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Civic Improvement.

The following letter which is
being mailed out by State School
Superintendent Alderman has a
local application and the sugges-
tion contained therein might be
profitably followed in Albany:

"In every town and city there are
many vacant lots growing up to
weeds that might just as well be
producing garden and flowers, thus
adding beauty and utility to the city
instead of being an eye sore. Many
of these lots are owned by non-residents
and others who would be glad to
donate the use of them to the children.
Almost every town or community has
its Parent-Teachers' Circle, civic
board, and perhaps other organiza-
tions, and they and the school board
should get together and from their
membership appoint a committee,
whose duty it shall be to secure the
use of them for the children and ar-
range to have them plowed and fenced,
when necessary. In appointing these
committees do not overlook the
ladies, for in our experience we have
found them adept at such work. It
would also be their duty to plan and
manage the local contests, provide
prizes for same and to select exhibits
to be forwarded to the State Fair, and
to show the children how to pack,
mark, enter and ship them. The
teacher is not always qualified to do this
work, and has about all he can do
beside. Then when school closes and
perhaps the teacher leaves the town
the children need help and encourage-
ment which this committee can give.

"In every town and city are many
children who have little or nothing to
do outside of school hours. No
healthy child can be idle, and without
some direction of his activities and
some provision of a proper avenue
through which to vent them, they are
apt to be wasted. It is not so much
the fault of these children if they get
into mischief and form habits of in-
dignity, and possibly viciousness, as it
is the fault of parents, guardians and
others for not providing interesting
and profitable employment for them.
To aid in providing this employment
and making it attractive and profitable
is the object of the industrial contest
movement inaugurated last year. To
make this a perfect success it must
have the co-operation of parents,
teachers, school boards and all public
spirited citizens, and we know of no
better way in which they can help
than as above suggested. Try it. Let
the teacher or president of the Par-
ent-Teachers' Circle call a meeting at
once, effect an organization and re-
port to the office of Superintendent of
Public Instruction, Salem, Oregon, in
order that he can put you on his mail-
ing list for bulletins, etc., and assist
you in every way possible."

China Suppressing Opium Habit.

The establishment of the Chinese
Republic has led many occidentals
to change their opinion as to the
lethargy and inertia which they sup-
posed characteristic of the inhabi-
tants of the celestial empire. There
is another story of accomplishment
in China, however, during the past
five years, which makes it even
clearer than the recent revolution
that there are undimmed springs
of energy in the Chinese people.
About five years ago the Chinese
government decided that opium
smoking, which had become the na-
tional vice of China, even to a
greater extent than alcoholism is of
the western nations, must stop, and
that within ten years. It is scarcely
to be wondered at that when this
government edict was issued it was
greeted with smiles everywhere;
five years have passed and now the
world knows that success in the
great national crusade seems al-
most assured.

The method that China is pursu-
ing is interesting. Five years ago
China and Great Britain made what
is known as "the ten years' agree-
ment," by which the British govern-
ment undertook to reduce the
amount of opium sold in Calcutta
on government account for export

to China by 10 per cent every year
until the traffic had ceased. On her
part China agreed to diminish her
own production in a corresponding
way. Measures were to be taken to
reduce the growth of opium in Chi-
na 10 per cent each year until at
the end of ten years no more would
be raised. With supplies from In-
dia cut off and the home crop re-
duced and eventually suppressed
altogether, the opium habit must
necessarily disappear. The results
accomplished thus far are promis-
ing. Travelers report that it is no
longer common to see men smok-
ing opium at their own doors. Even
two years after the edict, those who
smoked did so in secret. The edict
is being enforced. The agricultural
map of China shows after five years
that there has been an actual reduc-
tion of 50 per cent in production of
opium. There has been as great a
reduction in its use. All the world
will watch with interest this other
awakening of China, and the orien-
tal method of solving a great social
question. In the west we have our
social problems of a similar nature
and China's example may prove il-
luminating and helpful.

The West Demands Recognition.

