

ALBANY COLLEGE FACES A MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR IN NEXT ANNUM.

Pioneer Educational Institution Weathers the Storms of Strife and Dissention From Without--Is on Firm Foundation

If the events of one year are auguries of the next, 1920 is to be the best year in the fifty-three of Albany College history. The old institution which has for more than a half-century made its contribution to the life of the community and the State has just passed a twelvemonth in which the tide may be said to have turned decidedly. The return of young men to the class rooms from their service over seas, the largest enrollment in college classes for many years, the largest faculty in the school's history, the pledging of friends and agencies East and West to the continued maintenance of the college at Albany, and the election of a new president to guide he destinies—these outstanding events mark the close of a successful year in Albany College.

It is a well-known fact that Eastern educational agencies attempted the life of Albany College a few years ago. The plan was what proved a futile and undesirable merger of Albany College with the Pacific University at Forest Grove. The year 1919 marks the death of the merger proposition. Albany and Linn county will bury these years of uncertainty and rejoice that all the people responsible for Albany College are united now in support of the school at Albany.

The War and the College

It will be recalled that when war was declared against Germany the male population on the campus packed up and decamped overnight. What happened at Albany happened to practically every college in America, only Albany perhaps has the world's record for the largest percentage of enlistment in the army and navy of the United States. It was too serious to be a joke that Albany College had almost been forced into being a girl's college. But the boys came back, and many of them came back to Albany College and more are to follow.

Albany College has had the financial backing for many years of the strong college board of the Presbyterian church located in New York. When some folks wanted to merge a few years ago and the merger refused to merge, the college board, on the recommendation of one of its secretaries, withdrew its support from Albany College. But the trustees knew that the board east had more misinformation than facts. Two years ago they undertook to set the College right in the eyes of the board. And then some things happened.

Friends at Court

Rev. Chas. F. Wishart, D.D., one

time minister of the local United Presbyterian church was elected to the presidency of the newly organized General Board of Education of the Presbyterian church, and he knew the sanity and Christian character of the trustees of Albany College. He visited Albany and said to some of these trustees, "Boys, if you really intend to make a gilt-edged college here, I am with you." And then the Reverend Edgar P. Hill, D. D., LL. D., former Oregon Pastor and friend of Albany College was elected secretary of the new board. He visited Albany last summer and said that Albany should have fair treatment. He thought that the faculty should be enlarged, teachers paid better salaries and some other changes made. This would require more money than the income from endowment. In other words, the next three years, Albany College should have an income of from \$35,000 to \$40,000 a year. Of the \$120,000 necessary to meet the needs of the next triennium, perhaps \$50,000 would be realized from the permanent endowment's income. With increased student attendance, perhaps \$25,000 would come from tuitions.

\$45,000 must be found somewhere. Dr. Hill proposed that the General Board of Education would give the college \$15,000 if Albany and Linn county would raise another \$15,000 and the friends over the state the last \$15,000. Albany citizens last summer pledged nearly \$8,000 of our quota to be paid in three annual installments. A campaign is now being launched to get the rest and then go over the State for the balance. The Synod of Oregon of the Presbyterian church has endorsed the financial drive and about a dozen leaders in different parts of the State will cooperate with President Williams and the trustees in raising the last \$15,000 of the \$120,000 needed.

Search for President

Following the resignation of President H. M. Crooks three years ago, the trustees could not elect a head because of the uncertainties occasioned by the war. A committee was appointed to secure a president after the armistice was signed. This committee naturally looked east for the new executive, but came to the conclusion that a local man was needed to guide the College in the period of post-war reconstruction, to adjust the business of the school, and work out the various problems connected with new buildings and grounds. At the semi-annual meeting of the board of trustees, Rev. A. M. Williams of Albany was elected to this responsible

position and assumes the duties of his office January 1.

Mr. Williams is the fifteenth president of Albany College. Several of his predecessors only served briefly, however, and carried the college on through more or less trying experiences. Rev. E. N. Condit was president 13 years, Rev. W. H. Lee 16 years and H. M. Crooks 11 years.

President's Inauguration

President Williams will be formally inaugurated on Tuesday, January 27, with ceremonies that will interest the entire community and bring to Albany a large number of citizens of Oregon and other states.

