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SOPHS WIN INTER-CLASS H. S. CHAMPIONSHIP

The Sophomore class team of the high school won the interclass championship last evening by defeating the juniors in junior high gymnasium by the score of 34 to 10. The sophomores had it easy all the way through and were never in danger. However, the juniors put up a hard fight and the underclassmen had to work for all they got.

As a preliminary to the class game, the Red Sox, a team composed of boys of the 9th B. class of the junior high school, defeated the Madison school team by the score of 22 to 12. The Red Sox players were forwards, Lott Conser, Fern Howard and Harold Larsen; center, Geo. Berry; guards, Kendall Hall and Rowland Marks.

KNOX BUTTE HAS YOUNGEST RED CROSS MEMBER

KNOX BUTTE, Dec. 21.—(Special to the Democrat)—Claiming the distinction of having the youngest member of the Red Cross in Oregon, Knox Butte presents: Vivian Verle Miller, born Monday, Dec. 17th, was enrolled as member today, when her parents took out a membership in her name.

JENKS FARM NEAR TANGENT IS SOLD

The Jenks farm, owned by J. E. Jenks and consisting of over 400 acres, has been sold to Geo. A. Osman. The consideration was \$35,000 and it was an all-cash deal.

NEW CLASSIFIED

FOR RENT—Newly furnished house-keeping rooms. Light and water furnished. Call at Davenport Music Co., or Bell phone 312-V. d21-24

FOR SALE by Peebler's Transfer, old fir and oak wood. Call 334-R or 1505. Vine maple can be had. d21-27*

THE THIRD OREGON ARRIVES IN EUROPE

Several Albany Boys Are Included in Regiment; Men Are in Good Condition.

That the Third Oregon arrived at a European port at 1 a. m. yesterday was the word received this morning by William Marks from Senator Huston of Portland, who reported that a cablegram had been received from one of the officers of the regiment.

In the Third Oregon are Captain Ed and Bud Stewart, sons of Postmaster C. H. Stewart of this city; Scott Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hart, Truman Campbell, son of Mrs. Morgan; and Jerome Woodson, son of Mrs. Harrison, and Frank Miller, son of State Railroad Commissioner J. J. Miller.

The cablegram indicated that the troops arrived in good condition.

A supply of Red Cross service flags has been received at the Dawson Drug store and can be obtained by those who present their membership cards, without charge.

CITY NEWS

Marriage License—A license to marry was issued today to Leland O. McDonald, 24, and Miss Josephine Sweet, 21, both of Mill City.

Home for Vacation—Albert Rain, who is a student at Albany high school, returned to his home in Peoria this afternoon to spend the holidays.

Official Returns Given—The official complete returns for the Linn county school census show 3983 boys and 3821 girls, a total of 7804. The census last year showed 8862. The decrease of 256 from last year's figures is probably due to the war, for at least 256 boys under 25 years of age have joined the army and navy since the outbreak of the war.

Leave for Seattle—Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Lee and daughters, Miss Bertha and Miss Helen Lee, will leave for Seattle where they will spend Christmas.

Visiting at Chance Home—Mrs. Joe Fusch, of Portland, and Victor Seely, son of the late Mark Seely, of Caldwell, Idaho, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chance.

Visiting Parents—Miss Merle Nimmo, who is an instructor in the public schools at Springfield, is expected to arrive this evening for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nimmo.

Red Cross Benefit—The ladies of the East Albany auxiliary of the Red Cross will serve coffee and cookies in the stores on East Main street Saturday afternoon. The public is invited to patronize these booths and help the R. C.

Xmas Program Tonight—A Christmas program is being given by the children of the Price school this evening. Miss Vera Perfect is the teacher, and she has arranged a splendid entertainment consisting of recitations, songs and dialogues. A feature of the program will be a Christmas tree and a visit from Santa Claus.

Will Spend Holidays—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Curry of Portland will spend the Christmas holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Perfect, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Curry, of Albany.

Visiting Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Perfect and daughter Isabelle of Portland will home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Perfect of Albany.

Here for Holidays—Miss Elizabeth Hall of U. of O. arrived home this morning and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hall.

