for two years and played at many different places in the Central Willamette Valley. Many people still live who danced to the music of the band or marched behind it in parades.

The band was composed of six pieces, three of which were cornets. John Godley, playing one of the cornets, was the leader. W. C. Tweedale and

Duron W. Wakefield played B-flat cornets, Joseph McKibben played an alto horn and Harry Godley a baritone. Monroe Mack was the drummer.

A picture of the band taken in 1859 or 1860 by Byron Caldwell is held now as a relic. In it Mr. Mack is shown standing at the left of the picture and Mr. Tweedale at the right. Those seated, reading from left to right, are: Harry Godley, Mr. McKibben, John Godley and Mr. Wakefield. In a spirit of fun, just before the picture was taken Mr. Mack took Mr. Tweedale's horn, while Mr. Tweedale is holding the drumstick which was genially yielded by Mr. Mack. Two of the members of this band now reside in Portland. They are Mr. Wakefield and Harry Godley. W. C. Tweedale is the only other member of the band known to be living. He has resided in Albany con-

tinuously since the organization of the band, and at the present time is a member of the city council of Albany. John Godley died in Sacramento, Calif., in 1876, and Mr. Mack is also known to be dead. Nothing has been heard from Mr. McKibben for many years. He left Albany about 1861.

The organization was called the Mechanics' Band, for the reason that most of its members were at that time engaged in mechanical occupations.

## PRO SIDE OF HOLLY SCHOOL CONTROVERSY

Advocates of Union High School  
at Holly Give Their Side  
of the Question.

Holly, Or., July 25.—(Editor Democrat.)—In your paper of June 25th issue I note quite an article from George Finley, of Crawfordville, headed the Holly high school, in which he seems to take the matter considerably to heart. First and foremost he says he doesn't wish to enter into the controversy, however he seems to come to the rescue of Mr. H. A. Renniger, R. E. Warner and their associates, who have been the chief factors in opposing this union. Now Mr. Finley, I think it possible that you, too, are not familiar with the facts in the case or you would state facts and not hear say. You seem to take pride in doing the country and this community an injustice by saying that it is a narrow valley and sparsely settled, and most of the surrounding country being timber and not an agriculture country. While I will admit that this part of the Calapooia valley is no great width, however it is well settled up, Holly being situated about half way between Crawfordville and Sweet Home is a natural center, and being surrounded by numerous farms on all sides, numbers of them containing as high as 400 and 500 acres, has a public school with an enrollment of 60 scholars, is easily accessible to district No. 104 on the south, and district No. 106 on the east. Both districts having a nice attendance Mr. Finley says there is seven districts lying between Brownsville and Sweet Home, and in these seven districts there is assessable property amounting to over \$200,000. Of this amount the three dis-

tricts included in the Holly union has an assessed value of \$1,327,280. Mr. Finley states that at the annual school meeting held at Crawfordville two years ago, the matter of establishing a union high school of those districts was discussed and the board was instructed to call a meeting of the several districts to take steps to bring about the establishment of a union high school, including all of the districts in that locality. Now, to my knowledge, Mr. Finley, this was not discussed with the people in general, or with the school boards in this locality until after Crawfordville had circulated a petition in some 4 or 5 districts adjoining Crawfordville, and the proposition had been turned down at the meeting to vote on the question of uniting the districts above mentioned.

In the meantime, or about July 1, 1913, I circulated a petition in districts No. 56, 104, and 106, praying for the consolidation of the three districts for high school purposes only. Receiving a majority of the legal voters in the respective districts the petitions were forwarded to the district boundary board, and the boundary board directed the school boards of the respectful districts to call a meeting in compliance with the petitions. This was done and after the meetings were over the returns were again sent to the boundary board. The vote was canvassed and the territory comprising the three districts declared united. A high school board was then elected and proceeded to do business. About this time Mr. Warner and Mr. Renniger by some means got a personal grudge at the writer of this letter and proceeded to huck the high school. Having control of the district school boards and refusing to act in any way favorable to the school and seeing that the petition was more or less defective, filed suit upon the high school board, and after going to considerable trouble and expense, the district was finally dissolved in the circuit court. After this high school district was established at Holly, Crawfordville was not content to await results, but made several attempts to butt in on the district with a petition, and went so far as to secure signers on one of them within the high school district.

Mr. Finley says that before the school board of Crawfordville had taken any action, and during the busy harvest season some of the citizens of Holly conceived the idea of calling a meeting of the three districts lying east of Crawfordville and forming a

union high school of these districts, thereby cutting off the four districts lying west from any benefit of the several townships of timber land lying east—which is subject to taxation.

