

## LOCAL ATTORNEYS FAVOR W. R. BILYEU

Members of Bar Unanimous in Statement That No Better Appointment Could Be Made.

THE MATTER WILL BE PLACED BEFORE GOVERNOR

Friends of Lawyer Believe He Has a Good Chance of Securing the Position.

Continued from Friday, February 28.

That the proposed candidacy of Attorney W. R. Bilyeu for a position on the supreme bench of Oregon is meeting with favor among the members of the local bar is indicated by the statements made this morning to the Democrat representative.

While only a few of the members of the profession could be reached, all of those asked in regard to the availability of the local attorney for a position of this character were unanimous in the statement that no better appointment could be made.

"I know of no better man in the state for a position on the supreme bench," said Judge Hewitt of the firm of Hewitt & Sox, "and I might add that it is my intention to write to the governor urging the appointment of Mr. Bilyeu."

Attorney Mark Weatherford of the firm of Weatherford & Weatherford stated that the senior member of the firm was out of the city but that he voiced the sentiments of the firm in the statement that Mr. Bilyeu is exceptionally well qualified for a judicial office and nothing would be more pleasing to the members of the local bar, or the people of Linn county, than his appointment.

Attorney L. M. Curl, chairman of the republican county central committee, is also strongly in favor of the appointment and believes that Mr. Bilyeu would make an exceptionally able judge.

Attorney Sam Garland, state committeeman from Linn county and a member of the judicial revision commission of Oregon, was seen yesterday in regard to the matter and expressed himself as strongly in favor of the local attorney. He gave it as his opinion that he will receive the unanimous indorsement of the bar of the entire county.

Attorney L. L. Swan also went on record as strongly in favor of the appointment, giving it as his opinion that no better candidate could be presented.

While the Democrat representative was unable to see all of the members of the bar, before going to press it is understood that the local attorneys will stand solidly behind Mr. Bilyeu when the matter is brought to the governor's attention.

## TWO MEN ANSWER CHARGES HERE IN POLICE COURT

Old Offender Is Given Order to Leave City; Other Gets Fine of \$10.

Having no money to pay his fine, Tom Shannon was given until 10 o'clock this morning to leave town. Shannon was arrested for the second time yesterday afternoon on a charge of drunkenness and brought before Police Judge Van Tassel this morning. He received a fine of \$20 and costs which he failed to pay and was ordered to leave town. He was arrested on February 19 for the same offense and not being able to pay a fine of \$10 was given five days on the streets. In the opinion of Judge Van Tassel, the man is a common loafer, and this is accountable for the action of the police judge.

E. W. Giltin, who when arrested early yesterday morning, was so intoxicated he could not tell his name, was hauled before the police court late yesterday afternoon and fined \$10 and costs, which he paid.

## THE OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS NO MORE

Last Piece of Timber from the Building Was Hauled Away Yesterday Afternoon.

The last bit of lumber of the old Presbyterian church, which has been torn down piece by piece has been hauled away.

Workmen were busy all day yesterday cleaning up the vacated ground and it now falls to the lot of M. V. Bilyeu, janitor of the court house and general utility man, to see to the re-cultivation of the lawn.

It is with a feeling of regret to some that the old church building is no more, for it was one of the oldest edifices of the city and on many occasions it has been the scene of notable gatherings of various natures. The church was formerly located on the site occupied by the new building and was moved over on the court house lawn, where it was placed on stilts, being used for services until the new church could be completed.

## FIRE THIS MORNING DOES BUT LITTLE DAMAGE

Department Makes a Quick Run to Scene of Blaze; Building Covered by Insurance.

Clothes piled around a stovepipe, which ran through the floor of the second story, would have caused a serious fire this morning at 11:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Nan Gray, corner of Seventh and Thurston streets, had it not been discovered by Mrs. Letsinger in the nick of time.

Mrs. Gray was not at home at the time and Mrs. Letsinger was caring for the little daughter of the house until her mother's return. She says she smelt something burning all morning but thought that some trash was being burned in the neighborhood. Finally she became suspicious and made an investigation. When she went upstairs the smoke was thick and between the walls of a rear room a fire was raging. She rushed down to the street calling for help and with the assistance of several neighbors succeeded in checking the flames with the use of a rubber hose. In the meantime an alarm was turned in and when the firemen arrived the blaze was extinguished by the use of a chemical tank.

There was no serious damage done, other than to the walls of the room where the fire originated.

The house is covered by insurance.

## J. THORNEBURN ROSS WAS HERE YESTERDAY

Visit Is Clouded in Mystery; Figured in Bank Wrecking Trial at Portland.

