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"The president regrets to be obliged to announce that he deems it his duty to decline to see applicants for office personally, except when he himself invites them to the White House for an interview."

This is the opening paragraph of the first official statement to come from the White House since President Wilson assumed the reins of government. It was dictated by the president shortly after breakfast today.

"It is his purpose," the statement continues, "to devote his attention earnestly and constantly to the business of government and large questions of policy affecting the nation. He knows from experience as governor of New Jersey that the greater part of his time and energy would be spent in interviewing candidates for office unless he sets an invariable rule. It is his intention to deal with appointments through the heads of the several executive departments."

A precedent of long standing has been broken by Woodrow Wilson, but the nation congratulates the president on his good sense in setting aside foolish tradition for the good of the public service.

When Wilson assumed the oath of office he cast politics to the four winds of heaven and entered into a solemn contract with himself to devote his entire time and attention to the duties of his office. To the department heads all matters political will be referred and the army of hungry office seekers will no longer invade the White House seeking position and favor at the hands of the chief executive. President Wilson proceeds upon the theory that his time belongs to the people of the United States and that mere matters of political patronage should be handled by those who have more time to devote to questions of this character. He takes the position that the White House should no longer be considered a political clearing house and that it is beneath the dignity of the president to preside at the pie-counter when by so doing he is forced to neglect the nation's business.

President Wilson is right and his course will be commended by the best citizenship of the country.

CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION; CONDITIONS IMPROVE

According to Dun's Review a well known and conservative financial paper the change of administration has not affected business conditions in any line, a moderate increase being shown in both exports and imports over the same period two years ago. The comment is as follows:

"Reports from the leading trade centers continue very satisfactory in most instances. There is a large distribution of the principal products and sustained activity in retail trade, particularly in the sections which have been favored with good weather conditions. Outside of those markets, which by reason of their larger and more sensitive speculative organization, have been directly affected by the important events happening in various parts of the globe, business sentiment, if not buoyant, at least maintains a steady, conservative attitude, even on the eve of the first change in the political control of our government in sixteen years. Average daily bank exchanges continue to show expansion and for February

gained 10.6 per cent over 1912 and 10.3 per cent over 1911. The railroads, which are about to arbitrate their differences with the firemen and are still buying heavily of needed supplies in the iron market, gained 3.2 per cent in gross earnings during the first three weeks of February. The exceptional activity in iron and steel is fully maintained. The copper market, however, is depressed, with production outstripping demand. In textiles there is a large movement of merchandise in the various divisions of the cotton and woolen trades, notwithstanding labor troubles and prospective changes in the tariff. The silk trade is increasingly active. The shoe trade is also experiencing a fair degree of activity and the New England mills continue to be busy with supplementary orders. Sole leather is firm, but uppers are easier, and hides are generally weaker. Winter wheat has been benefited by a fall of snow, but prices are firmer because of an improved export demand and lower estimates of the Argentine crop. The market for securities has again been more or less unsettled. The interest and dividend payments due March 1 are estimated at over \$14,000,000 more than last year, the increase being mainly in industrials. Time money continues to be firmly held, but European gold demands are lessening. Our foreign commerce continues to establish a large balance in this nation's favor. During the latest week the total commerce at the port of New York amounted to \$37,844,864 against \$36,504,514 in 1912 and \$30,738,045 in 1911. There was a moderate increase over the two preceding years in both exports and imports.

"Liabilities of commercial failures thus far reported for February amount to \$25,514,600, of which \$12,990,900 were in manufacturing, \$12,106,300 in trading and \$417,400 in other commercial lines. Failures this week numbered 263 in the United States against 366 last year, and 39 in Canada compared with 22 a year ago."

NEW YORK WOMEN NOW DEMAND LOWER CAR STEPS

Fashionable Women of Metropolis Would Put an End to Hosiery Display.

New York, Mar. 6.—Twenty-five women, representing the club women of Jersey City and Hoboken, accompanied by a messenger boy who carried a soap box on his head, went to the chamber of commerce in Jersey City yesterday afternoon to protest to the public utilities commission against the height of the steps of trolley cars owned by the Public Service corporation.

