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ALBANY, OREGON, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

## MORE PUNCH NEEDED

A prominent business man in Eugene who attended the recent Chamber of Commerce dinner in Albany remarked to the editor of the Democrat Saturday that Albany is a fine city, conditions seem to be prosperous here, that the Chamber of Commerce is composed of a fine, live body of men, but that there seems to be something lacking.

He analyzed the situation and pointed out the fact that we need a little more "punch". Not the grape juice kind nor beverage that set heads to going in former days, but an ample dose of that quality which, in modern slang is termed "pep."

Criticizing in a kindly manner, he told of how, during the speech-making one member after another got up and left the room until at the end there were but a few local men left with the visitors. This fact struck him that there must be a decided lack of interest in Albany's best civic organization. In many towns no member would be permitted to do such a thing unless there were good reasons, and surely there were not sufficient reasons for so many leaving the tables.

Albany is losing every day because its Chamber of Commerce does not arise to meet the demands of the times. The officers are not to be criticized, but the fault lies with the entire community. There are a few who would like to instill a little more ginger into the affairs of the city and make things hum faster. The trouble lies in the fact that not enough get the same spirit at the same time.

There is so much to be done that it behooves every business and professional man and farmer to get behind the Chamber of Commerce and boost for his home city with all his might. Let's get behind the new officers and help them put over something really worth while this year.

## AN OPTIMISTIC MEETING

It was a live crowd that gathered at the Chamber of Commerce in Eugene Saturday evening when that organization was host to the visiting editors and their wives who were attending the conference at the university. The Eugene people proved themselves admirable hosts and made the visitors feel at home. The good ladies of the city served a splendid chicken dinner in the commodious rooms of the organization and the speeches which followed proved that all the joy has not been taken out of such pastime as a result of the 18th amendment. There was a note of optimism in every talk and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed.

## PANIC AND PRECAUTION

With numerous cases of influenza, or whatever it might be termed going the rounds these days some people are prone to become panicky while others go about their everyday business and think little of it. We are inclined to believe that the latter course is the wisest, for the disease seems to strike where it will and has been known to break out where least expected. Among the northern Indians of Alaska and Canada, for instance.

Perhaps the best preventative is in keeping regular habits, eating and sleeping correctly and probably using a good antiseptic mouth wash daily, not to mention brushing the teeth. Exercise and plenty of fresh air are included. Perhaps overcrowded halls are to be avoided; but during the last year when other cities closed down New York staid open and had a smaller percentage of cases than any city in the country.

A contemporary suggests that the daily flushing of the

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streets might serve to take the place of rain and keep the atmosphere in more wholesome condition down town.

In any event, we see no reason for becoming excited about it at present.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

Monday, February 23, 1920

Centenary of the birth of William Makepeace Thayer, New England author.

Throughout the greater part of the United States to day will be observed as a holiday in honor of Washington's Birthday.

Many noted educators will assemble in Cleveland today for the semi-centennial convention of the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association.

Organization of an Ohio State branch of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs is expected to result from a meeting to be held to day at Columbus.

Senator William M. Calder of New York is to deliver the oration at the mid-winter convocation of George Washington University today. Honorary degrees will be conferred on a number of distinguished guests.

What is expected to be one of the biggest rallies held by Ohio Republicans in some years is to held at Columbus today. The occasion is expected to mark the opening of the Harding presidential campaign.

The British Industrial Fair of 1920, the sixth of the series of sample fairs that have been held annually under Government auspices, will be opened in the Crystal Palace in London today and continued until March 5.

A general conference of representatives of the railroad brotherhoods has been called to assemble in Washington today to take action with regards to President Wilson's proposals for a settlement of the wage controversy.

## Today's Calendar of Sports

### Racing

Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey Club, at Havana.  
Winter meeting of Business Men's Racing Assn., at New Orleans.

### Billards

National Class A 18:2 balkline amateur championship opens at Boston.