JAPAN MAY STRIKE RUSSIAN SIBERIA

Washington Advises Indicate that Japanese Are Anxious to Obtain Foothold

ALLIANCES BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPS PUBLISHED

News Proves Sensation in Diplomatic Circles of All Allied Nations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Advises say that Japan is anxious to strike at Germany by occupying Siberia. This report, with the Russian publication of the alleged Russia-Japan treaty to attack any nation attempting supremacy in China, was the day's sensation in diplomatic circles.

Some allied diplomats favor the Siberian move in view of possible Russian domination of Russia. It is pointed out that the American consul at Vladivostok has said troops were needed there.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HEAR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The student body of the high school held a pre-Christmas program at assembly this afternoon. The principal talk was made by Rev. G. H. Bennett. The program was as follows:

Selection—High school orchestra. Vocal solo—Miss Velma Anthony. Christmas Songs—Girls' Glee club. Reading—Miss Irene Barrett. Violin solo—Miss Virginia Rathbone. Address—Rev. G. H. Bennett. Vocal solo—Miss Dorothy Clark. Reading—Miss Ruth Lochner. Selection—Orchestra.

DRAFTED MEN MAY STILL ENLIST IN NAVY

According to word received today from Adjutant General Col. John M. Williams, any man in Oregon may enlist in the U. S. navy or marines by getting a permit from his local exemption board. The army is not open to enlistment by men subject to draft, but from Col. Williams' letter to the local exemption board, it is evident that until a quota is called from Oregon for the draft men may still enlist with the soldiers of the sea or the regular navy.

The navy needs many men, especially firemen and gunners, and places with good chances for advancement are open.

To Visit Aunts—Miss Athelyn Blake of Portland is expected tomorrow to spend the Christmas holidays with her aunts, Mrs. Ben Kirk and Mrs. A. J. Hodges.

Annual Christmas Service—Knights Templar of Temple Commandery No. 3, will observe their annual Christmas service at 12 o'clock on Christmas day. This service is observed by all lodges of the nation at the same time. All Masons have been invited to attend.

Went to Seattle—Mr. and Mrs. Nichols and son left yesterday afternoon for Seattle.

Leave for the East—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gerdis and daughter Emma and Georgia left yesterday afternoon for Kansas City and other Eastern cities. They expect to be gone two months.

Teachers' Exams Nearly Over—The examinations for one year certificates will be completed this afternoon. Only 18 teachers took the examinations this year.

First Hunting License—The first hunting license of the 1918 season was issued today to Cecil Rowan, of Albany.

FIFTH CO. WILL PLAY FOOTBALL TUESDAY

Men Released to Play at Home on Christmas; Good Team to Buck

Word was received this morning that the Fifth Company will be allowed to make the trip from Fort Canby to play football in this city Christmas Day. The team will arrive Monday and remain over several days. Sixteen men will make the trip.

The game will be under the auspices of the Honor Guard girls, who will sell tickets Saturday and Monday. The expenses of the team will be paid and any surplus will go to the Honor Guard girls. This practically means that the company will get the benefit of it, for the girls spend the money on comforts and pleasure for the local soldiers.

A strong team will be sent against Captain "Buck" Eastburn's frisky soldiers. If anyone who wants to play will notify Conrad Meyer at Eastburn's Grocery store, Walter Hocker or Clint Archibald, they will be given a place on the team.

MORE CARE URGED IN FILLING OUT BLANKS

Many Men Return Questionnaires Not Signed; Should See Attorneys

The first meeting of the Linn county exemption board for the purpose of classifying the questionnaires returned, was held in the court house last night. Several of the questionnaires were found to be improperly filled out and in some cases not signed nor attested to.

The government has arranged for every man to have an attorney, and practically all the lawyers in the county have volunteered to give their services free for this work. There is no charge and any lawyer will be glad to attend to the work during his office hours.

This morning questionnaires were sent to numbers 701 to 800.

CITY NEWS

Here Shopping—Mrs. G. Messman and Mrs. P. H. Freerksen of Potter spent the day in Albany shopping.

Visited Mrs. Zimmerman—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hodson and son of Marshfield, who have been here visiting Mrs. Hodson's sister Mrs. J. A. Zimmerman, went to Salem this morning.

Linotype Machine Breaks—Owing to a break on the linotype machine operated in the Democrat office, the paper is late this evening.