Among the club women, who were led by Mrs. Bruce Callard, of Jersey City, were Mrs. William Flanck, Mrs. S. C. Allison, Mrs. David Bishop, Mrs. D. Van Winkle, Mrs. William D. Edwards and Mrs. W. P. Smith. Also there was a sprinkling of the younger women who had been brought along to give the utilities commission a demonstration of what it meant for a woman dressed in the present day fashions to climb aboard a street car without disturbing the arrangement of her skirts, and giving a liberal stocking display.

The messenger boy took the soap box from his head and solemnly placed it before the commission. This box was exactly 17 inches high which is the height of the trolley steps from the ground on all cars owned by the Public Service corporation.

It was suggested to the women that if they defer their high-stepping demonstration for two weeks, and by that time new spring styles would be out, when with the death of the hosiery skirt, a seventeen-inch step would not be a difficult matter.

TANGENT NEWS.

At the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Shrader in Tangent, Miss Letha, their daughter, celebrated her thirteenth birthday March 5th from 2 till 5 o'clock, by entertaining the teacher and pupils of the Sunday school class of which she is a member. A few friends were also invited, making the number 13. The time was spent in games, interspersed with music, closing with a dainty lunch served by Mrs. Shrader, after which the guests departed for their various homes, wishing Miss Letha many happy returns of the day.

CANADIAN BALL CLUB MAY LOCATE TRAINING CAMP HERE

Manager Al Senders of the local baseball club is in receipt of a letter dated November 5, written at Roseburg, from the manager of the Ragina Baseball club, of the Western Canadian league, in which the manager wished to know the probability of his securing good baseball grounds here for a suitable training camp for his squad of 24 men. In the letter it is stated that the grounds at Roseburg are not suitable for the purpose and refers with favor to Albany. Before returning to the north the Canadians will have a three weeks tryout at the training camp.

Manager Senders has offered the Ragina manager the free use of the local grounds and it is expected that this place will be accepted.

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NEW RAILROAD FOR THIS CITY

Road Will Tap Timber Belt and Will Be Twenty-six Miles in Length.

PORTER BROTHERS BUY 102,000 ACRES TIMBER LAND

\$4,000,000 Deal Is Closed in Portland; Railroad Will Be Built This Spring.

Porter Brothers, railroad contractors, agreed yesterday morning to pay \$4,000,000 to the Oregon & Western Colonization company for 102,000 acres of land in Eastern Linn county, containing 4,000,000,000 feet of what is considered the best yellow fir timber ever grown, and will begin immediate development of the property by building a railroad to it from Albany, 26 miles away, and by erecting two sawmills on the south fork of the Santiam river, which runs through it.

The Oregon & Western Colonization company is controlled by L. W. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern board of directors, and W. P. Davidson, of Portland and St. Paul. This sale disposes of all the property held by the company west of the Cascade mountains. They still have 95,000 acres of timber and approximately 500,000 acres of range and farm land east of the mountains, all of which was a part of the 800,000 acres military wagon road grant, which they bought about three years ago.

Having sold the greater part of their timber property they will devote their attention exclusively now to settling the remaining farm land, which will be sold in tracts of 80 and 160 acres.

Negotiations for this sale had been pending for three months. Actual consummation was effected last Monday, when L. W. Hill came to Portland. This transaction really was the occasion of Mr. Hill's recent visit to the city.

Porter Brothers, the purchasers, are among the most aggressive and progressive concerns in the Northwest. While they have confined their operations heretofore to railroad contracting and such other activity immediately attending that kind of work, they have arranged now to widen the scope of their operations.

They propose to cut the timber on their newly acquired land as fast as it can be hauled away. Some of it will be logged and brought to Portland to be cut, but much of it will be worked into lumber right on the ground. For this purpose at least two sawmills of large capacity will have to be built.

It is understood that within a short while a corporation will be formed to handle this property. The four Porter brothers—Andrew R. and Johnson P., of Portland, and John D. and Richard B., of Spokane—probably will be the only stockholders.

All the contracts and papers necessary were drawn yesterday. Mr. Davidson left immediately for St. Paul. Mr. Hill is on his way to California.—Oregonian.

ALBANY MILITARY CLUB HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

Elected Officers to Fill Vacancies; Captain Powell Drills Company on Streets.

The regular monthly meeting of the Albany Military Club was held last night at the armory, after the drill, and considerable business was transacted.

