

## COMMERCIAL CLUB NEWLY ORGANIZED

Rejuvenated Body Holds Initial  
Meeting and Starts Out on  
Good Year's Work.

## F. P. NUTTING ELECTED MANAGER UNANIMOUSLY

## Consolidation Committee Con- tinued to Meet With Mer- chant's Committee.

The first meeting of the Albany Commercial Club officers and board of directors elected at the last meeting held their initial meeting last night and organized for a busy season during 1917. The new officers are George Taylor, president; E. D. Cusick vice-president; F. P. Nutting, secretary; Elmer Williamson Treasurer. The new board members are William Fortmiller, W. A. Eastburn, D. O. Woodworth, G. T. Hocken-smith, H. R. Worth, F. H. Pfeiffer, C. H. Stewart and J. R. Hulbert. The holdover members are W. A. Barrett, G. A. Flood, F. M. French, J. A. Howard, D. E. Nehergall, George Sanders, C. E. Winn and Fred Veal.

F. P. Nutting was elected manager, and will occupy the combined positions of secretary-manager. A communication was read from the Salem Commercial Club asking that the Albany Commercial Club express its choice for Ivan G. McDaniel, of the Salem Commercial Club for representative from the commercial clubs and chambers of commerce of the state to serve on the committee provided for in house concurrent resolution No. 15. Referred to the committee on general and local legislation.

A communication was read from Hon. Frank A. Rowe, a member of that recent legislature, urging work for the good roads bill, house bill No. 550, and the organization of "Better Roads Clubs" through the counties of the state, as the bill is a state wide proposition. Referred to the Good roads committee.

The resolution passed at the annual meeting calling for the merger of the commercial club and the Albany Merchant's Association, and for annual dues for the club, ranging from ten to fifty dollars a year, payable quarterly was discussed and referred to the old committee, Messrs. F. M. French, G. A. Flood and Waldo Anderson, with J. R. Hulbert added, with authority to confer with a committee from the Merchant's Association.

President Taylor announced the following chairmen of committees, to name their own associates:

General and local legislation, C. H. Stewart; Community and civic improvement, D. O. Woodworth; Manufacturing, W. A. Barrett; Merchants retail-wholesale, rural relations, J. R. Hulbert; Publicity and conventions, C. B. Winn; Finance, F. M. French, who at once named his associates; J. A. Howard and G. A. Flood.

Memberships, W. A. Eastburn, who named the following associates: J. A. Howard, C. H. Wiedner, F. H. Pfeiffer, and Elmer Williamson.

Education, health, entertainment, H. R. Worth.

Transportation and excursion, Fred Veal.

Fire insurance and adjustment, Geo. Sanders.

Good roads, E. D. Cusick.

City improvement and parks, Mrs. Viola Franklin.

Applications for manager of the club were read from Florence H. Hickok, Murrel Hunt, W. E. Parrish and F. P. Nutting. A ballot was ordered taken, resulting as follows: F. P. Nutting 11; W. E. Parrish, 1. Upon motion of F. M. French the election was made unanimous.

After an informal talk the board adjourned until Monday evening.

## First Aid Class Begin—

The first meeting of the Red Cross First aid Classes will be held on Tuesday, 14th at 7:30 in the public library. Please bring note books and pencils and be prepared to pay the 50c fee. m 12-13

## NEW CLASSIFIED

HOUSEWORK WANTED—Lady wants housework. Home phone 2382. m 13-15

FOR RENT—At 1015 west 8th a five room house furnished or unfurnished, electric light, water, garden. Call Bell phone 262Y or Inquire 1015 W 9th. m 13-20

## OBJECTS TO ABUSE OF SENATOR LANE

## Sen. Sam Garland Commands Democrat For Position Taken in Controversy.

The following letter was received yesterday from State Senator Garland:

Lebanon, Or., March 11, 1917  
Mr W. H. Hornbrook,  
Albany, Ore.

My Dear Sir:  
I approve so much your recent editorial about Senator Lane. I think that you have taken a conservative and a just view of the matter. I am not in sympathy with all of this abuse heaped upon Senator Lane.

I believe that very much of this furor will blow over in a little while, and many of the harsh critics of Senator Lane will be ashamed of themselves. Of course, you and I each regret very sadly that Senator Lane could not vote with the President.

