BIG EDUCATIONAL MEETING AT LYONS

Declared to Be One of the Best Yet Held: Large Attendance.

PROF. RUZEK, O. A. C. PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Prizes Awarded For Best 1. ork of School Children Along Different Lines.

The community school meeting under the auspices of Fox Valley Grange at Lyons and the public schools of Fox Valley grange at Lyons and the public schools of Mill City, Lyons, Fox Valley and Grand Mountain districts held Saturday, was marked by intense interest. The very atmosphere seemed charged with a spirit of freedom and good will that could well be expressed in a song entitled: "There's gladness in the air." County Supervisor Benner had charge of the fore noon program, consisting of decla-mations, solos, class songs, etc. The exercises began with America, sung in full chorus by the congregation. But a few numbers had been rendered when Prof. Benner suddenly exclaimed "I have just received a telegram from Albany requesting the ladies to take off their hats. Will you do it?

Of course they did, and with cheer ful willingness, as the laugh went could well use the same tact.

A pleasing feature of the day was some songs by the Fox Valley grange quartet that won loud applicase. The Mill City high school choir made up of ladies only coluntarily sang a number that won such applause as to call, for a repetition. The Lyons school, Prof. Kane principal, gave a comic dialogue that won a hearty laugh all round. Prof. Kane is a splendid violinist and with Prof. Barrett at the organ, led the musical numbers.

During the noon recess a most enjoyable dinner was served in the local school building, cafeteria style by the community ladies of the grange schools.

County Superintendent W. L. Jackson had charge of the afternoon program with addresses that were listened to with marked attention.

Prof. C. V. Ruzek of the O. A. C. with subject "Increasing the crop without commercial fertilizers" gave a most practical talk, worthy of the earnest thought and action of every

Two important items are, plough your ground an inch deeper ever year until at least eight inches is reached. Thoroughly pulverize your ground; in the spring especially, so as to have a fine seed bed.

County Judge D. B. McKnight elofuently handled "County Problems" principal of which are the juvenile les of conferences with congressional court, taxes and good roads.

Picture shows exhibiting scenes and giving rag time songs with their suggestive seductive influences, are more demoralizing to our girls and boys than are the much condemner dime novels. Good roads, though greatly to be desired are by the selfishness of certain interests, who are advocating the same, becoming a dangerous menace to our financial inter-(Continued on Page 4)

STRICKEN WHILE LISTENING TO SERMON YESTERDAY

The Rev. Hantel, a retired Lutheran minister, was overcome by stroke of heart trouble while attending the services at the First Presby terian church yesterday morning. He was taken to his home on Seventh street, near Broadalbin, and a physician called. This morning he is reported to be much better and getting along nicely.

Mr. Hantel has been afflicted with for him, being overcome while sitting the Episcopal church in the College in church.

TWO YOUNG COUPLES DO A WILD WEST STUNT

Leave Homes to Spend Night Auto Drivers Warned By Chief Under Blankets in Vacant Barn Below Albany.

Considerable excitement to residents of the east end of the city and no little worry to their parents was caused Saturday evening when Chief of Police Catlin was called on to help locate four children, two boys and two girls, all aged about 14 and 15 yeaers. The parents of one of the girls got uneasy when their daughter did not show up at supper time after being out since 2 o'clock in the afternoon. A search was instituted and th four youngsters were located in barn about three miles below the city at 3 o'clock a. m. They were all asleep, wrapped up in blankets, and

roughing it in regular style.

The four were brought to the city and yesterday were arraigned befor City Recorder L. G. Lewelling and City Attorney Victor Olliver. Upon r-quest of the girls' parents the proecution against the boys was droppe and the girls taken out of school

BILL FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE HIGHWAY WAS INTRODUCED

Calls For \$100,000,000 in Bonds and Would Pass Through Albany.

The Democrat has received a copy of a bill introduced in the house o representatives by Congressman Stephens, of California, and, while it is not likely to pass, it is of much inround. Some of our public speakers terest, even locally, because this city would be affected by it. The bill provides for a national defense highway to begin at Los Angeles, and go east through Alabama, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, to Jacksonville, thence northward along the coast states to New York City, thence through New York, Massachusettes. New Hampshire and Maine to Portland. Then commencing again at New York, coming directly westward to Chicago, then through Wisconsin and Minnessota to St. Paul, and Minneapolis; thence westward through South and North Dakota, Montana, Idahe and Washington, to Scattle, and from there directly south through Wash ing too and Oregon to Los Angeles. via San Francisco. The road to be under the control of the U.S. It calls

for \$100,000,000 in bonds as needed. That certainly would heat putting a like amount of money in seven or eight battleships for the enrichment of the boat builders.

