

### HALSEY WAS THE MEETING PLACE

Another Community Gathering Attracted About Six Hundred People.

### CONTESTS WERE FULL OF INTEREST

Senator Cusiok Was Prominent Speaker; Also Eastburn of Commercial Club.

A very successful community meeting was held at Halsey Saturday with fully six hundred present.

The schools participating in the contest were Halsey, Shedd, Tangent and Brandt. County Supervisor Jos. Brouer had charge of the forenoon program, consisting of declamations, readings, solos, class songs, class exercises, and voluntary offerings by the Halsey and Tangent H. S. choirs. These were grand. There were 30 numbers rendered besides the address by different speakers. The judges were Miss Gladys McKnight, Miss Mildred McKnight and C. H. Walker. During the noon recess a splendid dinner cafeteria style was served at the public school building.

The Tangent school, coming up on the Southern Pacific noon train, arrived in time to take part in the afternoon program. Superintended by County School Superintendent W. L. Jackson in his happiest mood.

First address was by W. A. Eastburn, subject Willamette Valley Exposition, to be held in Albany next October.

Mr. Eastburn as manager of the Albany Commercial club, certainly well presented the above; the second to be held. Judge D. B. McKnight spoke upon "County Problems" giving added emphasis to his address delivered at Lyons on the 107th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12. Again laying stress upon the picture films that present scenes that demoralized our boys and girls, more than do dime novels. Suggestive rag time songs add to the tragedy. State Senator E. D. Cusick handled "Some State and County Problems" among which was having passed a law by the next legislature doing away with county recorders, of which some of Oregon's most populous counties have no incumbents. One thousand dollars saved to Linn county does not perhaps seem so much, but \$30,000 for the state is a great saving.

Assistant State Superintendent Wells gave a very practical talk upon our public schools in general.

Supt. W. L. Jackson certainly out did all previous efforts in discussing "Practical School Questions."

Before reading the awards, C. H. Walker, as one of the patriotic instructors of the Grand Army of the Republic, gave a few patriotic sentences, condensed into these words: "Love and Loyalty to God; love and loyalty to country; love and loyalty to home" makes the highest type of good citizenship, and patriotic devotion.

The awards are as follows: Best declamation, Miss Joyce Foster; Halsey; second prize, Miss Louie Robinson; Halsey; best solo, Miss Maud Lora Cornett; Best map song, "Whip-poor-Will" song, Tangent; best class drill, "Minuet," Shedd; This was magnificent, gotten up mainly under the peerless management of Miss Lora Cornett. Best map of U. S., Miss Tessie Goulard, South Brownsville; best map of Oregon, George Walton, Halsey; two solos, one by a little miss under 6 years, won among the heartiest of the applause given. Near the close a musical selection rendered upon a trombone and a sweet toned Wellington piano, both in the hands of skilled players, gave a charming finale to the long to be remembered day of joy and gladness.

Mrs. N. A. McRea went to Jefferson on the morning train.

Mrs. L. L. Ingram was a passenger on Thomas this morning.

L. E. Moe and wife spent Sunday in Lebanon.

### GERMANS MAKE ANOTHER AEROPLANE RAID ON ENGLAND

Several Towns Were Attacked From Above, But Not Many Were Killed.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—German aeroplanes raiding England yesterday, bombarded two British tankers, the admiralty announced. The main railway station and docks, at Lowestoft were hit repeatedly.

Other German aviators simultaneously raided Furnes, Poperinghe, Amiens, Lunenburg and along the western front, the statement said. It is reported the British unsuccessfully attacked the Germans occupying the ground recently gained near Ypres. Russian attacks near Dvinsk failed.

### Y. M. C. A. MEN OCCUPY METHODIST PULPIT

Open House Event Series to Start Wednesday of This Week at Y. M. C. A.

The pulpit of the Methodist church was occupied on Sunday evening by a deputation from the local Y. M. C. A. Mr. C. E. Sox, president of the board of directors, and secretaries McDonald and Kees briefly sketched some of the outstanding features of the beginnings and wonderful growth of the association movement. The work of the last ten years in the northwest and local field was featured as was also the fundamental principles upon which the movement is based and some of the methods employed by peculiarly efficient organization.

At the close of the service, President Sox announced that the association would hold open house on Wednesday evening to the Methodist congregation. This is especially designed to give opportunity to the fathers and mothers, as well as the young men and boys, to observe the association at work. This is the first of a series of similar events for each of the denominational bodies.

### SEMINARY PRESIDENT SPOKE

Delivered Able Sermon on Bible, a Lost Book People Need to Hunt for and Find.

