

## COMMERCIAL CLUB HELD SESSION

Several Communications Were Read and Acted Upon; Letter from Strahorn Read.

## LINE FROM ALBANY TO AIRLIE SEEMS DOUBTFUL

Members of the Official Board Further Discuss Plans for Annual Meeting.

Continued from Tuesday, April 15.

That a line from Albany to Arlie, asked for by the Albany Commercial club, is a very doubtful matter, was manifest by a letter read at the meeting of the Commercial club last evening, from President Robert E. Strahorn, of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern. He stated that a change had been made necessary in the route, so that connection with a line to Arlie would be impracticable, and a delay has been caused.

The coming Lebanon good roads meeting was discussed, and Albany will have a delegation present, as large as possible.

A letter from the O. A. C., reported arrangements are being made for a visitors' day, sometime before May 31, when everything on the campus will be thrown open for inspection, asking the opinion of the club in reference to it. It was endorsed.

A communication from the Illihee club of Salem, proposed a baseball game with the Albany Commercial club, which was declined. The Commercial club has no baseball fever.

The annual meeting, to be held Monday night, at the club rooms, with a good feed, was discussed. The entertainment committee, of which F. J. Fletcher is chairman, has been given entire charge of it. L. E. Hamilton was added to the committee for this affair. It is proposed to receive contributions for it, lessening the expense, so far as possible. The manager and president were made a committee on a program and also on invitation. It is proposed to have a large crowd present if possible to secure one.

## CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THEATRE STARTED TODAY

Contractor John McChesney Is Awarded Contract Involving Sum of \$25000.

Construction work on the new Bligh theater, corner of First and Broadalbin streets, was started this morning by Contractor John McChesney who put a large crew of workmen to work early this morning.

Mr. McChesney secured the contract for the building yesterday afternoon. This contract calls for the general construction of the building, including the brick laying, plastering and a detailed amount of the interior finishings, and involves a sum of approximately \$25,000.

Contracts for other parts of the building, including electric wiring, decorations and completing finishing touches will be awarded sometime during the end of the week according to an announcement made this afternoon by Conrad Meyer.

According to the plans the building is to be completed by July 13 at which time it will be turned over to the lessee.

## NEW BUILDING ORDINANCE REFERRED TO COMPOSERS

Document Will Be Rewritten with Revision As Adopted by Council.

The city council met in an adjourned session last night for the purpose of further considering the proposed new building ordinance as framed by Councilman Blount.

The ordinance was not formally read before the assembly but the articles of general importance were read and revised. Reading Clerk Van Tassel was a busy man throughout the session jotting down notes to be embodied in the revision of the ordinance as the articles were read and the revisions were adopted by the councilmen.

The result of the meeting was that the ordinance was referred back to the committee on ordinances and its composer to be re-written and it will be re-submitted before the next meeting of the council.

The council referred the matter of cleaning up and the fencing of city property at the Jewish cemetery to the committee on public property with power to act.

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## FINED \$10 AND COSTS ON CHARGE OF DRUNKENNESS

Chester Forster Fails to Pay Fine and Is Confined in the City Jail.

Chester Forster, a laborer who hails from Salem, was brought up before Police Judge Van Tassel this morning on a charge of drunkenness. Foster pleaded guilty and was assessed the usual fine of \$10 and costs or the alternative of five days in jail or work out the sentence on the streets.

Forster was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Policeman Griff King on Lyon street and when placed in the city bastille was relieved of a quart bottle half full of whiskey.

In the police court this morning the prisoner claimed that he had friends here who would pay the fine for him but that he did not have the necessary money himself. However, when given the chance to procure the money, Forster failed to get it and is now resting in the city jail.

## SCHMITT PRIZE INCREASED TO TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS

Local Banker Gives Reasons for Offering Prize to Albany School Children.

In an interview with Mr. Schmitt today relative to his purpose in establishing the prize for the seniors in the Albany high school, Mr. Schmitt said that it was his intention to stimulate among the students in the high school a desire to obtain practical and helpful information that may lay outside of the field which is covered in the class room. He said that he had so often discovered that men and women whose education had been limited to the class room were impractical in the world of affairs after they left school.

