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**A Step Forward.**  
 The Democrat congratulates the Mayor and members of the city council upon the step taken last night towards a more metropolitan city. The agreement reached between the city authorities and the Oregon Power Co. not only insures a uniform system of cluster lights throughout the business section of the city but a better lighted residence district. A great saving will also be made to the city through the stipulation making it obligatory upon the Oregon Power Company to maintain all bridges over their canals and to construct re-inforced concrete arches whenever the paving district is extended.

For years Albany has enjoyed the unenviable distinction of being the poorest lighted city in Oregon. Nearly every city in the Willamette Valley has adopted a uniform system of ornamental curb lighting and the action taken last night is in keeping with improvements being made by other municipalities.

Albany may now rightfully claim the distinction of being not only the best, but the most progressive city in the entire state.

With a uniform system of cluster lights, the finest stores, the best railroad facilities, the largest and most fertile body of land tributary to the city limits, the largest area of paved streets, the finest business buildings, and the most attractive residence section of any city of its size on the Pacific coast, Albany will certainly continue to grow and prosper.

For a number of years Albany has enjoyed the distinction of being the railroad hub of the Willamette Valley. A few weeks ago the Misfit Man of the Democrat asserted that the city may rightfully claim an additional distinction of being the "dog hub" of the same territory. The editor adds another distinction, Albany is the "Banquet Hub." It is seldom possible to throw a rock into the dining room of any local hotel between the hours of 8 and 12 p. m. without breaking up a banquet, and nothing short of a rigid quarantine can prevent a large attendance at these functions.

**ARE LEGALLY DEAD IF GONE FOR SEVEN YEARS**  
 Appellate Division of N. Y. Supreme Court Settles Matter Long a Puzzle to Lawyers.

New York, April 25.—That the legal presumption of a person's death after a seven year's disappearance will be adhered to by the courts unless the facts clearly point to a contrary conclusion is shown by a decision rendered by the appellate division of the supreme court in revising an order of Surrogate Fowler. The surrogate had held that one-fourth of the estate of Ann Shannon, a domestic, who died in November, 1910, leaving a considerable fortune, must be deposited in the state treasury to await the proper claimants, as no adequate proof had been presented to establish that one of the deceased's heirs, who disappeared 40 years ago, is dead.

Ann's sister, Bridget, claimed all the trouble. She came to this country in 1863, when 24 years old. A sister, Margaret, was then employed in the household of Dr. Ward of Belleville, N. J., and through her Bridget obtained work with the doctor. She remained there until 1874, when she suddenly disappeared without a word

to anyone. She left behind a trunk containing her wearing apparel and took nothing with her except the clothes she had on. Nothing was ever afterward heard of her, and were she alive she would now be 73 years of age.

"Applying well known principles," said Justice Dowling in the appellate court's opinion, which is concurred in by all the other justices, "it seems clear that, under the facts in this case, Bridget Shannon must be presumed to have been dead at the expiration of seven years from the date of her disappearance, and at the latest, by December 31, 1882, which is seven years from the latest date, by the most liberal calculation, that can be deemed to have been the time of her disappearance. Her death without issue at the date mentioned being judicially determined, the shares which otherwise would have been hers must therefore be divided among the next of kin to Ann Shannon."

**Justice vs. Greed**  
 There is one way in which the tariff can be revised and that is by framing a bill in the interests of the common people.

There can be no compromise between justice and greed, if those who are entrusted with the duty of revising the tariff schedules would retain their seats in the halls of congress. No progressive Democrat can afford to sound a retreat from the well beaten path of progressive democracy.

It is from the common people and not from Wall street, that the present members of congress received their commission. They owe no debt of gratitude to those who benefit by a high protective tariff, and they do owe to the consumer to afford relief from the present inequitable and indefensible schedules.

President Wilson is right in his demand for a thorough downward revision. His voice is the voice of the great majority of Americans, people and woe unto the member of congress who fails to heed the almost universal demand for a complete divorce from a "system" owned, and money controlled congress.

G. W. Rohrbough, district missionary for the American Sunday Schools Association, went to Oregon City this morning to attend the State Convention of the S. S.

**ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.**  
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, administratrix of the estate of Charles A. Coolidge, deceased; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned at the office of L. G. Lewelling, First National Bank building, Albany, Oregon, duly verified and with proper vouchers as by law directed, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 26th day of April, 1913.  
 MARY COOLIDGE,  
 Administratrix.  
 L. G. LEWELLING,  
 Att'y. for Admns.  
 A29-M6-13-20-27

**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 and 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. R. McKnight, Judge of the above entitled court, made and entered on the 29th day of March, 1913.  
 MIKE GEMESKE,  
 April 29 (Tues)  
 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 Pressinger is plaintiff and C. H. Corbin, Stella Corbin, Clara M. Kaufman, Teborat Real Estate Co., Joe Petrie and Alva Smith are defendants, I will on Saturday, the 26th 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 southeast 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 202 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, 1912, and the costs of this suit taxed at \$28.70, and the costs of this execution and sale.

D. H. RODINE,  
 Sheriff of Linn County, Oregon.  
 C. C. Bryant, attorney for plaintiff.  
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**MAY 9 IS MILITARY DAY AT CORVALLIS**

Special Train Rates on That Date from All Points in the Valley.

**FEATURE OF OCCASION IS INSPECTION OF CADETS**

Other Ceremonies Will Equally Prove Entertaining and Interesting to Visitors.

Special to the Democrat.  
 Corvallis, Oregon, April 25, 1913.—May 9th has been designated as Military Day at the Oregon Agricultural College and plans have been outlined to make the day the greatest military event in the history of the college.

To accommodate the people of the valley that will desire to witness the annual inspection and military ceremonies of the day the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric railways have granted special excursion rates from all points between Portland and Eugene. The tickets will be on sale Thursday, May 8th and will be good returning until Monday, May 12th. The program of the day consists of annual inspection of the cadets by Captain William T. Merry of the general staff, U. S. army, battalion and regimental drills, review of the cadet regiment by Governor West and staff, competitive drill for the Brodie Banner by cadet companies, a sham battle, baseball game between Washington University and O. A. C. and a grand military ball.

The cadet regiment was reviewed Tuesday of this week by Brigadier General W. E. Finzer, adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard, with Captain Frank Powell, commanding officer of the Albany company and Captain C. A. Murphy and Lieutenant S. E. Trask, officers of the Corvallis company of National Guard acting as his staff.

Aside from the officers mentioned, those who will be present on Military Day are Colonel George S. Young, 21st infantry, Lieutenant F. C. Endicott, U. S. infantry, and other regular army and Oregon National Guard officers.

Ben Clelen and Walter Stuart left this noon for the Cascade mountains, near Mary's Peak, where they will whip the streams for trout, taking along a good supply of spoons, flies, salmon eggs and other fish attractions.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that ten indorsed has this day filed his final account as administrator of the estate of Conrad Johnson, deceased, and the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, has fixed Monday, the twenty-sixth day of May, 1913, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. for the settlement of said account and the hearing of the objections thereto, and all persons having objections to said account are hereby notified and required to be present in the above entitled court at said time and present such objections as they may have to said account.

Dated April 18, 1913.  
 VALDEMAR LIDELL,  
 Administrator of the Estate of Conrad Johnson, Deceased.  
 CONRAD P. OLSON,  
 GALE S. HILL,  
 Attorneys for Estate.  
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**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 76 east of the south end of said Block, thence north parallel with the east boundary line of said Block to the center 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 Montieith'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 judicial 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 application, and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

W. I. MARKS,  
 County Clerk.  
 T. J. STITES,  
 Attorney for Applicant.  
 (Seal) A19-25-M2-0-16

**MUCH INTEREST TAKEN IN FUTURE UP-KEEP OF CLUB**

Merchants of City Willingly Subscribe for Maintenance of Booster Institution.

Renewed interest in the Commercial club has been taken by business men since the annual meeting of the club last Monday night, was indicated this morning by an announcement made by Manager Stewart relative to the success attendant to the efforts of the soliciting committee, which was appointed to solicit subscriptions from the business men for the maintenance of the club during the coming year.

Manager Stewart stated that the committee covered the main suburban section of the city by automobile Wednesday afternoon and fifteen places were visited and that everyone willingly subscribed towards the fund. The committee did not solicit yesterday but will go out again today, and it is expected that all of the territory will be covered by this evening.

**SERGEANT KNOX HAS BEEN APPOINTED LIEUTENANT**

Fills Place Caused by Resignation of Lieut. Stalnaker; Take Examination Monday.

Second Duty Sergeant Roy R. Knox has been favored by Captain Frank M. Powell with an appointment as second lieutenant in the local 5th Company Coast Artillery Corps, O. N. G. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Lieut. Stalnaker who recently left Albany to make his home on a homestead in Montana.

