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Tonight, rain or snow; not so cold.
Wednesday rain or snow.

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BUSY MEETING AT COMMERCIAL CLUB

Many Communications Read at Meeting Last Evening and Recommendations Made.

FIGHT BEING MADE FOR FAIR RATES ON R.R.'S FROM EAST

Matter of Newer and Better Quarters for Club Discussed and Committee Appointed.

The regular weekly meeting of the Albany Commercial club was well attended and an unusually large amount of business disposed of last night. If the efforts of the members of the club will avail anything Albany is due to be classed along with other cities from the southern boundary of the state to Astoria in the matter of Commercial club rooms and equipment. It is the opinion of many that the commercial club should be composed of something more than office rooms and a place to meet once a week. The theory of other cities that the more attractive the rooms are made to the members the more can be accomplished is held by a number who are busy trying to bring about the change. Last night President Robnett appointed a committee composed of Dr. C. V. Lintler, C. B. Winn, C. H. Wieder, W. A. Eastburn, and R. Walworth to the proper course for the club to pursue, the matter of securing new quarters, the cost of fitting them up and the cost of rearranging the present quarters to better meet the needs. A lengthy discussion of the matter was indulged in and various opinions brought out. The committee will report at the meeting of Feb. 14th, the night of the regular monthly meeting and banquet of the whole club.

A letter was read from the Portland Chamber of Commerce, urging the club to support the United States' Chamber of Commerce in their efforts to establish a non-partisan permanent Tariff Commission. The matter was discussed and referred to the committee on legislation, requesting that the proper resolutions be drafted at once and reported at the next meeting.

The Astoria Naval Base Committee asks that the Albany Commercial club urge upon the Oregon members of Congress the establishing of a naval base of the first class at the mouth of the Columbia river. This was also referred to the Legislative Committee. To the committee on legislation was also referred the communication from the Portland Chamber of Commerce asking that the club use its influence with the Oregon congressmen asking that they make more liberal provision in the water power bill now pending in Congress. A communication from the Vista House Assn., of Portland, was received asking that the club contribute to the Memorial of the Oregon Pioneers at Crown Point, Columbia Highway, along the Columbia river. The Memorial Hall, rest-room and observatory is to cost \$20,000. The club, or individuals, are asked to contribute write-ups and cuts for the

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POWERS FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW NOON

The funeral of the late Fred Powers, who was killed by a work train in Portland Saturday, will be at the Knights of Pythias Hall Wednesday noon at 12:30. The services will be conducted by Laurel Lodge No. 7, K. of P., and interment will take place in Riverside Cemetery. Fred Powers was born in Iowa in May, 1872, being 43 years old at the time of his death. He was well known in Albany and Linn county. Besides the widow and three small children, aged 3, 6 and 8 years, he is survived by two brothers, C. E. Powers, of this city, and Frank Powers, of Bend, also an uncle, Wm. Powers, and a cousin, Mrs. H. B. Springer. He also leaves other relatives in Sheds and Seattle.

NO JAN. ARRESTS

CITY DOCKET ABSOLUTELY CLEAN FROM CRIMES.

First Month to Show No Arrests for Drunkenness With Not Even a Complaint Filed.

While other cities are blowing about how clean they are since prohibition went into effect Albany may well take a couple of toots at her own horn. Portland this morning tells how drunkenness was 80 per cent less this year than last. Albany is 100 per cent less. There was none last month. During January 1916 there was not an arrest in the city court, not a complaint, not a drunk taken into custody, not a crime. There were two cases of boys being picked up and being sent back to their homes, but there were not arrests made.

There are no women operating in Albany. Chief of Police Catlin has cleared all rooming houses and other questionable places of all women carrying on illicit occupations. All clubs and hotels have been visited and no violations of the local option law were found. There has not been a booze case. There was one in the justice court, but none in the city court.

A glance at the old records of the city recorder's office shows that far back there has never been a month when there was not at least one arrest for drunkenness. The fines have run up as high as \$300 a month. But in January of 1916 there was not one. The city is well patrolled at night. Chief Catlin stays on the job until from 12 to 2 o'clock every night. Night Officer Sam Worrell patrols the east end of the city and Rodgers covers the business portion and the western part. All the officers cooperate and seem to be doing effective work.

MUCH TALKED OF K5 LOST HAS BEEN FOUND

Sighted Off Florida, Heading For Key West in Good Condition.

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 1.—The destroyer Sterrett reported this morning that the submarine K5 was sighted off Miami, Florida, and was heading for Key West at ten knots. It reported nothing wrong, and did not need assistance. It was due to reach Key West today. It is not known how the K5 happened to pass Charleston where the remainder of the flotilla topped.