He said that he often found that the young men and women felt that they knew everything at the time of their graduation from the high school, and that this sort of a test would help them to realize how much more there was that they still had to learn in order to be practical and useful people in the world. He further stated that the last number of the Independent contained an article giving the experience of a Philadelphia school in a general information test of the kind that he had in mind, and he thought that if the students would take a look at that article they would get a fair conception of what his idea was in establishing the prize.

Mr. Schmitt further stated that he and Mrs. Schmitt had decided to increase the prize to twenty-five dollars instead of twenty dollars as heretofore stated.

## J. A. WRIGHT SUGGESTS AT EUGENE AT RIPE AGE

Was Father of Mrs. D. H. Leech of This City; Former Resident of Eastern Oregon.

Mrs. D. H. Leech, wife of Rev. Leech, of the Methodist church received word late yesterday evening of the death of her father, J. A. Wright, who died last night at his home in Eugene at the age of 78 years.

The deceased was a well known resident of Eugene where he has resided for the past five years. He was formerly a resident of Eastern Oregon, where he is universally known.

The late Mr. Wright is survived by his widow, Mrs. E. M. Wright, and four children who are A. M. Wright, of Moro, Mrs. J. H. Frazier, of North Yakima, Wash., and Mrs. J. E. O'Leary, of McKenzie Bridge, Ore.

The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the deceased in Eugene.

Today is the twenty-third anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nimmo, popular Albany people.

THE FINIS.

The Democrat will not further burden its subscribers with the publication of matter pertaining to the controversy between the manager of The Herald and the former head of the mechanical department in regard to the circulation of that publication.

To any advertiser who is interested, The Democrat will be pleased to submit certain affidavits on file at this office.

One of these is both subscribed and sworn to by T. G. Ruth, who resigned as foreman of The Herald on April 12th. It shows the approximate circulation of The Herald in Albany and the R. F. D. routes to be 405.

Another is both subscribed and sworn to by the managing editor and the foreman of the Democrat and shows the approximate circulation of the Democrat for the same territory to be 800.

Assuming that the affidavit of Mr. Ruth is correct, the Democrat has nearly twice as many subscribers in Albany and immediate vicinity as The Herald.

These figures do not include papers sent to other towns in Linn County.

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM STRAY BULLET

J. H. Kauffman Had Thrilling Experience Sunday When a Shot Passes Through Hat.

## INCIDENT HAPPENED NEAR THIRD LAKE ON BRIDGE

Local Sportsman Was Returning Home After Strolling Around Shore of Lake.

Miraculously escaping death or serious injury from a stray bullet by a hairsbreadth, was the remarkable experience J. H. Kauffman late Sunday afternoon near Third lake, located three miles northeast of here.

The incident happened about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon as Mr. Kauffman was on his way home.

He had just reached the southeast corner of the lake and was crossing Cooper's bridge when he suddenly heard a buzzing sound in the air. In an instant he felt something nudge his derby hat which fell to the ground. He was at a loss at first to account for the action of his hat but upon examining it, discovered that there was a large hole through the crown. So close did the bullet shave his head, Mr. Kauffman said, that the hair on top of his head was rucked.

Mr. Kauffman is a well known carpenter of this city and is ranked among the successful nimrods. He left the city shortly after dinner Sunday with his fishing tackle intending to spend the afternoon fishing. Upon arriving at the lake he found that the water had not gone down sufficiently to permit successful fishing, whereupon he proceeded to stroll around the shore returning to the bridge on his way back home, when the incident happened.

He is at a loss to know from when and where the bullet was fired. He says that so far as he can remember there was no shooting going on in the neighborhood for he failed to hear any reports.

It is probable that the shot was fired from long range for Mr. Kauffman stated that his derby was resting on the back of his head and when the bullet struck, it was on its downward shoot, as it hit directly in front and passed straight through the crown in a downward direction. It is probable that it buried itself in the bridge a few yards from where the fisherman was standing. But for the fact that the derby was resting at an angle on the back of his head, Mr. Kauffman is of the opinion that the hat would not have been knocked to the ground.

