

TAXPAYERS MEET LINN CO. COURT

Approve Budget For 1916 and
Laud Court For Courtesies
Shown Committee.

FIND LINN COUNTY HAS LOWER LEVY THAN OTHERS

Committee of Farmers Present
Question of County Agriculturalist
to Court.

Today being the date set at the last meeting of the county court committee of Linn county taxpayers league to examine the budget for 1916 taxes, the members of that body met with County Judge D. B. McKnight and Commissioners J. D. Irvine and T. J. Butler for a final look at the proposals for expenditures for next year. Not only did the committee find the estimates satisfactory, but conservative indeed, and found no cause for complain for extravagance in any department. The levy will probably stand at 12 mills, as originally fixed by the court. Next Tuesday, Dec. 28, is the day set for the public to appear and file final objections to the estimates.

The taxpayers committee, composed of C. L. Shaw, U. G. Smith, and Henry Lyons, of Albany; D. Cormier, of Lebanon, and W. W. Poland, of Sheild, all heavy property owners and conservative business men, met in session this morning and after going over the budget again, scrutinizing every item and comparing it with budgets of other counties stamped their approval on the work of the court and then took up the question of how to proceed for next year.

"The members of the court have been very courteous," said one of the members of the committee this afternoon. "There was nothing that they would not do to explain every item in the budget, and access to every necessary was placed at our disposal." This is in contrast to the attitude of the county courts in some counties where the members took a hostile view of the intrusions of the taxpayers' league in scrutinizing the budget. The local court welcomed the questioning of the representatives of the people who pay the county bills.

For County Agriculturalist.

A delegation of farmers, growers and business men waited on the county court this afternoon to place the proposition before them of employing an expert agriculturalist similar to the system so satisfactorily in vogue in Marion and other counties. Luther J. Chapin, Marion county's farmers' advisor and soil expert has done great things in the neighboring county and the farmers have been repaid many times over as a result of his knowledge and advice, and believing if the right man can be found that the system will work to the advantage of this county the delegation, headed by Archie Miller, Dr. Robnett and others, are placing the matter in the hands of the court for consideration.

HENRY FORD TAKEN ILL IN CHRISTIANIA

Sentiment Changed to His Favor; Makes Good Impression in Norway.

(By United Press)
Christiania, Dec. 21.—Henry Ford is ill in bed, possibly seriously so. Until his recovery, his party will remain at Christiania. Sentiment has veered in his favor. Newspapers called him an admirable personality. It is learned that spies have been sent by the belligerents to ascertain if an ulterior motive prompted Ford to make the expedition.

The President.
(By United Press)
Hot Spring, Dec. 21.—President Wilson and his bride are here very quiet. A double guard of secret service men are about their suite.

PAPER MILL UP

COMMERCIAL CLUB DISCUSSES
QUESTION WITH R. THOMAS

Delegates Appointed to Two Important Meetings in Portland Next Week.

Besides appointing representatives to the Oregon Irrigation Congress, which meets Dec. 31, and to the Oregon Development League, which meets December 31, and discussing the paper mill proposition, there was very little doing last night at the meeting of the board of directors of the Albany Commercial Club.

E. M. Reagan, George Taylor and A. M. Hammer were appointed to represent Albany at both meetings in Portland. The irrigation meeting is of great importance to the state at large and it is expected that good results will follow. The meeting of the Oregon Development League is an effort to revive a dead member. This organization was of great benefit to the state when in its prime, but has been allowed to die out. With new energy and enthusiasm behind it the old prestige may return.

R. Thomas, who has for the last seven months been trying to get a paper mill organized here, appeared before the board and underwent a cross-examination by the members. Mr. Thomas' plans were laid fully before the board and the paper mill committee, and the subject thoroughly discussed. Mr. Thomas was advised to bring in his pledges for timber and subscriptions and then the club would get behind him and boost for the raising of sufficient cash to start actual progressive work in forming the company and bringing the organization to a head. Mr. Thomas maintains optimism regarding the ultimate building of the mill and feels greatly encouraged over last night's meeting.

COL. HOUSE TO GO TO EUROPE FOR THE PRESIDENT

Will Take Information From
Ambassadors in Reference
to Situation.

New York, Dec. 21.—Colonel House is going to Europe within a fortnight as an unofficial agent of President Wilson. He told the United Press he was going to take information to American ambassadors and obtain their viewpoints on phases of international questions. He was not on a peace mission, he said.

Wednesday Evening Dancing Club.

Will give the first of the series of dancing parties tomorrow evening at Bussard's hall.

Invitations have been issued but in the short time the committee had to complete arrangements, they probably overlooked some who are desirous of and are eligible to membership, so if those who desire to become members will communicate with Martin Mayer, Box 185, or Miss Crosno, their application will be acted upon by committee.