Sergeant Knox has been a member of the local company for the past three years, and previously served in a company at Eugene and as a member of the Fourth Infantry band. Though he has never been able to accompany the local company to a camp during his membership, Sergeant Knox is believed to be fully qualified to become an efficient officer. He will be examined for the position next Monday, L. R. Gilbert has also been promoted to first lieutenant.

**DR. H. A. KETCHUM DIED AT LEBANON YESTERDAY**

Well Known Retired Pastor of Salem Had Many Friends Here.

Dr. H. A. Ketchum, of Salem, died last night at Lebanon, where he had been to secure treatment for a cancer, and the remains were taken through the city today for Salem for burial. He was well known in Albany, where he came nearly every week for several years on his way to different points in this section to preach.

He was born in Ohio 76 years ago, and received his education there, finally graduating from the Lane Theological seminary, nearly 50 years ago. Sixteen years ago he was called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Salem, retiring on account of poor health. He was a man of simple habits, emphysema, and was afflicted with, able and clean in his methods. He is survived by a wife, son and two daughters, who reside in Salem.

**PORTLAND AND MICHIGAN MEN VISITED CORVALLIS**

They Refused to Talk but Intimated That It Was Sight Seeing Trip.

The Portland and Michigan capitalists who have been investigating conditions in this city for the past three days with a view of establishing a gas plant here, went to Corvallis yesterday by automobile where they conducted a brief sight seeing trip through that city returning here by supper time.

When interviewed members of the party declined to make any statement with reference to the nature of their errand in Corvallis but it was intimated that it was purely a sight seeing trip.

**MISS MABEL WILLIAMSON IS ILL WITH PNEUMONIA**

Miss Mabel Williamson, the popular teacher of the Madison school, is reported as being very ill at the home of Dr. Hodges with pneumonia. Miss Williamson's arrival at Wells and her mother's arrival yesterday afternoon to care for her sick daughter.

Miss Williamson on account of her untimely sickness will not be able to complete her school year here.

Ed Weatherford, secretary of the Corvallis and Eastern went to Portland this morning. He will soon return to Lincoln county and lay for that longer.

H. N. Bonley, of near Jefferson, has been in the city this forenoon.

**MARSHALL DRESSER SAID TO BE SLOWLY RECOVERING**

He Was Operated Upon for Appendicitis; Charles Cline Is Resting Comfortably.

Marshall Dresser, a prominent young man of this city, was reported this morning as slowly recovering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis.

The operation was performed at St. Mary's hospital yesterday morning by Dr. Russell Wallace, and the case was considered extremely grave. However, according to the report given out this morning a slight improvement was detected in the patient's condition since late last night, but the young man is resting under the close care of physicians. The crisis will probably come this afternoon and unless complications set in a speedy recovery for the patient is expected.

Charles Cline, who also underwent an operation yesterday at the hospital for appendicitis, was reported as resting comfortably. Dr. Wallace also performed this operation.

**LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS APPEAR ON STAGE**

Eighteen Take Part in Cast of "The Ulster," a Farcial Comedy.

"The Ulster," a farcial comedy in three acts, will be presented by 18 members of the Lebanon high school tonight at the opera house in that city, under the special direction of the faculty of the school.

The play promises to be a splendid success as the students have worked hard and faithfully for its production and according to a Lebanonite who was in the city this morning every member of the cast did splendidly in the dress rehearsal held last night. Messrs. Herbert Armstrong, Lucius Graves, Harvey, Wright and Misses LeVelle Epperly, Lurline Brown, and Verena Devine are taking the leading roles.

Milt McGuire, the electrician, went to Dallas this afternoon on electrical business.

**SPECTACULAR FIRE DRILL HELD LAST NIGHT AT ARMORY**

Section of the Big Hose Burst and the Practice Was Discontinued.

Members of the local fire department held one of the most spectacular fire drills last night from the top of the armory, corner Fourth and Lyon streets, that has been seen here yet, but the drill was marred and was discontinued when one of the large sections of hose burst.

The run to the scene of action was made in a remarkably short time and it was only a matter of a few seconds before the hose had been run out and up to the top of the armory, the firemen taking their positions on the top of the building by use of ladders. The signal was given that all was in readiness and a terrific stream was shot forth with such power that the hose was unable to withstand the pressure. An unusually large crowd of spectators was out to witness the drill and many narrowly escaped becoming drenched when the hose broke.