Appointment Deferred.

(By United Press) Washington, Feb. 14.--Upon his re turn from a cruise on the Potomac President Wilson indicated that he may defer the appointment of a suc cessor to Secretary Garrison several days. The cause of the changed in-tention is unknown. He started a serleaders, mainly about definite plans for increasing the army.

TAX PAYING STARTS ON THE 1915 ROLL

Mrs. A. E. McKaig, of Albany, was the first person in Linn county to pay her 1915 tax assessment. She paid \$32,50 on an assessment of \$1000 in

At 3 o'clock there were more than 70 receipts issued, among the largest payments of which were the following: W. R. Ray, \$116.80, H. W. McElmurry \$133.65, H. H. Reutsch \$165.68, Manno Erb \$123.40, Carl Grell \$536-12, and Orphelia Froman \$161.60.

There were but few half payments. Those who are most able to pay their taxes are generally the first and get the task all over with at once. The half payments come faster nearer April first.

Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Runnells, of heart trouble for some time. Yester- Corvallis, were in the city a short time day morning he had taken a long this morning. They went on to Portwalk, and the exertion was too much land. The Rev. Runnels is rector of

HIGH SCHOOL BOY STRUCK BY JITNEY THIS NOON

of Police to Go Slow When Passing Schools.

In attempting to cross Fourth street in front of the high school this noon Kendall Phillips, a student of that institution, was struck by a jitney driven by Stanley Adams and received some bad cuts and bruises by being knocked to the pavement. He was rushed to the offices of Doctors Wallace where attention was given him. It was found that he was cut and bruised about the face, but Dr. R. B Wallace, who made the examination was of the opinion that there were no internal injuries. Blood flowed freely from the injured boy's face.

Kendall Phillips, with some other oys, started across the street. When part way across Kendall started backwards in the direction from which he ame, and before the jitney driver could stop the boy was knocked to the pavement. Witnesses to the ascident says Adams was not to blame. for he could not have avoided the

Chief of Police Catlin made an inestigation of the accident and deermined that Adams was not at fault, but issued the warning to automobiles to go slow when passing public schools, and especially at noon and recess time, and before and after school when children are out at play Drivers are cautioned to slow down to half the 15 mile maximum.

> On the Right Track, (By United Press)

Madison, Wis., Feb. 14.-A drug store clerk admitting selling William Orpet, the University of Wisconsin junior, accused of the murder of Maian Lambert, aged 18, the empty twoonce bottle the day Orpet held the tryst with the girl.

MONTHLY MEETING AND BANQUET OF COM'L CLUB

Matter of Changing Club Rooms to Be One Subject Up Fer Discussion.

for admittance, and that everybody is er found. invited.

Some important matters are to ome before the meeting Tuesday The matter of moving from the present quarters into larger rooms, adding more of a club feature and making the Commercial club a more attractice ulace for its members, or remodeling the old rooms, will be debated and action taken on the mat-

The matter of taking up the prop-

of Eugene, will speak on the subject © cupied by the owners, only two © of preparedness, and explain to the ® by renters. It is the only block © club the new military measures and @ in the city with as many as 3 propaganda,

There are also other measures to @ be brought before the club.

WOODROW WILSON TO BE CANDIDATE

Has Authorized Use of His Name in the Primaries in Ohio For Delegates.

LETTER WAS MADE PUBLIC WITHOUT COMMENT

Will Be Backed Again By the Masses Who Believe That He Has Made Good.

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 14.-President formally announced Wilson today himself a candidate for reelection, and wrote Secretary of State Hildebrand, E. Sox (chairman Albany Board of of Ohio, consenting to the use of his Directors), and Secretary McDonald name in the Ohio primaries. He said: "I am willing to permit the use of my name so that the Democrats of Ohis may make known their preference in I hereby consent to the use of my name as a candida e for the presidency by any candidate who seeks election as a delegate to the national Democratic convention, which assenbles in June." The letter mailed, was made public at the White House without comment.

JAPANESE SPY SAID TO HAVE BEEN AROUND STEALING

Codebook Lost From Hull and Plans Showing Vulnerable Parts of Battleships.

