

COMMERCIAL CLUB IN FAVOR OF FLAX

Committee Appointed to Investigate Industry and Report on Advisability.

GRANGERS HEAR GRAIN PRICES DISCUSSED BY CLUB

Benton Co. Farmers Want Road to Connect Independence Road With Albany.

The flax industry, grain prices, pay-up week and several other important matters occupied the attention of the Board of Directors of the Albany Commercial Club at their regular meeting held last evening.

Recognizing the interest in the flax movement that is being shown in Eugene and Salem a committee was appointed to make a careful investigation of the industry and report the advisability of providing facilities for handling flax here.

A committee from the Linn County Grange, consisting of Arch Miller, A. W. ...

... developed in some instances that grain had been purchased near this city at prices greater than they paid in Albany but these cases were the result of what being especially clean or a buyer having advanced a tip on the raise in price or a purchase being made to meet an emergency.

Following this discussion a committee from the Mountain View Grange near Granger Station consisting of E. H. Rondeau, C. L. Locke, J. G. Meier and W. L. Tallman appeared to solicit the co-operation of the club in securing a road that will join the Corvallis-Independence road and the Albany-Corvallis road near Granger.

The members of the committee stated that they received better prices for their grain and other products in Albany than in Corvallis and for that reason were anxious to secure this road in order that they might come here to trade.

Speaking of the difference in prices between Albany and Corvallis, one member of the committee stated that after he had his vetch cleaned at a Corvallis warehouse, he took it out and hauled it to Albany, making a good profit by the transfer.

The Board went on record as favoring the passage of a law providing for a state grain inspector so that every class of grain could be standardized and a new uniform price system used.

A resolution was passed thanking the Portland Chamber of Commerce for their courtesy extended to the Albany club while in their city and taking similar action regarding the Albany club.

A committee was appointed to lay plans for the annual "Pay-Up Week" which comes February 19 to 24 of this year.

RAIDS FAIL

Paris, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—It is announced that a German trench raid north of Rheims failed following a heavy bombardment. Elsewhere it is quiet.

BUFFALO BILL BETTER

Denver, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—W. F. Cody rallied today, and his condition is improved this morning. His extraordinary endurance has surprised his physicians.

ALBANY AMONG LOWEST IN CITY INDEBTENESS

Medford at Top, Eugene Close Second in Big Debt Column.

Medford is having a terrific fight over different systems of running the city, two plans being up, each of which, according to the other side, will ruin the city. The indebtedness of other cities has been ascertained, and the following list was recently published by the Tribune, one that speaks for Albany's condition. We give the list as published, though the population of Albany is considerably more than credited:

	Debt.	Capita	Popu-
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Medford	\$1,689,500	\$188	\$ 9,000
Eugene	1,333,530	111	12,000
Salem	1,133,562	75	15,000
Astoria	816,300	81	10,000
Baker	652,800	92	7,000
La Grande	598,000	119	5,000
Ashland	550,000	91	6,000
Klamath Falls	419,709	105	4,000
Grants Pass	410,812	102	4,000
Roseburg	311,655	62	5,000
Albany	306,119	61	5,000
The Dalles	243,500	48	5,000

BANDITS ROB SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STATION

After Robbery Have Fight in Street and Are Followed By Posses.

Los Angeles, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—Three bandits robbed the S. P. station and stores at Pirca, Ventura county. The citizens' posse attacked them and battled the bandits in the streets. One raider was wounded. His companions carried him in an automobile and fled towards Los Angeles. Posses left here endeavoring to intercept the bandits.

BLOND ESQUIMAUX EXHIBIT IS SHOWN IN STORE WINDOW

Russell Gott, of the Toggery, has arranged an attractive display of Claire Dawson's esquimaux curios which were recently brought back from the far north. The goods are to be seen in the corner window of the Toggery.

