

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BEGIN YEARS WORK

Are Best Equipped For Good Results in History of Our Schools.

JUNIOR HIGH HAS ADDED MATERIALLY TO EFFICIENCY

Splendid Corps of Teachers in Charge of the Different Departments.

The Albany public schools began work for the year this morning, under the most favorable circumstances in the history of the schools, with a large enrollment. The addition of the junior high to the working equipment of the schools has put a stimulus to the work that is going to have a marked effect on school conditions here.

The corps of teachers is a strong one, putting our schools in the front rank of the schools of the coast.

The complete list of teachers, with their assignments, is as follows:

C. W. Boettcher, superintendent.

Senior high.—W. B. Young, principal; E. A. Hudson, C. P. Stevens, W. E. Woods, H. C. Clifford, Aurelia Burch, Mae Lewis, Lulu Heist, Maude Miller, Lillian Thordarson, Winnifred Patterson.

Junior High.—G. E. Finnerty, principal; M. M. Gilbert, Minnie McCourt, Myrtle Worley, Edna R. Metcalf, Zilpha Galloway, Ray Hudson, Elementary grades—Margaret Riley, Nellie Pate, Lottie Morgan, Letha McCullough, Veronica Tracy, Zella Burkhardt.

Madison.—O. D. Byers, principal; Dorothy Shank, Anna Mayne, Bertha Braden, Edith McCourt, Alwilda Wilson, Bessie Bell, Elizabeth Ryan.

Mable.—W. A. Scott, principal; Pansy Colby, Ella Thacker, Sara Jewell, Mabel Schultz, Maude Willis.

East.—Mrs. Anna Hodgkins, principal; Gertrude Puchler, Lenora Patton. Special in music—J. F. Lau.

Janitors.—Maple, A. R. McCoy; junior high, J. W. Richardson; senior high, B. G. Hall; Madison, John Bruckman; East, C. DeWall.

Along special lines the school will be particularly strong. In manual training already a fine record has been made under Prof. Hudson. Prof. Stevens, besides his science work is very capable in athletic training. He will be assisted by Prof. H. C. Clifford, of the commercial department, who has no superior in Oregon in panmanship, who is also a baseball man and good in field work. The commercial department is doing good work under Miss Lewis and a department of much importance is domestic science under the efficient management of Miss Thordarson. Miss Metcalf, who comes from Portland, in physical culture work will add materially to the work of the schools. Prof. Young, principal of the high school has taken much interest in athletics, besides his regular work, and will be of valuable assistance on the field.

LINN COUNTY PROPOSES TO GET \$50 HOG PRIZE

Breeders of Berkshires in Linn county will be well represented at the Oregon State fair to be held at Salem commencing September 27, and closing October 2. A prominent Linn county breeder says that the \$50 trophy, offered by the American Berkshire association will be seen in this county after the close of the state fair. The American Berkshire association, for the purpose of encouraging breeders generally to exhibit their herds at the state fairs of 1915, offers a solid silver trophy (value \$50), to the owner of the best herd of Berkshires, consisting of a boar and three sows under one year, at each state fair that provides a separate classification for Berkshires. Animals farrowed after September 1, 1914, will be considered eligible to compete for the prize.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER TO BE ARRESTED IN COLORADO

Will Be Charged By Mine Workers With Taking Part in Battle of Ludlow.

(By United Press)
Trinidad, Colo., Sept. 20.—Plans for the arrest of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for alleged part in the battle of Ludlow, was laid today by attorneys for the United Mineworkers, who expect to have him taken into custody when he arrives to inspect his Colorado interests. A. M. Bekker, general counsel for the miners is due in Denver tomorrow.

PROMINENT O. E. OFFICIALS IN THE CITY TODAY

President Gilman and Party Greatly Pleased With Things Up the Valley.

Nine prominent officials of the Oregon Electric were in the city today on their way up the road inspecting the road and observing conditions along the way. They were much pleased with appearances and prospects, and are confident of a decided improvement for the better. Oregon Electric affairs here looked good to them. This noon they took dinner at the Albany. The following composed the party: L. C. Gilman, president; C. O. Jenks, general manager; W. O. S. Kinne, traffic manager; A. J. Davidson, superintendent; John Dickson, general master mechanic; D. I. Clough, master mechanic; J. A. Lindsey, master carpenter; J. H. Conlan, general road master; W. P. Powers, T. & P. agent. After going as far as Eugene, they will return tonight.

Wireless Strike.

(By United Press)
San Francisco, Sept. 20.—The wireless operators of the Union Pacific declared a strike today against the Marconi company. Twenty-five operators are out today and others are joining them as fast as vessels reach port. The wireless men were ordered from the steamers President, Umatic, Topeka, Congress, Yosemite, Wilamette, and J. B. Stetson when they arrived today.

