## MAIL CARRIERS HERE SATURDAY

Parcel Post Is One of Important Subjects Under Discussion by Delegates.

OFFICERS WERE ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Carriers Go on Record as Favoring Better Roads in Willamette Valley.

Meeting in Albany for the purpose of discussing matters of importance to the postal service and electing officers for the ensuing year, rural mail carriers from Linn and Benton counties held their annual meeting in this city late Saturday afternoon.

The meeting convened at 3 p. m. at the armory with a large number of rural carriers present from all parts of the two counties.

The rural mail carriers have had an organization for several years and meet during the year on holidays to discuss subjects of interest to the postal service. At the meeting which was held Saturday, the relation of the parcel post and better roads was the main topic of discussion.

In an address before the convention Mr. Alvin C. Baker urged the necessity of maintaining a strong organization, and said, that it was only with the united help of the members that such could be attained with the result of much benefit. Mr. C. W. Le Vec, secretary-treasurer of the association, also talked along this line.

The proposal of such a united effort net with the approval of the assembly.

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After the regular business of the convention was disposed of, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place with the following result: President, E. B. Cornett, Albany; vice-president, B. B. Cornett, Albany; vice-president, B. B. W. Le Vee, Corvallis. A. V. Sturm was the retiring president, the other members of the official board being incumbent during the past year, with the exception of Mr. Martin.

#### PIONEER OF 1852 IS HONORED BY HIS FAMILY

Joseph Yates of Corvallis Now DR. WHITE PREACHED STRONG

# PIONEER CALLED BY DEATH

Asahel Fenton died at St. Mary's hospital Saturday at the age of 71 years from the effects of a disease of long standing. He had resided at Sodaville for a good many years, recently moving to Lebanon. He came to Oregon from the East in 1887. Besides a wife he leaves one son, R. E. Fenton, of Portland, who has been in the city looking after the remains, which were taken to Lebanon this morning, where the funeral service and burial took place today.

#### LINN COUNTY DELEGATION AT SALEM COMMENDED

Strong Resolutions Passed at Meeting Held at the Fleener School House Saturday.

Commending the members of the Linn county delegation to the Oregon state legislature for their support of measures proposed for the betterment of the rural schools, strong resolutions were passed at an educational school meeting held at Fleener school house Saturday and the same forwarded to the members of the delegation at Salem.

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The resolutions were as follows:
Resolved: That we extend our sympathy to Supervisor J. W. Bolin, and regret his inability to be with us, and further
Resolved: That we vote an appre-ciation of the loyalty of the Linn county delegation in the present ses-sion of the legislature, on their stand on all questions and measures propos-ed for the betterment of the rural school.

Resolved: That we extend our

school.

Resolved: That we extend our thanks to Mr. Waldon Morgan, the board of directors and the patrons of Fleener district for the royal manner in which they have entertained us to-

day.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting that the rural schools of Linn county owe much to the faithful, well-directed efforts of our esteemed county superintendent, W. L. Jackson.

#### BEAM & HECKER HAVE MOVED THEIR OFFICE

The Real Estate Firm Is Now Located at Second and Lyon Streets.

The real estate firm of Beam & Hecker have moved their office into the building at Second and street, recently vacated by L. J. Gray & Co. They make this change in order to be on the ground floor and meet newcomers as they go down Lyon street. Plate glass windows are being put in the building, giving better advantage for display. Mr. Hecker went to Portlaud this morning in the interest of the North Albany tracts. Saturday the firm sold a couple of good tracts to some newcomers from the cast, who report others getting ready to come out here. They are delighted with the appearance of things in the Willamette Valley, and particularly with the North Albany tracts.

Dr. White of the United Presbyterain church last night preached his secain to prove the assernounty and now in his seventy-mith
year, Saturday celebrated the anniversary of his birth at his home in Gorvallis.

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It was learned late this afternoon that County Commissioner T. J. Butler, who has been confined to his bed with pneumonia for the past week, has improved considerably and is now resting comfortably. He passed through the crisis of his illness Sunday night and his condition at present is regarded as excellent by the attending physician.

