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THE WEATHER Tonight and Wednesday, rain.

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CARRIZANISTAS BEAT VILLISTAS

Villa Reported to Have Then Retreated Into Santa Clara Mountains.

BELIEVED SURROUNDED BY COMBINED ARMIES

Lieut. Bowen, American Aviator Seriously Injured in Accident in Mexico.

(By United Press) El Paso, March 21.—Gen. Pershing wireless headquarters at Columbus today that the Carranzistas yesterday severely defeated the Villistas in a pitched battle.

Gavira had heard nothing of the outcome of the Namiquipa engagement this morning. He said: "I think it only a matter of time until Villa is taken dead or alive. The wires are down, but I have reason to believe the Villistas are entirely surrounded by Americans and Carranzistas."

Lieut. Bowen, the aviator, was seriously injured "somewhere in Mexico," it is announced. The aeroplane fell while he was scouting. This is the first time on record when an American aviator was injured in active service. Lieut. Bowen joined the expedition from San Antonio.

Washington, March 21.—Gen. Carranza asked how many soldiers compose the American expedition hunting Villa. The American consul at Queretaro forwarded the question, and it is expected the state department will reply that the forces are only sufficient to capture Villa and does not intend to pursue operation thereafter. The president and cabinet agreed to the proposals, and Carranza's protocol for the conduct of the Villa hunt is satisfactory.

The government will probably send a message to Carranza today agreeing to conduct operations against Villa hereafter under a protocol.

Reporting the joy of Morimons when rescued, Gen. Funston said: "We found the natives friendly everywhere, the Carranzistas showing every indication of friendliness."

The house defeated the Kahns short term enlistment amendment 113 to 108. The Democrats are solidly against it.

San Antonio, March 21.—Gen. Funston announced he had asked the war department to give him additional troops so he could adequately protect Gen. Pershing's "dangerously thin" lines of communication. He refused to make public the number of troops needed. He preferred Washington to furnish that information.

They will probably take Lieutenant Bowen to Columbus. Six other aviators will remain with the expedition. It is not reported whether Bowen's machine was completely destroyed, or the exact cause of the accident, or whether the air scouts sighted the Villistas.

San Antonio, March 21.—"On the map it looks as if Villa is in hot water," Gen. Funston said. "The next few hours may tell the story. You must not forget that he still has a 're' movement in a big country where he knows every trail and cowpath."

Petition to Sell— M. L. Brown, administratrix of the estate of the late M. C. Brown, has been granted a petition to sell property in the estate to a private sale.

A big thing in a commercial club headquarters is a fine display of the resources of the county. Albany's should have the best in the valley. In the new building just purchased, with the amount of room for use this can be done. It is said the building can be fitted up for the purpose for about \$300. Why not?

TODAY IS FIRST DAY OF SPRING, AND IS EQUINOX

Sun Has Crossed Equator on Way North and Gentle Season Is Officially In.

At 8:30 last night the sun stood directly over the equator on its way towards the north and ushered in the season of spring, March 21st is officially the first day of the light and blithesome season, when "young man's fancy lightly turns, etc." the birds nest, the farmer turns to his plow, the housewife cleans house, the moving van is called into action, the painter put onto the job, and numerous and sundry other things take place. Technically speaking, winter has cast off her mantle, the cold and icy blasts are no more, the warmer days of the year are approaching, and cumbered man may soon doff the woollens and don the "B. V. D."

At the equator, the imaginary belt around the center of the earth, today, the inhabitants are sweltering in their second mid-summer day. Heavy rains usually accompany the equinox. The inhabitants of the equatorial regions will go through the same spell again about September 23rd, when the sun crosses back on its way south. Day and night are about equally divided today, and the days will continue to increase in length until June 21st.

CITY NEWS

Some Difference— It was reported here that a hundred poles were down on the Oregon Electric between Donald and Fargo. The Salem Journal says the number was twelve.

Book Publication Delayed— Oregon was about to have a new author, Henry Gestler, of Salem, had arranged for the publication of a book to be entitled "Can You Tell a Female Rose from a Male Rose?" It was the intention of Gestler to have the book out by May 20, but on account of his having been committed to the asylum last Saturday it will probably be delayed.

Over at Corvallis— A dispatch from Corvallis to the Portland Journal reports a building boom, to wit: New \$50,000 forestry building to be erected at the expense of Albany and the rest of the state, enlargement of the new high school building and the electrification of the S. P. with prospects of new depot.

Albany Men Undergoes Operation— Alvin Wells, of Albany, underwent a nasal operation at the Northwest hospital yesterday.—Eugene Register.

Got a Dodge— The Ralston Motor Co. has sold a Dodge touring car to Mrs. F. H. Stickley of Albany.