During the history of the United
States up to the present time, there
have been 339 appointments to cabi-
net positions, and 168 of these have
been from five states: New York,
Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio
and Virginia, New York heading the
list with 43. The Pacific states
have had only five and the Inter-
mountain states (Colorado) one. In
all there have been only 28 appoint-
ed from west of the Mississippi
river, of which 18 were from Mis-
souri and Iowa. Oregon has had
but one cabinet officer, George H.
Williams, attorney general, in 1871.
And it is time she is again recog-
nized. The West is claiming the
secretaryship of the Interior, and
statistics regarding that office may
be interesting. It appears that of
27 appointees 18 have been east of
the Mississippi and nine west, and
of these nine from the west, seven
were from Missouri and Iowa, leav-
ing one from Washington and one
from Colorado.

The secretaries of the interior
have almost invariably been law-
yers. Since the appointment of
Carl Schurz in 1877 there has been
but one that was not a lawyer, and
that was David R. Francis.

The West has never had any real
control over the Department of the
Interior. The bureau chiefs at the
present time are without exception
from Eastern states. There is one
from Iowa and two from Kansas,
and that is as much influence as the
West has in the department. The
West should demand not only a
western secretary of the interior,
but that all the bureaus be headed
by westerners.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Ex-County Clerk J. W. Miller of
Shelburn is in Albany today being
called here as a witness in one of the
cases now on trial in the circuit court.

Miss Hazel Dooley of Illinois who
has been visiting friends and relatives
in Albany for several days, returned
home this morning.

J. Fred Yates, the chief executive of
the city of Corvallis, passed through
Albany this morning to Portland
where he will look after business mat-
ters for a few days.

Justice Shedd came down from
Shedd this afternoon.

M. Wygant, the surveyor, of Toledo,
today returned from Harrisburg where
he had been to survey the property
of J. R. Cartwright, over which there
is a \$20,000 damage suit with the
Southern Pacific. This survey is for
the purpose of estimating the wear by
the river since about a year ago. The
final hearing of the case will be at
Portland in the U. S. court, beginning
on the 28th.

W. W. Haines, of Eugene, went to
Independence this afternoon for a
visit with his eighty-four-year-old
twin brother.

Prof. Larson, of the Oregon Power
Co., went to Eugene this afternoon.

Wm. Elbert, a prominent owner of
Mexican mines stock, of Lebanon, was
in the city today.

Miss Levana Vetter passed through
Albany this morning from Corvallis
to Brownsville, where she will spend
several days visiting friends in that
city where she resided for many
years.

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SHELBURN GIRL TELLS HER STORY

Alice Wheeler Is Required to Answer Delicate Questions Asked By Attorneys.

COMMODORE OSBORNE BEING TRIED FOR STATUTORY RAPE

Albany Blindpiggers Will Be Sentenced Tomorrow at 9 o'Clock By Judge Kelly.

Alice Wheeler, a bashful and timid
country girl, sixteen years of age last
September, occupied the witness stand
in Judge Kelly's court for nearly three
hours today, while the attorneys for
both the prosecution and defense
questioned her about her relations
with Commodore Osborne of Shel-
burn who is on trial here today charged
with committing statutory rape.

Many delicate and embarrassing
questions were asked the girl by At-
torney Gale S. Hill who is represent-
ing the state, and Attorneys J. K.
Wetherford and W. R. Blyden, who
represent Osborne. Miss Wheeler
told her story in detail but was re-
luctant in answering some of the
questions directed at her by the at-
torneys and it was several times dur-
ing the progress of the trial this morn-
ing, necessary to wait for short in-
tervals for the witness to answer.

The girl, while evidently suffering
much embarrassment, due largely to
the fact that everybody in the crowd-
ed courtroom was gazing at her, told
of her relations with Osborne and re-
cited several occasions during the
months of May and June last year
when she had accompanied him on
various occasions.

The courtroom was crowded this
morning when the trial commenced
and has been filled to its capacity
during the entire day. Many witness-
es from Shelburn are in attendance at
the trial today and will be examined
this afternoon, being subpoenaed here
to give their testimony.

This case will require the entire day
to complete and a night session may
be held this evening before all the evi-
dence will be in. Following the com-
pletion of this case the present ad-
journd term of court will be finished
there being no further cases on the
docket.

Tomorrow morning several local
bootleggers will be brought into court
where they will receive sentence from
Judge Kelly, all of them having been
found guilty of selling intoxicating
liquors in violation of the local opium
law.

Those who will be sentenced are:
Den Kennedy, two cases; Walter A.
Marks, two cases, and E. D. Henry of
Harrisburg, two cases.