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 14 .- Every justice department agency on the Pacific Coast is seeking a Japanese spy who is believed to have stolen a code book from the destroyer Hull. Meanwhile final action in the courtmartial of Ensign Kirkpatrick and Lieut. Jones has been suspended. The navy depart-Manager W. A. Eastburn of the ment is preparing a new code to re-commercial club was busy today sell-place the lost one. This is the second ing tickets at two-bits a throw for alarming incident in recent years. The the big banquet and monthly meeting day after President Wilson's inaugaof the Commercial club tomorrow ev- ration plans were stolen which showening in the club rooms. However, ed where to hit the American battlehe states that a ticket is not necessary ships to disable them. These were nev-

> First Conscription. (By United Press)

London, Feb. 14.-The first proc lamation calling unmarried men to the colors under conscription act, was posted this morning at Wallasey, near

Only One in City.

Blazing association, will also receive consideration.

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said Father Quinan at Knights' Colum-

bus Convention, Portland

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Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION ATTENDED BY ALBANY MEN

or Sufficiency; Albany Lead in Extension Results.

Secretary McDonald and assistant M. E. Keyes of the Y. M. C. A. returned last night from Portland. where they attended the meeting of the Oregon-Idaho Interstate committee of the Y. M. C. A.

About seventy delegates were pres ent, representing the city associations of Albany, Astoria, Baker City, Boise City, Corvallis, Eugene, LaGrande, Portland, and Salem; the student as sociations of Albany College, Mc-Minnville, Oregon Agricultural College, Pacific University, Pacific College, University of Oregon, and Willamette University; the railroad association of Pocatello; and the industrial work at Celilo and Arrow Rock dam. The Albany association was represented by A. C. Schmitt (chairman of the interstate committee), C E. Sox (chairman of the interstate

and Kees. The theme of the convention wa The Home Missionary Enterprise LOCAL MILITIA TO of the Young Men's Christian Assoregard to a nomination. To satisfy the ciation" and the watchword sounded technical requirement of the statute, at the opening devotional was "Effi ciency Plus-or Sufficiency."

The reports and discussions did not lack in pep and were a gratifying testimony to genuine achievement. Perhaps the outstanding feature of the past year's work was the rising tide of the Gospel Team Method of Association Extension Work. Among ity associations, Albany experience the greatest results in this activity and for the colleges the University of Oregon did a unique work.

The following recommendations offered by the interstate Executive Committee sum up the conclusions arrived at by the convention: The continuation and extension of the Gospel Team method of visiting adoining communities in which emphasis is laid on prayer, Bible study and resting on Oregon-Idaho association should be removed as soon as conditions are favorable. The committee seeks the cooperation of local organizations in the establishment of nev associations in adjoining fields-every association should be reproducing its own kind. The state committee plans to effectively serve every local organization and cooperate in the exen sion of their work, which in turn in vites full cooperation of the local or ganizations in providing the sinews o war with which to provide an ade quate working force. The local asso ciations are urged to develop effective volunteer working forces with a program of work which shall extend through a period of two years. That a persistent emphasis be placed on Bible study classes among both men and boys. Attention should be called to the needs of the foreign work.

> Captured and Lost. (By United Press)

Paris, Feb. 14.-The Germans cap tured 200 yards of trenches in the up per Alsace, it is officially admitted. The French regained most of the osition to place Albany on the Pacific Highway map by taking up the bany, without a duplicate, is that proposals of A. L. Meigs, of the Trail on West Ninth street, known as Elazing association, will also receive the bank of the Blazing association, will also receive the bank of the Blazing association.

> Only Six Killed. (By United Press)
> Rome, Feb. 14.—Austrian aero planes bombarded Milan last night ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● Six are reported killed.

THE OLD TRAIL MAKER IS PRETTY BADLY FRIGHTENED

Watchword Was Efficiency Plus Ezra Meeker, in Washington Says There Will Be War on Coast Some Day.

> (By United Press) Washington, Feb. 14 .- "The time will come when there will be war or the Pacific Coast." Ezra Meeker, aged 85, pioneer of the Oregon trail, warned the president thus. Representative Dill, of Washington, engineered hi visit. Meeker spoke on behalf of mititary highways along the trail from St. Louis to Olympia. Meeker said The Japanese are a proud people They believe they are as good as any body else, and a little better, History will repeat itself. We must either abandon the open door policy to China or prepare to defend our own

> > Not Wounded. (By United Press)

London, Feb. 14 .-- Claud Graham White, personally denied the reports that he was wounded in France, He

ELECT CAPTAIN TOMORROW

Roy R. Knox Slated to Succeed F. M. Powell. Resigned; Two More to Elect.