GREEKS FIRED ON FRENCH

French Wanted Fort Delivered to Allies, But Greeks Had Different View.

(By United Press)
Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Greeks at Fort Karaburna fired on a French detachment which failed to heed the command to halt, according to dispatches. The French are reported to have fled. The Greeks hold the fort despite the French request to deliver it to the allies.

EXPLOSION; BIG DAMAGE

Corn Products Plant at Sunnyside, N. J., Wrecked, One Killed, Many Injured.

(By United Press)
New York, Dec. 21.—One was killed, two are missing, and eleven were injured in an explosion which wrecked the building of the Corn products plant at Sunnyside, New Jersey. The fire was extinguished. The loss is \$700,000.

IF WASHINGTON WILL KEEP COOL

There Will Be No Quarrel With
Austria Says the Great
Count Tisza.

DECLARES THE MATTER SHEER NONSENSE

Dumba's Successor to Be
Appointed, Indicating Friendly
Feeling For U. S.

(By Karl Ackerman)

Berlin, Dec. 21.—"There will be no quarrel between Austria and America if Washington officials keep cool," Count Stephen Tisza, Austria's first man, next to the emperor, made this statement to me on my visit to Budapest last week. "It is sheer nonsense," Tisza said, following a conference with the emperor.

"I must confess, however, that we were greatly surprised by the American note. But it is far from our intention to quarrel." He pointed out, however, that matters will not depend upon Austria alone. He counseled coolness at Washington. He said Austria is considering a successor to Dumba, indicating apparently that they are not contemplating the possibility of a diplomatic break.

Won Suit.

(By United Press)
London, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Asquith won her suit against the Globe to prevent the paper from continuing an alleged libel. She took exception to the stories saying that she is friendly to German prisoners.

Was Great Victory.

(By United Press)
Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Constantinople war office claimed a great victory in battle when the British were withdrawn from Gallipoli. The enemy were defeated at Anafarta and Arburnu. The British countered at Seddulbahr and were repulsed.

KLAMATH FALL'S TRAGEDY OVER A LAND DISPUTE

Coroner's Jury Charges Ernest
Lawrence With Death of
Mrs. Kuehne.

(By United Press)

Klamath Falls, Dec. 21.—The coroner's jury today charged Ernest Lawrence with the killing of Mrs. Kuehne as a result of a pitched battle with five participants yesterday. Mrs. Guy Hunter, wife of the wounded man, says she fired the fatal shot. The dying statement of Mrs. Kuehne said Lawrence shot her, and then her son shot Hunter. A land dispute started the battle.

OLD-TIME MATCH HUNT HELD HERE 30 YEARS AGO

Killed 318 Pieces of Game and
Ate Them at the Hotel
Revere.

An Albany man has handed the Democrat a clipping from this paper published about thirty years ago, telling of a match hunt here of much interest. Each piece of game counted a certain amount according to its importance. Burr Sloan was captain of one side and Geo. Burkhardt of the other, and the scores made were as follows:

Sloan's team—Sloan, 595; W. B. Scott, 315; W. W. Taylor, 290; W. M. Jones, 215; D. D. Hackleman, 350; Ed. Schmeer, 160; Wm. Hendrickson, 240; O. C. Clelen, 185; Frank Daniels, 135; G. C. Will, 145; Fred Wolvert, 250; Jas. Callahan, 211; S. G. Dorris, 120; Chas. Pfeiffer, 65; Joe Watson, 105; H. Lampman, 80; Joe Lampman, 340. Total, 3801.

Burkhart's team—Burkhart, 215; N. B. Sprenger, 380; Walter East, 200; J. J. DuBrulle, 110; C. W. Watts, 110; Fred Hyde, 385; E. W. Langdon, 180; W. B. Daniels, 145; Chas. Mueller, 95; Thos. Monteith, 140; Harry Noel, 45; H. Backensto, 345; Wm. Miller, 135; Total, 3161.

Total game killed—21 geese, 31 mallard ducks, 39 teal, 13 pheasants, 162 snipe, 10 killdeer, 55 yellow hammers, 4 coon,—418.

Following the hunt a game supper was given at the Revere House, Burkhardt's team footing the bill. Billy Garrett was the proprietor of the hotel. Some hunt that.

Of the thirty men mentioned, only six are now residents of Albany. Burr Sloan, D. D. Hackleman, Frank Daniels, Joe Watson, N. B. Sprenger, and Fred Hyde. About half are deceased.