The following jury is hearing the
evidence in the case of Oregon vs.
Commodore Osborne today: John B.
Miller, Waterloo; L. B. Luper, Tangent;
G. Lovelace, Lebanon; W. W.
Poland, Shedd; William Conner,
Crawfordsville; Lee J. Gaines, La-
comb; J. B. Burch, Albany; H. L. Ki-
zer, Albany; Marion Crabtree, Crab-
tree; P. H. Hargett, Harrisburg; A.
P. Blackburn, Lebanon, and Frank
Hulbert, Shedd.

LOCAL BUSINESS MEN VISITED COUNTY COURT

A Large Delegation Appeared Before Commissioners to Urge Better Roads.

For the purpose of urging the
county court of Linn county to out-
line a record-breaking good roads
campaign for the ensuing year, twenty-
five of the leading business men of
Albany waited on the members of the
court this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

The delegation included nearly all
of the officers and directors of the
local Commercial Club and other lead-
ing citizens of Albany who are inter-
ested in the good roads movement.

Included in the plan of the local
club is the employment of a road mas-
ter who will have general supervision
of the road work in the county, the
installation of a rock crusher at Knox
Butte and the purchase of modern
road-building machinery.

The reforms above mentioned were
urged by the business men at the
meeting this afternoon and the sug-
gestion taken under advisement by the
county court.

O. A. C. GLEE CLUB CONCERT WAS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD

Although the attendance was small,
the concert given by the Oregon Agri-
cultural College Glee Club at the
local opera house last evening was a
big success and the program of songs,
etc., was the best that has been
given here for several years.

Those who were fortunate enough
to be in attendance were greatly
pleased with the entertainment and
expressed their appreciation by ap-
plauding every number.

50-YEAR OLD ORCHARD IS PRODUCING FINE FRUIT YET

Trees Planted in 1857 By A. G. Marshall Growing Choice Apples in 1913.

Capt. Frank M. Powell of this city
recently visited an orchard, seven
miles east of this city, which was
planted in 1857 by his wife's father,
A. G. Marshall.

Capt. Powell states that the orchard
is still producing fine apples of beau-
tiful color and delicious flavor, al-
though the trees were planted fifty-
six years ago. There are several dif-
ferent varieties of apples in the or-
chard including Baldwins, Spitzen-
bergs and Bellflowers. The trees were
bought at the Oregon City nursery
which was the only one near here
then.

In speaking of the ranch upon which
the orchard is located, Capt. Powell
also tells an interesting and amusing
story concerning a large balm tree
which is located near the farmhouse
on the old Marshall homestead. He
said that over fifty years ago, A. G.
Marshall who then lived upon the
place, was driving a lazy mule near
his home one day and in order to en-
courage the animal to make better
time, he broke a small limb from a
tree beneath which he was passing.

When he arrived home, Mr. Mar-
shall rode the mule to the watering
trough where he discarded his whip,
dropping the switch to the ground
where it fell in the mud.

The twig became covered with mud
and later sprouted. Today the switch
which Marshall used to encourage his
mule, has grown to be a large and
beautiful tree and is located in the
very spot where the twig was dropped
many years ago.

NEW PLAT OF CITY IS BEING PREPARED HERE

A. C. Jenkins Will Complete the Map of City Showing All Ad- ditions and Townsite.

That a modern and up-to-date plat
of the city of Albany will soon be
completed and ready for distribution,
was the statement made this morn-
ing by Architect A. C. Jenkins of this
city.

The new map will show every
street, block and lot as the same are
platted and also all of the additions
to the original townsite.

The work of preparing the map is
in charge of O. E. Perry who is be-
ing assisted by Chas. Leonard. They
have been working on the new map
for some time and expect to have it
completed within the next two weeks.

At the present time there is no ap-
propriate man in the city and consid-
erable inconvenience to those who have
not been thoroughly familiar with the
streets of the city has resulted.

SAINT PATRICKS DAY MUST BE POSTPONED

No Celebration Will Be Held This Year; Church Rules Will Not Permit Celebration.

There will be no celebration on St.
Patrick's day this year for the fourth
time since 1800 and the last time in
the twentieth century.

Hibernians will be unable to cele-
brate the annual feast day of their
native country, but will have to con-
tent themselves that this will be the
last time that they or their descend-
ents will have to forego the hilarity
which should be theirs on March 17.