The operators demand \$60 a month for first man and \$50 for second.

St. Menahould Bombaraded.

(By United Press)
Paris, Sept. 20.—A large number of citizens, including the assistant of the mayor, were slain last night when the Germans bombarded St. Menahould at long range. The city hall and other public buildings were damaged.

Sued for Libel.

Rev. Dwight Hillis, a leading Chautauqua attraction at Albany this year, has been sued by his nephew, Percy C. O. Hillis, of Victoria, B. C., for \$50,000 damages for libel, because he said he paid a \$12,000 debt contracted by the nephew. The Democrat's guess is that Percy C. D. recovers \$1000.

Torpedo Incidents Settled.

(By United Press)
Berlin, Sept. 20.—The diplomatic situation surrounding the Hesperian and Orda incidents is regarded today as settled by Germany's note to America. The agreement over the Arabis torpedoing will end the German-American controversy, it is officially stated.

Steamer Burned.

(By United Press)
Halifax, N. S. Sept. 20.—Four hundred and eight passengers and crew were taken safely from the burning steamer Athina in mid ocean by the liner Tuscania, according to a wireless from the latter today. Only one person perished.

Artillery Battle on Argonne

(By United Press)
Paris, Sept. 17.—French gunners have exploded the German supply stations south of Arras, the Communique today says. A terrific artillery battle in Argonne and along the Aisne is proceeding incessantly. Trench fighting last night between Somme and Aisne was indecisive.

COLLEGE HEAD WILL GO EAST

President H. M. Crooks Files Resignation to Take Effect November 1.

HAS BEEN WITH LOCAL INSTITUTION TEN YEARS

Temporary Successor Not Yet Named But Will Be Considered Tonight.

The formal resignation of Dr. H. M. Crooks from the presidency of Albany college was filed with Wm. Fortmiller, secretary of the college board, this morning to take effect November 1st. Dr. Crooks leaves Albany to take up the position of president of Alma College, Alma, Michigan, after 10 years service as the head of the local institution. During his term of office Dr. Crooks has kept the college on a sound basis and has succeeded in securing a large endowment which is all but completed. During his term a new tract of land has been acquired west of the city on which a new Albany College will rise in the near future, and this is largely the result of Dr. Crooks' work.

No successor to Dr. Crooks has been named, nor is it likely that a new head of Albany College will be selected for some time. A member of the present faculty will be selected to carry the duties for a time, but who this will be is also a conjecture. Plenty of time will be taken in selecting a new president, and the best man in the country that can be had can be counted on to head the college in 1916.

A meeting of the executive board of the college will be held tonight at which the matter of filling the president's chair will come up.

CORRESPONDENT WRITES ON ADAM AND EVE

(Editor Democrat).—I will write a few words for those who like to use their minds to think. We have had some ideas presented by men on the Adam and Eve question in the past few weeks. That is good enough to shame a dog.

One is, that Eve represents the evil part by giving of her fruit, instead of the tree to her husband, and Mary the virgin (who did not have any husband), the good by bringing forth good fruit. Gen. 4, chap. 1st verse. Eye said when she gave birth to Cain, "I have begotten a man from the Lord, and the Lord seems to take special care of him, that no one should do him harm." Gen. 4, chap. 15, verse 5. While the son of the Virgin Mary was slain; the Bible claiming both came from God. From Gen. to Rev. the innocent suffer for the guilty. Why? Read, think, use your mind, don't sit and hold your mouth open and let some other fellow shovel it in with a scoop. The 15th chapter of Leviticus has no reference to Eve. She was pure and clean. That is the law of cleanliness to the children of Israel. Again one says there was a snake crawling up the tree of knowledge of good and evil. These words cannot be found in the Bible. Neither was the serpent made to crawl till after he had beguiled Eve. Then later on we find him walking. Job 1st chap. 7th verse. And again some time some way he got into heaven. Rev. 12th chap. verses 7, 8, 9.

M. C. Gill returned to Scio this morning after visiting over Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Francis Ahnold.

- Remember the monthly Sale Saturday, Sept. 25. List your property early in the week. Special demand for 2 seated buggies.
- 2nd hand automobiles and shafts
- Farmer's opportunity to sell or buy. Always big monthly sale of Livestock.

MRS. BELLE SCHRINER

W. S. McClure and daughter, Ernestine, of Chicago, went to Gates this morning on a business trip.

Billion Dollar Deadlock.