STATE SPORTSMEN LEAGUE IN SESSION AT PORTLAND

J. G. Myers Former Albany Boy
Is Champion Fly Caster of
the State.

Football is not the only thing in which Albany young men excel. A former Albany boy Johnny Myers is the champion fly caster of Oregon, and we believe also of the U. S. He won the championship of the state at Portland, and that of the U. S. at Chicago. His Oregon distance record was 100 1/2 feet. This fact was a part of the record announced today at Portland at the 3rd annual meeting of the Oregon Sportsmen's League. At the meeting yesterday afternoon N. B. Van Duzer, of Portland, was elected president, W. N. Matlock, of Pendleton, first vice; Dr. J. G. Gill, of Lebanon, second vice president; S. C. Bartrum; Roseburg, secretary and treasurer. Linn county men present are Ira Hutchings, Joe Cardingle and S. Balstrick, all of Brownsville. The league proposes to oppose any candidate for office who is not willing to do what is right with the sportsmen of the state.

ONE MILLION MORE ENGLISH SOLDIERS

Premier Asquith to Ask For Another
Million of Soldiers
For the War.

WHICH WILL MAKE FOUR MILLIONS IN ALL

Now Declared That Conscript-
ion Will Not Be Necessary
to Fill Ranks.

(By United Press)

London, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith seeks the call of a million more men to the English standards. He introduced a bill today bringing the total troops up to four million. It is explained that General Kitchener counseled the Dardanelles withdrawal. The withdrawing suffered only slight losses. Premier Asquith said the derbies plan had succeeded, and conscription will be unnecessary.

Spain Wants Munitions.

(By United Press)

New York, Dec. 21.—Spain will buy twenty million dollars worth of munitions and machinery in America, Consul Salas said. A military commission of five men are now here.

ON THE TRAIL OF BANDITS.

Indian Hunters Sent After Robbers
and Others Hunted for
Drowned.

(By United Press)

Seattle, Dec. 21.—Indian hunters have been placed on the trail of three surviving members of the gang which held up the Duval bank Saturday. Other Indians dragged the river for the body of the fourth bandit, who was shot while swimming to safety.

British Vessel Sunk.

(By United Press)

London, Dec. 21.—The British vessels Huntley and Belford, were sunk by submarines. The crews were saved.

MARRIAGE NOT GROUNDS FOR DISCHARGING TEACHER

Supreme Court Decided Case
of Richards Agt. Portland in
Favor of Teacher.

(By United Press)

Salem, Dec. 27.—That marriage is not sufficient grounds to dismiss a school teacher, the supreme court held in the case of Maud L. Richards, against the Portland schools. She married Oren Richards, a lawyer, last January, and was discharged and her husband brought suit.

ROBBER SHOT AT PORTLAND.

Was Attempting to Rob Till When
Operator Took Three
Shots.

(By United Press)

Portland, Dec. 21.—An unidentified robber was shot thrice, and probably fatally wounded, early this morning in a revolver duel with J. D. Stewart, night operator at the Multnomah station in an attempt to rob the till. He was taken to the Portland hospital.

GEARHART HOTEL BURNED.

Fire Started This Morning From En-
gine House, and Wind Kept
Blaze Going.

(By United Press)

Portland, Dec. 21.—The Gearhart hotel at Gearhart was destroyed by fire at 5:30 this morning. No details can be had because the wires are prostrated. The Seaside fire department was too late to assist. The fire started in the engine room. A heavy wind fanned the flames beyond control.

NEW EQUIPMENT

FOR PERMANENT REGISTRA-
TION SYSTEM ARRIVED

Registration Begins Jan. 3rd, and is
Permanent Unless Voter Moves
From Precinct.

Equipment for the permanent registration system for state and county elections was received today by County Clerk Russell and now occupies a place in his office.

The new registration law, which was passed by the last session of the legislature, is now in effect, and permanent registration of voters will start Jan. 3rd. There are over 12,000 registered voters in the 53 precincts of the county, and all must register over under the new system.

The equipment consists of a steel filing cabinet of 8 compartments, and capable of holding all the names in the registrations books. Instead of a book, the voter registers on a card, which is filed in the clerk's office. At election time the county clerk simply sends to each precinct a list of registered voters. Swearing voters is done away with.

In case of a voter voting under blank "A" he simply signs the card, endorsed by two freeholders and the election judge.

One registration will hereafter be permanent, unless the elector moves out of his precinct. The new system is convenient to both voters and officials and will prove a big saving to the taxpayers.

U. O. GLEE CLUB THIS YEAR IS A FINE ORGANIZATION

Greater Variety of Talent, In-
cluding Ho-Sheng Huang
a Soloist.

(By United Press)

University of Oregon Eugene, Dec. 21.—Albany is included in the itinerary of the University of Oregon Glee Club which leaves Eugene in a week. Dean Ralph H. Lyman, of the University of Oregon school of music, who directs the club, is responsible for the statement that the program used by this year's club will more nearly meet popular response than any used by an Oregon Glee club in recent years. He gives as a reason for this the great variety of talent represented on the present club.