A knowledge of the goods on display makes them more interesting. It is known by most people that the blonde esquimaux are a race of people discovered by Stefansson in Queen Victoria Land, a body lying north of the main continent of North America. They are different from the ordinary esquimaux in that most of them have blue eyes and some have light hair. They are also a more intelligent race. It is presumed that they are the descendants of a shipwrecked crew of an Arctic expedition about 200 years ago. Many of their characteristics are similar to the Caucasian race.

Among the articles on display is a coat of the blonde esquimaux, which may have come down as a copy of some long-tailed coat worn by some of the shipwrecked crew. It resembles the full dress suit of today to a slight degree, or rather, the old-fashioned Prince Albert.

Other articles are the hunting outfit. The bow is made from several pieces of wood, tightly put together and bound with deer gut. The bow string is made from many strands of deer gut and is exceedingly elastic. The arrows are carefully made, and have native copper points. They will kill a deer or musk ox at from 30 to 100 feet. The outfit also contains other accessories for the hunt.

The duck sling is shown, having several rocks tied to a bunch of strings. The hunter throws this into a band of ducks or geese as they fly over, sometimes catching three or four of the unfortunate birds in the entanglements. Siberian squirrel skins and a few other furs are also shown, besides other articles from the interesting country to the north.

THE NEWLANDS' COMMITTEE

Washington, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—W. H. Doak, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, told the Newlands committee that many railroads have bought arms and ammunition, and hired strikebreakers while the strike situation is tense. The Newlands committee is handling President Wilson's railroad legislation program.

BIG DEFICIT REPORTED

Washington, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—Democratic members of the house ways and means committee met for the purpose of considering means of increasing government revenues. Majority Leader Kitchin estimated a deficit of \$495,000. No decision was reached. The committee will meet again on Thursday.

GERARD ROCKS GERMANY'S BOAT

Recent Speech Violently Denounced By Prominent Submarine Fans.

AMBASSADOR GERARD ACCUSED OF MEDDLING

Some Want Him Recalled Because He Favored Restricted Submarining.

Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—Berlin reported that the advocates of ruthless submarining violently denounced Ambassador Gerard's speech at the American Commerce and Trade Association banquet. Count Reventlow accused Ambassador Gerard of meddling in Germany's internal affairs. Other leaders are urging Gerard's recall. They objected to Gerard praising officials who favor restricted submarining.

Jack Barrett went to Portland on the noon train to attend to business matters.

CITY NEWS

Mfg. Catalogue—The Far West Manufacturing Co., at Water and Ferry streets, has just issued a neat catalogue. The line of goods now covers all kinds of ladders, extension staging planks for painters, ironing boards, combined ironing board and ladder, red cedar chests and bedroom chests.

At Corvallis—The total receipts of the Corvallis postoffice during 1916 were \$27,286. Hardware Convention—The Oregon Hardware Dealers will hold a convention in Portland, January 24, 25 and 26.

Omitted One Name—In mentioning the names of the Albany young men in the fine O. A. C. band the Democrat omitted the name of Ralph Kenton, for five years a member of the band, perhaps the longest of any one but Prof. Beard. He is one of the best musicians in it. It is doubtful if the O. A. C. band has any superior school band in the county.

Linn county's senators were appointed by President Gus Moser on the following committees: Cusick—banking, chairman; county and state officers, game, medicine, pharmacy and dentistry; resolutions, Garland—Alcoholic traffic, education, federal relations, municipal affairs, and review of laws.

Mrs. Schilling Shot Straight—Mrs. Ada Schilling, the little woman who was at the state shoot at this city several months ago, Sunday at Portland, broke one hundred rocks straight. Mr. Schilling and J. E. Reid each made 96.