**B. F. REESER PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT IN PORTLAND**

The Aged Father of Mrs. G. W. Pennebaker of This City Suddenly Succumbed.

Mrs. G. W. Pennebaker went to Portland this morning called there by the sudden death of her aged father, B. F. Reeser, who died last night at 10 o'clock.

The late Mr. Reeser, is one of Oregon's early pioneers and was formerly a resident of Ashland where he resided for many years. The remains will be taken to Ashland for burial, but the arrangements will take place here not been made.

**SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF \$250 WAS FILED THIS MORNING**

A suit for the recovery of \$250 was filed this morning in the circuit court of Linn county by the Forest-Hill investment company against P. J. and J. R. White. The investment company are the owners of a large tract of land in eastern Linn county which they are selling in subdivisions. The main office of the company is located in Portland and a branch office is located at Lebanon.

The plaintiffs allege in the complaint that the defendants executed a promissory note September 29, 1911, for the above amount in their favor, but have failed to pay the obligation which has past fallen due.

**BIG FIRE AVERTED HERE LAST NIGHT**

Prompt Response of Firemen Probably Saved Several First Street Shacks.

BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

Two Buildings Demolished and 1 Slightly Damaged, Others Narrowly Escaped.

Fire which broke out in the rear of a building at 120 East First street last night at 12 o'clock destroyed the building and an adjacent shack to the extent that repairing is impracticable. A nearby restaurant suffered damages to the extent of \$50.

The two demolished shacks are owned by Mrs. Lill and Dr. J. P. Wallace and were rented by R. Goldblatt, the first street second hand clothier, who used them as store houses. None of the damage is covered by insurance. It is estimated that Goldblatt's loss will reach the sum of \$250. No estimate as to the loss of the buildings has been made.

One of the buildings was used as a junk warehouse and the other was stored with a quantity of mattresses, quilts, blankets and other dry goods, and everything is a complete loss. Most of the damage to the mattresses was done by water while a good many of the quilts and blankets were destroyed by fire. Nothing of particular value was destroyed in the junk shop.

The fire was discovered shortly after 12 o'clock and an alarm was immediately turned in. The prompt response of the fire department probably saved the entire line of shacks in the block from being destroyed, as the flames had reached large proportions when the fire was first discovered and seriously threatened to spread to the building west of the restaurant. It is believed that the blaze was discovered in the nick of time and according to some of those who witnessed the conflagration, it was one of the largest and most spectacular fires happening here in many months and was gaining rapid headway when checked by the firemen.

The origin of the fire has not been definitely determined but it is believed that it started in the rear of the shack stored with mattresses and ate its way up between the two buildings where it spread over the roofs of both structures. Some of the firemen are inclined to believe that it was of incendiary origin while others are of the opinion that it was caused by defective wiring. An empty oil can was found in the building and the conviction appears to be strong in favor of incendiary origin in view of the rapid spread of the flames.

This is one of many fires which have recently happened in that neighborhood and it seems that R. Goldblatt has been the victim of the majority. The first serious fire happened some time ago when the old Franklin house, reputed to be one of the most notorious houses in Albany, burned down to the ground during the night. This fire was followed close by an attempt of alleged incendiaries to destroy by fire a building bearing a questionable reputation located on Montgomery street. Later it is believed that incendiaries tried two different times to burn out the clothing establishment of Goldblatt, succeeding on each occasion to the extent of much damage; then it was alleged that a similar attempt was made to burn the building at the corner of First and Baker streets.

All of these and many other petty fires have happened recently and all are reputed to have been of incendiary origin.

**G. PATRICK H. WASHINGTON WAS FINED \$10 AND COSTS**

Young Man from Lebanon Imbued to Freely of Joy Water.

George Patrick Henry Watson, a well appearing young man hailing from Lebanon, was arrested late last night by Night Policeman Rodgers, while reeling about the streets in an intoxicated condition and contributed \$10 and costs to the city treasury this morning in the police court.

Upon arraignment before Police Judge Van Tassel this morning after spending the night in the city-hall the prisoner pleaded guilty to the charge and begged leniency, stating that he had never been in the jail before. He willingly paid the fine and was released. George Patrick Henry Watson, as he was called in this time of dire distress is reputed to be a member of a highly esteemed family in Lebanon and before he was released promised Judge Van Tassel that he would hereafter leave the demon-rum alone, so thoroughly penitent was he after spending the night in confinement.