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The Panama Canal

Why has America succeeded in building the Panama Canal, where France failed? Was it because we had more money, better men or better tools? No, it was because the French died so fast that they could not make any progress. The French, with an average force of 10,000 employees, lost from death during their construction period 22,000 men. We, with an average force of 33,000 men during about the same length of time, have lost from death about 4,000. The French, with an average of 1,600 white employees, lost during their construction period from yellow fever 2,000 men. We, with an average of 5,000 white employees during the same length of time, have lost from yellow fever only eighteen. The important question, however, is the health of the American employee. During the year 1911 we had 10,489 American whites connected with the commission. Their death-rate from disease was 4.48 per thousand. Of these 10,489 Americans, 6,025 were men and 4,464 women and children. The death-rate from disease among the men was 2.82 per thousand. That among the women and children from the same cause was 6.72 per thousand. These facts are taken from a recent address, at Johns Hopkins University by Col. Wm. Gorgas, Chief Sanitary Officer of the Isthmian Canal Commission. His address appears in a recent issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association. Speaking of the conditions of the Americans now in the Canal Zone, Col. Gorgas says: "I think a still better way of satisfying oneself with regard to health conditions is direct observation of the American employees. They as a class are rugged and healthy-looking, of good color, and energetic and active in movement. They look more like the farmer and his family of the Northwest than like people who have lived in the tropics for four or five years."

A Human President

When the Democrats and Progressive Republicans were making a bitter fight for a change in the arbitrary rules of the lower house of congress, Cannon and his political advisors pointed to the precedent established under the regime of Reed. When Aldrich was unable to meet the arguments of the Democratic senators in the debates upon the floor of the United States senate, he invariably found some ancient and moth-eaten precedent which was oftentimes successfully used in whipping the more independent Republicans into line for his reactionary policies. The inauguration of President Wilson marks a new era at the national capital. A precedent is a fence which is easily jumped by the horse of common sense

and he has already jumped a number of these fences.

Times and conditions change. What was highly proper under the administration of Grant may be highly improper under the administration of Wilson. Because Thomas Jefferson rode his own mount to the capitol building and there assumed the oath of office as chief executive, is no reason why Woodrow Wilson should not ride in the more modern automobile.

Precedents mean nothing to a broad minded statesman but they mean much to the designing politician. President Wilson has turned his back upon precedent and his face toward the open path of common sense. He takes a short cut to reach a given point and by so doing gives himself to be a man of independence. We have an intensely human president and a man who may be depended upon to produce some practical results.

GIRL RESIGNS \$1,500 PLACE FOR BUSINESS

Miss Elizabeth Harris, Daughter Congressman, Will Go Into Insurance.

Boston, April 12.—When Miss Elizabeth Harris, daughter of Congressman Robert O. Harris of East Bridgewater, resigned her position as her father's secretary at \$1,500 a year last September she announced that she was going into business for herself and now she has just begun to send cards to her thousands of acquaintances asking that she be granted an opportunity to show them why insurance against theft and burglary of their residences is a good thing.

If given half a chance, she has no doubt as to the efficiencies of her arguments. He friends say that she will make an admirable insurance agent—one who, as a solicitor, simply can't be beat.

"Too puny!" was Miss Harris' first reply when her father asked why she was leaving a \$1,500 a year job. "Being a lawyer and once having been a judge," the congressman explained to a newspaper man, "I thought after our argument had ended, that she had made out a case against me, so I submitted."

"She argued that if she were a young man of 21 or more years I would be asking why she wasn't working harder for a living."

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"She insisted that just because she was a daughter instead of a son I ought not to try to deny her an opportunity to try for independence."

Congressman Harris praised his daughter as an efficient, faithful secretary, doing her work for him in the same manner she would do it for an employer not inclined through blood relationship to leniency toward any sins of omission or commission. He considered her ability especially marked in regard to dealing with all sorts of persons which, in her position at the capital, he found very useful.

