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INDEPENDENT COLLEGES MEET

President Lee to Discuss Free Scholarships to High School Students.

FREE SCHOLARSHIP SCRAMBLE NOT DIGNIFIED

The Colleges: Albany Willamette, McMinnville, Pacific, P. U., and Reed.

At the conference of independent colleges to be held at McMinnville today and tomorrow, the following topic is to be presented by Acting President Lee, of Albany College, for discussion: "Shall the privately endowed colleges grant no free scholarships except on a cooperative plan, whereby the scholarships are awarded to high schools by the group of colleges and each student left free to choose his college?"

President Lee is going to advocate a plan by which the seven individual colleges of the state shall come to an agreement so as to act in cooperation. He will say in part:

"A scramble on the part of the colleges of Oregon for high school graduates to attend said colleges as students is undignified and unnecessary. The plan that the colleges ought to adopt, and I trust will adopt, will be to organize a council which shall issue a statement to the high schools of the state that one free tuition scholarship will be granted to each high school in the state, the beneficiary to select the college and to notify that college within thirty days after his graduation from high school. The condition on which this scholarship shall be granted will probably be very similar to those of the Rhodes scholarship. Emphasis should be placed not only upon class standing, but upon character, leadership, popularity, and participation in extra-curriculum activities. The high schools should be asked to submit to the college three names of students that meet these requirements in the judgment of the high school teachers or principal, and the college may select one from this number."

The colleges have a deep desire to encourage the high schools and the scholars in the high schools, and do all that they can for those scholars that are deserving in scholarship and character, and dependent upon their own resources.

It is probable that the coming conference will take some such action as this to be suggested, and the details by which it is to be worked out will be more fully reached after the conference.

The colleges that are involved in this conference are, Philomath college, Albany College, Willamette University, McMinnville College, Pacific College, Pacific University, and Reed College. It is not known at this present time whether any or all of these colleges will unite in such a movement, but they will be urged by President Lee to do so.

The other topics to be discussed are:

- Shall the colleges participate in inter-collegiate athletics? This subject will be led by President Foster, of Reed College, an opponent of inter-collegiate athletics, so the trend of his talk can easily be foretold.
- Shall the colleges of Oregon unite in asking the state department of public instruction to grant certificates to teach in high schools only to persons who have fully satisfied the requirements specified by law?
- Shall the colleges agree upon a list of simplified spelling for official approval?
- Shall the colleges adopt a plan for exchange of professors, whereby one member of the faculty of each college shall visit each of the other colleges during the academic year?
- Shall the colleges adopt a uniform method of grades?

S. D. Brown, of Lyons, returned home this morning. Mr. Brown is road supervisor of his district and had been down conferring with the county court.

GIRLS SERVE FEED SET EXAMPLE BY PREPARING FOOTBALL BANQUET.

High School Faculty Members Pay Tribute to Successful Team of Past Season.

A most enjoyable affair was the banquet tendered the Albany high school football team last night in the high school building by City Superintendent C. W. Boettcher, Principal Young, and Prof. Stevens, coach of the team. The banquet was prepared and served by girls of the domestic science department, and was pronounced delicious. Roast duck formed the basis for the menu, and besides the usual articles served there were many delicacies of unusual merit. The dinner was served in five courses. This is a precedent worthy of being followed by other schools having domestic science departments.

After the dinner speeches were made by Toastmaster Tracey, Captain McChesney, who toasted Captain-elect Schultz, a response by Schultz, Lyle Bain, Gildow, Davis, and the hosts. Lyle Bain presented the members of the squad with the letters which were won this season, all but Bilyeu, Weber and McCune receiving the coveted emblem.

Those present were McChesney, Bilyeu, McCune, Paul and Pete Miller, Allen, Clelen, Gildow, Schultz, Beals, Tracey, Bain, Tate, Wilbur, Davis, and the hosts, Professors Stevens, Young and Boettcher.

DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Calvin Crandall Passed Away Last Night at the Age of Almost 78.

After a long illness Mrs. Phoebe, wife of the late Calvin Crandall, died last night at 8:30 at her home on Cottage street, at the age of 77 years, almost 78. She was born in New York state, and came to Albany to make her home in 1875, and during her long residence here making many friends by her splendid Christian character, beloved by all knowing her. Her husband died several years ago. Her only relative here is a sister, Mrs. Dutcher, who is now quite ill, her condition being serious. They had resided together for some years. Mrs. Crandall was a member of the Congregational church, but after the discontinuance of services here attended the M. E. church.

Services will be held in the M. E. church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. D. V. Poling, of The Dalles, her former pastor, preaching the sermon.