Golden Rule Men East—F. E. Livingood, manager, and J. J. Chipman, of the local Golden Rule store, will leave Friday for Salt Lake City, where they will attend the annual meeting of the managers of the J. C. Penny Co., who operate a string of stores in the West. The Golden Rule, which now has 125 stores, will install 50 more this year, of which one will be in Corvallis with Mr. Chipman in charge. Mr. Chipman will return from Salt Lake and leave for Corvallis about Feb. 15, and be ready for the opening between March 1 and 10. Mr. Livingood will continue on to New York to assist in the selection of the stock for the Albany store for the next fall and winter trade.

Checking Up Books—Miss Blanche Ragan, of the telephone office, returned to Jefferson this morning where she has been checking over the books of the Bell exchange in that city the past week.

Quietly slipping away from Albany without informing any of his friends of his intentions, Irving L. Hood was married to Miss Josephine M. Bostack, of Salem, on Christmas eve. The wedding took place in the parsonage of the Christian church in Salem, and Rev. R. T. Porter performed the ceremony. After the wedding the couple took a two-weeks' trip to Portland and other places, and they are now at home on the farm of the groom's father, John Hood, six miles east of the city on the Lebanon road, where Mr. Hood is assisting with the farm work. Mrs. Hood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bostack, of Salem.

Left for Omaha—Fred Vose returned last night to Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Vose remained in the city to be with her mother, who is ill.

LOCAL VETERANS ENTER- TAIN VISITING COMRADE

Big Meeting and Banquet Held Last Evening By Camp Phillips No. 4.

A great and inspiring reunion of the Veterans of the War with Spain took place in this city last night. The members of Camp Phillips No. 4, of this city, had been preparing for weeks in anticipation of this event and had especially invited the members of all the other camps in the Department of Oregon to be present with their Camp officers.

The officers of the Department had been invited and came from Portland and Salem and paid to the members of the Albany Camp the customary annual visit and inspection.

After exemplifying the ritualistic work of the order for the benefit of the visiting comrades and adjournment was taken to the Carleton Cafe, where a banquet had been prepared for the visiting comrades by the local Camp. Forming in military column of twos, the veterans marched through the business section of the city, headed by the flag which was followed by Department Commander Carle Abrams and Past Department Commander F. C. Stellmacher of the Department of Oregon, who led the procession to the place of banquet.

Here a program of speeches and stunts was had, and with Past Department Commander F. C. Stellmacher as toastmaster, the festivities lasted until the morning hours. Addresses and stunts were heard and done by the following veterans: Carle Abrams of Salem, who went with the Oregon troops to the border in command as Major of the Third Battalion, and made a splendid record as an officer, and who is now in active command of the Department of Oregon, United Spanish Veterans, was heard in a most inspiring and highly patriotic address.

Then in order followed talks by Geo. H. Carr of Portland, adjutant of the Department of Oregon; Adolph Woelm, also of Portland, Department Quartermaster; Dr. Geo. F. A. Walker, Assistant Department Adjutant; Gilbert Allen, Thomas C. Bodley, Robert H. Bowdler of Camp Richard Harding, Washington, D. C.; Robert E. Green, Dept. Inspector; Dr. Jos. Myers, of Albany, District Attorney; Gale S. Hill, R. Cumerow, of Salem; Harvey Wells, of Portland and Geo. E. Rolfe, who sang songs and assisted in the entertainment of the veterans by selections in parody from great operas.

Altogether, it was the greatest meeting of veterans held in this city since the time of the Department Encampment held in Albany four years ago. The comrades went on record last night as favoring appropriations for the relief of families of those on duty with the Oregon soldiers at the Border. Matters pertaining to the vital interests of all veterans were discussed and a program of legislation recommended that will be handled by the Legislative committee.