Many friends were made in Washington by Miss Harris in her secretarial position. Among those who took a liking to the Massachusetts girl were the wife and daughter of a prominent banker, whose son-in-law was in the insurance business.

When Miss Harris spoke of her desire to find and opening in a larger field she was informed that the particular field of insurance allied to was one which had not been greatly worked because of the difficulty in finding girls of her type willing to take it up. It was the insurance against theft and the burglary of residence.

Miss Harris fairly jumped at the chance and made ready to enter the insurance field just as soon as she had won her father's consent to the step.

The extraordinary growth of this branch of the insurance business in her own state may have had something to do with influencing Miss Harris in her decision.

SCIENTISTS CLAIM A NEW USE FOR RADIUM FOUND

Claim Made That It Will Restore Hardened Arteries of Old People.

London, April 12.—That radium can restore the hardened arteries of middle aged persons to a healthy condition and so prolong life was the claim made by Dr. Sanbermann of Berlin in a lecture here before the Roentgen society.

The apparatus which will manufacture this "elixir of youth" consists of an earthenware receptacle containing a minute amount of radium, which is placed at the bottom of a glass bottle. The bottle is filled with water. In time the water becomes charged with radium emanations.

The radium remains active for hundreds of years, so it is only necessary to renew the water in order to get any number of doses.

News Beginning With This Head Is From Daily Issue of FRIDAY, APRIL 11

PORTLAND DEFEATS ALBANY 9 TO 3

Local Team Put Up Splendid Fight Considering Circumstances; Senders Pleased.

FIELD IN POOR CONDITION TO PERMIT FAST BASEBALL

Ryals, Colbert and Bigbee Played Star Game for Albany; Salisbury Did Twirling Act.

On a rather soggy baseball diamond the Albany Athletics met defeat yesterday afternoon at the hands of the fast aggregation which will represent Portland in the Northwestern baseball league. The score was 9 to 3, and tells an expected story.

Crawling out of their winter quarters, like young bears, for a spring roll, the Albany bunch rolled a few innings but became distressed before the end of the third. They discovered the ill of their way. It was simply this, that they were stiff and untrained, and worst than that they were far beyond any condition to play baseball. Manager Senders mustered all of the courage he could sum up to encourage the boys but he didn't expect the boys to do any better and expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with the result. In fact he is of the opinion that his team did remarkably well, when considering the fact that the Portlanders have been training all of the spring, and that they defeated the University of Oregon Wednesday by a score of 9 to 0.

Portland will undoubtedly have a fast representation in the Northwestern league in this team and one which is reputed to be a pennant winner. The team is managed by the celebrated ball expert, Nick Williams.

The condition of the field yesterday afternoon greatly enhanced the playing proclivities of the players and it was slop, slop, slop, over the diamond until the game became very droll. The ball looked like a hunk of mud lying through space when it was batted out in the field and if it neared the ground, it would become buried deep in the mud.

Nevertheless, both teams struggled bravely through the contest, but it was a story of better players with more experience and practice arrayed against players of the amateur class who hadn't seen much of baseball during the present season.

It was the first time the Albany players had been together. Albany's team is composed of players from Corvallis and several students of the University of Oregon, former Albany boys, as well as boys of this city and the only practice they have had this season was the individual practice which they had gotten at home. In view of this it is considered a remarkable incident that Albany managed to score the three runs.

Ryals, right fielder, Colbert, third base and Bigbee, short stop, all young fellows hailing from this city, Corvallis and Eugene respectively, played star games for Albany and much credit is due them for their material help throughout the contest. Salisbury and Patterson performed the battery stunt for the local team and Doxy and Agnew, were the performers for Portland.

This afternoon the Portlanders will play O. A. C. team at Corvallis.