On Way to Portland—Frank S. Glover of Lebanon was in Albany this morning on his way to Portland on business.

Returned to Washington—M. R. Summers of Anacortes, Wash., returned home this morning after a week's visit with his son, J. D. Summers.

On Business Trip—D. W. Rumbaugh went to Conser this morning on business.

Visited Daughter—Mrs. D. M. Siver of Modesto, Cal., who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Nora Wiberg in North Albany, went to Portland this morning and from there she will go to Sherwood to visit another daughter.

To Visit Brother—Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Cotton of Hood river were in Albany this morning on their way to Conser station to visit Mr. Cotton's brother, B. B. Cotton.

Enroute to California—Mr. and Mrs. James Lafayette Mason of Jonesburg, Mo., were guests of Miss Flora Mason for several days this week, en route to California.

Here From Marshfield—Miss Emily Hooper of Marshfield is the guest of Miss Mullenbach.

Christmas in Seattle—Miss Jessie Pavanter will spend Christmas in Seattle.

MORE MEN TO BE CALLED THIS MONTH

Despite Lack of Clothing Government Will Call Men of First Draft on Dec. 31st.

U. S. TROOPS NOT CLAD AS WARM AS FRENCH

New Bureau for Purchase of Army Supplies and Munitions is Suggested.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—In face of the startling lack of clothing, thousands of men will be called to the colors by December 31. Quartermaster-General Sharpe admitted to the probe committee. This is the part of the first draft unsummoned as yet. He said at present there is insufficient clothing for the men in training.

American troops sent to France were clad lighter than the French and British by 27 per cent. He advised the English "purveyor-general" system, to order army ordnance, clothing and food.

GERMANS REPULSED IN DARING RAID

PARIS, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—A big German raid, partaking of the nature of a highly-localized attack, was repelled east of Fayet, near St. Quentin. Artillery firing is active on the right bank of the Meuse, Henry, Thanz and Hartmannswillerkopf.

Apparently the enemy is testing the whole French front.

How a Woman Got a Pumpkin. She is a dainty little madam, relates the Indianapolis News, and does not look as if she could lift more than ten or fifteen pounds. When she accompanied her husband to the country recently and saw a field dotted with pumpkins she said:

"Let's stop here and buy a pumpkin for pies."

Pumpkins seemed to be a drug with the farmer, and he told the little madam:

"If you climb that fence," pointing to the field, "you can have the biggest pumpkin you can carry."

"I'll accept that offer," she replied with alacrity, with visions of Thanksgiving pies before her.

Ten minutes later she returned with a pumpkin that weighed 35 pounds and put it down triumphantly in front of the farmer.

Her Expensive Hat. A woman in London entered a car rather out of breath and presented a singular appearance, for instead of a hat she was wearing a huge basket on her head with as much grace and ease as if it had been her Sunday bonnet. She could just manage to get through the doorway, but she sat down with the basket gracefully poised on her head.

"All fares, please," said the conductor. "And I shall want twopence for that big basket, num."

"Get away with you," she said. "Dye charge anything for ladies' hats?"

"No, num."

"This got on with yer work. This er basket is a-going to be my hat."

Wafranty Deeds

Florence Tyler et al vs J. S. Smith, et al, Aug. 27, 1917; lands in Tp. 13 S., R. 1 West; \$297.

John Murrer and wife to J. E. James, Dec. 18, 1917; lands in Tp. 11 S., R. J. West; \$10.

RED CROSS DRIVE NOT SPEEDING UP

Linn County Will Have To Hustle to Fill Allotment; Captains Meet Tonight.

Unless some very effective work is done and a wonderful record is made, Linn county will not supply its quota of 7,000 members for the Red Cross. Up to last night County Chairman C. H. Burgrat had reported 1838 names signed up in the county. This is 26 per cent of the quota. Mr. Burgrat thinks that 7,000 is too large an allotment for Linn county, since it is more than one-fourth of the total population of the county, and to get one out of every three or four people in the county is going to be a regular job.

Meeting Set for Tonight

Chairman Burgrat will meet with the captains of the Albany precincts in the Knights of Pythias hall this evening to list up all houses and persons who have been missed and arrange to give everyone a chance to join the organization.