ALBANY LUMBER CO. HIGHEST BIDDERS FOR TIMBER

Bids were opened yesterday by the forestry office in response to an advertisement for the sale of 1,645,000 board measure, of Douglas fir, western hemlock and western red cedar. There were two bids. The Albany Lumber company was highest, at \$1.70 per M, for Douglas fir, \$1.70 for cedar and 50 for hemlock. The other bidder was the Livesley Co. of Woodburn. Of the money received on the contract 25 per cent will go into the county funds for improvement of highways along the forestry.

C. W. Calloway went to Portland on the morning train.

ALL WELL.

Oregonian: One month of prohibition and all's well. All well, and then some. Look: Not a single family row has broken into the police court during the month. They were a common occurrence before 1916, nearly all due to booze. Grocery stores have taken the place of corner saloons; rents have not been materially affected, say the brokers, and the number of vacancies left by saloons is astonishingly few. More money is in circulation for groceries, drygoods and staple articles, says C. C. Colt, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

PRESIDENT ON WAY TO DES MOINES

At Chicago Before Leaving He Was Hit By Moving Picture Operators.

MRS. WILSON REFUSED TO BE GRANDSTANDED

A Long the Way Crowds Turn Out to See the President Pass Cities.

(By United Press)
Chicago, Feb. 1.—Before departing for Des Moines, the president posed for the movies in front of his hotel. Mrs. Wilson tucked herself in the corner of the limousine and declined to stand in front of the machine. The president's train left at 10 o'clock this morning. Enthusiasts broke through the guard of detectives and cheered the executive.

Joliet, Feb. 1.—Conserving his voice, President Wilson unexpectedly failed to deliver a platform speech here. The train crept past the crowded station amid a burst of cheers.

DECISION IN CHURCH CASE.

Supreme Court Holds Against Opening Taylor M. E. Church of Portland.

(By United Press)
Salem, Feb. 1.—The Supreme Court awarded a decision for the defendants in the Portland Taylor Street Methodist church fight. The insurgent faction sued the church authorities seeking to compel the opening of the old church.

Did Not Sink Persia.

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 1.—Secretary Lansing announced the receipt of Austria's denial that an Austrian submarine sank the Persia.

Remains to Lie in State.

The remains of the Rev. C. M. Bryan will lie in state in the Methodist church tomorrow afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock when friends of the deceased are privileged to view them. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock.

Two Funeral Today.

The funeral of the late O. T. Porter was held this afternoon from the Fortmiller Funeral Chapel at 2 o'clock. At 2:30 the services of the late T. G. Bailey were held in the Masonic temple and burial was held in Masonic cemetery.

RAILROADS WILL NOT CARRY FILMS IN PASSENGER CARS

As a further step to safeguard the life of passengers from accident, Western railroads today will prohibit the carrying of motion picture films in passenger cars. The celluloid of which the films are made is a highly combustible substance, and the fear that a chance contact with fire might end in disaster.

This action follows that already taken by railroads of the country located in the East and Middle West. A passenger on a suburban train running out of Chicago recently carried into the combination smoking and baggage car four reels of motion picture films and placed it on the floor between the seats. In some way, presumably by a lighter match, dropped by a smoker, the films were set off and an explosion occurred in which 38 persons were badly burned, two fatally. As a result railroads are no longer willing to submit their customers to such a hazard.

When films are sent by express, they can be inspected when received for shipment, and carried in the safe manner laid down by the packing rules of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

This ruling has been recommended by the American Railway Association, the bureau for safe transportation of explosives.

THE CHINESE YEAR WILL END THIS EVENING

The New Year Will Begin Tomorrow and Will Last For a Month.

This is the last day of the year, to the Chinaman. Tomorrow will be the beginning of the new year, an event in the life of the Celestial, often celebrated with great noise and much hilarity. These days, though, in Albany, there is little doing. Years ago the Celestials would fire from \$50 to \$100 worth of firecrackers, a continual cracking without cessation. On one occasion at the present site of W. M. Parker's store a long string of crackers from the second floor to the sidewalk was kept going for half an hour, and the devil was certainly frightened away. Now there are only thirteen Celestials in Albany, scattered about the city, working for different institutions, with only one wash house. A Dr. here does a good business and runs a neat place. The oldest Celestial resident of the city is Hoe Hong, who has been here thirty-three years, and is probably due to remain for a long time yet. He works at the Owl club. Jim Westfall, probably the best known Chinaman Albany ever had, is said to be alive yet, living in Canton, we believe. One time well off, a shrewd contractor, he lost all he had in a deal with the Oregon Pacific. In those days there were between one and two hundred here, gradually reduced to thirteen.

FOLMAR JENSEN CHOSEN AS ORATOR FOR STATE CONTEST

In a Tryout This Morning Jensen Took First Place Among Three Speakers.

The College chapel was the scene of the preliminary oratorical contest to select the orator to represent Albany College at the State Inter-scholastic Oratorical contest, to be held in Monmouth, in March.

