

# ALBANY LADY GETS WORD FROM OMAHA

Mrs. J. M. Ralston Received Interesting Letter from Her Brother of Devastated City.

W. G. PRESTON GRAPHICALLY WRITES OF THE DISASTER

Tornado Traverses Distance of Four Miles Across Town in 30 Seconds.

Continued from Tuesday, April 1.

Mrs. J. M. Ralston, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Walter G. Preston, secretary and treasurer of the Bankers Reserve Life Insurance company, of Omaha, Neb., in which is given a graphic description of the appalling tornado disaster, which happened in that city last week. Mrs. Ralston is a native of Omaha, where she resided for many years. She has many relatives and friends residing there, and several of her friends are included among the list of the dead. Mrs. Ralston is thoroughly familiar with many of the devastated sections of Omaha, in which were located some of the most splendid buildings and homes. The storm completely demolished every building in its path. Having witnessed the antics of a tornado, Mrs. Ralston is terribly shocked at the news and can fully sympathize with the victims of the terrible storm.

Mr. Preston's letter dated March 25, is very interesting and runs in part:

"I am sure you are anxious to hear about the disastrous tornado here, even though you may have read the newspapers daily on the subject. On Saturday it was quite cold, but Sunday turned warm and was like a summer day. About five o'clock in the afternoon, became very cloudy in the west and south, and the tornado struck the city at about 5:45 and Center, going northeast to 48th and Leavenworth, where ten to twenty people were killed. It took all of the houses in its path, the path being perhaps two blocks wide until reaching the north part of the city when it broadened to perhaps a width of four blocks doing great damage through the best residence section. It made a clean sweep across the city for about 4 miles, but doing great damage only two to five blocks in width.

"It is difficult to give any adequate idea of the complete destruction that occurred in the immediate path of the storm. It seemed to take everything with it and leave a clean cut trail. On the other hand houses to the left and to the right of the path, even 50 feet distant, were practically unharmed, possibly a few windows broken in or something of that kind. I imagine the financial loss will be upwards of five million dollars. It hardly seems possible that the amount can be less than that.

"The weird thing about it all to me was its suddenness and the fact that it was over before I realized what had occurred. I was reading in our living room, when I heard a roaring sound. I paid little attention to it for a moment, but when it continued I went to the window and saw the thing coming. I hurried to the stairway and called to Myrtle and Junior, telling them that a cyclone was coming. They went back to the window and looked at it for a few seconds, when the tornado passed by, and in passing it seems to have consumed not over from twenty to thirty seconds. It was all over so quickly as to be astonishing. While still at the window I looked up on the hill towards Barkalow's and saw the destruction that had taken place. It hardly seemed possible."

## JUDGE GALLOWAY ADMITTED TWO ALIENS TO CITIZENSHIP

Hans Christian J. Koch and Auton Waltr Now Full Fledged Americans.

Judge Galloway granted citizenship papers to two other aliens yesterday afternoon. This makes a total of six persons who have been granted first citizenship papers by the judge since convening court.

The applicants yesterday afternoon were Hans Christiansen, J. Koch, a German farmer of this county residing near Lebanon. Upon renouncing their allegiance to their respective countries and sworn in by County Clerk Marks, both men appeared before Deputy County Clerk Rufus Russell, who made out the necessary papers, admitting them to citizenship.

Mr. Blake, of near Wells, returned home this afternoon, after a visit with his daughters, Mrs. A. J. Hodges and Mrs. Ben Kirk. Mr. Blake is a highly esteemed pioneer of 1852, coming to Oregon from Illinois in that year, though born in Indiana, 87 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lingen came down from Lebanon today to make arrangements for moving here next week to reside. Mr. Lingen is now a partner in the Albany Sand and Gravel Co., an industry that is meeting a big want here.

## FRUIT GROWERS MET AT COMMERCIAL CLUB TODAY

Stockholders of Albany Gun and Country Club Will Meet Tomorrow Evening.

The board of directors of the Albany Fruit Growers Association met in regular session at the Commercial Club at 3 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of adopting the constitution and by-laws of the association, as composed of H. G. Smith, S. G. Taha and M. C. Miller. No details of the meeting were available before going to press.

Tomorrow evening in the club parlors the board of directors and the stockholders of the Albany Gun & Country Club will hold a joint meeting for the purpose of discussing future plans of the organization. It is expected that a permanent organization will be inaugurated at this meeting.

## GOLDEN RULE STORE WILL BE OPENED IN FEW DAYS

Workmen Have Nearly Completed the Interior Finishings of Big Store Room.

Workmen have been busy today preparing the big store room at the corner of First and Washington streets preparatory to its occupancy by the local branch of the Golden Rule syndicate of Penny & Baker, owners and operators of a chain of 48 stores through the west.

The counters and shelvings have been placed in position and practically all of the necessary painting has been done. The big front of the store has been painted in a bright golden color and a big sign has been placed over the door with the words: "Golden Rule Store" in big black letters. It is expected that the store will be opened for business within the next three days.