In company with his attorney, Wallace McCamant and a nephew, Don Ross, of Portland, J. Thornburn Ross, arrived in this city late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Ross was at one time a conspicuous figure before the public, being closely identified with the big bank wrecking trial held in Portland several months ago. He was president of the defunct Oregon Title and Trust bank of that city.

It could not be learned late last night the nature of their visit to this city but it is understood that they came here to confer with a resident of Albany in reference to some legal matters. They also visited the office of District Attorney Gale S. Hill but Mr. Hill declined to say anything with reference to the visitors, other than to confirm the fact that they were in the city.

The parties returned to Portland last night on the late train.

## CHAMP CLARK ON THE Y. M. C. A. LECTURE COURSE

Many Other Good Numbers Secured by Local Board Are Announced Today.

The program for the coming lecture of the local Y. M. C. A. has just been completed and includes many interesting numbers. According to the general secretary, Delos C. Foster, this will be the strongest lecture course ever presented to the people of Albany.

The first number will appear early next fall, the exact date is not known. Following is the program:

Champ Clark—lecture.  
Ralph Parlette—humorist.  
Dixie Quintette—music.  
Alton Packard—cartoonist.  
Weatherive Quartette—music.  
Four artists—music.

## SUCCESSFUL FIRE DRILL HELD LAST EVENING

Firemen Make Quick Response to Call and Handle "Fire" Like Veterans.

Playing a stream of water in less than 10 minutes after the alarm was turned in, on the building occupied by the Sanitary grocery store, corner of Second and Ferry streets, a successful fire drill was held last night at 8 o'clock, by the local volunteer fire department.

The water used was pumped out of the large cistern on the corner of Broadalbin and Second streets where the fire engine was located.

The new ladders were used, which are the kind that hook on the roof of the building and lay flat against the wall.

This was the fourth of a series of drills held every Thursday night.

Miss Mary Paroumagian, of Brownsville, arrived this noon for a short stay here.

## FOUR CARS ARE DERAILED ON C. & E.

Accident Occurred at 11:30 Last Night at a Point Five Miles South of Wren.

NO ONE INJURED BUT THE CREW HAS CLOSE CALL

Tracks Cleared This Morning and the Traffic Has Been Resumed on Road.

(Special to the Democrat.)

Wren, Or., Feb. 28.—Four freight cars on the Corvallis & Eastern Railway were derailed at a point five miles south of this place at 11:30 last night. A wrecking crew was at once dispatched to the scene of the accident by the Corvallis & Eastern officials and the men had the track clear this morning. No one was injured as a result of the accident but the train crew had a narrow escape from injury.

According to the statement of those who visited the scene, the cars were overladen and the accident is attributed to the heavy load which the engine was pulling.

Several months ago a similar accident occurred in the vicinity of Philomath.

## THAT THIS ROOM WILL ALWAYS BE RENTED IS CERTAIN

Three Applications for Room Formerly Occupied by an Albany Woman.

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick T. Esping left on the Oregon Electric at 9 o'clock this morning for Shaniko, on their bridal trip home. The Democrat yesterday referred to Mr. Esping as "Rev." and as a retired preacher. As a matter of fact, though licensed to preach, he never held a regular charge, simply assisting in the good work. Rev. Beech, who performed the ceremony, began his ministerial work at Antelope, near Shaniko, fifteen or sixteen years ago, and Mr. Esping was one of his members, a great help in the work of the church, so that it was a happy circumstance for him to be called upon to perform the ceremony.

Mrs. Esping for some time had a room at the home of Rev. Hicks. Last evening after the Democrat came out with the announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Esping, Mrs. Hicks had three applications for the room.

## FRIDAY EVENING DANCING CLUB MEETS TONIGHT

The initial dance of the Friday evening Dancing Club will be given this evening at the armory. The dance will start at 8:30 sharp and a large crowd is anticipated.

It will be remembered that a few days ago, the members of the Soiree Dancing club, who became dissatisfied with the conduct of some of those who attended their dances and after repeated attempts to put a stop to the modern dances, decided to disband their organization. The result was that a new club was organized and will give regular Friday night dances. Membership cards have been issued to over 250 society people of the city and only those holding these cards will be admitted. The six piece Chautauqua orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

## BAD BOYS ANNOY THE RESIDENTS OF 6TH STREET

Gathering every morning before and after school hours, near the corner of 6th and Madison streets, a crowd of boys, supposedly from the Madison school are a source of annoyance to the neighborhood.