It is all because the annual feast day
comes on the second day of holy week,
and the Catholic church rules that all
feasts shall be postponed or cancelled
if they fall in the week before Easter.

There have been only three times in
the past that the celebration of St.
Patrick's day was suspended on ac-
count of holy week. They were in
1818, when Easter fell on March 23,
the earliest date on which it can fall,
in 1845 and 1856, when it came on
March 2, the same date as this year.

Calculators have figured Easter dates
until the year 2000, but they have
found no other year in which Easter
will come so early as to keep the
Irish born from singing the praises of
their patron saint.

CHAUTAUQUA BOARD WILL MEET HERE THIS EVENING

Dr. Ellis Says Program Will Be Ready for Distribution by June First.

For the purpose of disposing of a
large volume of detail business, mem-
bers of the local Chautauqua board
will hold a meeting at the Commercial
Club rooms at 7:30 this evening.

When asked this morning in regard
to the program for the present year,
Dr. Ellis, president of the local board,
stated that the program would be far
ahead of any heretofore presented in
Albany. "With the exception of rec-
tain minor details," said Dr. Ellis,
"the program will be the same as that
which will be presented at Gladstone
and Ashland and our program will be
ready for distribution this year by
June first. Heretofore it has not been
ready until July first."

SOLD 5-POUND NOTES FOR A PENNY A PIECE

A British Comedian Peddles Genuine Currency on Streets of London for Wager.

London, Feb. 7.—A well known
comedian for several hours yesterday
stood in busy sections of London and
offered for sale genuine five pound
notes for a penny each, and disposed
of only two.

Unshaven and unkempt, he first
stood outside the Grand hotel in Trafal-
gar square, shouting "Five pound
notes, a penny each!" His wares were
displayed on a tray in front of him.
People passed in dozens, but only
gave him knowing looks and went
their way.

Presently a well dressed man, ac-
companied by two ladies, bought one,
asking if they were forgeries. The
assurance that they were not came
with such sincerity that he decided to
buy two, but was told that the sale
was limited to one to each person.
He took the note across the street to
an agency and to his amazement, gold
was handed to him in exchange for
the paper.

Later, another lucky speculator
bought one of the notes outside a
Piccadilly hotel, but at numerous oth-
er places where the stand was set up
there were no purchasers.

In an interview, the comedian said
that the affair was the result of a
wager with a friend, that he couldn't
sell one in 20 minutes. The comedian
lost the bet.

NEW PAPER ESTABLISHED AT STRAWBERRY CITY

W. C. Depew Is Editor of New Publication; Advocate Plant Is Placed in Commission.

That Lebanon is to have a new
weekly paper became known today
when the first issue of the Lebanon
Criterion made its appearance.

The new paper will be republican
in politics, issued every Friday, and
will be under the management of W.
C. Depew, an experienced and talent-
ed newspaper man.

Since the failure of W. T. Fogle
of the Lebanon Advocate it has been
rumored that the plant used in the
publication of that paper would soon
be placed in commission and a paper
published under new management.

The Lebanon Criterion was the
name of the paper published some
years ago by N. M. Newport, who
later retired from the newspaper busi-
ness and engaged in the practice of
law.

S. F. TREASURE HUNTER SINKS \$6000 IN SEARCH

But A. Surgarman Begs U. S. to Let Him Keep on Digging at Mare Island.

Washington, Feb. 7.—After spend-
ing \$6,000 on a vain hunt for buried
treasures on Mare Island, A. Suga-
rman of San Francisco is still con-
vinced that some of the loot of pirates
is hidden within the navy yard area
and today applied to the naval au-
thorities to continue his digging. Two
years ago Surgarman was granted per-
mission to delve on a designated sec-
tion of the island and patiently kept at
work until he exhausted the length,
breadth and depth of the territory as-
signed.

Piloted by Representative Kahn, he
called on Assistant Secretary Beck-
man Winthrop this afternoon and
pleaded for permission to extend his
operations beyond the limits formerly
set. He said that as he had expended
\$6,000, he thought it was only fair that
he be allowed a further run for his
money, particularly as his efforts so
far had not returned him so much as a
rusty marlinestripe.

Secretary Winthrop said that there
was nothing further for the navy of-
ficials to do. He suggested that Suga-
rman might find relief through a bill
in congress granting him the conces-
sion.