A strong feature in the services of Albany yesterday were sermons by Dr. W. H. Landon, president of the San Francisco theological seminary, who spoke at the vesper service at the Presbyterian church at 5 o'clock, and at the U. P. church at 7:30. His plea for the bible as a book to be read and studied was remarkably strong. A lost book, it needs to be found, when properly read one of intense interest, offering a wide field in biography, history and story. People who start to read the Bible through often stumble when they reach Leviticus, Genesis a book of history and biography, Exodus one of travels, but Leviticus with its laws often loses one. The new reader often does well to begin on the new testament. Mark is special a book for the business man, full of activity and it cannot be read too often. The trouble with many people is that they see nothing. Some men in the midst of the Yosemite can only see the cigar they are smoking.

### Innes Lost Case.

(By United Press)  
Washington, Feb. 21.—Victor Innes and wife, of Portland, lost in the supreme court their fight to postpone their extradition to Atlanta for trial in connection with the disappearance of Berce Nelms and Eloise Nelms Dennis. They were first arrested near Eugene and taken to Texas.

### WATERLOO PEOPLE MARRIED 62 YEARS AT AGE OF 80

Mrs. J. Q. Rodgers, J. R. and W. W. Misner, all of this city, went to Waterloo Saturday to attend the 80th birthday of their mother, Mrs. Joseph Misner. Mrs. Misner is in good health, in spite of her age and enjoys the reunion immensely. Mr. Misner is two years her senior and is also enjoying good health. Mr. and Mrs. Misner have been married 62 years, and their friends are looking forward to helping many more of these happy events.

### POSSIBILITY OF CRISIS GROWING

Recent Concessions of Germany Said to Be Making the Situation Worse.

### ARMED MERCHANTMEN CENTER OF CONTENTION

Also Said to Be Personal Antagonism Between Lansing and Bernstorff.

(By United Press)  
Washington, Feb. 21.—The state department admitted the possibility of a crisis developing in the German-American controversy which is now graver than before Germany made her concessions. Death of Americans through the sinking of armed merchantmen, or the indefinite postponement of the Lusitania settlement might precipitate a crisis. Officials declined to discuss the matter of personal antagonism between Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Bernstorff.

J. D. Irvine came over from Brownsville this morning.

### ALBANY COLLEGE BEATEN BY NEWBERG AND McMINNVILLE

While the Albany College basketball team were beaten in both games on their trip last week the team showed a decided improvement, speaking for next year's work. At Newberg they were beaten by Pacific College 49 to 14. Replote, the first forward was too quick for our guards, alone scoring 23 points. At McMinnville they were beaten only 21 to 17. The first half they had the Baptists going, leading 11 to 9. In this game some splendid guarding was done, and Simpson, McMinnville's last forward, was worn down to a frazzle by the time the game ended.

### BROWNSVILLE KNIGHTS ARE CALLED ROYAL ENTERTAINERS

A large crowd of out of town people attended the anniversary of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Brownsville Saturday evening. The principal address was made by Grand Chancellor Willard L. Marks. Many other interesting and inspiring talks were made. Those going from here state that it has been a long time since they have sat at a better banquet than the one served by the Brownsville lodge. Among those going from Albany were Ralph Thom, W. L. Jackson, J. D. Irvine, Chas. C. Curry, chancellor commander of Laurel Lodge No. 7, R. M. Russell and Charles Leonard.

### Profits Taxable.

(By United Press)  
Washington, Feb. 21.—The supreme court held that the profits taken from mines are taxable, even though reducing the actual physical value of the mines. The decision sustains the government's contentions in their suit against the validity of the income tax law.

### DR. MOODY, MISSIONARY PROMINENT CONVENTION SPEAKER

Spoke at Baptist Church Sunday and Will Speak Again Tonight and Tomorrow.

"Say, if you do not know Dr. Thomas Moody, ask any layman who attended the big Laymen's Missionary convention in Portland last week. If you want to hear the most refreshing address you ever listened to, hear Moody. Men and women, preachers and laymen, are a unit in boosting this white African. Why? Because he knows more about Africa than any white man, and can present the interesting human things of that great continent with lightning rapidity and force. One man who heard him, said: "I would walk ten miles to hear Moody on that African topic."

Last night the Baptist church was filled to overflowing to hear Moody talk a mile a minute on Africa; every word perfectly enunciated; every fact compelling in its startling tragedy and force. He speaks again tonight on China. Think of it, a man "thinking black" to talk about the "yellow folks."

Dr. C. A. Moody of Portland will also speak tonight in the Baptist church.

This is the chance of Albany citizens to help men who can "deliver the goods" in the Kingdom of Christ.

Mrs. Trayer, a missionary among the Spaniards will be present and address a meeting of women Tuesday afternoon at 3.