They gather at the spot in the middle of the street and play marbles, smoking cigarettes and using obscene language freely according to a resident of that section. The boys have been using this place as a rendezvous for some time, states the informer, and it is the belief that it should be stopped, for the smaller boys are becoming just as adept at swearing and smoking as the older ones.

Mr. Tom Froman, the retired farmer, went out to Froman this morning on a short trip. The old Froman farm there was once famous as a supposed site of the Ringling headquarters. Mr. Froman says it is no circus now, but it is pretty near a menagerie of boys, a good many being raised in that section.

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## RAILWAY MEN HEAR LECTURE LAST EVENING

B. C. Byford of the American Railroad Association Was the Speaker.

How to handle high explosives, dynamite and powder was the interesting subject of a lecture at Bussard's hall last night, delivered to the local railroad employees by B. C. Byford of the American Railroad Association with headquarters in New York city.

The lecture was intensely interesting and educational, and was given to post the railroad men how to handle shipments of this nature.

Mr. Byford is a fluent speaker on the subject and is sent all over the country by the railroad association to enlighten transportation employees on the subject. About 35 attended the lecture last night.

A very enjoyable dinner on Wednesday was presided over by Miss Louise Goff at her home on West Seventh street.

The Albany College Conservatory teachers have planned a series of musicales to be held in near-by towns. Last evening Mrs. Adna Smith Flo and Miss Waggoner gave a concert at Shedd's. On next Wednesday they will appear in McMinnville. Prof. J. C. Irvine will accompany them to McMinnville.

The Shakespeare Study club met again at the home of Mrs. F. G. Franklin. The program was as follows:

Idylls of the King.  
Talk: A study of the Coming of Arthur.—Mrs. Nelson Macduff. Research Questions. Paper: A study of Lancelot and Elaine.—Mrs. A. H. Martin.

The Thursday Book club met with Mrs. Hockensmith this week. The afternoon was spent in sewing, after which a dainty repast was served by the hostess. Mrs. Hockensmith complimented on this occasion Mrs. P. D. Gilbert, Mrs. D. S. Williams, (Halsey) Miss Clement, Miss Waggoner.

Mrs. Fred Dawson entertained the Baptist church choir and a few friends last night at 7 o'clock at a daintily prepared seven-course dinner. A program was given consisting of solos, readings, etc. The feature of the program was a song compiled by Mr. Dawson relating to the choir members which was sung to the tune of "The Old Oaken Bucket."

The many friends of Miss Laura Anderson will be pleased to learn of her safe arrival in Berlin, Germany. Letters have been received from her telling of her studies and also the enjoyable time she is having taking part in the winter sports.

One of the most pleasant affairs of the week was held on Friday evening at the home of Fred Dawson, when Mrs. Dawson entertained the members of the Baptist church choir at dinner. Covers were laid for twenty.

## PARTITION SUIT IS FILED HERE THIS MORNING

Case Will Come for Trial During the Next Term of the Circuit Court.

A complaint for partition was filed in the county clerk's office this morning in which the following persons are named as plaintiffs: V. V. Gatts and Maude Gatts, his wife, Nellie J. Hare and D. E. Hare, her husband, Sarah E. Bilyeu and J. L. Bilyeu, her husband, Leona Faulkner and George Faulkner, her husband, Mable Fitzwater and James Fitzwater, her husband, Cora E. Bragg and C. W. Bragg, her husband, and H. H. Gatts, against Mary Gatts and Ronald Howard, a minor, as the defendants.

The suit is instituted for the sale of 70 acres in township 11, S. R. 1 west of Willamette meridian in this county, and for the division of the proceeds according to their claims.

The "Bereans," a class of young women of the United Presbyterian Sabbath school are to meet Monday evening at the home of Miss Margaret Dunlap on West Eighth street.

Miss Flora Mason has returned from Eugene where she had a delightful visit with sorority friends.

## RAINFALL FOR 1912 WAS 46.68 INCHES IN ALBANY

Interesting Figures Compiled by Local Commercial Club on Weather Conditions.

From figures compiled today by Manager C. H. Stewart of the local Commercial Club, on the temperature and precipitation for the year 1912, the annual rainfall was 46.68 inches.

The highest temperature during the year was recorded July 10, 1912, when the thermometer registered 100 degrees. The lowest temperature recorded was on December 29, 1912, when the mercury stood at 37.8 above zero. There were 115 rainy days for the entire year.

The precipitation for the month of February, according to the report of F. M. French, the local weather observer, was 1.35 inches.

One of the most important events of the year will be the dedication of the new Presbyterian church to be held on Easter Sunday. Many out-of-town people will be present.

The Tuesday club met this week with Mrs. J. R. Martin on Sixth and Walnut streets.

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