TAX EXTENSION MEASURE. Republicans Will Not Filibuster; But Want It Limited to Three Months.

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 17.—With 16 Democratic majority and no filibuster threatened, the final enactment of the administration war tax extension measure is expected before the adjournment tonight. The president will approve it tomorrow. It is expected the Republicans will make a fight for the tax to be extended not more than three months.

Rolla Ralston came down from Eugene last night to spend the holidays.

HIGH SCHOOL FUSSERS BEAT THE MARRIED MEN

Two basketball teams representing the "married men" and the Fussers, of the high school clashed Wednesday evening, resulting in a victory for the latter by the score of 23 to 17. The married men's team was picked by P. T. Church, who treated the participants to a trip to the movies. The Fussers were picked by Coach Clifford.

The lineup:
Married men— Pos. Fussers
Miller C. Hecator
W. Gilbert G. Boettcher
V. Henderson G. P. Giddings
Nebergall F. Clelen
Leininger F. Tate

UNSATISFACTORY AUSTRIAN REPLY

Secretary and Cabinet Considered Same and Mapped Out Course to Pursue.

SECRETARY LANSING TO MAKE REJOINER

Three Results: Severance Relations, Backdown or Production Refuting Evidence.

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 17.—The president and cabinet today read Austria's unsatisfactory reply to American demands in the Ancona case. They mapped out the course for Secretary Lansing after the president starts on his honeymoon. Secretary Lansing will draft a definite rejoinder which is expected to have one of three results. First, severance of diplomatic relations. Second, Austrian backdown. Third, Austria to produce evidence refuting that on which her first statement was based.

Secretary Lansing will submit the message to President Wilson and then send it to Vienna. It will leave no loophole for further delay.

U. S. Reply. Washington, Dec. 17.—The Austrian reply to the American Ancona note was delivered at the State Department at midnight. Code experts began deciphering it at once. This will probably consume hours.

GIGANTIC WHITE SLAVE PLOT BEING UNEARTHED

Arrest of Mrs. Milly Eddy Indicates a Wide Spread Slave Business.

(By United Press)
Tacoma, Dec. 17.—The federal officials believe a gigantic whiteslave plot, covering many Northwestern cities, will be bared by Mrs. Milly Eddy, who was arrested today at Chicago. The woman was recently indicted here by the federal grand jury. Assistant Federal District Attorney Fishbourne said the woman posed as a clairvoyant. She would entice girls to go to Tacoma from other cities, where they fell into the clutches of the white slavers.

ZEPPELIN HAS TRAGIC END. Cargo of Bombs Exploded Near Brussels Destroying Ship and Crew.

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.—The destruction of the Zeppelin and the death of its crew near Brussels, is reported today. It was passing Namur with a cargo of bombs, which exploded. The cause is unknown. Three peasants, who were witnesses, were arrested to suppress the details.

New Mexican Ambassador. (By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 17.—Henry H. Fletcher was today appointed ambassador to Mexico. He has been minister to Chile since 1909.

JUDGE GALLOWAY HOLDS COURT IN DEPT. NO. 1

Three Divorces Granted and Other Matters Are Settled.

Judge Wm. Galloway opened court in Department No. 2 of the circuit court in an adjourned session of the October term. Several motions were heard and orders made in various cases.

Four divorce cases were called up, three of which were granted. The case of Chas. E. Cole, vs. Mamie Cole, was dismissed on account of plaintiff's discovering that his wife was dead.

Silva Harris was granted a decree by default from Charles Harris. The couple was married in Crook county Dec. 24, 1911, and lived together three years and three months.

Default and decree for plaintiff was entered in the case of Mabel Buckley vs. Ray Buckley.

Fannie L. Sieme was granted a decree from O. U. K. Sieme on the charge of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Confirmation of sales were made in the cases of the First Savings Bank vs. Union Furniture Co., and S. D. Olmstead vs. A. W. Dockstader, et al.

In the case of Ruth A. Smith vs. Albert F. Smith et al, a suit for partition of property, a default was entered as to the defendants Edith and Everett Ingraham, and a decree of partition was granted.

The demurrer was sustained in the case of Anna Reese vs. Frank M. Walgomuth. Defendant was given 20 days to answer.

In the case of W. P. Elmore, administrator, vs. Stephens, Russell & Co., the plaintiff was given to Dec. 22 in which to file an amended complain, and defendant 10 days more to answer.

In the case of Minnie F. Fletcher vs. C. H. Whitman, et al, to register title, default was entered as to seven of the defendants.