Tuesday night Adjutant General Geo. A .White, of Portland, and Ma-Jor C. C. Hammond, of Eugene, will arrived in the city to attend the election of officers of the local company of coast artillery corps. Indications point to the election of First Lieut Roy R. Knox to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Captain F. M. Powell. To succeed Lieut. Knox it is probable that Second Lieut. A. C. Baker will be appointed to the first lieutenantship. Who will be appointdecisions for Christ. All indebtedness ed to fill Baker's place is not known.

While here Adjutant General Whit: and Colonel Hammond will address the Commercial club tomorrow evening on the subject of preparedness, and Wednesday they will speak at Albany high school on the same sub-The Portland and Eugene schools are allowing school credits for military training and an effort is being made to introduce the same thing into the Albany schools. Military training in schools is rapidly spreading all over the country.

The local artillery company has been busy rustling recruits the past few weeks and more than 20 have been added to the roster, bringing the total stregnth up to over 70. With the resignation from the cabinet of Sec retary of War Garrison, it is expected that enlistments will quicken all over the country and soon have the mili tary footing to more than twice its present size. A bill now before congress would allow captains a salary of \$500 a year, first lieutenants \$300 and second lieutenants \$200, while privates will receive about \$50 per annum. This compensates partly for the time that the new duties take.

SERIOUS BAMAGE BY FIRE

(By United Press) Schennectady, N. Y., Feb. 14,-A mysterious fire in the munitions department of the General Electric company wrought serious damages to the corporation. It was first reported that the damage was slight. It is said to have been caused from spontaneous combustion of oil from overheated steampipes. The company's fire de-

that the fire was incendiary. Two hundred armed watchmen pa trolled the works before the fire started. It caught in the metal boring section and spread to the oil tanks, where some explosions resulted. The damage is about \$8000.

partment was used. The Schennec-tady fire department was not called.

Officers are investigating the theory

ALBANY HIGH WON DEBATING CONTEST

Was First on Both Sides of the Swiss Military System Question. .

EACH DEBATE WINNING UNANIMOUSLY

Makes School Champion of District; Next Debate Will Be With Other Winners.

Winning from Corvallis last Satorday night on both sides of the Swiss military system question the Albany igh school debating teams completed the contests in this district and established their claim to the champion-Hip. But there is more to come, One of the teams will now be pitted against a winning team from another listrict, to be selected by the inter-

The debates Saturday evening were ooth won unanimously, interesting affairs. The experiences of the former debates with Lebanon and Brownsville enlarged upon their ideas of the subject, and they had both sides boiled down to the limit.

At this city Lyndon Myers and Floy Miller proved to the satisfaction of Professors Young and Clark, of the U. O., and Lawyer Shields, of Salem, that the Swiss military system is not desirable for the United States, and at Corvallis Margaret Gibson and Lyle Bain proved that it is, to the satisfac-tion of Prof. Robbins, of the U. O., and Professors Alden and Von

Eschen, of Willamette University. Corvallis also had two good teams, Alfred Phillips and Francis Webster, on the affirmative at this city, and Glen Beagle and Richard Van Norden, on the negative, at Corvallis.

Expert's Report Filed.

The report of expert F. M. Redfield on the books of the late J. L. Tomlinson, showed an even balance. On June 21, 1915 there was a balance of \$27. 660.97. The total receipts following from all sources were \$31,145,64, making a total of \$58,806.61. The disbursements have heretofore been given in detail, and were \$57,214.77, leaving outstanding checks. Prominent items in the disbursements were \$31,226.71 for building and sites, \$3,024.22, for furniture and apparatus.

COUNTY REGISTRATION PROGRESSING SLOWLY

Linn county's total registration up o Saturday night was 2249. Of these 1585 were men and 664 were women There are 1352 Republicans registered, 702 Democrats, 63 Prohibitionists. 6 Progressives, 43 Socialists and 56 Independents. Twenty-four have refused to state party affiliation.

Lebanon has a total of 542 registered, but this week the men have passed the women for the first time, 14 more being registered than women.

Mrs. W. C. Bureroff, of Mill City, came to the city yesterday. H. S. Logan was among those going to Portland on the morning electric.

BIRTHDAY OF MBS. H. C. POWELL IS CELEBATED

A pleasant family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Powell on the Santiam eight miles east of the city in honor of the 71st birthday of Mrs. Powell. Her birthday falls on the 12th. An enjoyable time was had and a bountiful linner served.

All of Mrs. Powell's children were present except one, Mrs. L. P. Vittitoe, who is in Canada, Those gathered ge is about \$8000.

Rev. E. Radebaugh was among the Cornett, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Powell number going to Portland to attend and children, Mrs. Fred Davis and children, F. D. Cornett, Mr. and Mrs. Tay.