## SWALLOWS ARRIVE, SURE SIGN THAT SPRING IS HERE

These Little Messengers of Spring Were Seen Here by C. H. Stewart Yesterday.

As a sure sign that spring has arrived, Manager C. H. Stewart, of the Commercial club, reported this morning that he had seen several little swallows flying through the air yesterday afternoon.

These are the ordinary swallows that migrate from this country every fall to a warmer climate and return in the spring. They are very familiar birds of this section in spring, when great flocks of them are seen flitting through the air, in the glare of the warm day.

Mr. Stewart states that he is quite positive that yesterday afternoon was the first appearance of the swallows.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Winnie Austin and Miss Mae Tillman, society editor of the Democrat, returned this morning from Portland, where they attended the initial performance of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, in the "Jewels of the Madonna." They said they enjoyed the performance immensely and reported having a splendid time.

F. M. French is having plans and specifications prepared for remodeling his residence on 5th and Washington streets.

Lee Hughes, a native of Linn county, and resident of Albany and vicinity for many years, arrived this noon from Norton, where he is now residing, on a farm purchased by him several months ago.

W. F. Crawford came down on the O. E. from his farm near Shedd.

I. H. Shroat, of Eugene, was in the city today.

Fred R. Rich, of Newport, has been in the city.

H. E. Van Ness, of Eugene, was in town today.

Mrs. Mary Archenbach, treasurer of the local order of Fraternal Brotherhood, is in receipt of a check for \$1000 from the Supreme headquarters in Los Angeles, on account of the death claim of Mrs. Hundley, whose son died Feb. 1. The deceased was a member of the order, and when he died he left a certificate for \$1000 in favor of his mother.

President Harry Means Crooks, of Albany College, left this morning on a couple of days trip to Portland. In a couple of weeks he will go east to interview J. J. Hill in reference to the \$50,000 for the endowment. On account of some of the gifts being tied up, for instance the \$10,000 because of the death of Mr. Kamm and the attendant administration of the estate there will be a delay in securing the money, but it is thought these things will be arranged satisfactorily to Mr. Hill.

Bruce Cox of Butte, Montana, arrived in Albany last night and is a guest at the home of Tom Alexander. Mr. Cox may conclude to remain permanently in Albany.

# "THE LAST MAN" SPLENDID LECTURE

Rev. F. W. Emerson, of Christian Church, Delivered a Masterful Talk.

THE BEST TIMES OF WORLD ARE THOSE OF TODAY

Large Crowd Heard Interesting Gospel; Contrasting the Ages; Special Music.

That the last man, who is the man of today, is the best, and that we people of this generation are living in the best times in the history of the world, was the claim made in the masterful lecture given by Rev. F. W. Emerson, of the Christian church, before an audience that comfortably filled the big church last night as the last of a series of sermons and lectures to close the revival meetings, which have been conducted for the past month at this church by the pastor and R. L. Burton, the singing evangelist.

This lecture by Rev. Emerson on the subject of "The Last Man," was pronounced by authorities to be the strongest and most entertaining lecture ever delivered in that church. In his characteristic style, the speaker, opened his address with several witticisms to illustrate points of the subject. He masterfully conveyed to his auditors, a striking contrast of the olden times to the present age. Declaring that the man of today lived in the best times, Rev. Emerson portrayed the existing circumstances of yesterday and today, citing striking examples. He said that yesterday Joan of Arc was burned to the stake but today she is regarded as a hero. Punishment for a crime in the olden times, he said, was of an extremely low nature, when offenders were tortured and placed in musty dungeons. Today crime is treated as a disease and the offenders are treated accordingly. Women in those times wore nothing short of slaves and were led around veiled, but today she stands unveiled in the highest esteem of man. All of these facts, voiced the speaker, goes to show that we people of today are living in a generation of the highest civilization and these are the best times in the history of the world.

The cantata of "The Easter Angels" was beautifully rendered by a choir consisting of Mrs. J. C. Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mr. Veal assisted by Mr. Burton, who also sang a solo.

## WED AND START ON WALK ACROSS THE U. S.

Theatrical Couple Begin Unique Honeymoon; Will Play in Towns on Way.

San Francisco, April 1.—Attired in walking suits of Russian cloth and armed with the requisite credentials provided by "Cupid" Munson, Earl Chenoweth and Olive Stephens presented themselves before Judge J. G. Conlan at the city hall yesterday afternoon, were married and then started off on a walking honeymoon trip across the continent.

With them, and attired in the same manner, were Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pledger, who will accompany them on their long tramp. The quartet are theatrical people, and between them have a repertoire that is sufficient to make an evening's performance, so they will play the towns along their route and thus have a delightful holiday in the open air and make their living as they go.

They have so arranged their itinerary that they will reach New York about Christmas time.

V. W. Robinett, of Shedd, was an Albany business visitor today.

Senator M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, prominent as a candidate for collector of customs at Portland, and mentioned for a foreign position, returned last night from a Portland trip.

A. M. Hammer of the Blain Clothing Company, returned this afternoon from a trip to Portland.

Wilson Blain was attending to business matters in the Rose City yesterday.