A decree was entered in the case of J. E. Nichols vs. S. M. Garland et al to register title.

The case of J. J. Collins, administrator, vs. Ada L. Long, was argued this afternoon.

The case of E. E. Gordon vs. Mary A. Wright et al, to foreclose a mortgage, was argued today.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS MEET TO DISCUSS PROHIBITION

At Salem Today, With Attorney General Brown Giving Address, Others Speaking.

(By United Press)
Salem, Dec. 17.—The district attorneys in about half of the counties of Oregon met today to discuss the enforcement of the prohibition law, effective January first. Attorney General Brown addressed the meeting and a general discussion followed.

COLLECTS BOUNTIES FOR WOLF AND WILD CAT

John Suttle, who lives on Hurricane Deck, near Cascadia, brought one grey wolf and one bob cat hide to Albany today for which County Clerk Russell issued him warrants for \$5 for the wolf and \$2 for the cat. He will receive an additional bounty of \$20 from the state for the wolf.

RELIEF VESSEL SUNK BY MINE

Or Was It Torpedoed; Was on Way to Belgium With Food.

A RELIEF FLAG WAS BEING FLOWN

If Torpedoed Would Cause Trouble; Probably Struck a Mine.

(By United Press)
Rotterdam, Dec. 17.—The relief ship, from New York, has been mined or torpedoed, and was sinking when last reported.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Levenpool was a 49 hundred ton English vessel, under charter by the American Belgian relief commission. She sailed from New York November 24 with 6500 tons of bacon and lard for Belgium. She flew a relief flag, and was believed to be immune from attack. Only the regular crew was aboard. It is believed here she struck a mine.

Rotterdam, Dec. 17.—Later reports said the vessel was beached near Mucking Flats.

Levenpool, Rotterdam, Dec. 17.—The British steamer Myroca, arriving today reported the steamer Pendoin and torpedo boat had removed the Levenpool's crew.

COUNTY SCHOOL CENSUS FOR 1915 COMPLETED

Shows a Small Loss in the County, Also in Several of the Towns.

Superintendent Jackson has completed the census of the school children of the county for this year. The total for the county is 8265, a decrease of 112 from last year. Albany's figures are 1466; Lebanon, 602; N. Brownsville, 203; S. Brownsville, 203; Halsey, 159; Scio, 159; Mill City, 264; Tangent, 113; Shedd, 106; Crawfordville, 104; Sweet Home, 101. This is all the towns having a school population of over 100. A majority of the towns show a small decrease. Harrisburg leads in the increase with 38. Crawfordville has 18, Halsey 8, S. Brownsville 3 and Sweet Home 1.

TRAIN WRECK IN ENGLAND. Sixteen Killed, Many Injured, By Three Trains Colliding Near Jarrow.

(By United Press)
New Castle, England, Dec. 17.—Sixteen are known to be killed, several missing and 50 injured in a triple collision when a freight train, pilot engine and passenger train piled up near Jarrow.

FRENCH AND SON RETAINED AS TRAVELING INSPECTORS

F. M. French went to Portland yesterday to meet F. A. Roby, of San Francisco, general time inspector of the Southern Pacific Co., on business pertaining to railroad watch inspection. After January 1st, the number of inspectors in the territory will be reduced from six to two, F. M. French & Son, of this city, having the work from Oregon City to Eugene, the Woodburn-Springfield branch, the Oakridge, Wendling and C. & E. branches and the west side lines, a total of about 560 miles. Belding and Saxton of Portland, is the other firm of travelling inspectors retained.

Every ninety days Mr. F. M. French or his son, J. M. French, makes a trip over these lines, inspecting about 250 watches besides the station clocks. Special trips are also made as required.

SUED DEAD WIFE

DEATH BEATS DIVORCE COURT TO A DECREE.

Linn County Man Files Suit for Divorce and Learns of Wife's Death.

To institute a suit for divorce against his wife and then discover that she was dead was the experience of a Linn county young man. The suit came up in the circuit court today and was dismissed by Judge Wm. Galloway.

The plaintiff in the suit was married to the girl named in the complaint in New York City about four years ago when both were about 25 years of age. After living with his wife about a year the young man learned that her first husband was not dead, as he had claimed, and that they were not divorced. She therefore was a bigamist and he was criminally liable. Upon learning the truth the young man came west and has lived in Linn county since his arrival.

Last September he filed suit for divorce, but before he had progressed very far he received word from his sister in New York that his wife was dead. Through his attorney, N. M. Newport, the case was taken from the books in the circuit court this morning.