The committee of the Friday Night Dancing Club, in charge of the Friday night dances, made an interesting report, to the effect that the dance given last Friday was a splendid social success. Members of the committee were highly elated over the prospects of the dances, becoming popular, as indicated by the big attendance. Invitations have been issued only to leading people of the city and a large crowd is anticipated at the second dance of the series, which will be held tonight. All those holding membership cards are cordially invited to attend.

Other business that came up before the meeting was the election of a first vice-president of the club to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieutenant H. O. Stalnaker, who will leave in a short time for Montana. Second Vice-President C. W. Tebault Jr. was elected to fill the vacancy and Corporal Albert Kullander was elected to the second vice-presidency. Kullander was made to resign the office of chaplain to accept the higher charge and Private Hans Flo was named as chaplain.

An unusually large number turned out for drill and the weather being ideal, Captain F. M. Powell took the boys on a tour of the city. The company was marched south on Elmworth street to Seventh, north on Lyon down First to Broadalbin, and up Fourth to the armory. Several extended order movements were executed together with close order formations and considerable attention was attracted by the splendid military appearance of the company and the uniformity of the movements executed.

BOY SCOUTS ADD NEW MEMBERS TO THEIR RANKS

Fourteen Candidates Pass the Examinations to Enter Before Court of Honor.

Aspirants to the ranks of the boy scouts who were brought up and examined last Tuesday night at the V. M. C. A. and who passed the examination numbered 14, who are now bona-fide members of the scouts.

The boy scout movement in this city has met with much favor and the support of local people who have encouraged their children to join the organization, knowing that the work of the association is interesting as well as educational.

The new members who were initiated into the ranks Tuesday night are as follows: Alfred Gentry, Ernest Dohmert, Roy Crowder, Charles Barnes, Luther Waller, Lowell Simpson, Jessie Ellis, Eldon Snell, Willard Holm, Albert Thompson, Charles Pfeiffer, Errol Williams, Leonard Waller, Kenneth Goins.

Members who were taken in three weeks ago after passing the examination before the court of honor were: Pierson Conrad, Hugh Conrad, Harold Irvin, Verne Briggs, Vernon Henderson.

J. M. CHAMBERS ELECTED EXALTED RULER OF ELKS

Harry Schlosser, W. M. Parker and J. J. Collins Elected Knights for Ensuing Year.

At a well attended meeting of the Elks lodge held last evening officers for the ensuing year were elected and a large volume of routine business transacted. Reports from the various committees, including the report from the finance committee, were read and the finances of the order found to be in excellent condition.

The following officers were elected: Exalted Ruler—J. N. Chambers. Esteemed Leading Knight—Harry Schlosser. Esteemed Loyal Knight—Walter M. Parker. Esteemed Lecturing Knight—J. J. Collins.

Secretary—Jack Warner. Treasurer—Harry Cusick. Tyler—W. A. McGilvery. Trustee (three-year term)—O. P. Danials. Delegate to Grand Lodge—A. W. Bowersox.

The grand lodge will meet this year at Rochester, New York, and Mr. Bowersox, who has held the position of exalted ruler for the past year, expects to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Morris, of Turner, this noon returned from McMinnville, where she had been to attend the funeral of her cousin, H. E. Hilkery, and is the guest of Miss Clara Perry.

SHARP WAS REMOVED TO JAIL YESTERDAY EVENING

R. T. Sharp, who was convicted of violation of the local option liquor law, in Judge Kelly's court at the last session, and sentenced to serve 20 days in the county jail, and after resting in the jail for three days was taken to the hospital with a severe attack of pneumonia, was reconfined to the jail yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Bodine.

Sharp who has been in the hospital for the last six days had sufficiently recovered to be removed, and it is understood that the time he spent at the hospital will count as part of his 20 days' sentence. This will make Sharp a balance of 12 days to rest in the county jail.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Hattie Reeves, president, and Mrs. Kerns, patriotic instructor of the Ladies of the G. A. R. of Oregon, went out to Lebanon and Brownsville this morning to meet with the Ladies of the G. A. R. of those cities. They are on a trip up the valley.

Dr. E. W. Howard, of Brownsville, has been in the city today looking after county seat business. Dr. Howard is one of Albany College's former students who is making good in his profession.