J. R. Metzger went out on the C. & E. to Mt. Creek this morning for a struggle with the spring trout.

Mrs. Gooch and Mrs. Taylor, of Shelburn, returned home this forenoon after a visit with Mrs. Dorris Prof. Parsons, traveling apician, left this noon after seeing Albany, where he resided a good many years ago.

Miss Gaff and Miss Ada Acheson went to Shedd this afternoon to attend the missionary meeting of the U. P. church this afternoon.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale to me directed issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County in the case wherein Ferdinand Preisinger is plaintiff and C. H. Corbin, Stella Corbin, Clara M. Kauffman, Tebault Real Estate Co., Joe Petrie and Alva Smith are defendants, I will on Tuesday the Seventh day of May, 1913, at the hour of one o'clock P. M., at the front door of the Court House in Albany, Linn County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand the following described real property, to-wit: Beginning at a point which is 53 rods north of the southwest corner of section 35, in township 9, S. R. 1 east of the Will. Mer. in Linn County, Oregon, thence north to the northwest corner of section 35, in township 9, S. R. 1 east, thence east 40 rods; thence south 267 rods more or less to a water main ditch running in a westerly course through said land, thence following said ditch in a westerly course to the place of beginning, containing in all 67 acres, more or less, in Linn County, Oregon, to satisfy a judgment rendered in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendants in the sum of \$1281.00 and accruing interest thereon at 8 per cent per annum from April 1, 1913, and the costs of this suit taxed at \$28.70, and the costs of this execution and sale.

D. H. BODINE

Sheriff of Linn County, Oregon.
C. C. Bryant, attorney for plaintiff.
AS 15-22-29-316

FIRE DEPARTMENT HELD INTERESTING DRILL

A Thrilling Dash Down Lyon Street to Vandran Hotel Scene of Action.

The Albany fire department, under the direction of Assistant Chief E. H. Horsky, held a very interesting fire drill last night from the top of the Hotel Van Dran, corner Ninth and Lyon street.

The alarm was turned in promptly at 7:30 o'clock over the phone and the department made a thrilling run from the fire house down Lyon street to the scene of action.

The engine was stationed at the eighth street of the ditch to the top of the hotel building. It was stated that a full stream of water was pouring from the nozzle of the hose in the hands of the firemen on top of the building within ten minutes after the alarm was turned in. This is considered a remarkable record when considering that the run covered a distance of over eight blocks.

It is hoped that the next fire drill will be held within the next week at which time the firemen may receive instruction in manipulation of the new fire truck which is expected to arrive before the fifteenth.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER MEN WILL ENTERTAIN THE EDITORS

A Press Association May Be Formed in Albany If Present Plans Are Carried Out.

Meeting last night at the residence of Editor Page, members of the local press and their wives took the preliminary steps toward perfecting arrangements for the reception and entertainment of delegates to the Willamette Valley District Press Association which will convene here on April 19.

The organization of a local press association was also discussed and a committee was appointed for the purpose of submitting a report at a meeting to be called at some later date. It is urged in favor of the plan of organizing a press club that an organization should be perfected in order to properly arrange for the entertainment of the visiting editors.

C. Clinton Page, of the Herald, acted as temporary chairman of the meeting and Willard Marks, of the Oregonian, as temporary secretary.

A feature of the evening which was greatly enjoyed and much appreciated by those present was a splendid three course dinner served by Mrs. Page. A vote of thanks was tendered the hostess at the close of the meeting for her hospitality.

The owners and members of the staff of the local papers and the correspondents for the Oregonian Telegram and Journal accepted the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Page and attended the meeting.

WORKS OF ARTISTIC SCHOOL CHILDREN IS ON DISPLAY

Parents Are Cordially Invited to Inspect Splendid Exhibits, Announces Librarian.

There is an interesting exhibit of art work done by the school children of the local public schools at the Albany Public Library and the parents of the city have a cordial invitation to visit the library and inspect the drawings.