Yesterday was the sixty-seventh birthday of Mr. Peter Riley, a popular resident of Albany since 1870, when he arrived with the railroad. It was remembered last evening with a party enjoyed with him by a number of friends. Among the amusements of the evening was a contest in Irish breakdown, won by Mrs. Finch, with Mrs. Nell Scott second. A fine lunch was served during the evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Emerson returned yesterday from Junction, where they had been to attend a rally of their church, a profitable and enjoyable affair. Next week Rev. Emerson is down for two addresses in Eastern Oregon.

Rev. W. P. Elmore, of Brownsville, arrived this noon on his way to Salem to attend the Baptist convention. He remained in Albany during the afternoon to perform a marriage ceremony.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Albany Fruit Growers' Assn. Saturday, May 3d, at the Commercial club rooms at 2:30 o'clock p. m. to consider the advisability of dissolving the corporation, and any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Signed: H. MOORE, Pres. Daily, A1244 Semi-weekly 11.

## COUGHS ARE DANGEROUS

Very frequently they lead to very serious results. No cough should ever be neglected. Just as soon as it occurs a remedy should be sought.

We believe that the very best treatment obtainable for coughs of any description is Rexall Bark Cough Syrup. We sell it under a positive guarantee that if it does not satisfy you and relieve your cough—your money back.

Rexall Cherry Bark Cough Syrup helps destroy the disease germs which are common causes of coughs. It helps check violent spasms of the bronchial tubes and tends to soothe the inflamed membranes and nerves, resting them in a condition to rest so that the injured tissues may have a chance to heal.

Rexall Cherry Bark Cough Syrup has a thoroughly agreeable taste and is equally good for young children or older people. 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1. Sold in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store.

FRED DAWSON Albany, Oregon.

Pictorial Review Patterns and Fashion Sheets for May

## For Your Vacation Trip Solid Leather Suit Cases and Oxford Bags \$5.00

Begin to plan for your vacation trip now by securing a genuine solid leather Suit Case or Oxford Club Bag at the very low price of..... \$5

All Bags have heavily reinforced corners, and patented locks and they have that traveler's tone of good goods in leather

You'll be well equipped for any trip for \$5

## Stylish Hand Bags with Collapsible Frames \$1.25

A new shipment of Spring Hand Bags, coin purses of same quality, nicely lined and all put together with new, collapsible frames. You can be up-to-date in real style with these. \$1.25 Special Center Aisle

## Children's Dresses in Gingham and Lawns \$1.25 to \$5

These are mainly the Highland Bloomer Dresses. They have the "snap-on" and "snap-off" fasteners, "no button," "no bother." The bloomers do away with the necessity of undergarments. New and pretty Summer styles in checks and plaids. Children's Section

## Artistically Trimmed Hats \$3 to \$6.50

## Your Tailored Suit Awaits You

Choose from big and broad assortments \$15 to \$45

New, Stylish Summer Coats Have Arrived

## CHAMBERS & McCUNE

In the Elks' Temple, First and Lyon Streets :: Albany, Oregon

ALBANY'S LEADING CLOAK and SUIT STORE

Mrs. Victor Yates and baby, of Oakville, arrived this afternoon for a visit at J. W. Swank's.

Thomas Ferguson returned from Portland this morning.

Rev. Jamison and daughter, of Lebanon, went to Salem this afternoon to attend the Baptist convention.

Rev. Jones, of Tangent, went to Portland this afternoon.

M. B. Case went to Creswell this afternoon. He has been there before recently, going for special treatment.

H. M. Hawkins today came down from Linnhaven.

# Boy Scouts Attention

We now have the complete Boy Scout Uniforms, Khaki Trousers, the official color, in material that will wear like iron, priced at..... \$1.25

Shirts to match at \$1.25 Hats at 50c

"Original Boy Scout Shoes," excellent lasts in best wearing leather, sizes 11 to 13 1-2 at \$2.25, sizes 1 to 6 at \$2.75.

With each pair of these shoes we will give away FREE one Boy Scout medal. A handsome souvenir about the size of a dollar that is very pretty

An assortment of 130 new Parasols have just arrived and are now on sale. All colors and shades in excellent shapes. Priced from..... \$1.25 to \$5

Children's Parasols, good colors, clever shapes and serviceable, priced at..... 25c and 50c

A lot of Cluny Lace, 2 1-2 to 4 inches wide, priced at 25c per yard, is now ready

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