Four orations had been submitted to the judges, but only three of the orators appeared for delivery.

Miss Minnie Heinrich was the first speaker. The subject of her oration was "A Needful Awakening," a plea for the rural districts.

Miss Elizabeth Torbet followed with an oration on "Back to the Farm."

Folmer Jensen, the last speaker, spoke on "Where Is Thy Brother?" a question of who is keeper of the unemployed.

Owing to a hard cold, a sore throat so troubled Howard Speer that he deemed it unwise to enter the contest. If Mr. Speer's delivery had been good, he would have undoubtedly have won first place in the contest, as all the judges upon composition and style gave him first place, with a comfortable margin above his competitors.

The first speaker, Miss Heinrich, is a senior. The rest of the orators are sophomores.

After a slight consultation of the committee receiving the decisions of the judges, the award of first place was made to Mr. Jensen.

The judges upon delivery were Rev. Pagan, Carl Sox and L. L. Swan.

Manager of debate and oratory Lee Hulbert, states that the prospects of a favorable showing this term are excellent, the college having much good working material, in such people as the old A. H. S. debaters, Miss Ruby Moench, and Miles McKey.

Anti-Trust Law Violated.

(By United Press)
Cincinnati, Feb. 1.—The federal court entered a decree finding the National Cash Register company had violated the anti-trust act, combining in an attempt to monopolize interstate trade and commerce. The decree was entered with the company's consent and criminal proceedings were dropped.

San Francisco Tragedy.

(By United Press)
San Francisco, Feb. 1.—A policeman was fatally shot by an unidentified bandit, who was wounded, but escaped with two others when the police interrupted the burglars in a saloon this morning. The three robbers were captured after a desperate battle.

ZEPPELINS MAKE DISASTROUS RAID

54 Killed and Many Injured in Raid Over Prominent English Counties.

FIGURES MAY BE HIGHER THAN THE FIRST REPORT

A Heavy Mist Caused Them to Miss the Mark Some of the Time.

(By United Press)
London, Feb. 1.—Zeppelins last night killed 54 and injured 67, attacking Staffordshire, Lincolnshire and Leicestershire. The official announcement of casualties this afternoon indicated that the figures may run higher when complete reports are made. Mist hampered the attackers. Otherwise the raids would have been more terrible. This is the most disastrous raid against England during the war.

March 1, Conscription.

(By United Press)
London, Feb. 1.—It is announced the government conscription law will become operative on March second.

Attacked Allies Ships.

(By United Press)
Berlin, Feb. 1.—It is officially announced that German airships attacked the allied ships and supply depots at Salonika, with excellent success.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Robbins and Mrs. R. A. Erwin went to Salem this morning to visit relatives.

GERMAN ZEPPELINS HOVERING OVER BELGIUM WAITING

Said to Be Getting Ready For Big Operations Against England.

(By United Press)
London, Feb. 1.—A squadron of 20 Zeppelins, equipped with silent motors have been maneuvering over Belgium for several days, preparing to drive against London, Amsterdam reported. Experts believed the raid last night against Midland, eastern and northwestern counties in England, was merely an attack preliminary to larger operations.

W. C. GILDOW AND FAMILY HOME FROM FLORIDA TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gildow and sons returned this morning from their Florida trip, much pleased with their experiences. They went through the south as far as Miami, in Southern Florida, being in Jacksonville also.

The weather there was delightful, 85 in the shade, and the country was full of tourists. They returned by the southern route, but had to take to the Santa Fe part of the way, passing through Los Angeles, afflicted with flu.

They experienced rain, blizzards and snow, a hurricane, landslide, wash-outs, certainly a mixture from flowers to blizzards. They reached home well, satisfied with the trip as an education for the boys.

One of Elmer Gildow's experiences was being arrested at Juarez, while on a trip alone to that Mexican town, being released with difficulty.

Mrs. H. H. Beeson went to Gates this morning.

Chas. Stewart, of the state banking department, went to Salem this morning.

E. W. Albers went to Mukers this morning.

W. B. Chance was a passenger to Salem this morning.

WAS BAD MONTH

JANUARY SETS RECORD FOR LONG PERIOD OF SNOW.

Temperature ranged from 7 to 52 Degrees above zero, with 15 Days of Snow.

Without a doubt this has been a most extraordinary winter in the Willamette valley. All the old timers will admit it and the memory of many others will not permit its denial. There were winters when the snow was deeper, but in the memory of the present generation there has never been a time when snow lay on the ground for practically a whole month. Such was the case.

Snow started on the first of the year. After a short time this went away, but more appeared for another spell. Before the second covering of white was gone another storm came and so it was all through January. Snow fell on 15 different days in the month, and the total snow fall for the month was 24 inches.

However, the precipitation was only normal, the rainfall and melted snow being 6.03 inches.