Miss Jessie Bibee, a teacher in the Oakville school, returned to that place last night after spending the week as a guest of Miss Frances Nelson.

Owing to the fact that some of our subscribers have as yet been on analytic to the state of the ments mailed out during the past of week, the special offer to delinoon quent subscribers will be held on the state of the state. which were taken to Lebanon this morning the first business for the Epworth League.

Clyde Williamson returned this morning from Shedd, where he had been on district business for the Epworth League.

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# COURT DECISION EFFECTS LINN CO.

Lane County Case Decides a Point Which Makes Invalid Special Road Tax.

EIGHT LINN COUNTY DISTRICTS EFFECTED

Attorney Hill Held a Conference Today.

Holding that the procedure under which all special road tax levies were, made, are invalid, the supreme court of Oregon Saturday handed down a decision which effects nearly every county in the state.

The case went up from Lane county in the state of Oregon.

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As soon as the decision reached Albany, the matter was immediately called to the attention of District Attorney Gale S. Hill, and he and the county judge held a conference in regard to the matter this morning.

Eight districts in Linu county where a special road tax has been voted are affected by the new court decision and the county court may direct Sheriff Bodine to collect no further road taxes in the districts which are affected. It is understood that this plan was adopted by the county court of Lane county and the same plan will be followed here if the district attorney finds that such action can be taken by the court.

## **GOOD LECTURES ARE** BOOKED FOR THIS CITY

Series of Educational Talks Will Be Presented by the Local Y. M. C. A.

A valuable as well as interesting series of educational travel talks will

Grizzley Bear Will Be Barred Theif Hid It There When Detec-

Dissatisfied because some of those who attended the weekly dances of the Soirce Club persisted in indulging in the "Grizzley Bear" and other forin the "Grizzley Bear" and other forbidden dances, leading members of
the club recently held a meeting at
which it was decided to discontinue
the dances and withdraw the membership cards heretofore issued. This action, it is said, meets with the unanimous approval of the members of the
Albany Military Club.
A new club, however, will be orgarized in the near future which will
be known as the "Friday Night Club."
Invitations will be issued to a limited
number, and the modern dances will
be strictly forbidden.

W. B. Chance, mill inspector, went to Salem this afternoon to confer with his superior, the state labor commis-sioner.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gunn passed through the city this forenoon on their way from Eugene, where Mr. Gunn has been making faces for sev-eral months, to Salem. Mr. Gunn several months ago did some special work at Chambers & McCune's, a crayon artist of fine attainments,

#### STATE LIBRARIAN MARVIN HERE SATURDAY EVENING

Library Board to Discuss Plans for New Building.

the St. Francis, for the purpose of in-specting the plans and specifications vious years. of the new Carnegie library. The plans have been completed and bids Judge McKnight and District is pleased with the Albany prospect.

is pleased with the Albany prospect, adding a few suggestions from her long experience among library buildings. Albany will have a building that will be a credit to the city. The building will have a fromtage on Ferry street of 64 feet and reach back 58 feet, with an L and entrance on Third, making the rear part cover 74 feet. The main entrance will be in the middle of the building on Ferry, rising about five feet, with about the same space below the ground for basement, in which will eventually be the auditorium, besides numerous small rooms for special purposes.

The library room will be a sightly one, well lighted, with a general reading room on the south and the children's room on the north, each having a fire place, the reference and stack rooms and office, and perhaps temporary auditorium on the south, the former open, with the librarian's desk in the center.

The architecture is attractive, presenting an appearance much like that of the Salem library. The brick has not yet been agreed upon.

Rev. Lewtas, who closed his special meetings at the M. E. church last night, a splendid series of meetings, this morning went to Corvallis, where he had previously been, to see some of his friends before going elsewhere to conduct services.

# REV. EMERSON PREACHED

Too Many Christians Regard Church as Ark of Refuge from God's Wrath," Says Pastor.

Declaring that the Christian religon is either the greatest blessing or the placed at the disposal of the people of this city by the Y. M. C. A.

This association has secured Dr. C.