STOYNOFF IS AWARDED SUM OF \$211 BY JURY LAST NIGHT

Bulgarian Gardener Had Sued Employer for His Own and Friends Wages.

After deliberating for several hours,
the jury in the case of Steve Stoy-
noff vs. Alice Borchers, et al, for recovery
of money, returned a verdict last
evening in favor of the plaintiff for
the sum of \$211 and the costs of the
suit.

Stoyloff had sued Mrs. Borchers
for \$1620 which he alleged was due
him and his countrymen, Mike Mick-
half and John Heland for wages
services performed as workmen for a
period of six months on the defend-
ant's farm near Lebanon.

LEBANON PIGGER SHOOTS POLICEMAN

Al Newman Tanks Up on Booze and Fires Shot at Officer Who Is Struck in Thigh.

BARRICADES HIMSELF IN HIS BARN AND DEFIES ARREST

Posse of Officers and Citizens Now Surrounding Building to Effect Capture.

After tanking up on booze last even-
ing, Al Newman, a Lebanon liver-
man, who has been arrested and con-
victed on several occasions for viola-
tion of the local option laws, armed
himself with a revolver and after
searching the streets of Lebanon for
trouble, finally located Night Police-
man Loomis.

Immediately upon locating the offi-
cer, Newman whose brain was fired
by liquor, pulled his gun and fired at
the policeman, the bullet striking him
in the thigh. Newman then returned
to the livery barn near the Southern
Pacific depot where he barricaded the
doors and is now making a stand
against a posse of officers and resi-
dents who are armed and attempting
to gain entrance to the livery stable in
order to arrest Newman who has
threatened to shoot the first man who
comes near the building.

Just how serious are the injuries
sustained by Night Policeman Loomis
who was shot by Newman last night,
could not be learned this morning.

Newman has paid several hundred
dollars into the county treasury for
fines which have been assessed against
him for selling liquor in violation of
the local option law and he also re-
cently served 30 days in a Portland
jail on a federal case charging him
with selling intoxicating liquors with-
out a government license.

The shooting scrape at Lebanon
last evening has aroused great excite-
ment there and the maneuvers now
being made by the officers toward ar-
resting Newman without bloodshed
are being watched with interest.

Al Newman, who is alleged to have
drawn a revolver while under the in-
fluence of liquor last evening at Leb-
anon and shot Night Policeman
Loomis through the thigh, surren-
dered peacefully this morning and was ar-
rested and taken before the justice
of the peace where he was bound over
to await the action of the grand jury,
his bonds being fixed at \$2500, which
he had failed to furnish at noon to-
day. Newman denies shooting Loomis.

J. H. Scott, a well known resident of Tangent, was transacting business in Albany this afternoon. Mr. Scott will leave tomorrow to attend a meet- ing of the Crowfoot grange.

Jack Hammel returned last night
from his hunting reserve near Gray
with a string of twenty-nine ducks
which he shot yesterday. On the
same train was Walter Parker who
had a string of twenty-two.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Bert Francis this week.

NEW MILLINER ARRIVES FROM MINNEAPOLIS

To Take Charge of the Depart- ment at the Chambers & McCune Store.

Miss Eileen Murphy, a gifted and
highly efficient milliner from the East,
has taken up her residence here, under
engagement to Chambers & McCune,
prominent and progressive millinery
and suit merchants of this city.

Miss Murphy comes particularly
qualified as an expert. She gained
her experience in the best millinery
fashion shops of the East and before
coming West visited the leading
wholesale houses of Chicago, St. Paul
and Minneapolis, gathering the newest
ideas in these places for the coming
season. Before leaving Chicago, sev-
eral weeks were spent in preparation
of styles at Gage Bros., recognized
masters in millinery, and her splen-
did ability was duly recognized by this
notable firm. Chambers & McCune
are the exclusive representatives of
Gage Bros. in Albany, and it was
naturally that great preparations for
spring trade are now being made. The
millinery staff will soon be augmented
by the arrival of other artists assis-
tants to Miss Murphy who are due to
arrive soon in Albany.

MANY ATTEND SERVICES AT THE M. E. CHURCH

One of the most interesting meet-
ings of the week was held at the
First Methodist church last night.

Mr. Lewis preached an exception-
ally strong sermon, and the large
chorus choir and congregation joined
heartily in the music, and short car-
nest testimonies were given by a large
number in the congregation. The
service was very interesting and help-
ful to all.