The club is given a cosmopolitan aspect because of the inclusion within its membership of a Chinaman, Ho-Sheng Huang, who is registered in the university from Amoy, China. Huang is greatest individual attraction on the club. He is a soloist and appears in several popular American songs which he sings in his own native tongue. Among the songs rendered by Huang as "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" and "It's Tulip Time in Holland." Huang wears his native dress in his appearances on the stage.

Albert J. Gillette Jr., whose ability as a singer is well known in Albany, is with the club again this year. Gillette's voice has never been better and in all the concerts given thus far, his songs have been conspicuous features. "Mother Machree" has been the greatest favorite.

Walter Grebe, trombonist, renders "A Song to the Evening Star" on the sliding instrument.

John M. Dolph, in "The Burgomeister's Death," is one of the club's shining lights. His reading is taken from the well-known drama "The Bells," by Erekman and Chatrain. At the Eugene concert of the club, Dolph had the audience at such tense attention that scarcely a sound could be heard. He makes the reading realistic by an ingenious makeup.

The layman's conception of college life finds expression in the skit, "Five Minutes of College Life," in which Albert Gillette takes the part of a Senior, Carl Nelson, that of a Sophomore and Jack Dolph that of a Freshman. The skit is racy and full of 'pep.'

Leslie O. Tooze, who manages the club, will be in Albany a week in advance of the club to make all preliminary arrangements.

Clarence Thom arrived last night from Walla Walla, Wash., where he is a student at Whitman college, and will spend the holidays here with his brother, Deputy Sheriff Ralph Thom, and in Lebanon with other relatives.

SCIO LEADS IN CHURCH PROGRESS

Denominational Prejudices Are
Thrown Aside and One Strong
Federated Church Formed.

THIRTY-FIVE MEMBERS ON CHARTER ROLL TO INCREASE

Albany People Attend Most
Successful Meeting at Scio
Last Night.

One of the best religious meetings ever held in this county occurred at Scio last night when members of the congregations of the Baptist, Christian, Presbyterian and Methodist churches and other scattering denominations met to form a federated church. The step was one in complete accord with common sense, and Scio, unlike so many other communities, will now have one strong church instead of several very inefficient congregations as formerly.

Sunday night Rev. E. H. Edgar, an evangelist of this city, and his singer, Mr. Stockton, closed a most successful two weeks evangelistic campaign and added 34 converts to the side of Christianity. At the Sunday meeting it was voted to hold a business meeting Monday night to form an organization. Two auto loads of Albany people made their way to Scio last night and participated in one of the best meetings they ever attended. The meeting was marked by harmony, enthusiasm, and accord in everything.

Rev. G. H. Young, of the Baptist church of this city, presided as chairman of the meeting. Among the speakers were A. C. Schmitt, Rev. Young, G. W. Rohrbough and Rev. M. L. Hayes, of the Eugene Bible University. Mr. Stockton again pleased the congregation with his beautiful solos.

After the discussion a federated church was organized with 35 charter members, and at least twice that number will be enrolled within the next few days. Seven trustees were elected, articles of faith were adopted, and basis for membership agreed upon, besides other business being transacted. A capable pastor is now being sought, and the prospects for a fine church in a country town were never so bright.

Denominational prejudice has been cast to the winds in Scio and all persons of Protestant belief desiring to combine into a strong church have signified their intentions of joining. Instead of three or four weak churches the new Federated church will stand out in bold contrast. The day for the poorly paid charity seeking minister is past, and the thriving little city by the Santiam will soon be able to boast of the finest country church in the state. For the present either the old Christian or Baptist church will be used for a meeting place.

SIXTY MILE GALE RAGING.

Sound Visited by Big Storm. Wires
Down, Storm Warnings
Raised.

Seattle, Dec. 21.—A sixty mile gale is raging along the coast and fear is felt for shipping. Storm warnings have been ordered up. Wires are all down, but no storm damage is reported by wireless.

KILLED WILD CAT ON FARM NEAR LEBANON

Hearing the dogs barking on his place about seven miles east of Lebanon early this week, Frank A. Loomis took his gun and went to see what was the matter. Upon reaching the spot he discovered that the canines had treed a large bob cat. One well directed shot put an end to the treacherous animal and today Mr. Loomis brought his skin to County Clerk Russell's office where Deputy Chas. Curry issued him a warrant for \$2, the bounty paid by the county for this class of pests.



LUCILLE WARD MARGARITA FISCHER & JOSEPH SINGLETON IN "ACTUAL"
FOUR ACT MUTUAL MASTERPICTURE MADE BY AMERICAN
At the Rolfe tomorrow and Thursday.