Loves Here— Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lowe and two little sons went to Albany this morning to visit relatives there. Mrs. Lowe and the children will remain in Albany several days and will be guests of Mrs. Lowe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, and other relatives.—Corvallis G. T.

Fair Grounds Road— The paving of the fair grounds road will be favorably acted on at the meeting of the council this evening. Fully 65 per cent of the owners of property according to lineal measure have signed the petition and 80 per cent according to the value of the property.—Journal.

To Bid on Paving— Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Travis arrived in the city last night from Seattle. Mr. Travis will present a bid for the paving of Washington street at the session of the council tomorrow evening.

Death of Prominent Girl— Friends of Mrs. Cornelia Pinkham Knapp, wife of Jos. Knapp, of Portland, will learn with sorrow of her death in Los Angeles last Saturday. Mrs. Knapp had been in ill health for some time and went to Southern California in hopes of being benefited. Mr. Knapp left for her bedside but arrived too late. The remains were expected in Portland today. She is survived by her husband and two sons, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Pinkham, and a brother, Louis H. Pinkham, Jr., who was a resident of this city for a time. Mrs. Knapp was a graduate of the University of Oregon in the class of 1911, and had many friends all over the state, many of whom are in this city. She was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

ALBANY COMMERCIAL CLUB OPPOSED TO BILL 6871

Found Charges in Reference to Buying School Pictures Without Foundation.

At the meeting of the commercial club last night various things were discussed without definite action. A communication from the Corvallis commercial club in reference to the Oregon and California land grant bill of Senator Chamberlain was discussed considerably and then referred to the committee on legislation.

A letter was read from the Lee advertising agency of Portland in reference to the location here of a manufacturing concern, which was placed on the table.

The legislative committee reported against bill 6871 in the house, which would do away with the manufacturing of bags, twine, etc., by state institutions, and it was voted that the club should use its best efforts to defeat the bill.

Upon request the secretary reported an investigation of the purchasing of pictures of the school board from outside concerns. He interviewed the school board in reference to a charge that home merchants had not been given a chance to bid, and found such to be without foundation, and after listening to Superintendent Boetticher, in which he explained the affair a motion was carried to accept the report and discharge the committee.

The matter of the recent purchase of the W. C. T. U.—G. A. R. hall was placed in the hands of committees.

At the meeting President A. L. Fisher presided, with the secretary and the following members present: C. V. Littler, W. A. Barrett, G. A. Flood, Fred Fortmiller, J. A. Howard, M. Montgomery, G. E. Sanders, G. W. Taylor, Fred Veal, C. B. Winn, C. H. Wieder and D. O. Woodworth.

ASST. SECY. OF NATIONAL BOARD VISITS ALBANY

Dr. French, of Presbyterian College Board, Inspects Local College.

Dr. Calvin H. French, D. D., of New York, assistant secretary of the national college board of the Presbyterian church, was a guest of Albany College yesterday. Last evening he was entertained at dinner at the Hotel Albany by members of the board of trustees of the college. Dr. French expressed his pleasure at the advancement being made by the local institution. He was shown over the college by Dr. W. H. Lee, acting president.

This morning Dr. French left for Spokane, and after visiting that city will pass through Albany again on his way to Los Angeles.

F. J. Miller, president of the board, came up from Salem to attend the dinner in honor of Dr. French last evening, and Dr. Wm. Parsons came down from Eugene for the same purpose.

ARMY BILL AMENDED

(By United Press) Washington, March 21.—The house amended the Hays army bill and empowered the president to call out the regular reserves in case of war, and threatened hostilities. The effect will permit the increase of the army 60,000 men without awaiting congressional action.

Mrs. Maggie Uhl went to Salem on business this morning.

GERMANS GAINED IN MEUSE BATTLE

A Heavy Bombardment With Liquid Fire Preceded a Fierce Attack.

BUT FRENCH SAY THEY LACKED POWER

Germans Captured Nearly Three Thousand Prisoners Northwest of Verdun.

(By United Press)

Paris, March 21.—German attacks gained more ground on the west bank of the Meuse, it is officially admitted. Assaults were renewed last night on the Abancourt-Malincourt line. The Germans occupied the southeastern part of Malincourt. The attacks however, lacked power. A heavy bombardment, with liquid fire preceded the infantry assault. Elsewhere the Verdun front is quiet.

Berlin, March 21.—The capture of French positions ten miles northwest of Verdun and northeast of Avancourt, with 2532 prisoners and a quantity of booty, is claimed.

NORTH LYON STREET BARN HAS BEEN SOLD

Old Structure Has Great Record in the Blindpig History of the City.

The old barn on North Lyon street, has been sold to Dr. J. L. Hill, who will have the place torn down at once and use the lumber for building purposes. This building is probably the most notorious barn structure in Albany. In its day it has been the scene of booze galore, with numerous side-shows in the courts of the city, sometimes filled with blind pigs, enough to make a blind elephant; but that was some time ago, and now the principal value to the building from any standpoint is the lumber, which is in good condition. If the old barn could tell its own story the book would be one that could be read only in the dark by a pine knot, in the company of bats.

