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GRANGERS UPHELD GOVERNOR WEST

Members Linn County Council Believe His Policies Are in Interest of People.

IMPORTANT MEETING HELD HERE ON LAST SATURDAY

Frequency of Change in School Text Books Denounced as Well as Prices Charged.

That while Governor West may make mistakes the same as all men do but that he was nearer right than those who are opposing him and attempting to down his policies which they believe are undoubtedly in the interest of all the people, seeking to secure better laws and eliminating needless expenses, was the sentiment of the members of Linn County Council, P. O. H. which convened at Bussard's hall in this city last Saturday.

The meeting Saturday was presided over by President J. H. Scott and the minutes were recorded by Cyrus H. Walker, acting secretary. Reports from various granges, including Oak Plain, Tangent, Grand Prairie, Harmony, Sand Ridge, Charity, Morning Star, and Western Star were read and all of them were very encouraging and showed the various granges to be in a prosperous condition.

Resolutions were passed to amend the road laws in order to secure better roads. An earnest plea was made in behalf of the public schools of this county, one speaker declaring himself in favor of allowing instructors from other states to come to this county and teach under the same conditions as the local teachers do.

This speaker also denounced the exorbitant price being charged for school text books, saying that the same identical books could be purchased in Boston, brought to Oregon at the usual rates of postage at a less price than is now being paid for them. He placed the blame for this condition on the "book trust" and not on the local dealers, whom he stated sold them at a very small profit.

He also opposed the frequency with which the text books are changed and for example stated that the physical features of the earth as outlined in the geographies have been practically the same for many years.

At the meeting Saturday, F. M. Mitchell resigned as secretary of the council and F. M. Wood was chosen to succeed him.

The Linn county council has accomplished much important work for the past forty years and its friends hope to see its usefulness continue to grow and the council prosper.

The next meeting of the council will be held on the first Saturday in April at a place to be selected by the president. The Linn County Poronra grange will meet in March, therefore there will be no council during that month.

Among the resolutions passed by the grangers Saturday were the following:

"Resolved: That this council congratulate the members of the late county judges and commissioners congress held in Portland in their action in condemning a state highway commission and a state highway engineer.

"Resolved: That the Linn County Council Patrons of Husbandry is opposed to all and any road legislation that takes away from the county the right to conduct and maintain the roads within the county.

"Also that the county shall have the right to control the money spent on all roads whether it be tax or bond money."

A HEAVENLY HOBO NOW ON THE WAY

Astronomers Are Now Watching Comet That Will Appear This Year.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 3.—Another comet is approaching the earth according to a statement by Prof. P. F. Leavenworth, astronomy department, University of Minnesota.

Whether it will come closer to the earth than Halley's comet is not yet known, but there is a fair chance of the earth passing through the comet's tail. The heavenly hobo is expected to rub elbows with Mother Earth this month.

The sky wanderer appeared 61 years ago. Stargazers call it 1852-IV, with Westphal for a pet name. Its coming is believed to bring disaster, ruin and war.

Astronomers expect to view the comet within a few weeks.

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POLICE CHIEF EVOLVES PLAN TO CAPTURE BURGLARS HERE

Residents Leaving Homes in Evening Will Notify Local Officers of Fact.

To prevent the homes of this city from being robbed during the absence of the owners, Chief of Police Austin has evolved upon a scheme which he thinks will materially assist the officers of the police department in apprehending burglars and petty thieves and probably result in putting an end to the series of burglaries that have been going on in this city for the past few weeks, and which have resulted in much valuable property being stolen.

The plan proposed by Chief of Police Austin and which is now in effect, consists of having people who intend leaving their homes for any length of time during the evenings, to call either Bell Phone 517-R or Home Phone 239 and state the time that it is intended to leave the house and the time that they will return.