D. Will. city, yesterday morning preached an eloquent sermon on the subject, "Gospel Triumphs—Γaganism."

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The pastor arraigned the many new religious cults and asserted that they are in fact relies of by-gone ages, the ideas having been borrowed from the ancient Greeks and Romans.

"The Christian religion," said Rev. Emerson, "is the only religion which has stood the test of the ages. It is divine, and because of its divine inspiration has spread throughout the entire civilized world."

"Too many churchmen," asserted the pastor, "regard the church as an ark of refuge from the wrath of God. Regular attendance at church services is not all that is required of the consistent Christian. You must be a Christian messenger. You must be a saist in the work of spreading the gospel."

## A STICKPIN IS FOUND IN MANS WHISKERS

tives Take Up Hot Trail; Had Long Record.

New York, Feb. 24.—Detectives caught a new wrinkle yesterday when they found a diamond stickpin in the chin whiskers of James Featherson, a thief with a long record. The pin belonged to Vandern S. Arnold, a broker, with ofices at 206 Broadway, who lost it in front of the Hotel Mc-Alpin early yesterday morning when Featherson stepped up to him and asked for money. ed for money. The man's whiskers struck Mr. Ar-

The man's whiskers struck Mr. Arnold as being the funniest sight in years, whereupon, he laughed so heartily that the other took offense. A hand shot out, a diamond stickpin left Mr. Arnold's cravat and was stowed away in Mr. Featherson's bushy whiskers before the broker knew it. There were cries of "Stop thief!" a chase up Sixth avenue, and a capture. Some one found a comb and a detective raked the whiskers, which eventually yielded up the stickpin.

#### ALBANY WILL HAVE A TWILIGHT BASEBALL LEAGUE

Met with Members of the Local Movement Already on Foot to Perfect Organization by Hans Flo and Others.

ian, Sunday evening met with the board of the Albany Public Library, in the room of Architect Tobey, at the St. Francis, for the purpose of its connected with the league during pre-

From present indications the organ-ization will be perfected some time the will be advertised for its construction first of March. The Twilight league in a few days. Miss Marvin, who has as has heretofore been conducted, is composed of players of the amateur class. Any young man of the city who is ranked as an amateur ball player, is eligible to play in the Twilight league. Among those who are taking an active interest in the or ganization of the league are Prof. Hans Flo, Tom Stevens and Hiram Torbet, all of whom have been connected with twilight baseball leagues in past seasons.

While there hasn't been any definite plan set forth at the present time, it-is he opinion that the league will consist of four teams and that the games will be played on the old college grounds, as before, or in Bryant's park.

#### **BUSINESS ACTIVITY GREATER** HERE THAN IN OTHER TOWNS

Carl E. Sox, Who Recently Returned from Southern Oregon Tells of Conditions.

That business conditions in the Willamette Valley are on a more substantial basis than in southern Oregon, was the statement made this morning by Attorney C. E. Sox who recently ELOQUENT SERMON SUNDAY returned from a professional trip to Klamath Falls and other points in southern Oregon.

"The prevailing sentiment among the business men of Klamath Falls appears to be that a new era of prosperity will be established when the main
line of the Southern Pacific it extendded," said Mr. Sox, "and I am inclined
to think that they are right. A year
ago Klamath Falls had four banks,
but through consolidation this number has been reduced to two. This
goes to show that business is not as
active in the southern portion of the
state as it is in Albany."

#### CORVALLIS DEFEATS THE ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL

In a strinuous game of baskethall played at Corvailis Saturday right, the Albany High school met defeat at the hands of the 'ast aggregation of that ity by a secre of 31 to 17.

The Corvailis boys outplayed the local team, but it was a game marked by sturdy effort on the part of the local quintet.

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Berted that no man in the history of the American nation has shown greater loyalty to a great cause, and none have accomplished more genuine good for their country.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Hartsock, of Corvallis, arrived this morning. Mr. Hartsock went to Portland to attend a convention of Rexall dealers, while Mrs. Hartsock remained in Albany on a visit with friends. Mr. Hartsock is one of the valley's most popular and competent druggists. He made his start in the store of Fred Dawson at this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tucker, of Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy, Tucker, of Corvallis, were in the city today. Mr. Tucker is a bookkeeper in the Benton County National bank.