The inaugural ceremonies will begin with an address to students and citizens at the college chapel in the morning, Rev. S. W. Seeman, D.D., of Portland, being speaker. At 2:15 p.m. the academic procession will leave the college for the First Presbyterian church where formal services of inauguration will be held at 2:30 p.m. Rev. L. M. Boozer, moderator of the Synod of Oregon, will preside. Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston, D.D., LL.D., Chicago, temporarily supplying the First Presbyterian church of Portland, will deliver the address on the subject, "The Challenge of the Christian College to Picking Men." Rev. Warren H. Landon, D. D. LL. D., president of San Francisco Theological Seminary, will propound the inaugural questions, induct President Williams into office, and solemnly charge him in the name of the Presbyterian Church. Rev. W. O. Forbes, D. D., of Seattle, will offer the prayer. President Williams will respond briefly to the call and the charge and announce his program.

In the evening of inaugural day, January 27, the trustees of the college will give a complimentary dinner to the college presidents of Oregon, the alumni and students of the college and to the college's other guests. President Frank J. Miller of the board of trustees will preside. Brief addresses are expected from a number of the State's leading citizens.

Boy Convicted Of Murdering Files Appeal

BAKERSFIELD, Cal.—The appeal of Roy Wolfe, age 17, convicted of the murder of Elmer E. Greer, Taft rent car driver will be heard before the state supreme court January 12, according to advices reaching District Attorney Jesse R. Dorsey.

Wolfe appealed from the judgement and order of Superior Judge Howard A. Peairs denying him a new trial.

Greer was killed last May by a passenger who rode in the rear seat of his automobile. Greer's skull was fractured with a four pound hammer.

Roy Wolfe was arrested two weeks after the crime at his home at Yakima Wash. He had been employed in the Maricopa oil fields near Taft.

PROSPERITY IN 1919 ENJOYED

Albany State Bank Reports Growth and Improvements During Year

The Albany State Bank in looking back over the year of 1919 reports a very favorable year. During that time it shows a growth of 53 per cent over that of last year and business ever on the increase.

This is in part due to better conditions which are general throughout the country and especially this part of the Willamette Valley and in part to the excellent banking service rendered by this institution. More people are coming into this locality from the east and other localities and better crops were harvested with better

prices prevailing than ever before. Farmers are in a very flourishing condition—better perhaps than in many years past. The Albany State Bank has backed financially every enterprise of merit which has come to our locality and we believe that these institutions will mean a revival in the business of this community.

In order to give better service to the public they have remodelled their banking rooms and installed many conveniences for their patrons and the public at large. They have added, phone booths, booths for safety deposit box customers, customers room, and ladies department. All of these features are very essential in a well equipped bank and are daily winning the admiration of the banking public.

They have also installed an electric burglar alarm system in order to give the funds and valuables entrusted to their care the best possible protection. Before installing this system they investigated very carefully burglar alarm systems and learned that such systems are considered the very best

protection obtainable. Conclusive proof of this is shown in the fact that they are being installed all over the country and within the last two months, more than thirty have been installed in California alone. Also burglar insurance companies automatically reduce the rate of insurance 50 per cent on their installation.

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Persian Sheep Can Live for 90 Days Foodless

EUREKA, Cal.—C. B. Driver, of Moonstone Beach, 25 miles north of this city, recently received by express from Persia, a ufr bearing sheep, for which he said he paid \$2,900. The animal is said to be capable of living 90 days without food.

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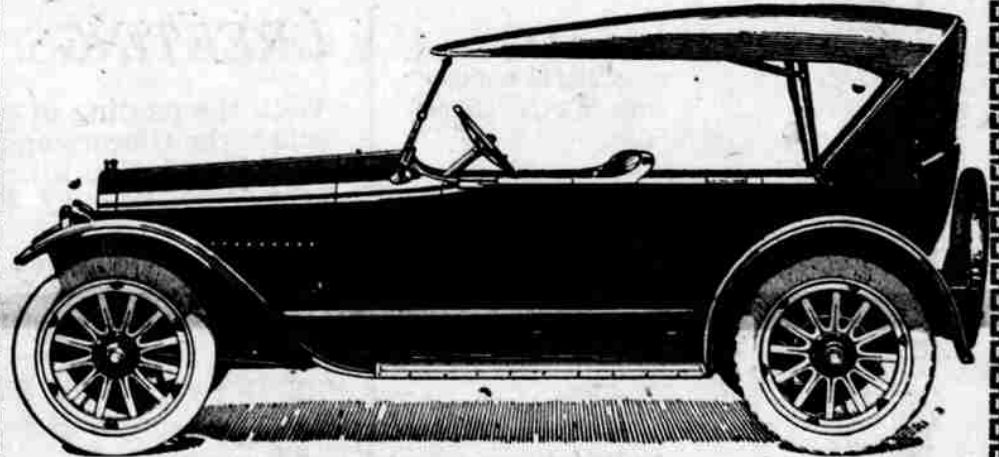
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