By this method, the local police officers will be able to know just what homes will be without protection during a portion of the evening and if residents will abide by the wishes of the police and notify them when they leave their homes in the evening and the time at which they expect to return, it will greatly facilitate matters and probably result in the capture of many of the burglars who are now engaged in looting stores and homes in all parts of the state.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MEMBERS WILL LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

The Methodists Will Determine Who Discovered North Pole Cook or Peary.

To settle the question of who really discovered the North Pole, Peary or Cook, the members of the First Methodist Sunday-school of this city will open a contest next Sunday and the side with the most points to its credit will be awarded the honors.

The points will be made in securing new members in attendance at the regular Sunday-school service, with a studied lesson and a contribution. The "Peary" side will be composed of the men and boys and the "Cook" side, the women and girls.

Miss Leech will captain the "Cook" army and Deo McClain will direct the activities of the "Peary" army, while G. T. Hockensmith and John G. Milton will be the judges of the contest. Everybody in Albany both old and young who are not attending any particular Sunday-school may enter this contest. Remember the contest begins next Sunday at 11:45 a. m.

The recent visit of Dr. Frederick Cook to Portland and other Pacific coast cities where he has been pressing his claim to the honor of discovering the North Pole, suggested the unique contest for membership at the Methodist Sunday-school.

FARMERS INSTITUTE AT TANGENT ON SATURDAY

Prominent Men Will Speak; No Session Will Be Held on Friday.

Unable to secure speakers for a two days' session the farmers' institute which was scheduled to take place at Tangent on Friday and Saturday will be held only on Saturday, the program for Friday having been eliminated.

Among those on the program are Dr. Withycombe, director of the Experiment station, Prof. Kent, of the O. A. C., and Dean Calvin of the Domestic Science department of the same college.

The program will commence at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and will last all day. The grangers and other friends of the public schools are invited to bring their baskets and spend the entire day at the institute.

M. F. Wood of Tangent, who is one of the leading grangers in that section of the county was in town this afternoon and stated to the Democrat representative that big preparations are being made for the event and that a large crowd is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoover and Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hoover, of Detroit and Portland, went to Newport today for a winter's outing at the Hoover cottage. Mr. W. Hoover owns some valuable timber land in Linn county just this side the disputed line between the two counties, about which there is now some contention in the state legislature. Mr. W. A. Hoover has always paid his taxes in Linn county, the proper place. A year or two ago he learned that he had also been assessed in Marion county, and that his property had even been sold for taxes in that county, though he held a receipt for them in this county. Very naturally he is very much interested in the bill before the state legislature in the interest of a permanent settlement of the division line.

CLYDE SLOANE IS GIVEN FREEDOM

Court Suspends Sentence on Man Who Killed Steer Near Crawfordville.

CASE AGAINST KNIGHTEN WAS ALSO DISMISSED TODAY

Sloane Is Given Some Excellent Advice by Circuit Judge Kelly This Morning.

Clyde Sloane who has been confined in the county jail at this city for nearly three months awaiting trial for the alleged killing of a steer belonging to George Finley of Crawfordville last fall, was given a suspended sentence this morning by Judge P. R. Kelly of the state circuit court, Sloane changing his plea from "not guilty" to "guilty."

Harry Knighten who was indicted jointly with Sloane was allowed to go, the case against him being dismissed as he turned states evidence.

Sloane was arrested last fall upon a charge of shooting the steer and was later indicted by the grand jury and has been confined in the county jail for several months awaiting trial. Sloane has a wife and two children and W. P. Elmore of Brownsville spoke in his behalf this morning. The suspension of sentence upon Sloane is satisfactory to George Finley whose steer was killed by Sloane last August.

In suspending sentence this morning, Judge Kelly gave the defendant some excellent advice, telling him to endeavor to lead a better life and to always be a law-abiding citizen. The defendant after listening carefully to Judge Kelly's talk promised to do better in the future and was given his freedom.

Rev. W. P. White, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of this city, left this morning for Portland, where he will look after some work in connection with Oregon missions of which he has been superintendent for eight years.