Those present and their Camps follow: Scott Young Camp No. 2, of Portland—Alex Ginty, Harvey Wells, Adolph Woelm, T. C. Bodley, Geo. H. Carr, Geo. F. A. Walker, Gilbert Allen; Hal. Hubbard Camp No. 5, of Salem—C. O. Wilson, J. D. Humphrey, F. R. Stoddard, Art Artus, C. Owall, R. Cumerow, R. M. Porter, Carle Abrams, C. W. Bryant, Elias Hutchinson Camp, of Woodburn—F. R. Uppendahl; Camp Phillips No. 4, Albany—L. C. Davis, Robert Green, W. D. Morris, E. S. Hawker, R. C. Churchill, Geo. E. Rolfe, Gale S. Hill, S. C. Worrell, Fred Marquard, W. A. Salisbury, William V. Merrill, Fred Kober, A. F. Phrdom, J. R. Junkin, Dr. Jos. Myer, F. C. Stellmacher; Richard Harding Camp, of Washington, D. C., was represented by Robert Dowler. F. C. S.

CABINET RESIGNS

Madrid, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—The Spanish cabinet resigned today.

EUGENE'S FINANCES

Guard: The treasury of the city of Eugene has over \$30,000 more than it did three months ago, and at the same time the total of the city obligations has decreased by nearly \$19,000, according to the report of City Treasurer Fred G. Stickle, filed this morning with the city recorder, to be submitted to the city council this evening.

The total obligations of the city of Eugene on January 1, 1917, including the balance of \$80,000 due the Oregon Power company for the power business purchased last year, was \$1,401,413.63, compared with \$1,510,582 on September 30, 1916. The decrease is \$187,668.89. The total obligations on January 1 was the lowest since the purchase of the power lines.

C. D. Krepps, of Sutherlin, is in the city today.

S. Burge, of Seapoope, is an Albany visitor.

S. D. Doremus is in the city from Salem.

C. J. Hurd, of Eugene, arrived in the city last evening.

LAWSON FAILS TO NAME ANY ONE

Blows Off An Immense Sight of Steam and Simply Offers Threats.

MAY REVEAL NAME OF HIGH OFFICIAL

Says If He Does It Will Be Disastrous to Nation and Administration.

Washington, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—Tom Lawson refused to name the leak source. He told the house rules committee he would expose the leak, provided a more powerful investigating body takes charge. He asserted he would reveal the name of "a high official," and said the exposure would be "disastrous to the nation and administration." Lawson declared that he wanted to probe Wall Street to the bottom. He dodged all questions. Two members presented motions providing Lawson be adjudged guilty of contempt of court and be punished. The committee deferred action on the motions.

CITY NEWS

G. A. R. Officer Here—Miss Sylvia Oxford, department librarian of the Ladies of the G. A. R., of Oregon, is in the city from Brownsville visiting with the family of James Carnine.

Advance Man Here—Bert DeVoe, advance man for a theatrical organization which will play in Albany in the near future, is at the Albany today.

A Good Pythian—K. B. Anderson, member of Laurel Lodge No. 7, last night presented the local chapter of Knights of Pythias with one of the \$100 gold bonds of the lodge which were issued when their new building was built. Only one of the 12 interest coupons had been clipped, making the value to the lodge \$133. The members at last night's meeting voted hearty thanks for the gift. It is not expected that all holders of the building bonds will take similar action.

From Tygh Valley—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morris, of Tygh Valley, returned home yesterday after visiting friends and relatives here for the past two weeks.

Council Tomorrow—The regular meeting of the city council will be held tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock. The election of officers for the coming year will be the principal item of interest. The most-sought after job is that of city teamster, but since the present incumbent is giving perfect satisfaction there seems to be little chance of ousting him.

Power Funeral Today—The funeral of the late Mrs. Wm. M. Power was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church. Rev. F. H. Geselbracht preached the sermon. Many friends of the dead woman were present, and many beautiful floral pieces were in evidence. The pallbearers were Geo. Hughes, Ferris Conn, Judge H. M. Palmer, R. A. Marsh, Geo. Clime and Wm. Farley. Interment was in Riverside cemetery.