(By United Press)
New York, Sept. 18.—The belief was expressed in financial circles this afternoon that the allied commission and New York bankers are deadlocked over the billion dollar loan. This view was strengthened by the fact that British Ambassador Spring Rice conferred during the day with Lord Reading of the commission. It was assumed that the ambassadors' aid was sought in arranging a compromise.

ARCHIBALD SAYS HE IS PERFECTLY INNOCENT

That He Merely Took Dumba's Letter Without Knowing Anything About Its Contents.

(By United Press)
New York, Sept. 20.—James P. Archibald, the American correspondent and message bearer for Austrian Ambassador Dumba, arrived today on the liner Rotterdam. He has not been arrested. Archibald said if prosecution high is intended, it would be most unjust, as he is perfectly innocent. He said he merely took the letter unwittingly. He declined to discuss the case further.

VAUDEVILLE TO HAVE TEST IN ALBANY FOR TWO DAYS

Portland Minister Goes From Pulpit to Stage For a Season.

Albany people will have an opportunity tonight and tomorrow to say whether or not they want vaudeville at the local theatres. Manager Ayres of the Globe has secured two of the best acts of the Pantages circuit to drop off here for a short engagement between the Portland and San Francisco jump. Eugene starts tonight with the full Empress bill at one theatre and the balance of the Pantages bill that does not come here at another. Surely Albany can support one. Manager Ayres says that if the patronage warrants it he will enlarge the regular Monday and Tuesday bill to include a full evening of vaudeville.

Tonight Frank W. Gorman, the singing parson, will be heard in vocal numbers. Rev. Gorman up to Sunday night was a pastor of the Atkinson Memorial Congregational church in Portland, but he has given up the ministry for the present to fill this vaudeville engagement. Yesterday he preached his last sermon in his church and at 2 o'clock sang in Pantages theatre. He has a magnificent voice and has made a name for himself as a vocalist.

In addition a big act will be the Rondas, singers, dancers, musicians and trick bicyclists in an act that is seldom seen off the big circuits. They are a clever troupe and received good mention in the Portland papers for their work last week.

Albert Gillette will again appear in Baritone solos in contrast to Dr. Gorman's tenor. In addition are the Globe orchestra and six reels of pictures, including such stars as Richard C. Travers, Fielding Romaine and Lillian Walker.

FIRE AT GLOBE THEATRE DOES LITTLE DAMAGE

At about 10 o'clock Sunday morning Manager S. C. Ayres and Jack Warner noticed smoke coming out of the Globe theatre and an investigation showed that a blaze was starting in the property room. Before the fire department could arrive and extinguish the flames, quite a little damage was done to the door, floor and plaster of the little room, which is located at the east end of the foyer, and the walls and ceiling of the foyer were blackened by smoke. The total damage will amount to about \$75, all covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it was undoubtedly from spontaneous combustion, as the room was full of trash, rags, advertising matter, etc. Five reels of films were also in the room, but were in the fire proof case and were not touched. Had the flames reached this box it is possible that an explosion would have occurred that would have given the fire such a start that the entire interior of the theatre would have been damaged.

MAY MARSH—ENOUGH SAID IN BIG PLAY WEDNESDAY

Mae Marsh, said by many to be the most capable actress doing screen work today, is her own piquant adorable self all through the scenes in the four-part Mutual Masterpiece, "The Outlaw's Revenge in the Dawn of the New Republic," which shows the journey of the canopied traveling wagon across the Mexican desert. The Outlaw's Revenge in the Dawn of the New Republic" will be shown at the Rolfe theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Many Homeless.

(By United Press)
Bombay, Sept. 20.—Eighty thousand persons are homeless in the path of the recent floods in Ganges valley, Lucknow dispatches said today. Eighteen hundred dwellings have collapsed, and 45 persons were killed.



PRES. H. M. CROOKS
Who has resigned and will go to Alma, Michigan.

GERMANS ARE SMASHING THINGS

Three Hundred Thousand Russians Retreating From the Vilna Region.

RUSSIANS ADMIT THE CRITICAL SITUATION

Capture of Vilna Will Mean An Important Step in March to Petrograd.

(By United Press)
Petrograd, Sept. 20.—Three hundred thousand Russians are retreating from the Vilna region, under a terrible attack on both flanks from the German forces who are making herculean efforts to surround them. Their position is more critical than that of any Russian army since the war began. Confidence is expressed in military circles today, however, that they will either escape the Teutons without a general battle or will smash their way through the Austro-German offense. Success for the Russians in Volhynia and Galicia is officially reported.

Berlin, Sept. 20.—German forces again defeated the Russians southwest of Dvinsk, while encircling movements around Vilna continue, according to official announcement today. The Teutons have driven the Slavs through the Novo Alexanderovsk region toward Brixhead before Dvinsk.