METHODIST PARLIAMENT TO BE HELD IN PORTLAND SOON

Many Members of Local Church Will Attend; Several Noted Speakers on Program.

A very important meeting for the Methodists of the Northwest, was planned at a committee meeting held in Portland on Tuesday, Jan. 28th.

This will be a great parliament in Portland on March 30th and 31st and April 1st. Fifteen of the greatest men of the church from different parts of the world will be on the program.

Those having in hand the plans for the parliament are Bishop R. J. Cook, Dr. Coker of Denver, the district superintendents and the finance committee of the Oregon conference, of which Rev. D. H. Leech, pastor of the First Methodist church, is a member. It is expected that at least fifty of the members of the local church will attend.

THEY SHARPEN HATPINS FOR GAY MASHERS

Simmons College Girls Also Have Pointed Retort for Hold-Up Men.

Boston, Feb. 3.—Although Beacon Hill legislators have been discussing the advisability of reducing the length of hatpins, the young women of Simmons College have determined to equip themselves with hatpins extra long and extra sharp as a defense against pickpockets and "mashers" who have been making themselves obnoxious near the college.

The dormitories are on Longwood avenue, nearly half a mile from the college. Students have been frequently insulted on the way back and forth. If the insults continue the young women will wield the pins. Capt. Thomas F. Goode Jr. of the Back Bay station has placed a policeman in the Fenway to protect the young women.

Miss Fannie Blair of Roxbury was robbed of her handbag containing \$10 and papers. She was walking with her mother and a young man snatched the bag. He was arrested by several men in an automobile.

N. D. Pratt, the real estate man, went to Corvallis this afternoon.

BONDS FORFEITED BY DEFENDANTS

W. J. Hauser of Lebanon and Ed Ackerman of Shedd's Fail to Appear for Trial.

BOTH WERE INDICTED BY GRAND JURY LAST OCTOBER

Cases of Den Kennedy Appealed from Justice Court Will Be Tried Tomorrow.

Judge Percy R. Kelly convened an adjourned term of Department No. 1, state circuit court for Linn county, at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The case of Oregon vs. Ed Ackerman of Shedd's, indicted by the October grand jury for selling intoxicating liquors in violation of the local option law, was the first case called. The defendant failed to put in appearance and the court promptly declared the cash bond of \$250 given by Ackerman when he was arrested last fall, forfeited.

Ackerman was indicted by the grand jury for selling liquor in Shedd's. He fled before the warrant could be served for his arrest. He was arrested later at Shedd's and brought to Albany, where he furnished cash bail amounting to \$250 to insure his appearance in court.

W. J. Hauser of Lebanon who was indicted by the October grand jury for giving intoxicating liquors and cigarettes to Gladys Harlan and Verda Haines, both minors, also failed to appear in court when his case was called for trial this afternoon and his bond of \$500 was also declared forfeited. His bondsmen were Seymour Washburn and S. P. Bach, both of Lebanon.

Tomorrow morning the appeal cases of Den Kennedy of this city will come up for trial. Kennedy was tried on two charges of selling intoxicating liquor in this city, last fall in Judge Swan's court, and fined heavily on both cases by Judge Swan. He appealed to the circuit court and furnished bonds for his appearance when the cases were tried.

INVENTION FOR ROWBOATS PROVES VERY SATISFACTORY

Detachable Motor Demonstrated Yesterday on Willamette River By Expert.

F. G. Epton of Portland, Northwestern agent for the Evrindie Detachable Row Boat Motor Co., surprised a large and enthusiastic crowd of Albany spectators Sunday afternoon by clamping one of his motors on a large rowboat containing four men and had no trouble in negotiating the swiftest current of the river which is estimated at fully seven miles per hour.

This is considered a remarkable performance owing to the fact the motor is only two horsepower, weighing about 50 pounds, and can be carried by hand. Hauser Bros. Albany Gun Store have accepted the agency for Albany.