Capt. C. L. Dick, of Salem, has been in the city today seeing our merchants.

W. P. Ireland, of Corvallis, father-in-law of M. D. Hammel, assistant manager of the Hotel Hammel, was a visitor in this city this morning.

H. A. Albright, formerly of Eugene, but now a traveling man out of Portland, is stopping at the new Hammel. A. Fuller went out to Lebanon.

Miss Madie Armstrong, an expert milliner, arrived in the city this morning from Butte, Montana.

Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Bartle, of Eugene, were registered at the new Hammel last night.

W. S. Smith, of Newport, stopped at the Hammel over night.

H. L. Snell, who established an automobile insurance company at Eugene last fall, is registered at the Hammel. Mr. Snell reports that over half a million dollars worth of insurance has been written in his company on automobiles in this section.

Dan McCricker, a former Albany College student, who is doing well as a commercial traveler, was in the city today, going to Salem this afternoon.

ROCKY WILLIS SUSTAINS BADLY MASHED FOOT

Accident Happened at Kingston This Morning While Local Man Was Adjusting Engine.

When attempting to adjust some mechanism about the wheels of his engine, while it was standing on a slight incline where it was blocked, two miles east of Kingston, this morning, Rocky Willis, the popular and efficient engineer of the eastern division of the C. & E. R. R., sustained a severely mashed foot.

The unfortunate man was hurried to this city, arriving at West, and was taken to his home on West Fifth street in an automobile, where he received medical attention. Mrs. Willis informed the reporter over the phone this afternoon that although Mr. Willis was not seriously hurt, he was suffering with considerable pain. Four toes of the right foot were badly smashed.

The accident was a peculiar one and is told to the effect that Mr. Willis was endeavoring to adjust some parts of the engine, when the block under the wheel slipped, and while trying to kick it back in place the man's foot was caught by the wheel, with the result of mashing four toes.

LECTURES ON PRODUCT OF SOIL FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Gardening Subject of Lecture Given This Afternoon by O. A. C. Students.

County School Superintendent Jackson has just completed the arrangement of a splendid educational feature for the students of the county school by securing a series of lectures on horticulture and agriculture to be given in the schools of the Western end of the county.

Upon prevailing upon the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural College to send members of the graduating class through the county is lecture to the students on the products of the soil, the college authorities joyfully complied. Accordingly the first lecture of the series will be given today, on the subject of gardening, when three conveyances set out in different directions this afternoon at 1 o'clock. The three student lecturers from the college arrived on the train.

The lectures are under the direction of the college faculty, and it is the plan that each lecturer will visit at least two schools during the afternoon. The next lecture of the series will be given at a later date when a new subject will be taken up.

It is planned that this will continue each school has been visited three times. The districts to be covered this afternoon include Millersburg, Knox, Grant and Grange Hall No. 10.

WORKMEN INJURED WHEN SCAFFOLD FALLS

While nailing boards on the framework for the foundation of the new Bligh theater, Conrad Meyer and W. S. Weaver, who were working on the scaffolding, sustained a severe fall yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the scaffolding which was not securely placed fell.

Meyer is suffering this morning with a strained back as the result of his fall of about 12 feet on a pile of lumber, and was unable to go to work. Weaver, however, is on the job this morning and but for the fact of a few bruises, he is uninjured. He fell into a pile of dirt when the frame work toppled.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. P. DeVaney, one of the valley's oldest travelers, left this afternoon for Nashville, Lincoln county, on a visit with his son Sam, his first trip to that section.

Dr. Stewart, physical director of O. A. C., was in the city this noon on his way home from Eugene, where he had been with his basketball squad.

Mrs. R. J. McElmurry and daughter Mrs. Kune, of this city, are visiting Mrs. Willard Cauthorn, of Wellsdale. Mrs. Cauthorn is a daughter of Mrs. McElmurry and a sister of Mrs. Kune. They will return the end of the week.

Mr. C. G. Rawlings went to Portland this morning to spend the day looking after business matters.

Mr. Bachmeyer and wife have located in this city and a splendid dwelling is being erected for them on the corner of Fifth and Montgomery streets. Mr. Bachmeyer is the local representative for the Aldon Candy Co., of Portland.

Mr. T. G. Settlemyer, of Blatchford, a former resident of this city, was a business visitor here today.