Program for the next two days' conference:

Baptist church 7:30—Tonight Dr. Moody and Dr. Woody.

Tuesday 10:00—Dr. Moody, Dr. Woody, Mrs. Trayer, Dr. Betty.

Tuesday 12:30—Business men's lunch and address by Moody, St. Francis.

Tuesday 3:00—Meeting of women, Mrs. Trayer, Rev. Olsen, Dr. Woody.

Tuesday 7:30—At Methodist church. A great mass meeting. Dr. Moody's convention address.

At the banquet at the St. Francis, Mr. Moody will speak on the Resources and Possibilities of the Congo Free States. It is desired to have crowd at the banquet, and Albany men generally are invited to be present. The tickets will be only 25 cents.

### LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

Prices are Reported to Be Soaring, Much More Than Double Old Prices.

Fred Dawson just received a letter from North England that is full of interesting things. One is a narration of the manner in which prices have increased. The price of flour formerly was 1 shilling 9 pence, or 42 cents; now it is 2.11, or 72 cents, for 14 pounds. Eggs, which formerly were between 15 and 20 cents a dozen are now 75 cents. Butter is three times its former price. Ham and bacon have doubled. All of which makes it hard for common people to live.

T. J. Butler went to Salem this morning.

### \$20,000 TAXES COLLECTED DURING THE FIRST WEEK

Among tax payments on amounts of over \$100 today were Chas. Schaefer, \$102.30; J. F. Denny, \$111.22; F. B. Hyland, \$147.20.

The tax collections for the first week on the 1915 roll, were approximately \$20,000.

### \$40,000,000,000 COST WAR SO FAR

England, Germany and France Has Each Spent About Eight Billion Dollars.

### OTHER COUNTRIES WILL MAKE BALANCE

\$2,000,000,000 More Now Ask For By England For Spring Campaign.

(By United Press)  
London, Feb. 21.—The government will ask the commons to vote a new war credit of two billion dollars, it is officially announced. This is the largest amount yet sought.

Premier Asquith introduced a request in the house of commons this afternoon. He makes England's war expenditures \$8,640,000,000. It is officially estimated that the belligerents have spent \$40,000,000,000 since the beginning of the war. It is believed Germany has spent \$8,500,000,000 and France \$7,500,000,000. Russia and Austria discouraged the giving of estimates. Their amounts are doubtful.

### LESS THAN ONE FOURTH OF VOTERS NOW REGISTERED

The latest registration reports in Linn county brings the total for the county to date to 2794, with 1915 men and 879 women on the rolls. The republican party claims 1671 and the Democratic party 878. There are 79 registered Independents.

In the Lebanon district the women again lead the men with a total of 306 to 326. In Lebanon proper there are 202 men and 104 women. This precinct has shown a lead of women over men all the way.

Registration time is growing short. Only a few weeks left.

### NEW PASTOR OF GRACE CHURCH ARRIVED SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Divens arrived in Albany Saturday night from Sitka, Alaska, where they have been in missionary work for several years. Next Sunday Rev. Divens will take up his studies as pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church at Fourth and Main streets. For the present Dr. and Mrs. Divens are guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Lee, pending the arrival of their household goods, after which they will take up their residence in the church parsonage.

### Steamer on Fire.

(By United Press)  
Seattle, Feb. 21.—Fire, originating from spontaneous combustion, on the steamer Victoria, lying at pier ten this morning, was controlled with slight damage.

### Two Men Electrocuted.

(By United Press)  
Fockville, Penn., Feb. 21.—George Marsh and Robert Pennington, were electrocuted today in Western penitentiary.

### SETTLEMENT OF LAND GRANT CASE HAS BEEN ENDORSED

Government Counsel Favors the Same in Keeping With Chamberlain Bill.

(By United Press)  
Washington, Feb. 21.—The settlement of the Oregon and California Land Grant question in accordance with the Chamberlain bill is endorsed by Constantine Smith, the government's special counsel for forfeiture suits against the railroads. He said there is no limitation of the power of congress to take back the land, paying \$2.50 per acre. There are no restrictions against the government's disposition of the land.

### 4 ALBANY PEOPLE ATTENDED Y. P. S. C. E. CONVENTION

Grants Pass Looked After Delegates in Royal Manner; Closed Sunday.

Dr. W. P. White, Homer Dowd, Harvey Curry and Margaret Dawson returned this morning from Grants Pass, where they attended the convention of Christian Endeavor of Oregon. About two hundred delegates were present. Though not as many as usual, because of the distance the convention was a splendid one, with a strong program. Dr. White had charge of the Bible study, giving seven addresses. Besides the inside work the delegates were royally treated. Saturday they were taken in autos over the country and a fine banquet served at the Hotel Oxford.