I remain, with kindest personal regards,

Yours very truly,  
SAM M. GARLAND

## ALBANY-CORVALLIS LINE SOON TO BE ELECTRIFIED

N. Rose, of the bridge department of the Southern Pacific Co., of Portland, came up last night to attend the home coming of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Rose is a former Albany man, having been away about eight years.

According to Mr. Rose, the new west side electric line from Portland to Corvallis will be in operation by April 15. Then the big red electric cars will operate clear into Corvallis. While not given out by Mr. Rose, the fact is stated that the line from Corvallis to this city will be next to receive the juice, and that work has already been started for the survey.

## GENERAL PEACE MOVE EXPECTED BY DIPLOMATS

(By United Press)  
Washington, Mar. 13.—Diplomats believe that a general peace move is due within four months.

The food situation in all warring nations is increasing acute and the people manifest dissatisfaction of the entente cabinets. The belief is growing that neither side will achieve an overwhelming victory. Many expect peace without victory before July the first.

## CITY NEWS

Arrested Hoboes—  
About 1:15 o'clock last night Chief of Police John Catlin was notified by Lane County officials to look out for two men who were wanted for rogering at Junction City earlier in the night. Four men were caught by the Junction constable, two of whom had stolen clothes with them. It was impossible to hold all four and two got away, boarding a northbound passenger. They arrived here at 1:30 this morning. The officers arrested four men on the train two of whom answer the description of the Junction robbers. They will be taken to Eugene.

Beeson Returned Home—  
Alva L. Beeson, formerly linotype operator for the Democrat, arrived in the city yesterday evening after several months absence in Montana, and Washington. He states that business is good in these places, that salaries and wages are high and prosperity is on every hand. He will return to Washington later.

Lectures at Shedd—  
L. P. Harrington, field worker for industrial fairs, Department of Education delivered an illustrated lecture at Shedd last night.

Style Show coming—  
Friday and Saturday of this week M. Sternberg and Co. and The Toggery will hold a style show at the Globe Theatre. Five pretty professional models have been secured from New York. They are headed by Miss Blanche Cosman, a style critic of the metropolis, many beautiful gowns will be displayed and the event promises to be a big success. This attraction is in addition to the regular bill and no extra admission will be charged.

Homes From Portland—  
Mr. and Mrs. Grant Firtle returned last evening from Portland where they attended the funeral of Mrs. A. E. Anderson.

## BERNSTORFF PROTESTS AGAINST BRITISH METHODS

## Hot Water Bottles and Baby Nipples Confiscated By Brit- ish; Countess Searched.

By Arthur Mann, United Press Staff  
Correspondent

Christiana, Mar. 13.—Bernstorff will formally protest to Washington against the British methods of searching the "Frederick VIII" party at Halifax.

The British refused to transmit a telegraphic protest from Halifax. Countess Bernstorff was thoroughly searched and her shoe insoles opened. Other travelers were stripped and all rubber was confiscated including hot water bottles, baby nipples, and rubber heels. It is charged that the inspectors were drunk.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN VAUDEVILLE TONIGHT

Tonight at the Globe Theatre the Albany high school minstrel and vaudeville show will take a turn at entertaining the audience. A fine aggregation of stars has been assembled and the program lists like a regular show.

Davis Leining will present his harp solo, and this will be his last appearance in Albany for some months. There will be choruses by the boys and girls' glee clubs and by the combined clubs. Professors Moses and Fox have already made their reputations as soloists on the cornet and trombone, as well as in duet. Pep and fun, likewise 'jaz' will be injected by Messrs. Xavier (Funny) Beals, George Snyder and Merrill Gibson.

Orchestra.

Chorus—"The Merry Life" Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs.

Duet—Cornet and Trombone selected. Mr. Moses and Mr. Fox.

Chorus—"Barcarolle" Tales of Hoffman "Gleam, Gleam Silver Stream" Girls' Glee Club.

Harp solo, selected, Davis Leining.

Chorus—"Anvil Chorus" "Two Grenadiers" Boys' Glee Club.

Cornet solo—Selected, Mr. Moses.

Chorus—"Wake Miss Lindy" Girls' Glee Club.

Vocal solo—Selected, Velma Anthony.

Chorus—"I Am the King of the Outlaws" "My Mammy's Voice" Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs.

Pigskin Vaudeville. 1 Act, Merrill Gibson, Francis Beal and George Snyder.

Orchestra.

"The Team"

Pigskin Minstrel. Chorus—"The West" Jokes. Monologue, "Believe Me" George Snyder. Solo and Chorus—"Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" Frank Eastburn. Solo, "Somebody Lied" Merrill Gibson. Chorus, "Lanky Yanky Boys in Blue."