BRITISH AND GERMAN DESTROYERS HAVE FIGHT

Two Teuton Boats Struck and Germans Say British Had to Flee.

(By United Press)

London, March 21.—Four British destroyers engaged three German destroyers off the Belgian coast yesterday, the admiralty announced. Two of the Teuton ships were struck. Four British sailors were wounded. The Germans escaped into Zeebrugge. The German admiralty stated that the Teuton destroyers scored several hits, and that the British vessels fled.

LETTER FROM J. J. HILL GLINCHES THE ENDOWMENT

Final Word Written in Campaign of Albany College For \$250,000 Fund.

The last nail was clinched yesterday in the Albany College \$250,000 endowment fund when a letter was received by President Lee from James J. Hill finally confirming the gift of \$50,000 which he made to the college on condition that an additional \$200,000 was raised. All of this has been accomplished, the money paid in and the neat little egg safely tucked away in the coffers of the college treasury.

While the college has in reality had the money for several weeks past, the official confirmation from Mr. Hill has been lacking. But on his return to St. Paul from Florida he immediately took the matter up in person and went over the final details. The matter is now settled for all time and the campaign for a \$250,000 endowment is a thing of the past. Next it will be a fight for a \$500,000 and then a million. Being the only Presbyterian college in Oregon, Albany College has a future before it that few realize, and with a few more spurts for funds the dreams of friends of the institution will be realized.

FARMER BURNED TO DEATH

(By United Press) Chehalis, March 21.—L. Metcalf, a farmer, was burned to death when fire destroyed the hotel Randle this morning. The building and contents were a total loss.

NATIONAL REPUBLICANS

(By United Press) Chicago, March 21.—Without selecting a temporary chairman, the committee arranging the Republican national convention adjourned today. They will probably name the chairman at the next meeting in April.

NATIONAL DRESS UP WEEK WILL BE ALL NEXT WEEK

All Over the U. S. Special Attention to Be Given to Matters of Clothes.

March 27 to April 1 inclusive, will be national dress-up week. All over the United States people will turn their attention to their clothes, both men and women, and replenish their wardrobes. Merchants generally will make a special effort to have displays that shall meet the demands of the public, and as well present a style showing worth while. Albany has the best stores in the valley and will no doubt be equal to the occasion. If this week is united on as it is elsewhere there can be no doubt that it will bring to the city large numbers interested in seeing what the latest things for men and women in dressing up are.

W. B. Dunson, of Salem, was in the city last evening.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY BEATEN BY YOUNGSTERS

One of the most exciting contests rolled on the Y. M. C. A. alleys took place last evening between the High School faculty team and Asa Eastburn's Colts. It was nip and tuck all evening, leaving the final general average for the set less than four pins difference between the teams.

Eastburn replaced Weider, who is out of town, with Scott, and it fell to this new man to make the highest individual average.

The individual averages are as follows: Stevens 130 1-3, Hudson 121 2-3, Young 110, Byers 100 2-3, Wood 108, Team average 114 4-15.

Scott 153 1-3, Irvine 109 2-3, Nebergall 123 1-3, Finnerty 119 2-3, Eastburn (Dummy) 100, Team average 119.

A handsome oak shield is being prepared for the winning team in the bowling tournament. Mr. Hudson is putting the piano gloss finish on it, whereupon a suitable emblem will be engraved on the lower tip. The names of the individuals of the winning team with their average scores will be neatly lettered on it. Also the highest individual score will be recorded there.

FARM HOUSE NARROWLY ESCAPES DESTRUCTION

Residence of G. L. Merritt Saved By Neighbors When Blazing Shed Is Drenched.

But for the timely arrival of neighbors and members from the Albany fire department yesterday the house of Geo. L. Merritt, who lives about two miles west of the city would have been a total loss from fire. Starting from some unknown cause in the woodshed, the fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered by members of the family. Barrels of water which stood by the woodshed were thrown on the flames by the men who soon gathered and the blaze quenched before it reached the main part of the house to do any great damage.

The Albany fire department was called, but the distance to the fire was too great and it was impossible to think of taking the chemical truck that far from the city.

Mr. Merritt is at a loss to ascertain the cause of the fire. No one smokes tobacco and no matches were thrown in the woodshed. The actual loss is small, being not more than \$50.

VISITING RELATIVES HERE

Mrs. F. E. Parent, and two sons, of Portland, are in the city for a visit with Mrs. Parent's (nee Mary Thompson) mother, Mrs. Rufus Thompson.

CITY NEWS

At North Albany— Rev. Fagan last night began a series of meetings to last this week, at the North Albany school house. There was a large crowd present last night, with much interest in the sermon and services.