The new officers were installed yesterday evening, with Lloyd Carrick, of Portland, as president.

### CORVALLIS CONSERVATORY.

Miss Blanche Hammel and Chas. South to Open One. Will Give Concert This Week.

Corvallis G. T.; Mr. Chas. South and Miss Blanche R. Hammel are going to give Corvallis a free treat next Thursday evening at the M. E. church. They expect to open up a conservatory here in the near future and are going to give a recital to allow those interested to come and judge their work. If the public in general passes the same verdict that the Commercial club passed a few weeks ago when they appeared before them, Mr. South and Miss Hammel will make their reputation solid. Mr. South plays the violin and Miss Hammel sings and both are artists in their respective lines.

### ATTEND CONFERENCE.

Conference at O. A. C. Had Some Big Speakers. Several Attended from Albany.

A student's religious conference at Corvallis Saturday and Sunday was considerable of an event, with some prominent speakers present. Yesterday afternoon Thos. Moody, the missionary was the speaker, a live one. At the evening session Dr. Latourette, of China, Dr. Bushnell, of Forest Grove, and Lamar Tooze, were the speakers. Those attending from Albany were:

Dr. and Mrs. Sharp, A. C. Schmitt, G. W. Rohrbaugh, Priscilla Dobbs, Arthur Jones, E. W. Blair, Thos. Kirkwood, S. R. Lee, Lucille Divens.

### GOVERNORS WERE TEACHERS.

Three to Speak at Convention of National Educational Association at Detroit.

(By United Press)  
Detroit, Mich., Feb. 21.—Addresses by three former school masters who are now governors will feature the six-day midwinter convention of the National Education Association, which began here today. They are Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris of Michigan, Governor Frank B. Willis of Ohio and Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania. School superintendents and principals from most cities in the country of more than 5000 population were here today for the convention. Noted educators will discuss important details of educational work.

### JAPANESE AND ENGLISH AT OUTS

Japanese Said to Be Fostering Present Revolution in China.

### HOPE FOR AN ADVANTAGE AFTER WAR

Fifteen Thousand German Prisoners Interred in China Taken to Australia.

(By United Press)  
San Francisco, Feb. 21.—That Russia and Japan apparently want separate peace and intend to join Germany after the war and divide a generous slice of Chinese territory, was the report of Newel Martin, international lawyer, and T. G. McDonnell, Manila journalist, who were brought here on the Japanese liner Chiyu Maru. England and Japan are reported to have had an acute disagreement over Japan's movements in China. The Japanese are thought to be fostering the Chinese revolution, to give Russia, Germany and Japan an excuse for interference after the war. England's anger over the gradual loss of control of the Chinese situation, is reflected in bitter Japanese press comments against the English. Martin's father has been many years in China, in close touch with government officials. The officers of the Chiyu Maru declared that 15000 German prisoners, who had been interned in China since the opening of the war, had been smuggled into Australia within the past week. The reason for the wholesale seizure of prisoners is a mystery. They were removed on a British cruiser. China rumored that plots to escape had been discovered, and a revolt against the English might follow.

### WHILE VISITING IN W. VA.

Though German, Carl Hector and Sister, of Benton County, Allowed in Shrapnel Plant.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 15.—Mr. Carl J. Hector and sister, Miss Irene, of Granger, Oregon, who are visiting friends in our city, were escorted through the plant of the Wheeling Mold & Foundry Company at Wheeling.

Though of German extraction and sympathies, Mr. Hector was permitted to enter the shrapnel plant being accompanied by three detectives. This is the only visitor who has been allowed to enter their shrapnel plant since they began working on their war orders for the Allies.

### Hughes in Eugene.

E. W. Hughes, formerly in the furniture business here, now manager of the opera house at Albany, is in the city for a few days on business. Mr. Hughes is making quite a success with the opera house at Albany, having had it renovated and otherwise improved, making it one of the most attractive little theatres in the whole valley.—Register.

### Seriously Ill.

Mrs. Dutcher, sister of the late Mrs. Grandall, is reported critically ill, with prospects of living only a short time.

Gov. James Withycombe was in the city a short time this morning on his way from Corvallis to Salem.

Dr. W. H. Lee returned this morning from Lebanon after preaching in the Presbyterian church yesterday.

### JOSEPH COHEN, THE JEW WILL SPEAK TONIGHT

At the United Presbyterian church at 7:30. His subject will be: "Has God Cast off His People?" Last Monday night the house was crowded to the limit, and the people were both instructed and entertained. The address tonight will be interesting to all, especially Bible students. Bring your Bibles. No admission fee. Everybody welcome.

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