District Attorney G. S. Hill left this morning for Salem, where he will convene a grand jury for the coming session of court. Then he will go to McMinnville to attend a session of the circuit court there.

Mrs. G. C. Moon of 118 West 3rd St. is greatly improved after a hard siege of two months' sickness. Though not able to be out of the house, she can get around some on crutches, and her friends are hopeful of her complete restoration to health.

Superintendent John Stevens, of the C. & E., this noon returned from a trip over the road to the Bay.

News Beginning With This Head Is From Daily Issue of WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2.

# CITY BRINGS SUIT AGAINST GAS MEN

Alleges That Title Guaranty & Surety Co. Has Failed to Comply with Ordinance.

BOND FORFEITURE OF \$1000 IS INVOLVED IN THE SUIT

City Council Granted Company Right to Install Gas Plant but No Action Taken.

Alleging that they have wholly failed to comply with the provisions of a city ordinance, granted them for the installation of a gas plant in this city, the city of Albany has filed a suit in the circuit court of Linn county against the Title Guaranty & Surety Co., W. H. McGoldrick, president, of Scranton, Penn.

The suit involves a bond forfeiture of \$1000, which the defendant company executed in favor of the city, November 22, 1911, as an insurance that the conditions of the ordinance would be carried out.

This action on the part of the city of Albany is the outgrowth of the passage of city ordinance No. 558 passed by the city council September 27, 1911, upon the alleged application and representations of representatives of the Title Guaranty & Surety Co. that it was the company's desire to establish a gas plant in this city.

The title of the ordinance that was passed is as follows: An ordinance granting W. H. McGoldrick, representing a corporation, to be hereinafter formed, to which franchise will be assigned, its heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, the right, franchise privilege, to supply the city of Albany, and its inhabitants thereof, and other persons, gas for illumination, fuel, power and other purposes, and for said purposes to conduct works, lay pipes in the streets, alleys and public places of said city and to charge a reasonable price therefor.

To guarantee that the provision of this ordinance would be carried out, the company made and duly executed a bond in the sum of \$1000 to the city of Albany. The bond is now become overdue and up to the present time no action has been taken in the matter by the Pennsylvania corporation, hence the suit was instituted.

The Title Guaranty & Surety Co., it is understood, is a large corporation of Scranton, Penn., and is capitalized at \$1,000,000. It is a concern engaged in the promotion of commercial enterprises, and operates throughout the country.

It will be remembered that when this matter came up in the council two years ago, it created considerable local interest, and people were inclined to think that the establishment of a gas plant in this city would become a positive realization. The proposition was given considerable publicity through the local press.

City Attorney L. L. Swan will represent the plaintiff in the case.

## MILL CITY IS STRICKEN WITH CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Epidemic of Small Pox and Scarlet Fever Suddenly Broke Out There.

That the people of Mill City are deeply concerned and that everything is very quiet there as a result of the present epidemic of contagious disease in that city, was confirmed over the telephone last night by O. L. Holt, a bookkeeper of the Hammond Lumber Co.

Mr. Holt, in a telephonic communication with Mr. Wadsworth, of the Dreamland theatre, said that all of the schools had been closed on account of the epidemic of several contagious diseases, including small pox, chicken pox, and scarlet fever. He said that so deeply were the people alarmed, that practically everybody was laying low for fear that they would be stricken with one of the diseases. Workmen are scarce and it is nearly impossible to get any one to do anything about the town.

The information given by Mr. Holt was attendant to the request of the local theatre manager, with reference to a transaction of the rental of a building for a moving picture show in that city, which was intrusted to Mr. Holt's hands. It is the intention of the local theatre people to establish a one night performance moving picture show in that city, but according to the information given last night and at the suggestion of Mr. Holt, the matter was deferred until a later date.

## JUDGE GALLOWAY GRANTS TWO DIVORCES YESTERDAY

Judge William Galloway granted two divorces yesterday afternoon.

A decree of absolute divorce was granted to Edna Braden who charged that her husband, Carl R. Braden, had deserted her. Hewitt & Sox appeared for the plaintiff.

Arnette Mitchell was also granted a decree of divorce from H. D. Mitchell, charged with desertion. C. C. Bryant represented the plaintiff. The defendants in both cases failed to appear.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard left this afternoon by the Oregon Electric for Portland, where Mr. Stoddard will have a position with the company. During their residence of a year or more here they made many friends. Mrs. Stoddard is one of the most accomplished musicians the city has had, and many will regret their going elsewhere.

A. B. Beckley and A. H. Sandstrom, of the Union Furniture Co., went to Lebanon this afternoon on furniture business.

Kola Neis, of Salem, was in the city today.

Miss Weyburn, a prominent worker in the Baptist church, among young people, arrived this noon on a visit with Miss Bessie Merrill.

Miss Koontz, of Halsey, arrived this noon on a visit with Miss Zona Haught.

Rev. Plummer, of Salem, a former Albany college student, went to Lebanon this afternoon on a business trip.

Mrs. C. S. Shedd went to Halsey this afternoon for a visit with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. George, prominent Mill City people, were in Albany today.

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