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Lawyer A. A. Tussing, of Brownsville, was in the city today.

Lawyer Allen, of Corvallis, arrived this morning on legal business.

Rev. D. C. McFarland, of Tangent, arrived this morning for a short Albany visit. Every time he comes to Albany he observes a striking appearance. He and his family have taken the Democrat since it started, in fact took the Oregon Democrat of 1860, Hon. Delazon Smith's paper.

Dr. and Mrs. Sharp returned this morning from Shedd, where Dr. Sharp conducted services in the U. P. church yesterday. He is filling the supply there, well liked by the congregation. Miss Mary Parounagian, daughter of Rev. Parounagian, of Brownsville, Saturday evening returned home after a several days' visit in Albany, the guest of Miss Violet Nutting.

Mr. R. C. Morganson of Shedds called at the Democrat office this afternoon and renewed his subscription for another year. Mr. Morganson has taken the paper for the past twenty-four years.

Coroner William Fortmiller has

W. A. Ledbetter went to Orenco
this afternoon to look after the shipment of some nursery stock.
Mrs. Dr. Lee, mother of Mrs. Fred
Fortmiller, went to Portland this
morning on a visit with relatives.

# CHILDS DEATH IS **BEING INVESTIGATED**

Judge Swan Called to Peoria Sunday at Request of a Halsey Physician.

HE BELEIVES THAT AN INQUEST IS UNNECESSARY

Portion of Infants Stomach Will Be Taken to Corvallis for Analysis.

Unable to respond to a call for an iquest which came from Dr. Johnson of Halsey, Coroner Fortmiller yesterday detailed Justice of the Peace L. Swan to act as coroner in a case Peotra.

The circumstances in regard to the sudden death of the four months old child of Rose Starnes, aged 22 years, were regarded with suspicion and the request for an inquest made by the at-

request for an inquest made by the attending physician.
Judge Swan, accompanied by Attorney Dan Johnston, left for Peoria Sunday and after making a thorough investigation concluded that an inquest was unnecessary. An autopsy was made by Dr. Johnson of Halsey and a portion of the deceased child's kidney will be taken today to the laboratory at the Oregon Agricultural College for an analysis.

The child died of poisoning which the mother says resulted from the use of some condensed milk which had been permitted to stand open in the can for two days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Essex and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Essex, and their children, returned this noon from a Mc-Minnville visit.

Hon, Jack Latourette, a member of the legislature from Multnomah acounty, passed through the city this forenoon on his way back to Salem from Eugene, where he spent Sunday, He is a graduate of the U. O., and is one of the best champions the college has.

Mr. Ed. Dorgan went to his Crabtee farm to look after affairs for a few days.

#### JUDGE H. H. HEWITT PAYS TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON

An Albany Attorney Delivers a Strong Address at Presbyterian Church Last Night.

Paying an eloquent tribute to the life and character of Washington, Judge H. H. Hewitt delivered a strong address at the patriotic service held last night at the First Presbyterian church.

Referring to Washington as the Soldier-Statesman," the speaker as-

#### THREE MEN FINED IN LOCAL POLICE COURT

A fine of \$10 and costs each was imposed by Police Judge Van Tassel this morning on Ben Black, Ray Mc-Intyre and Frank Cummings who were arrested yesterday by Chief of Police Austin and Policeman King on charges of drunkenness.
All three men promptly paid their fines and were released.

Commissioner T. J. Butler is re-ported better this afternoon, his many friends will be glad to know that he is gradually improving.

Floyd Lawton, a student of the Wil-lametre Medical College at Salem and formerly a student at Albany College, arrived in the city Saturday night to visit friends

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Geisendorfer, of Cascadia, have returned from Southern California, where they spent several weeks, for recuperation after the strenuous work of looking after their mountain resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Snow, of Co-burg, were in the city yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wise, of Yon-calla, were Albany visitors.