The pictures embody a variety of subjects, including the different spring blossoms and flowers and many birds. All of the work is done in watercolors by the students of the graded schools, under the supervision of Miss Rice, and much remarkable talent is displayed.

A gang of Chinese laborers, came up from Portland early this morning and left for Corvallis, where they will be sent out for work on the Corvallis & Eastern. They presented an old-time appearance, with their peculiar packages of utensils and furnishings. Gradually the Greeks have been crowding them out; but this looks as if they were coming back. They were a weather-beaten, hardened crowd of veterans.

NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Linn.

In the matter of the Application of Mike Gembeske to change his name to Mike Rice.

Any and all persons are hereby notified and required to appear before the above entitled court on or before May 2, 1913, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, and then there offer and show cause, if any they have, why the application of the undersigned Mike Gembeske for a decree changing his name to Mike Rice should not be granted and a certificate issued to the undersigned as required by law of the said change of his name.

This notice is published pursuant to an order of the Honorable D. B. McKnight, Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered on the 29th day of March, 1913.

MIKE GEMESKE,
April-29 (Tues)

PHIL GOODWIN PRESENTS 28 VOLUMES TO LIBRARY

Mrs. F. G. Franklin Librarian Furnishes Interesting Notes About Institution.

Mr. Phil Goodwin has presented to the Albany library 28 volumes of Encyclopaedia Britannica. Forty-two card holders were added during the month of March.

An Underwood typewriter with the latest appliances for writing library cards has been added to the equipment.

Mr. Earl Cowles and Mr. Charles Barmene have made some beautiful decorated posters for library use.

The Craftsman is a useful magazine for any one contemplating building cottages or bungalows.

Music lovers are enjoying Lavignac's critical study of Wagner's Parsifal, preparing to enjoy the recital.

The sixth publication of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission is on file in the library.

The following books are of especial interest these days: Spraying Plants—by Lodeman; The Principles of Vegetable Gardening—by Bailey; The Principles of Fruit Growing—by Bailey; Wild Flower Families—by Wees; The Landscape Beautiful—by Waugh; Birds of Oregon and Washington—by Lord.

ALPHA OMEGA BALL WILL START AT 8:15 O'CLOCK

All Arrangements Have Been Completed for Big Function; Beautiful Decorations.

Determined to establish a precedent in the local social realm by commencing their dance at the time specified, the young ladies of the Alpha Omega sorority, have completed all arrangements for the big ball.

The dance will take place tomorrow evening in the armory and the grand march will start promptly at 8:15 o'clock. The primary reason for starting the dance at this hour is because of the fact that the program will have to be completed by 12 o'clock to avoid running into Sunday. Further the girls are pronounced in their determination to carry out all of the plans set forth.

This dance promises to far eclipse any previous event ever given by the members of this sorority, who have an enviable reputation as charming hostesses. The decoration designs are the most artistic and unique that have ever graced the interior of a local ball room.

The main scheme consists of a network of ribbon strung below the ceiling, from which flutter 1500 paper butterflies. Neatly appointed cozy corners are numerous. A beautifully decorated platform has been erected in the middle of the floor from which Henderson's orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion.

Provision has been made for spectators and it is believed that the gallery will be packed to its capacity. Tickets for seats can be secured at the door.

Elder Williams, of Tallman, went to Portland this morning for a visit with his son, Ed. Williams, a prominent lawyer, of the firm of Wheeler & Williams.

Dr. Fred Keplinger, of Salem, was in the city this morning on his way home from Mill City, where he had been on a visit with his son Henry, a resident of that place for a good many years, leaving here eleven years ago. He was once both a sailor and a doctor, but is now taking things easy; at the age of 82 years, as active as a man of sixty-five.

Distinguished arrivals today were Bruce Gordon Kingsley and Anna Harper Mattson, who will present "Parsifal" tonight at the opera house. Mrs. F. K. Churchill went to Portland this morning.

REGISTRATION NOTICE.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County, Department No. 2.

Registration of Land Title.