Horses for Seattle—James Nichols of Plainview shipped today eight head of heavy draft horses to Seattle. These horses are intended for the Fire Department of that city.

More Studebakers Here—Hockensmith & Templeton have just received another car of Studebakers, which were unloaded today. The shipment consists of three five-passenger "fours" and one seven-passenger "six."

On Main Street—Down at the Grace Presbyterian church a live revival is in progress with preaching by Rev. E. A. Fitch. Mr. Fitch is not only a good speaker and a hard worker, but he is also a splendid singer, having sung with some of the biggest evangelists of the country. The attendance is good with much interest in the services.

Here From Arlington—Mrs. Sherman Wade, of Arlington, is in the city, called here by the serious illness of her father, Mr. Ranney, who is at St. Mary's Hospital. While here Mrs. Wade is the guest of her former schoolmate, Mrs. J. J. Collins, who graduated in the same class at the sisters' school 27 years ago.

Miss Crawford—On account of her business affairs in Lebanon, Miss Helen Crawford will not accept the position of assistant school superintendent, as recently reported; but will remain at home and look after her fine peach orchard, calling for her personal attention.

GOV. WITHCOMB DELIVERS HIS ANNUAL MESSAGE

Circulating Referendum Petitions For Pay May Be Made a Crime.

Salem, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—The senate and house met in joint session this afternoon to hear Gov. Withcomb's address. The committee escorted the governor and supreme court judges, and all the elective state officials to the hall, where the governor presented his message.

Representative Brownell of Clackamas county reopened the Columbia river fishing controversy, and introduced a bill repealing Chapter 188, laws of 1915. This chapter provided for joint Oregon and Washington legislation regulating the Columbia fisheries.

Bowman, of Washington, introduced a bill prohibiting initiative and referendum petition circulators receiving wages, which provides one month to a year imprisonment. Ten senate bills were introduced this morning. The house appointed Joe Ingram, Harold Brownson and Marie Briggs as pages.

HARRY THAW AGAIN GETS INTO LIMELIGHT

Kidnaps Boy in California and Takes Him to New York Hotel.

New York, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—The grand jury indicted Harry Thaw on the charge of kidnapping and assault. Allegedly, he lured Frederick Gump, aged 16, to New York from Long Beach, Calif., took him to the McAlpin Hotel, tied him up, and thrashed him with a whip. Thaw is reported living at the Hotel Belgravia, Philadelphia, and a warrant is en route there.

MAN HAS EXPERIENCE IN CROSSING CASCADES

Eugene Guard: C. E. McCurdy, the first man known to have crossed the Cascade mountains by way of Horse Creek in the winter, arrived in Eugene Saturday afternoon after an 11-day trip filled with hardships and dangers. Mr. McCurdy traps with a partner, Robert Lowellen, around Mud Lake and neighboring territory in Crook county. He was on his way home to Vancouver, Wash., where he expected to spend New Year's day with his wife. The distance from Mud Lake to Foley Springs on the McKenzie is about 36 miles and Mr. McCurdy expected to get through in less than three days. There is not a trail down the brush-covered canyon and the brush-covered snow became almost impassable. Mr. McCurdy struggled along on snow shoes, sometimes making less than 30 yards in two hours, he said.

His clothes were in shreds when he reached Foley Springs and one knee was badly inflamed from a fall over a rocky ledge. On the last three days of his trip he ran out of grub. "My tobacco gave out, too," said Mr. McCurdy. "At times I was ready to give up and lie down. Nothing ever looked so good to me in my life as the settlement at Foley Springs. The people there took care of me and doctored my knee, and I am mighty grateful to them."

Mr. McCurdy says that he wore gloves when he started, but breaking through the brush wore them out.

EDUCATIONAL BILL PASSES

Washington, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—The house passed the vocational bill, which carried \$38,000,000 appropriation. It will be distributed during a period of ten years.