The warmest day in January registered 52 degrees. This was on Jan. 22, three days after the coldest day of the month showed seven above on the nineteenth. In all there was six days of ice skating. As late as last Sunday a crowd of enthusiasts glided over the crust at Copenhagen.

The weather record shows that there was but one entire clear day during the month. This is unusual, for January generally is a month of many clear and sunny days. Every day but this one was cloudy or partly so.

It was a month to be remembered and will go down as the worst January in the minds of all, perhaps, except the oldest residents.

ALBANY GUN CLUB WILL HAVE TOURNAMENT MEETING

Albany Can Have Next Shoot Here of State Club If Offer Is Accepted.

W. G. Ballock, upon returning from his recent trip to Portland, reported that the sportsmen there are in favor of having the next state shoot at this city. A meeting of the Albany Gun Club will be held at the commercial club rooms tonight, and it will be up to the members whether Albany shall accept the offer to come here. The settlement seems to be decidedly in favor of bringing as many things of this character here as it is possible to secure, looking upon them not merely as money makers for the city, but as well for the fellowship of them and their value as an advertisement for a city.

SUNDAY S. SUPERINTENDENTS.

Have Elected Officers and Will Endeavor to Advance Interests of the Sunday School.

The Sunday School superintendents of the city met in the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon and formed a permanent Sunday school superintendents association, electing the following officers: President, Allan Banks; vice president and secretary, J. G. Minton.

Many things of interest were discussed, among them being a plan to advertise the Sunday schools in general, and another plan to get a religious census of the city and make a systematic canvass, inviting everybody to identify themselves with some Sunday school.

TODAY'S ODDDEST STORY.

Flushing, L. I., Feb. 1.—In an attempt to get their two million dollars worth of debts paid, Flushingites today inaugurated a week's payup campaign with the slogan: "Man is Dust and Dust Settles. Be a Man." Glaring posters proclaim this idea throughout the town. The campaign is under the direction of the Flushing Business Men's Association. Lexington, Kentucky, got the details of the Flushing plan and are watching results here.

LINER APPAM HAS ARRIVED AT U. S.

Supposed to Have Been Torpedoed, Had Adventure With German Steamer.

ARMED MERCHANTMAN ATTACKED APPAM JAN. 15

Is Now at Hampton Roads With Prize Crew After Thrilling Experiences.

(By United Press)
Norfolk, Feb. 1.—In charge of a German prize crew, the African liner Appam, previously reported lost in a heavy storm, cast anchor in Hampton Roads this morning. Immigration and customs officials boarded the liner.

Some of the passengers were found to be sick, all excited with their strange adventures. The passengers declared that the German armed merchantman attacked the Appam January 15, near the Canary Islands. The prize crew, in command of Lieut. Oscar Berg, were put aboard and then the raider disappeared. Shots across the bows stopped the Appam. The liner resisted, believing that pirates were attacking, but the two guns aboard proved unequal to the task. Both steamers lowered their boats, the German prize crew boarding the Appam. Bloody fighting occurred on the decks. Several were injured, two dying later. Commander Harrison then surrendered and the prize crew headed the Appam for America.

The vessel which captured the Appam sank a meat laden Australian freighter within sight of the Appam crew, the passenger said. Besides the 300 passengers, a crew of 300 British prisoners were transferred from the raider and brought here. Capt. Berg said he came to Norfolk because he heard he could get decent treatment here. He reported that the Appam sunk two vessels enroute.

Norfolk, Feb. 1.—A message thrown from the porthole to the United Press correspondent revealed the name of the raider which captured the Appam was the Moewe. It said that the Moewe started the career from the Kiel canal, passing through the British blockade. Besides capturing the Appam, it bagged seven ships. Clan McTavish, the biggest vessel sunk, showed fight. The immigration officer who went aboard the Appam this afternoon learned that the McTavish crew were killed except four who were injured.

The Baptist Ladies Aid will hold a ten cent tea at the home of Mrs. Reeves, 705 East First St. Wednesday afternoon. Come, bring your fancy work and enjoy a few hours with us.

A. R. Mitchell was a morning passenger to Salem.

TAX BOOKS READY FOR COLLECTION BY SHERIFF

County Assessor Earl Fisher has completed his work on the 1915 tax rolls and is ready to turn the books over to the sheriff for collection within the next few days. The items in the list below show that about one quarter of the money to be collected this year will be spent for road work and five-fourteenths are to go for school purposes.

The total tax to be collected this year is \$568,757.87, as compared with \$564,692.23 the previous year.

County Expense	\$62,353.17
Common school tax	71,706.15
County high school tax	20,529.25
Union high school tax	4,448.80
Special school tax	107,487.68
State tax	84,176.78
Roads and bridges	40,529.56
General road tax	77,942.47
Special Road tax	24,775.15
Special city tax	74,819.86
Total tax	\$568,757.87