Song—"Old Familiar Song" Last verse backward, Girls' Glee Club.

Final—"Star Spangled Banner", Orchestra and Glee Clubs.

Returned From Tacoma—  
Mrs. A. G. Sanders and children are home from a visit of several weeks with relatives in Tacoma.

Attended K. P. Homecoming—  
L. Reed Dowlin came down from Portland last night to attend the home coming of the Knights of Pythias.

Willamette Valley is  
Liked by Albany Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Weaver, of Sunrise addition, have been hosts to friends this week from their old home in Iowa and Nebraska, from where they came to Oregon 28 years ago.

The party of middle-westerners comprised of George Powell, of Vermillion, Alberta, Canada, who is operating a large wheat ranch; Ed. Hoffman, of Marion, Nebraska, who is on his way home from a visit in California, and Ira Huffman, of Knoxville, Iowa, who operates a large farm. The latter has 1000 hogs which he is about ready to market and hurried home to attend to this detail.

All are loud in singing the praises of the Willamette Valley and each hopes to return here in the near future to locate. At least one is sure he will come back to live. Welcome to them.

## RAILWAY UNIONS BACK PRESIDENT

There Will Be No Strike in  
Event of War Assurance  
Given to Wilson.

## TRYING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH RAILROADS

## Strike Order May Be Made Ef- fective Saturday Night; Con- ference Being Held.

(By United Press)

Washington, Mar. 13.—Four railroad brotherhood leaders informed President Wilson that there will be no strike called in the event of war. They assured Wilson that the trainmen will stand by the President but did not promise there would be no strike now.

It is announced that the brotherhoods will meet the railway managers Thursday and make a determined effort to agree. The Brotherhoods "hope to be successful." It was not mentioned that the reported strike order would become effective Saturday night affecting all roads. The brotherhood chiefs met the local delegates at the Bijou Theatre and discussed the strike order.

Wilson is keeping in close touch through secretary Wilson. In the event of a strike it is believed conditions will be worse than last summer on account of the high food prices. A strike before April or May will delay the extra session of Congress. The utmost secrecy surrounded the Bijou Theatre conference. It was learned that the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation plans to make a final effort to force an agreement if the strike seems inevitable.

It was definitely learned that the Nickelplate Road Brotherhood leaders received orders to strike Saturday night.

## Public Against Strike

New York, Mar. 13.—The Railway managers statements indicated that the railroads are not prepared to meet a general strike. Only a few strike breakers are available and the managers declared that the men cannot afford to strike now. It is believed that the public will exert pressure to make the men resume work. Wilson could control the roads as a national preparedness measure.

## LOGANBERRY JUICE WILL SOON BE SHIPPED EAST

Once more activity will reign at the loganberry plant of the Albany Fruit Juice Co. Preparations are being made to process the raw juice which has been stored up and ship it to waiting customers.

Six car loads of bottles have been ordered, and the first of five lot is expected to arrive early next week. From then on orders will be filled as fast as possible.

The last legislature made an appropriation for a fruit experimental station at Corvallis, and G. G. Brown, of the local plant, has been invited to assist in the selection of apparatus and the equipment of the loganberry department.

## Suit for Divorce—

A. H. Simpson has begun suit for divorce from Lottie Simpson. Charges are made of neglect of house work, refusal to do her part in the care of house.

## MUCH CONCERNED

The City Editor of the Democrat sent out a few letters to names which appear upon the list which the Editor of the Herald agore were bona fide subscribers of that publication and filed of record with the county clerk.

Of the first ten answers to such requests, seven of the letters were returned to the Democrat with the following notation: "by the postmasters 'Removed address unknown,' and the other three stated that they were not subscribers of the Herald. This may perhaps explain the undue alarm and indignation of the Herald Editor as expressed through the columns of his newspaper.

## THAW AGAIN DECLARED INSANE BY COURT

## Petition Filed at Request of His Mother; New York to Con- tinue Extradition Fight.

(By United Press)

Philadelphia, Mar. 13.—The Pennsylvania insanity commission declared that Thaw is insane. He was investigated at his mother's request. The decision prevents extradition to New York for trial on the charge of beating Frederick Gump. The New York authorities plan to continue the extradition fight.

## Sixty Submarines Sunk

(By United Press)  
Washington, Mar. 13.—It is reported here that the allies destroyed sixty German submarines between January first and February fifteenth.