In the matter of the application of Horace H. Hunt to register the title to the following described tract of land, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the south boundary line of Block 78 equidistant from the south east and south west corners of said Block, thence northerly parallel with the east boundary line of said Block; thence easterly parallel with the south boundary line of said block sixty-six feet; thence southerly parallel with the east boundary line of said Block to the south boundary line of said Block; thence on the south boundary line of said Block to the place of beginning, all in Monteith's Southern Addition to the City of Albany, in Linn County, Oregon.

Applicant,
Whom It May Concern,

Defendant.

Take Notice, that on the 10 day of April, 1913, an application was filed by said Horace H. Hunt in the Circuit Court of Linn County, for the initial registration of the title of the land above described. Now, unless you appear on or before the 17th day of May, 1913, and show cause why such application shall not be granted, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the applicant, and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

W. I. MARKS,
County Clerk.
T. J. STITES, Attorney for Applicant.
(Seal) A19-25-M2-9-16

TWO LADS DROWN IN MUDDY CREEK

Ernest and Carl Wiberg, of Oakville Are Victims of Sad Tragedy.

WERE ENDEAVORING TO CROSS STREAM ON RAFT

Parents Are Prostrated with Grief; Are Newcomers in This Section.

Ernest and Carl Wiberg, age of 12 and 14, respectively, were drowned early this morning in Muddy Creek near Oakville, according to meager details received over the telephone this morning from that place.

From the information at hand it appears that the lads were attempting to cross the creek on a raft and when about mid stream the swift current wrested the control of the float and the boys who were plunged overboard. Their screams for help were heard by members of the family at the house, hardly two hundred yards away but assistance arrived too late.

It seems that the boys had set out several traps on the opposite side of the creek the night before and were endeavoring to cross the river to look after them when the sad event happened.

There was no eye witness to the tragedy and it could not be learned whether the bodies have been recovered, but searching parties have been dragging the creek all morning hoping for results every minute. Coroner Fortmiller left this noon for the scene of the drowning.

The unfortunate lads resided with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Wiberg, on the farm, which is located just north of Oakville school house. They are two of a family of 12 children and have only recently taken up their residence in that section. The family came here from Newport late last December and purchased the farm from J. W. Kelly, and have since made their home there. Mr. Wiberg was formerly a hotel proprietor of Newport. Members of the family are prostrated with grief over the sad tragedy.

IT TOOK FIFTEEN YEARS TO BECOME CITIZEN

Tangent Man First Filed Declaration in Missouri; Became Citizen Today.

- Filing his first petition for citizenship more than fifteen years ago, Christian Fredrick Link of Tangent, today became a full fledged American citizen.
- Hinek of Tangent, today became and located in Canada in the year 1887. There he took out British papers but in the year 1897 moved to the United States and located in Missouri. He there declared his intention of becoming an American citizen.
- Several years later he made application for final papers but owing to some irregularity, the clerk informed him that it would again be necessary for him to declare his intention of becoming an American citizen. In 1910 he again made application for final papers but prior to this had made all arrangements to leave for the coast. Court failed to convene before he left and he again missed the opportunity of becoming an American citizen.
- He located in Oregon in 1911 and filed his petition with County Clerk Marks last December.
- He then learned that he must surrender his British papers before the necessary order could be made but upon making an investigation found that he had mislaid them. Affidavits were secured from British officers and the necessary papers were today issued by the county clerk.

REGULAR FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE AT ARMORY POSTPONED

The Hall Has Been Engaged for Tonight; There Will Be a Dance Next Week.

The regular Friday night dance will not be held tonight at the armory because the hall has been engaged by the Alpha Omega girls to complete the decorations for the big ball which will be given tomorrow night.

However, the president of the Friday night Dancing club announces that the regular dance will be given next Friday night and a cordial invitation is extended to all of those holding membership cards.

Judge Galloway, who has been holding court here, went to Salem last evening.