

## NEW YEARS WELCOMED WITH NOISE AND HILARITY BY ALBANY PEOPLE

Amid the clang of bells, the blowing of whistles, the tooting of horns and the shriek of sirens, lame old Mr. 1919 slowly slipped out of existence last night and bright and cheery little Nineteen-Twenty entered the threshold.

The midnight hour found a goodly number of Albany people up to welcome in the new year. The Assembly Club made merry at their regular monthly dance at Moose Hall. The Globe Theatre held a mid-night matinee which was attended by a full house. Many parties were in progress throughout the city and nearly every church held watch meetings. Many families quietly staid up without any other excuse than to bid good-morning to the new member of the galaxy of years.

The past year has been a most prosperous one for Albany, Linn County, the state and nation at large. Although having just passed through a terrific war and some twenty billions of dollars having been spent in needless waste in providing the sinews of warfare, the country does not even seem to feel the financial drain and is enjoying the greatest period of prosperity.

Pessimists and conservatives may have their say and dire results may be predicted for the coming year. But there is no gainsaying the fact that this has been a good year. There is talk of high prices for labor and commodities, but thus far most everyone seems to have withstood the strain. Naturally, there is a desire to see some things a little lower, but very few people would like to go back to the old times.

The workman has had money. The farmer is bulging with corn—if he was any kind of an agrigarian. The deposits in the local banks attest to this, as is shown in another column of this issue. The merchants have enjoyed the greatest year in the history of the city. Salaries as a whole have been higher and everyone has had more money and spent it freely in

better living and more luxuries. Some have been wise enough to lay by a good nest-egg while times are good.

The trend of the times is shown in the wonderful demand that exists for automobiles of every description. The sale of diamonds and jewelry has been beyond the wildest expectations. Fine clothes at what would have formerly been termed fabulous prices have sold readily.

Yes, it has been a great year and there is no denying the fact. Although there is no attempt to see as a prophet, it is difficult to pose where times are going to change during the coming year. Many commodities will stabilize as production catches up and prices will steady, but the higher standards of living will prevent any decided slump in very many lines. The excellent financial system which has been constructed in this country prevents the manipulation of the money market by any small group of men, and, to tell the truth, very few would want to attempt it now, anyway.

The Democrat has had a most successful year—the first of the present firm, and the publishers take this opportunity to thank their subscribers and advertisers for their hearty cooperation and support and assure them that the same constant endeavor to produce a bigger and better paper will be carried on in 1920.

Again we wish you A Happy, Prosperous and Contented New Year.

### Went To Salem—

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fisher and two daughters went to Salem this morning to spend the day with friends.

### Returned to Conser—

Mrs. J. A. Conser left on the early train this morning for her home at Conser after visiting friends here.

### From Toledo—

County school superintendent R. P. Goin of Lincoln county registered at the Van Dran last night on his return to Toledo from the State Teacher's convention at Portland.

## MANY PRODUCTS ARE MADE HERE

Albany, the 'Hub City' of the Willamette, is noted for what?—is the question often asked by the stranger and overlooked by many of our citizens. In addition to being favorably located as a farming, fruit and stock center it is noted for numerous manufacturing plants.

It can boast of having one of the best canneries in this part of the state it has a fine meat packing plant that is still in its infancy but sending out thousands of dollars worth of high class meats. All kinds of furniture are manufactured by Albany furniture Co. Chairs by the Veal chair factory. A box factory is conducted by Rorer brothers. The Far West manufacturing plant is doing a thriving business in making many kinds of ladders and wheel barrows. Siles made by the Cameron planing mills. Sash and doors made by the Sears planing mills. Flour in great abundance by the Portland flouring mill plant here. C. G. Rawlings is the proprietor of the first class brick yard for the new buildings of Albany and elsewhere. The Sand and Gravel company are the producers of a high class hard brick for special finishing work.

The Albany Tannery send out a fine class of leather made here and is constantly increasing in the demand in outside markets. The Albany foundry is another substantial manufacturing plant that is in a position to manufacture any thing made of iron in the most up to date plant.

Wm. Eagles makes cigars Candy is produced Wholesale. The Albany Lumber company manufacturing all kinds of lumber for the local and outside market in addition to the Hammond Lumber company yards which keep in stock a big stock of all kinds of lumber found on the markets in this part of the state. Albany in the minds of the thinking class has a bright future as a producing center in manufactured and agricultural products.

WHEN ANSWERING classified ads kindly mention The Democrat.