MARQUETTE PLAYERS WERE GIVEN LARGE AUDIENCE HERE

Substituted for Litchfield Trio Which Was Unable to Fill Engagement Here.

The Wright Hall Marquette Players were substituted Saturday night in the Albany College Lecture Course for the Litchfield Trio because of the recent death of Mr. Litchfield. They entertained a very large audience at the Methodist church and gave excellent satisfaction.

Mr. Wright depicted Benedict Arnold both as a conquering hero and as a despairing traitor with great ability. Mrs. Wright depicted a great variety of emotions with surprising skill and rapid changes. An interesting playlet emphasized the evils of the money-getting spirit in the churches and made a strong plea for the Christianity of loving helpfulness. The closing playlet was decidedly amusing.

The next number in the course will be a lecture by Ex-Governor Robert B. Glenn, of North Carolina, on February 19th. He is in the front rank of American orators and is said to be the peer of Bryan, La Follette and all the rest.

MULE PRESENTED TO MAYOR BY SUPERINTENDENT ASHBY

Chief Executive Searches the Metropolis for City Team and Gets Toy Animal.

While in Portland Saturday attending the Shriners' ceremonial session which was held at the Masonic temple, Mayor Gilbert visited several stables in the metropolis in an endeavor to select a suitable team of mules which the city of Albany expects to purchase for use here.

After spending most of the day inspecting mules of all sizes, colors and ages without finding a team good enough for use in this city, Mayor Gilbert returned to his hotel. Upon his arrival at the hotel he was handed a package by the clerk.

Opening the parcel, Mayor Gilbert was amused to find a large toy mule which had been sent to him by someone during the afternoon. After cross-examining several of the Albany men who accompanied him to Portland he learned that the mule was the gift of W. W. Ashby of this city, district superintendent of the Warren Construction company.

Ashby stated that he sent the toy mule to Mayor Gilbert because he didn't want to see the chief executive return home disappointed in his search for mules.

A RUN IS MADE ON THE U. S. STRONG BOX

Writers Send for \$34.73 Per Capita of the Wealth of the Nation.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—A story discussing the per-capita circulation of money in the United States in a humorous vein has flooded the treasury department with applications for the \$34.72, which, if the nation's wealth were divided equally, would be the portion of every man, woman and child in the country.

The story facetiously told those who needed the money to draw upon the government.

Letters have swamped George E. Roberts, director of the mint. One woman wrote:

"Kindly send me by parcel post my dividend of the \$3,350,727,000, which is \$34.72, in one-dollar bills and seventy-two pennies.

Another applicant said he was a married man with a family, and he hoped the government would not be offended by his request for his own.

Roberts has drawn a circular letter in which he must disappoint the applicants with the information that the treasury department monthly computes the per-capita circulation on a theoretical basis, and has no control over its distribution.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. A. Thompson of this city returned to Mill City this morning where he has been engaged for several weeks. He came down Saturday evening to spend Sunday with his family in this city.

Miss Reta Bilyeu of Lebanon who has been visiting in this city for several days at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Neely, returned home this morning. She is a daughter of Lee Bilyeu of that city.

C. N. Anderson, a prominent student at the Oregon Agricultural College, returned to Corvallis last evening after spending Sunday in Albany visiting friends. He is lieutenant-colonel of the cadet regiment at the college.

The Misses Louise Pirtle and Stella Fisher of Corvallis returned to that city last evening after spending Sunday at the home of Miss Pirtle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Pirtle.

Clyde Nsakes of Cottage Grove passed through Albany this morning to Scio where he has accepted the position as agent for the Southern Pacific company.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Pirtle of this city left this morning for Detroit where they will spend the day visiting an old time friend, Mr. White, who is seriously ill at his home in the mountain town.

Mrs. C. V. Littler's father and sister, J. F. Robinson and Mrs. H. M. Hendershott, of Portland, are here on a short visit.