## GARLAND MADE GOOD SAYS LANE NEWSPAPER

The Sentinel begins this week a series of stories concerning members of the legislature, the stories being reminiscences written from the viewpoint of the editor as he watched the proceedings of the recent session. It is the intention to print brief sketches concerning about forty members and a couple of months will be required to complete the series.

Samuel M. Garland, of Lebanon, though unostentatious and not one of the most frequent talkers, is, upon occasion, a polished orator. He is also a logical thinker and he most frequently took the floor to straighten out some point under dispute. Although apparently at no particular pains to "fulminate" upon different pieces of legislation as they came up, the senator from Linn was thoroughly posted upon every piece of legislation a day before it came to a vote. He was rarely, if ever, absent from the senate chamber during a session and I doubt if he missed a roll call during the two sessions I have attended.

Senator Garland is given considerable credit for the success in the senate of the \$6,000,000 road bond bill, through suggesting that it be referred to the people, without which amendment it would not have secured the necessary votes. One thing is certain and that is that Senator Garland was an ardent booster of the bill after he got the Albany-Lebanon-Camden highway included as one of the beneficiaries of the bill. The designation of this road is, no doubt, considered by Mr. Garland as the crowning achievement of his own individual efforts of the most recent session. He thought this road so important that he succeeded in holding up the entire road bill until it was included and he was in a good position to defeat the entire program. There is only one thing about Senator Garland that puzzles us, and that is how one so otherwise agreeable and apparently so otherwise intelligent can be a democrat.

## Elks Attention—

P. H. D'Arcy, District Deputy of this district, will make his official visit to this lodge Thursday evening. According to a letter received by the Exalted Ruler, Judge D'Arcy has news of importance to import to this lodge which every member of the order will be interested. Your presence is urgently requested.

J. J. Collins, E.R.

## TWO TEAMS TAKE FRIGHT AND RUN AWAY YESTERDAY

Yesterday afternoon while N. A. Thrush, who resides on the Hecker place east of the city on the Santiam road, was doing some trading at the Murphy Seed Store on Second Street, his team took a notion to run. They wheeled around and started east, but were captured a short distance away when the horses fell on the pavement.

About 4:00 o'clock the people in the vicinity of the Crown Mills and Albany Mill & Elevator Co. were startled by seeing a team of horses racing down the street dragging a plow behind them. The horses belonged to a man who was doing some plowing in a lot east of Main Street. In spite of the plow dragging along behind the horses the only damage done was a few bruises inflicted on their legs.

## KNIGHTS ENJOY PLEASANT HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

## Many Old Timers Return to Pay Tribute to Laurel Lodge No. 7.

Nearly 150 Knights of Pythias answered their names to roll call at the Home coming celebration last night. Many from out of town were on hand and enjoyed the mingling with former townsmen and lodge brothers.

After a short business session the initiation of candidates was taken up, and the impressive work in the rank of Page was given to Dr. Ernest Kenyon, T. G. Smith, and Floyd Shortridge. Past Grand Chancellor W. L. Marks occupied the chair during the initiation and was ably assisted by J. S. Van Winkle, Wm. Patterson and Ralph Thom.

E. B. Hawkins, of Seattle, Superintendent of the Western division of the K. P. Insurance department, was called on for a talk. Following the roll call the members adjourned to the banquet room and enjoyed a cafeteria lunch.

G. R. Schenck, of Toledo, is an Albany visitor.

## LOOPS THE LOOP IN A SEA PLANE

(By United Press)

Pensacola, Florida, Mar. 10.—By looping-the-loop in a sea plane, Captain Francis T. Evans of the United States Marine Corps astonished officers of the aeronautical station here, who had considered the feat impossible. Captain Evans is the first American aviator to attempt it.

Although looping-the-loop in an ordinary aeroplane has out-won its novelty as a popular stunt, the heavy pontoons attached to the air and water flier hitherto have been a bar to similar attempts with this type of machine.

Captain Evans found it necessary to dive through the air at a great speed before he could gain the inverted position. He then looped-the-loop twice before his descent. The machine was a Curtiss tractor.

## CITY NEWS

Farewell for Comrades—  
At the armory last night an informal farewell reception was held by the United Spanish War Veterans for R. C. Churchill, who will shortly accept a position as traveling salesman for a wholesale house, and W. A. Salisbury, who is about to leave Albany. Both are popular members of the local camp.