## RESOLVE TO SAVE DURING NEW YEAR

### W. S. S. and Thrift Stamps Offer Excellent Inducements to Save

Many men are going to miss the pleasure of making their favorite resolution this New Year—"I Won't Drink Another Drop." New Years wouldn't be New Years without resolutions. Next to the general spirit of well wishing, perhaps the best thing about New Years is the chance it seems to afford to blot out the mistakes of the past and open new books.

There is one resolution that ought to be made by tipplers, teetotalers, and all of us. It is a resolution which one is tempted to keep as time goes on rather than break. This is the resolution:

"I SHALL SAVE SOMETHING EVERY WEEK."

The person who makes that resolution and keeps it predestines a successful future. A successful philosopher said:

" \* \* \* If you want to know if you are going to be a success or a failure in life you can easily find out. \* The test is simple and infallible. Are you able to save money? If not, drop out. You will fail as sure as you live. You may not think so, but you will. The seed of success is not in you."

The Government of the United States of America asks you to make this New Year's resolution. It provides Thrift and War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates, all securities of the government, to help you do it. Every post office and bank handles them. The price of a Thrift Stamp is 25c the year round, and the price of a War Savings Stamp in January is \$4.12. War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates bear four per cent interest compounded every three months. Make that resolution.

## LARGEST CHAIR FACTORY HERE

### R. Veal & Son Factory is Largest Exclusive Chair Factory on Coast

Albany proudly boasts of being the seat and principal place of operation of the largest exclusive chair factory on the Pacific Coast. The R. Veal & Son Chair Factory, located at East Sixth and Main Streets, employs a force of more than 100 people and turns out chairs of various grades for the wholesale trade.

"A chair complete from the woods to the retailer" is the slogan of this institution. Operating its own woods and logging crews, the Veal Chair Factory takes the tree standing in the forest, logs it to its saw mill on the banks of the Willamette river at Albany, cuts the timber into boards and transports it to the main factory where it is taken through the manufacturing process.

The product of the factory goes to all parts of the west and to the Hawaiian Islands. The retail trade is supplied through a force of salesmen who cover the territory and keep the mill busy with the results of their efforts.

R. Veal and sons came to Oregon in 1886 and bought out an old chair factory at Stayton which had operated for perhaps 30 years before that time. Two years later they moved the plant to Albany where it began a steady growth. Fred Veal, who was associated with his father from the time they came to Oregon, has been in active management of the factory for the last 25 years.

### New County to Be Created

HARDIN Mont.—Creation of Joe Brown county out of portions of Big Horn, Powder River and Rosebud counties is to be discussed at a meeting of residents of the district affected to be held at Forsyth, January 7.

Ashland or Birney would be the county seat under the proposed plan. Most of the land to be embraced is devoted to cattle raising.

### Many Prosecuted For Profiteering

LONDON.—In the past month there have been 871 prosecutions in England on charges of profiteering in food supplies. Convictions were obtained in 861 cases and fines aggregating

## Wild Elk Are Sent to New York From Mont.

LIVINGSTON Mont.—Wild elk form Yellowstone national park have been sent to hunting country in northern New York state, where an attempt is to be made in propagate them. Horace N. Albright, national director of parks, was in Yellowstone to supervise the shipment. The elk are a gift from park service to the state of New York.

It is thought the animals will thrive in their new home and if the experiment there proves successful, the animals are later to be sent to other eastern states on the northern tier.

## French Soldier Convicted After Being Elected

PARIS, (By Mail)—An extraordinary story of the election of a French soldier to the Chamber of Deputies and his subsequent conviction by courtmartial and sentence to imprisonment for two years has come to light here. Lieutenant Verniers, of artillery, is the man. When the tickets were being prepared for the election, a soldier candidate was desired in the Department of the Nord and Verniers' name was proposed by a national republican senator who said that Verniers had 56 wounds and had received 17 citations for bravery.

Verniers was then in a hospital but he was elected without appearing before his constituents. Later it was learned that he was charged with stealing 20,000 francs from the funds of his regiment. He was courtmartialled and sentenced to two years imprisonment and has resigned from the Chamber of Deputies, after having been a member of that body for 48 hours.

## GRAVES ARE BEING CHECKED

PARIS, Dec. 31—American army officers believe very few unidentified bodies will lie among America's soldier dead in France when the army Graves Registration Service completes a thorough rechecking of records now in progress. Every grave record is being checked against the army's casualty list. Each little white cross—or six-pointed star over the Jews—is having an embossed aluminum strip placed on the back, duplicating the name, rank and organization already painted on the marker. This is being done as a precaution against the possibility of winter weather wearing away the stencilled information.