A Rockefeller Story.

(By United Press)
New York, Sept. 18.—Rockefeller offices today refused to comment on the story that they would sell Colorado Fuel—Iron company properties to James J. Hill, because of the labor troubles.

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Suit for Divorce.

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GREECE AND ROMANIA GETTING READY TO ENTER WAR

If Bulgaria Makes the Leap For Germany They Will Enter For the Allies.

(By United Press)
Rome, Sept. 20.—Greece and Rumanian are keeping close watch on Bulgaria's moves and are preparing to aid the allies if Bulgaria casts her lot with the Teutons, advices here say. Three classes of Greek reservists have been summoned to the colors in apparent anticipation of definite action soon.

KING MADE A LIQUOR HAUL DOWN THE STREET

Caught Steven Harvey After a Bicycle Chase Along Second Street For Several Blocks.

Policeman Griff King yesterday afternoon made an interesting capture Steven Harney, better known as Frenchy, passed along the street turning from First street down towards Second and thence eastward. King saw him go along with bulging pockets, and Frenchy saw King. After he had passed King mounted his bicycle and followed, and caught up with him, and made an inspection finding two bottles of beer and a bottle of whiskey part full, in the inside pockets, which he confiscated, and took Harney to jail. This morning he was up before Recorder Van Tassel, who gave him a fine of \$17.50, including costs. He said the liquor came from Independence; but the officials have an idea that it was from an Albany b. p.

Villa Evacuated Torreon.

(By United Press)
Washington, Sept. 20.—Confirmation of Gen. Villa's evacuation of Torreon was received today by the state department. He is reported retreating to Chihuahua.

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SUPERINTENDENT SEARS OF KEOKUK

Chas. A. Sears General Superintendent of One of World's Biggest Power Plants Here.

STARTED AS AN ALBANY LAMP TRIMMER

His Engineering Work Has Attracted Wide Attention Over the World.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Sears, of Keokuk, Iowa, arrived yesterday evening on an Albany visit, and are the guests of Mr. Sears' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sears, and Mrs. Sears' sister, Mrs. Ed. Sears. Mr. Sears is general superintendent of the Mississippi Power Plant, at Keokuk, one of the largest and finest plants in the world. He had charge of the work of construction, one that attracted attention all over the world, being one of the finest pieces of engineering in the United States. The Keokuk Power plant, which furnishes power for St. Louis, and several other large cities, besides Keokuk, develops 300,000 H. P., and already 110,000 H. P. is being used. All the big magazines have given extended accounts, with illustrations of the plant, of which Mr. Sears is general superintendent.

Before leaving, at a meeting in Keokuk, Mr. Sears was speaker, giving an address with moving picture illustrations of the big power plant at Big Creek, Calif., one that furnishes power for Fresno and several other cities; the details of which were given in the Keokuk press, using a couple of columns or more.

Mr. Sears' progress upward in his work has been full of interest. He started in the days of N. H. Allen, with the Albany electric light plant, doing the carbon trick at first, always investigating and going ahead. From here he went to Electron, Wash., where he finally became superintendent of the big plant furnishing power for Seattle, Tacoma and other cities. His reputation was such that he was wanted at Keokuk, at a big salary, and since going there has fully sustained his reputation to such an extent that there have been calls for him at other big works.

Mrs. Sears was formerly Miss Berlie Day, a clerk in the store of L. E. and H. J. Hamilton for several years during the early days of the store, both having many friends here who are glad to have them spend their vacation season in Albany this year.

Lawyer Sentenced.

(By United Press)
Seattle, Sept. 18.—Moyssias J. Speckert, an attorney, former pastor of the "Temple of Light" and spiritual lecturer, was sentenced today by Judge Gillman to serve six months to fifteen years in the penitentiary, allowing a plea of guilty to grand larceny. Speckert misappropriated \$900 belonging to a client.

Death of Bishop Conaty.

(By United Press)
San Diego, Sept. 18.—Bishop Thomas Conaty, of Los Angeles, died suddenly at Coronado today. He had been in poor health for some time. Out of respect to the deceased, the Catholic day exposition tomorrow has been postponed to October.

NATIVE OF ALBANY MARRIED IN CALIFORNIA

The editor of the Democrat has received an announcement from his old friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Heist, of Pacific Grove, Calif., telling of the marriage of their daughter, Martha, on September 15, to Ulysses Grant Edwards. The Hearsts formerly resided in Albany, leaving here for California to make their home about 25 years ago. Their home here was at Washington and Fourth streets, in the house that was moved back on Fourth street and reconstructed, now owned by Ed. Derry, in which the bride was born. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards will have the congratulations and best wishes of the friends of the bride in this city.