He also says, they gave as their reason for calling the meeting, that they feared if they went with the other four districts, that the school house would not be located at Holly, and that it is simply a question with some of them as to where the school house should be located. First, as to the calling of a meeting in the busy harvest season; this did not discommode our voters very much, as we did not run an automobile to convey voters to the meeting, or have to spend any time running around hiring voters to vote for the school, so if there was any time lost on the other side we are not responsible for it. Mr. Finley, you state that the taxpayers of Crawfordville are taxed annually to defray the expenses of running your high school, and that the people of Holly and vicinity are not taxed to defray any part of the expense of maintaining the school, though all of the districts in this part of the country are receiving benefits. Is not your high school run under the county plan, and each pupil draws 25c for each day's attendance, and are these taxes not collected off of every tax payer in the county? The Holly district has just recently closed a seven months' term of high school run under this same plan, and the school was self-supporting. Possibly when these Holly districts withdrew their pupils from the Crawfordville high school and started them to the Holly high school it cut some figure with your monthly county draw. Mr. Finley says that the population in this community is so small and so badly scattered that it is very difficult to carry on any public enterprise or institution successfully, and that it certainly requires the support of the entire population of the Calapooia valley to make a success of almost anything of a public nature.

This was very much in evidence when a large portion of the high school opposers drew off from the switch board at Holly and ran their lines into Crawfordville. The same people withdrew their patronage from the Holly store and threw their entire support to Crawfordville, merely because the proprietors of these establishments gave their support for better schools in Holly. Mr. Finley says in his article that there are six separate church organizations in this locality, all weak numerically, and financially. If you will attend these churches in Holly more regularly you will find that the churches receive about as much support from the majority of these union high school opposers as does the school itself.

Just step into the church any Sabbath morning or attend the school exercises (aside from a meeting to levy a tax or build a school house) and count the faces, and tell me how many of these kickers' faces you see there. I would infer from Mr. Finley's letter that he favors a big school house to be built at Crawfordville, principally the capital from the three Holly districts, and he asserts that our children should be conveyed to and from school, yet he would leave the impression with the reader that this is a sparsely settled country, surrounded with brush and timber on all sides. Considering the present condition of the roads and the inclement weather most of the time during the school season, this would not be practicable, as it would require too much expense to protect the pupils from the elements, and other dangers that might confront them in this wild and woolly portion of the country. You refer to the grange in Holly and to the Odd Fellow lodge in Crawfordville. I think I am justified in saying that the grange very near entirely is composed of local people here, and the lodge at Crawfordville, receives a heavy support from members in and near Holly, so much so that I presume that it would not be impossible to start a lodge here entirely with local material.

I will not tax the editor's patience further on this subject, and wish to say that I do not write this through any animosity towards the many good

people of Crawfordville and vicinity. However, I do not approve of having our people, our schools, churches and community in general subjected to unjust criticism.

L. O. WRIGHT,  
Clerk.

## Mexico Doomed—

The Mexicans might as well give up. Col. Hofer, who is well known in Albany, is down there in their midst, the last heard from him being at Tijuana, in the midst of all kinds of fights.

## Missionary Meeting—

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the church parlors, when an interesting program

will be presented, which all are invited to hear. Mrs. E. M. Sharp will have a paper on "Our Missions," and there will be a discussion of missions generally, with special attention to the work of Dr. Miss Allen in Persia.

## Three New Boys Arrived—

Saturday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barnes; Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Claud Logsdon, of North Albany; Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Prof. H. L. Robe, of Tangent. All reported doing well.

## Returned from N. Yakima—

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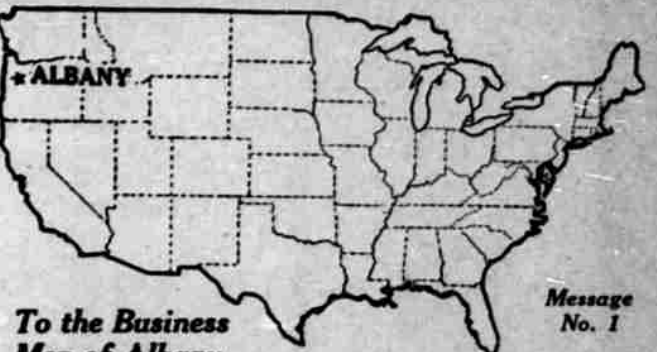
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