Nearly 70,000 American boys are buried in the eleven districts of France the Belgian battlefields and the Duchy of Lundenburg. There are 38 cemeteries of 300 or more graves, cared for by discharged soldiers. The largest of these is Romagne, north of Verdun where lie 23,000 of our men. The next in size is that at Thieracourt with 4,500 graves. Many of those who fell in battle are sleeping in British and French military or the French communal cemeteries. A few were left where they were first put in the ground, as in the Vosges mountains.

All graves are under the care of the commanding Graves Officer in the eleven districts and a caretaker watches over them. Officers make periodical inspection. Where practical, grass has been sown on the spring burying grounds and in the battle this work, previously hampered by the task of grouping the bodies, will be carried on.

When the present Graves Service Administration took over headquarters in Paris in August the records were found to contain a list of 12,000 names of men buried but without giving the exact location of the grave. The present check includes the compilation of a complete directory of every American grave. In the first 18,000 graves recorded a fourth of these unlocated ones were found and properly marked. Inspection of battlefield burying grounds have been the slowest but the American officers said they expected the work when finished would leave few of those tragic mounds wherein would lie an American soldier, "name unknown."

Many of these are expected to be identified later when the description of the body, marks in the clothing, and sometimes a letter from home to "Dear Jim," sent back to the War Department, are seen by those who have been grieving over their boy listed among the "missing."

None of the bodies may be returned to the families yet but mothers and fathers have been coming to France to look at the grave of their boy. Welfare organizations have organized services to facilitate these visits and at several of the American cemeteries the Young Men's Christian Association has provided rest rooms.

## FARMERS HAVE VERY BUSY WEEK

### Outside States Represented in Enrollment; B. F. Irvine Speaks

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis,—"Something doing every minut of the time" is the order of things at the college. Farmers' week. This big event for the rural people of the state has already attracted seven or eight hundred farmers and homemakers and scores are arriving by almost every train. The program is varied—something to interest all persons present.

Sven outside states are represented in the enrollment—Montana, Illinois, Michigan, Idaho, Washington, Iowa and Minnesota—and practically every county in Oregon. Many graduates of the college are back to get the latest ideas on the various phases of agriculture or of homemaking. Classes represented range all the way from 1871 to 1919.

B. F. Irvine, editorial writer for the Portland Journal spoke before a large audience in general assembly Tuesday night on "Radicalism and Citizenship." His address was well received, by those present, particularly by the American Legion "boys" who attended and who are down on radicalism. Various entertainment features were provided, including two reels of educational pictures, a humorous skit entitled "Now and Then" by S. S. Haralson, editor of the Benton county Courier, and music by a college orchestra.

The opening assembly, the "mixer," was declared a great success by those present, the opening feature being an oratorical contest in which representatives of various sections of the state told of the advantages of their respective community. C. E. Spence, master of the State Grange, representing the lower Willamette valley, was awarded the prize of a box of apples. President W. J. Kerr gave an address of welcome and Albert Roberts of The Dalles responded.

## SULTAN CALLED HARMLESS MAN

### Mehmed VI is Last Enemy Emperor Left, Possessions at Stake

CONSTANTINOPLE.—People of Constantinople call the Sultan, Mehmed VI, "a nice, harmless old man." Mehmed VI is the last enemy emperor left, the man whose temporal possessions are at stake in the making of peace.

The Padishah, or "Father of All the Sovereigns of the Earth," is short, grey-haired, rather stoop-shouldered, dark-eyed, with short white moustache etunder the characteristic beaked nose of the Turk. Cherif of good countenances, worried by the actions of Moustapha Kemal Pasha, leader of the Nationalists, Mehmed is in a quandary as to how to save his people and his throne. At that he doesn't worry too much thanks to the pervading oriental spirit of fatalism.

Every Friday, the Turkish Sunday, a crowd of Mussulman pilgrims and foreigners gather to see him go to prayer. The ceremony takes place outside the palace gates of Yildiz on the hills of Pera just above the Bosphorus. There are the Sultan's official offices and also his harem in a flower garden part of an immense park.

The Sultan wearing a fez comes in to view riding slowly in an open phaeton, preceded by a single horseman and followed on foot by a dozen or more of his red-fezed suite dressed in black frock coats and trousers in the European style.

The Sultan bows right and left, in response to the acclamations, look towards the terrace where are ranged the foreigners, and bows pleasantly to them. The distance to the mosque is passed, then at the door of the mosque he steps out; from the interior is heard a chant of a male chorus, and he disappears. Directly the general Mussulman public is permitted to enter at another door of the mosque to take place in the prayers which continue for a half hour. Meanwhile the foreign visitors disperse; their curiosity in the Successor of the Prophet satisfied.

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