S. S. Myers, of the O. E., was in the city today, returning home by way of the S. P. and Shedd.

J. F. Robinson, secretary of the grand lodge of Masons, of Portland, after a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Littler, went to Eugene this afternoon.

Mrs. S. H. Goin of near Jefferson, returned home this afternoon, after spending Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Francis.

B. F. Troutman, of Portland, formerly of this city, has been in the county looking after interests here.

Mrs. G. T. Hockensmith and daughter Hazel returned this noon from Halsey, where they had been to attend the funeral of the step-father of Mr. Hockensmith, Owen Bond.

B. M. Payne this noon returned from a Corvallis trip.

JAIL SENTENCE FOR GAME HOGS IS PLAN

Members of Local Gun Club Will Go to Salem This Evening to Meet Committees.

WILL PROTEST AGAINST 3 PROVISIONS OF GAME CODE

Valley Sportsmen Assert That Law Discriminates in Favor of Portland Hunters.

Proposing a jail sentence for men who kill China pheasants in excess of the limit permitted by law, from 25 to 50 members of the Albany Gun Club will go to Salem this evening to consult with the game committees of the senate and house of representatives and urge some changes in the proposed game code so that it will more nearly meet the wishes of the sportsmen of the Willamette Valley.

The principal purpose of the trip of the local sportsmen is to protest against three provisions of the game code which has been introduced in the legislature at the request of the state game commission. They object to the section preventing hunting with dogs, the section abolishing the use of repeating shotguns and the proposed section for ducks.

Local sportsmen assert that the preventing of hunting with dogs will not result in the expected protection of game. They argue that without dogs scores of wounded birds will get away only to die later and that the hunter, failing to get these birds, will go on hunting until he kills the limit, and that a great many birds will be killed uselessly.

Valley hunters assert that the proposed game code, as well as the present law, discriminates against them in favor of the Portland sportsmen in regard to the duck season. Under the new code the duck season would open along the Columbia River on September 1 and in this section of the state not until October 15.

Members of the Albany Gun Club assert that the law protecting female birds has not proven satisfactory. They argue that in a great many cases where a bird rises rapidly and flies away as quickly as China pheasants do a hunter cannot tell the sex of the bird before firing and that in this way hundreds of hens are killed every season. Fearing to be caught with the dead female, hunters leave them on the ground and go on hunting until they get the limit of male birds.

The change the Linn county men expect to argue for is to permit the shooting of birds of both sexes but establish a limit of five birds a day and provide a jail sentence as well as a fine for violation of the law as regards the day's limit. They even go further and argue that the jail sentence be made compulsory. If the sixth pheasant a man killed in one day meant a term of 15 or 30 days in jail all "game hog" work would soon be a thing of the past, they assert.

Members of the Albany Gun Club take the same view as to deer. They approve the reduction of the season limit from five to three deer but want the privilege of killing doe as well as buck deer, except that they want fawns protected. They would also have a jail sentence provided for those who violate the limit on deer.

MANY ALBANY PEOPLE WILL HEAR NORDICA

Famous Prima Donna Will Be Heard at Salem; Tickets May Be Reserved.

Madame Lillian Nordica will be presented at Salem a week from next Wednesday and tickets may be ordered now by mail from here. A large number of Albany people are planning on going down from here as the train service is such that one may go down in the morning, attend the legislature in the afternoon, hear this famous prima donna in concert in the evening and return home afterward without the necessity of staying away from home over night. The Oregon Electric train leaves Salem at 11:45 which gives ample time to hear the music that has thrilled monarchs and do so conveniently. Mail orders are being received now at Salem by Minetta Magers, who is handling the presentation at Salem.

Mr. Will Toner, express messenger on the C. & E. for many years, now of Corvallis, was in the city today.

Mrs. Tressa Edholm Ekstrand went to Portland this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Neely and two children this noon returned from Harrisburg, where Mr. Neely shot a couple of fine geese, now flying some.

Elmer Gordon, of Oakville, went to Salem this afternoon.