TRAIN ATTACKED

El Paso, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—Federal agents learned that the Villistas attacked a southbound passenger train 30 miles from Juarez, and killed and wounded several. The engineer speeded up the train and escaped, reaching Chihuahua City safely.

GERMANS MAKE CAPTURE

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—It is announced that the Germans captured Calreaska, in Roumania, in hand to hand street fighting. Thirty-five hundred prisoners, three cannons and ten machine guns were taken. Lively western front artillery fighting is reported.

W. B. Foster, of Mill City, is in Albany on business.

Mrs. Charles Gray Jr., left this morning for Woodburn on a business trip.

C. E. Sox went to Salem this morning on business.

CONFERENCE OF COLLEGE MEN

Will Be Held at Albany Friday and Saturday, January 19 and 20.

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IDEALS AND THEIR ATTAINMENTS

The Colleges: Willamette, P. U., McMinnville, Pacific, Reed, Philomath, Albany.

On Friday and Saturday of next week an important conference will be held in Albany, that of the presidents and faculties of the privately supported colleges of Oregon in the 11th annual meeting. The work done in these conferences means much to the colleges, bringing the different colleges together in their efforts to advance the cause of education. This will be the second meeting here, the former one having been held here April 26, 1909. The other colleges in the conference are Willamette, McMinnville, Pacific University, Pacific College, Philomath and Reed. The officers are: President, L. W. Riley, of McMinnville; Vice President, Loyd L. Epley, of Philomath; Secretary, F. G. Franklin, of Albany.

Following is the program arranged, though as a matter of fact there is always considerable informality in carrying the programs out: First session Friday, January 19, 1917, at 1:30 p. m. Succeeding sessions, and reports and topics presented as determined by the Conference. Leading topic: "Christian College Ideals and their Attainment." Reports of Committees appointed at previous Conference. On uniform method of grading. Committee: Professor Von Eschen, Willamette University; Professor Hawkins, Pacific College; President Baird, Philomath College. On Exchange of Professors—Committee: President Bushnell, Pacific University; Professor Northrup, McMinnville College; Professor Latourrette, Reed College. Cooperation—Scholarships, Pamphlets, Lecture—Committee: President Foster, Reed College; President Lee, Albany College; President Riley, McMinnville College. Athletic Council—Chairman: A. M. G. Sibley, Y. M. C. A., Portland, Oregon.

Topics for Discussion "To what extent should College Presidents and Professors give addresses without compensation?" Opened by President Levi T. Pennington of Pacific College. "The Uniform Calendar," Opened by Professor F. G. Boughton of McMinnville College.

"What should be the Attitude of the Christian College toward the use of tobacco?" Opened by President L. L. Epley of Philomath College. "What about Intercollegiate Football?" Opened by Professor A. A. Knowlton, of Reed College. "The Christian Ideal of Education," Address by President Carl G. Doner, Willamette University.

A SENATOR'S THREAT

Washington, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—Senator Thomas threatened to filibuster, delaying the naval program indefinitely, unless "something is done to relieve the occupants of Government reserve oil lands in the West."

PRESIDENT WILSON MEETS SUFFRAGETTES

Washington, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—President Wilson met several hundred suffragettes today, and expressed his regrets that so many suffragettes do not realize that the Democratic party is friendly to the cause. He declared himself unable to render further aid, although personally an ardent suffragette supporter.

CASE CONTINUED

Chicago, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—Police Chief Healey, arraigned in the municipal court, charged with conspiracy and corruption, was continued ten days.

JEWELRY THEFT

Cleveland, Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—James R. Garfield reported \$10,000 worth of jewels stolen from his home, while the family was absent December 1st to the 20th.

LEVEE COLLAPSES

Alameda, Calif., Jan. 9.—(By United Press)—The northern levee protecting the municipal reclamation project collapsed today. Two boys are reported drowned. Factory lands are inundated. A mud avalanche covered the S. P. tracks. A million dollars worth of property is endangered.