## O. P. Officials Here—

Elmer Dover, receiver for the Montana and Northern Idaho Power Co., and Judge Groscup, attorney for the receiver, stopped in the city over night on their way home to Tacoma from Springfield where they went to consult the contractor at the new generating station. They were received here by J. L. White, Superintendent of the Willamette Valley Division.

## Sold Studebakers—

The Hockensmith-Templeton garage reports the sale of the following cars: Studebaker fours to Charles Jenks, Tangent; E. E. Glenn, Sverre; J. M. Schlegel, Albany, and C. T. Sargent, Scio. Oakland sizes have been delivered to C. R. Kennel and Samuel Kraeger. Lloyd Templeton went to Brownsville this morning to attend to a sale today.

## Dr. Leech Visits—

Dr. D. H. Leech, former pastor of the M. E. church, came over from Corvallis last night to attend the K. P. homecoming.

## Ford Men Here—

A. W. Jones and Fred Howett, from the Portland branch of the Ford Motor Co., are in the city on business matters with W. W. Crawford, local representative.

## Hens Make Money—

On Monday A. M. Ayres, of LaComb, brought to the Lebanon Cash Produce Company seventy-eight two year old Plymouth Rock hens that brought him the tidy little sum of \$85.35, or a little less than \$1.10 each. These same hens brought Mr. Ayres fully \$350 in the return for eggs sold.

L. R. Chedde beat the above a little, however, when he sold thirteen Plymouth Rocks that brought him 1.13 each and A. H. Frum marketed twelve Rhode Island Reds that sold for \$1.12 each, but J. R. Morris topped the market when he brought in twelve hens that weighed an aggregate of 86 pounds, giving the seller \$12.22 each for his birds.—Lebanon Critic.

## TURKS RETREAT BEFORE BRITISH

Bagdad Was Sacked By De-  
fending Force Before Enemy  
Troops Entered City.

## SIXTY GERMAN SUBMARINES DESTROYED IS CLAIM

## Germans Hold Position on West- ern Front Despite Attacks of Allied Troops.

(By United Press)

London, Mar. 13.—It is announced that the British are advancing beyond Bagdad and captured Kadisimain and a hundred Turkish prisoners. Their pursuit continued with British gunboats assisting in the attacks. The Turks sacked Bagdad before flight and were forced to abandon much ammunition.

## Orders Prepared

Washington, Mar. 13.—Secretary Daniels received orders covering instructions to United States navy gunners in their conduct in defending armed merchantmen. Secretary Lansing approved it and the orders will be issued "whenever needed". Secretary Daniels announced that the instructions are a secret. He asked the newspapers to refrain from speculation regarding the contents.

## Holland to Replace U. S.

Washington, Mar. 13.—It is learned that the State Department is planning to ask Holland and Switzerland to supervise the Belgian relief. The transfer means the American workers withdrawal.

## Germans Maintain Position

Berlin, via Sayville, Mar. 13.—It is announced that the Germans maintained Height "fifteen" against numerically superior forces. The enemy gained a small portion on the south-west slope with the heaviest kind of losses.

## GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT SHOWS GRAINS ON FARMS

Washington, D. C., Mar. 8.—A summary of the March crop report for the state of Oregon and for the United States, as compiled by the Bureau of Crops Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau) U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

Wheat on Farms  
State—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 2,740,000 bushels, compared with 3,004,000 bushels a year ago and 1,826,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers, \$1.50 per bushel compared with \$0.93 a year ago and \$1.28 two years ago.

Corn On Farms  
STATE—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 134,000 bushels, compared with 116,000 bushels a year ago and 59,000 bushels two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 95 cents per bushel, compared with 92 cents a year ago and 100 cents two years ago.

Oats on Farms  
State—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 4,670,000 bushels, compared with 4,336,000 bushels a year ago. Price March 1 to producers, 48 cents per bushel, compared with 50 cents a bushel a year ago and 50 cents per bushel two years ago.

United States—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 394,000,000 bushels, compared with 396,140,000 bushels a year ago and 379,309,000 bushels two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 56.9 cents per bushel, compared with 42.7 cents per bushel a year ago and 52.1 cents per bushel two years ago.

Barley on Farms  
State—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 1,078,000 bushels, compared with 936,000 bushels a year ago and 549,000 bushels two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 50 cents per bushel, compared with 46 cents per bushel a year ago and 76 cents per bushel two years ago.