### Golf

Florida Winter championship tournament opens at St. Augustine.

### Baseball

Schedule meeting at Southern league, at Atlanta.

### Skating

Dominion amateur championships, at Winnipeg.

### Shooting

Annual live-bird tournament for Pennsylvania State challenge trophy at Reading.

### Automobile

Opening of shows at Louisville, Grand Rapids, Wichita, Duluth, and Portland, Ore.

### Boxing

Joe Welling vs. Clonie Tait, 19 rounds, at Minneapolis.  
Young Benny vs. Barney Adair, 15 rounds, at New Orleans.  
Eddie Fitzsimmons vs. Tim Draney, 10 rounds, at Lancaster, Pa.  
Sam Langford vs. Harry Williams, 10 rounds, at Buffalo.  
Pete Herman vs. Joe Lynch, 6 rounds, at Philadelphia.  
Jack Sharkey vs. Pal Moore, 12 rounds, at Portland, Me.

## Comments of the State Press

### Out of Style—

"I would rather follow a principle than a plug hat," says Vice President Marshall. But principles like plug hats have pretty nearly gone out of stylebeserves the Guard

### Not A Politician—

Mr. Hoover is talking more on vital issues than all the presidential candidates combined. There will be no doubt in anybody's mind where he stands—which is most impolitic, and proves that Hoover is no politician. He should wait until the politicians make a platform before expressing opinions—to be orthodox, thinks the Capitol Journal.

### What is Influenza—

Coming down to brass tacks, what is the influenza, Spanish Russian, Bolshevik, or just the common garden variety? Does any one know? —Oregon Statesman—

### Reason Why—

The reason a young man will sit patiently for an hour while a girl is dressing and merely laugh because they arrive late at the theatre, is because he will chew six cigars into shreds and curse visibly if his wife keeps him waiting five minutes to go to a movie at which they could not be late.—Evening News

### A Rotten Proposal—

"If the proposal constitutional provision, for the president of the senate to succeed to the governorship in case of death, resignation or incapacity, should be indorsed by the people we will adopt the Bolshevik idea of not permitting the people to have a direct vote," says the Woodburn Independent.

### The Important Point—

Anyone can write a platform that any Republican or Democrat will run on. The important point this year is not the platform but who is on it.—Medford Mail-Tribune.

### Good Job—

Franklin K. Lane, retiring secretary of the interior, is to step into a \$50,000 a year job as manager of an oil company. That ought to keep the home fires burning.—Portland Journal.

### Price of Paper—

For instance young Mr. Hawley, manager of the company and defendant in the suit testified that he owns 250 shares of stock in the company, the stock having a par value of \$100 apiece. Before the war his stock paid him six percent dividends, he said. During the past three years his dividends have amounted to 30 and 40 percent, he testified, and he was recently offered \$440 apiece for his stock.—Astoria Budget.

## SPORT GOSSIP

"Duffy" Lewis called off the retirement staff when the Yankees secured "Babe" Ruth. Lewis says he will join the Yanks for spring training and the team is a sure winner.

Even with the big wind of money received in the "Babe" Ruth sale, the Boston Red Sox have found it well nigh impossible to buy any seasoned big league stars.

The coming hockey games between Yale and Harvard and Princeton and

Harvard will be played at Philadelphia. The teams will use seven instead of six-men outfits.

As \$50,000 is to be divided among the bike riders in the coming six-day race at New York, the lone-grind pedalers will doubtless be out for a real clean-up.

When one thinks of diamonds, it is generally as gems, pure and simple, sparkling brilliants set in beautiful settings. One is apt to forget their value in industry. It is not generally known that boring for oil would in many cases be out of the question but for the help of the diamonds that are set in the rim of the steel drill and enable it to cut thru the hardest rock. Electric lamps depend for a part of their manufacture upon the diamond, and diamond dust is used for cutting and turning the tremendous sparkling brilliants set in beautiful settings. One is apt to forget their value in industry.



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