Mr. F. H. Mitchell and wife of Nebraska who have been visiting at the home of the former's brother, W. C. Mitchell of this city, returned last night to their Eastern home for the purpose of packing up their goods and coming to the coast. Mr. Mitchell has purchased a drug store in Portland and will make his future home in that city.

Judge McFadden of Corvallis came over this noon to attend circuit court.

Mrs. Quick, the veteran W. C. T. Chas. H. Cusick went to the Bay this afternoon.

CHURCHMEN WANT TO CANCEL DEBTS

Officers of First Presbyterian Church Will Make Effort to Raise All Obligations.

BUILDING WILL BE ENTIRELY COMPLETED EASTER SUNDAY

Churchmen Plan to Raise Sum of \$17,209 Next Tuesday; Nearly \$5000 Pledged.

The officers and members of the First Presbyterian church are attempting a heroic task. They have determined to make every effort to raise all the indebtedness of the superb new structure just being completed at Fifth and Broadalbin. The last of the work is being done. The organ builders are at work; the oak pews arrived from the East yesterday and the church promises to be entirely ready by Easter Sunday.

As originally planned, the congregation expected to build a brick church without a finished basement, without a pipe organ and with the furniture to be purchased at a later date. As the work progressed, however, the certainty of the future growth of Albany impressed them more and more and the wisdom of building the church complete was admitted. Aid was secured from Mr. Andrew Carnegie who gave half of the purchase price of the pipe organ. Pews of the finest grade were ordered. The ladies' society furnished the money for the finishing of the entire basement.

The officers of the church met at dinner in the basement of the church on Wednesday night and appointed a special committee to devise plans for the campaign that would attempt to raise all the remaining money required to dedicate the church free of debt. The building committee reported the total cost of the church (a few small items being approximately) to be \$39,493.92. Of this amount \$22,284 has been paid or pledged, leaving a balance of \$17,209.98 to be provided for. The committee was instructed to provide a plan of payment in four annual installments and to canvass the entire congregation for pledges to be made conditional on the raising of the whole by dedication day. It is the determination that the glory of the dedication day shall not be marred by incessant and offensive begging. If possible dedication day will be simply a day of rejoicing with no collections but free will offerings and no elaborate scheme of raising money at the dedication services.

If the members of the First Presbyterian church can succeed in carrying out this plan they will have done what has seemed to be impossible. The citizens of Albany have taken more than ordinary interest in the development of the splendid and complete structure that has been built by this organization. But the question has been frequently asked whether the church has not assumed a too great an indebtedness. Whether the structure has not been planned and carried out ahead of the times and the present ability of the congregation. The building is a great credit to the members of the First Presbyterian church and congregation and they deserve only praise for the tremendous efforts. The community will watch with great interest the progress of the attempt to provide for the entire indebtedness before dedication day.

A committee of about twenty members will canvass the entire church and congregation on next Tuesday, March 11, expecting in one day to cover practically all the field or at least to go far enough to make certain whether or not the effort to raise the entire amount can be successful. At the dinner of the officers the other night fifteen members present subscribed \$4,500 in addition to the subscriptions they had already made. These subscriptions were made with the understanding that they were not to be considered valid unless the entire \$17,209 would be definitely pledged on or before dedication day.

DEFECTIVE FLUE CAUSED SMALL FIRE IN DWELLING

Defective flue in the home of N. A. Blodgett, corner Ninth and Washington streets, caused a small fire early yesterday morning. There was no alarm turned in and the extent of the damage, was a hole about three feet square burnt in the roof of the dwelling.

The blaze was extinguished by the use of a garden hose and buckets of water, by Mr. Blodgett with the assistance of neighbors.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain un-called for and advertised at the postoffice at Albany, Oregon, March 6, 1913: Mrs. O. C. Anderson, J. M. Bradley, Sd. Cornett, J. F. Conig, D. F. Crowder, Mrs. Elmz Hall, Mrs. James Kerns, A. B. Littell (special), Mrs. Ida B. Leach (3), Mrs. Littlejohn, Mr. Lain (2), Earl Murdoch, Mrs. Amanda Merrill, Mrs. Helen Phelps, Mrs. Emma Scott. J. S. VAN WINKLE, P. M.