WILSON-GALT WEDDING TO BE SATURDAY EVENING

Will Properly Be Private; The Honeymoon Trip Is Being Kept Secret.

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 19.—International affairs will not cloud the president's honeymoon. He weds Mrs. Galt tomorrow. The hour is not announced, but will probably be in the evening at Mrs. Galt's home, with only a few guests present. The honeymoon plans are being kept secret. If the Austrian note creates a situation demanding the president's attention, Secretary Lansing will visit him.

TEN KILLED AND HUNDRED INJURED IN A TORNADO

It Swept Through Mississippi Today Causing Death and Great Damage.

(By United Press)
Meridian, Miss., Dec. 17.—Ten are reported killed and 100 injured in a tornado sweeping this section. The town of Cullum is reported almost totally destroyed. Six are reported dead there. Two were killed and many hurt at Meridian. The property loss here is light. Two women were killed at Giles. Forty were injured in Kemper county.

HAS MANY OFFERS TO BUILD MILL ELSEWHERE

R. Thomas, the paper mill man, is constantly in receipt of letters from Commercial clubs and individuals from all over the country asking for information about the proposed mill for this city. All kinds of offers are made by cities for him to start his enterprise in their vicinity.

But Mr. Thomas came here to build a paper mill, and he says he will stick until he does. The conditions are better here than any place in the world, he says, for a mill, and it is here that it will be built. "It is pretty discouraging at times, though," he says, "waiting for a little help from the people, but it will come, I am sure of that. We can't get organized too quick for me. We will get the money and the timber, alright. No question about that."

Inspecting Minnesota.
(By United Press)
San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Federal officials today began inspection of the boiler tubes of the Minnesota. Others are taking the testimony of the crew.

CHILD WELFARE ABLY PRESENTED

Dean Clark, of Pacific University Gave Clean-cut Address on Important Subject.

PROPER CARE AND TREATMENT OF CHILDREN NEEDED

Mary Fagan, of Georgia, Should Have Been Protected When Alive By Right Law.

Speaking on the important subject of child welfare, now attracting wide attention, Dean Clark, of Pacific University, at the public library auditorium last night, gave some thoughts and facts that greatly interested his audience, fortunate in being present. "More, and more," he said, "it is becoming the day of the child—the future citizen."

Sociological questions must be viewed from all sides fairly. Take the case of Leo Frank, and Georgia's position on child welfare is made conspicuous. It practically had no law with provisions for the protection of young girls, like Mary Fagan, and in that state there are 93,000 children between 10 and 13 working for wages, in Oregon only 930, and they are mostly on farms. Mary Fagan should be cared for alive.

A great handicap to children are their many defects that need correcting, poor breathing, bad teeth, palates, adenoids, etc. In N. Y. state 824,000 were found with defects, of these, 524,000 were dental.

A great evil affecting children, he said, are patent medicines, with their opiates, narcotics, alcohol, heart depressants, creating appetites. They mostly make fortunes for their makers pink pills alone \$6,500,000.

The ratio of mental defectiveness is about one in five hundred. They are the victims of temptation, the result of environment and physical defects.

The infant mortality in the U. S. is 165 in 1,000 before the age of one year, 230,000 in the U. S. annually, out of 1,500,000 deaths, due to impure food, bad milk supply, non-hygienic conditions, home environments, and therefore in a large number of cases preventable.

The home is to blame for most girl delinquencies, and as well for boys going astray, more so than had companions. A boy hates a vacuum, and if home is not made a place of companionship he is going to get it somewhere else. His surplus energy must be met.

Prevention is better than a cure, and herein is a solution to the problem. From birth the child needs care and attention, defects should be properly attended to. In the schools there should be medical inspection and enforced treatment, and the child should be given proper air supplies, sanitation, etc. Proper child labor laws should operate. In this respect Oregon is fortunate, having a good law. A great secret in development of children is keeping children busy, even in their plays. There should be play grounds and other means for reasonable recreation.

Helpful influences are needed, those working for righteous development into a cleaner and healthier manhood and womanhood.

Mrs. C. I. Ransom, wife of the late Dr. Ransom, who lost his life recently in Wyoming, came down from Mill City on business yesterday.

ALBANY BEAVERS PLAY CORVALLIS TIGERS TONIGHT

Tonight in the Junior high school auditorium, the Albany Beavers will line up against the Corvallis Tigers in a game of basketball. These teams represent the cream of the juvenile material in both cities, the ages of the players ranging around 12 to 15 years. The game will start about 7:45 in the Junior gym, Ninth and Ferry streets.



O. A. C. SHORT COURSE—ADVANCE CLASS IN COOKING.