Out for Commissioner— M. J. Nye, of Sweet Home, today filed his petition to run for the office of county commissioner in the Democratic primaries. This is the first Democratic petition to be filed for a county office in Linn county.

Inspecting Standard Oil Offices— Mrs. Chas. H. Hamilton, of Portland, arrived this noon on a few days visit at the home of her brother-in-law, L. E. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton will arrive this evening, having stopped off at Salem on the way up the valley. He is making his first official inspection of the different plants of the Standard Oil company, under his jurisdiction. Mr. Hamilton, for several years assistant manager of the Seattle office, was recently appointed manager of the Portland office, which has charge of the business in the adjoining cities of the state, including that of Albany. He will be here tonight and tomorrow he will go to Lebanon, and later to Eugene and other towns.

At Ashland— Chester Stevenson has taken a score of pictures of the high school basketball players in action. The pictures are excellent, catching the boys high in the air and being clear and full of action. Mr. Stevenson is able to get some excellent "speed" pictures with his speed camera.—Tidings. Formerly of Albany, a brother-in-law of Dr. Charles Cleek.

Salem Players Coming— Next Friday night the handball team of Salem and the ball whackers of the Y. M. C. A. of this city will again meet, this time on the Albany courts, the third mixture of the kind this year. Albany won the first time at this city, Salem won at Salem, and this will be the rubber. If Salem will kindly leave Physical Director Gingrich, Chauncey Bishop, Grandpa Staley and Schramm home, Albany will be in a position to make it tropical for the Capital City aggregation. But, they are invited to come, for after all the social part of the business is the best, and a fine time is bound to prevail, with some ham sandwiches in the menu.

SOME FLAX

At the office of J. V. Pipe a fine specimen of flax may be seen, some brought from Salem. Great interest is being taken at Salem over the industry and a special effort is being made to place it on its feet in the state, backed the state government. An Albany man, Mr. Cady, is at the head of the work, doing efficient service. Linn county is well adapted to flax raising and it is something worthy of investigation.

RUSSIANS WHIP THE AUSTRIANS

Make Them Evacuate Important Position at Uscieczvo on Dneister.

HAD HELD OUT FOR SIX MONTHS

Awful Russian Fire Finally Made Breach of Three Hundred Yards.

(By United Press)

Berlin, March 21.—The Austrians evacuated Uscieczvo Bridgehead, Vienna admitted. The positions were defended six months against heavy Russian attacks. This is on the south bank of the Dneister, 35 miles northwest of Czernowitz. Russian fire blasted a breach three hundred yards wide, Vienna said. Colonel Planch decided to evacuate and destroyed his trench. Small detachments with wounded gained the south bank of the Dneister in boats, but soon the enemies concentrated fire made the crossing impossible. Austrian sappers and Dragoons fought on the north bank through Uscieczvo, and joined the Austrian troops on the established heights north of Zalezyczyki.

Petrograd, March 21.—The Russian troops occupied Ispahan Sunday, Teheran advices today said.

ALBANY MEN INCORPORATE MINE IN CALIFORNIA

J. O. Lee in California to Attend to Development of Valuable Property.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Cosco Milling Co., incorporating with a capital stock of \$500,000, divided into fifty shares of \$100 each. J. O. Lee, J. P. Wallace and J. L. Warwick, are the incorporators. The business of the company is to engage in the operation of quartz stamp mills and other works for the treating and reduction of ores containing precious metals, and to conduct other branches of the mining business.

The Cosco mine is located near Darwin, Inyo county, California, in the Death Valley country where the celebrated "Scotty" made rich strikes several years ago and supplied himself with riches to take a sensational flight across the country in a special train and to indulge in other spendthrift capers. Mr. Lee and his brother have been interested in California mines for several years and it is believed that their properties are very valuable. Mr. Lee left for Darwin Saturday and will remain at his workings for the next two months.

HOTEL MEN TO MEET SOON

Will Hold Session in Eugene to Discuss Wages and Hours of Women.

The hotel men of Oregon are to meet in Eugene on April 17 and 18 for the purpose of discussing the proposed changes in the wages and hours of women employees, as announced by the welfare commission of the state.

At a meeting of the members of the association in Portland it was decided to make a fight.

The legislative committee of the organization was authorized to draft a measure for presentation to the legislature for the abolishment of the commission.

Resolutions were also adopted commending the recent code of rules affecting the employment of women which is under consideration by the welfare commission.

Today's Odd Story— London, March 21.—Even baby carriages fail to escape the new traffic regulations laid down by the authorities on account of anti-Zeppelin darkness orders. Perambulators are listed as "vehicles," hence every "pram" at night must carry a white light "fore" and a red light "aft."



Scene from the 'Key to Yesterday, Globe Theatre, Wednesday, March 22