The total for the county up to noon today was 2400 members, giving Linn county 34 per cent of the quota.

Five hundred forty-four members were reported today, 62 of which number came from Harrisburg, 474 from Harrisburg, 474 from Lebanon, 14 from Thomas and 19 from Crabtree.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The foreign office refused to comment on the German report that the allies had accredited legations to Ukraina, which is seeking her independence.

CITY NEWS

Goes to Portland—State Senator E. D. Casick was called to Portland this morning on business.

Arrives at Camp—P. D. Gilbert has received word that his son, Earl Gilbert, has arrived at Goat Island, where he will undergo training for the navy.

Bailey Making Good—Corporal Ed Bailey, former attorney of Albany but now with the U. S. marine corps, has successfully passed his examination for a post as sergeant and will soon be promoted. Ed enlisted as a private and this is his second promotion.

Visiting Brother—Tom Taylor of North Dakota is a guest at the home of his brother, George Taylor of West Fourth street.

Visits at Son's Home—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brooks are being favored by a visit by Mr. Brooks' mother, who resides in Portland.

Wallace Anderson Leaves—Wallace C. Anderson left this morning for Tacoma to join his company in the quartermaster's department of the U. S. army. He will leave Saturday evening for Jacksonville, Florida, where he will undergo ten week's training. Mr. Anderson enlisted as a truck driver and will manipulate the big motor wagons in hauling supplies for Uncle Sam.

Weather Report—Yesterday's temperature ranged from 35 to 45 degrees. River fell to 17 feet. Rainfall .02 inch.

Here for Week-End—Mrs. Byron Taylor of Corvallis came over last night to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. French.

Entertainment Tonight—The students of music at the Sisters' school will give an entertainment tonight at the school for the benefit of the school. An admission of 25 cents will be charged.

Former Albany People—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hinrichs of Creighton, South Dakota, are here visiting for a couple of months, at the home of Mr. Hinrichs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hinrichs, and at the home of Mrs. Hinrichs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Watrous. They are both former Albany people.

C. F. Smith Here—C. F. Smith, veteran and now a resident of Roseburg, is shaking hands with his friends in Albany today. He is here to spend the Xmas holidays.

Here for Ten Days—Bob Stewart and John Biggs arrived home this morning from Fort Canby on a ten day furlough.

Elks Xmas Abandoned—Owing to the large number of demands upon the lodge as a result of the war conditions, the Elks lodge has abandoned for the present year the idea of giving the children of Albany their usual Christmas treat.

CZAR NICHOLAS TO GO ABROAD

Former Ruler of All Russia Will Be Given Haven Outside of Russia.

UKRAINE PROVINCE DEMANDS INDEPENDENCE

Bolshevki Prepare 'Rump' Convention to Replace Assembly; Allies Recognize Revolt.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—It is learned that the Bolsheviki are preparing a "rump" convention to replace the constitutional assembly where they are in the minority. It is said they might not even appear at the assembly, owing to their minority.

The government is reported to be discussing anew the question of dissolving the whole assembly.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Ukraine province formally rejected the Bolsheviki ultimatum not to aid the Cossacks, and demanded full recognition of the Ukraine's independence. Both sides are massing for battle.

Proposals for a cessation of the Civil War, but emphatically demanding that the Bolsheviki do not interfere in the affairs of the Don region, that a new national government be immediately formed, were made in communications from Kaledine, the Cossack leader.

It is authoritatively stated that Nicholas and his family will be permitted to seek a haven outside of Russia, in a decree to be issued Thursday granting the imperial family's request to go abroad. This Bolsheviki action is due to the insistence of the Germans in the armistice negotiations.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Exchange Petrograd dispatches say it is unofficially reported that the Germans refused the Russian peace terms. The Bolsheviki delegation has been recalled to Petrograd. The elimination of fighting for a month is still effective.

If the report is true it is believed the Germans refused to agree, in the consciousness of their strength to exact enormous concessions from the Russians.

FORTY-THREE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

SHEPHERDSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Forty-three were killed and 70 injured as a result of a Louisville-Nashville passenger colliding with an accommodation train near here last night. The injured were taken to Louisville on specials.

Officials are investigating. All on the accommodation train were killed or injured.

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