

# The Semi-Weekly Democrat

## ALASKA COUNTRY IS PROSPEROUS

### New Lease Taken on Mining Activities, is Opinion of Albany Men.

## HILL ROLFE AND RAUCH RETURNED

### Were Passengers on Northwestern, Which Brought Survivors of Wreck.

That Alaska is a prospering country, that mining activity has gained a new lease and that people all over the territory are expected by recent news stories is the consensus of statements and opinions given out here today by three prominent Albany men, who returned Sunday from a three weeks' tour of the big Northland.

The party composed of District Attorney Gale S. Hill, Manager George Rolfe of the Rolfe theater and C. D. Rauch, court reporter, returned to Seattle from Ketchikan, on the steamer Northwestern, which carried 11 bodies and 21 survivors of the wrecked steamship State of California and from there came direct to Albany.

Their itinerary included stops at Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Cordova, Valdez and Seward as the principal places visited by boat trip. They made a railroad trip on the Copper River to Miles and Childs glaciers, which are 300 feet high and have been explored 70 miles back into the interior of the mountain ranges.

In commenting on the trip all three men spoke in loud praises of Alaska and contended that they never enjoyed a trip as much before. "It was a trip well worth taking," said Mr. Rauch.

"Alaska has a healthy and invigorating climate," said Mr. Rolfe. "A fellow feels different there."

## BOOTLEGGING REPORTED AT FOSTER BY HOTELMAN

Bootlegging is being practiced in Foster, according to F. B. Knapp, manager of the Hotel Foster, who has communicated with Special Prosecutor Ringo of Salem. It is said that brewers are shipping liquor into the town without observing the entire provisions of the law relating to proper labeling of shipments. It is also alleged that the express companies are not keeping records of shipments as the law requires. Ringo will call the attention of local authorities to the alleged violations.—Salem Statesman.

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## Democrat Wants Correspondent

The Democrat desires to secure a local correspondent at Shedd, Plainview, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Brownsville, Sweet Home, Scio, and all other points in the county not already represented. Anyone desiring to act as the representative of the paper will please inform the manager at an early date. J23-if

## HAND CAR JUMPS TRACK NEAR CORVALLIS

### Six Men Seriously Injured; Picked Up by Work Train and Taken to Hospital.

Corvallis, Or., Aug. 25. (Special to Democrat).—Leaving the city early yesterday morning on a hand car just ahead of a work train, a crew of section men in the employ of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway met with a serious accident at a point a few miles from this city. While driving the car at a high rate of speed the wheels left the track on a bridge and the car and occupants tumbled more than 12 feet, one of the men being injured underneath the car and the others seriously injured. The injured men were picked up by the crew on the work train and hurried back to Corvallis where they are now under the care of physicians in the local hospital. It was stated this morning that the condition of one of the men was critical and he may die as a result of his injuries.

## FIRE DESTROYS BUILDING ON MONTGOMERY STREET

### Incendiary Origin is Believed To be Cause of Early Morning Blaze.

Catching fire for the third time in nine months, early Sunday morning, all of which were apparently of incendiary origin, the old frame building on Montgomery street between First and Second streets, belonging to Dr. J. L. Hill, and used about a year ago by the city as a pest house, was completely destroyed. There is no insurance.

## CROPS ARE YIELDING OVER AVERAGE HARVEST

### Oats, Clover and Wheat Between Albany and Lebanon Running Good.

According to the reports from the section between Lebanon and this city, the grain crops are panning out an average yield this season for that section. Clover is threshing from 6 to 10 bushels per acre. Wheat is ranging from 20 to 25 bushels per acre.

## PAYS FINE FOR ALLOWING MINOR TO PLAY BILLIARDS

Arraigned this morning before Circuit Judge Kelly on an indictment returned against him by the March grand jury charging him with permitting a minor to play billiards for profit, Otto Thayer pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and costs, which he paid.

## He Wouldn't Advertise

There was a man in our town, And he was wonderful wise; He swore it was his policy He would not advertise. But one day he advertised, And thereby hangs a tale. The ad was set in quite small type And headed "Sheriff's Sale." —Brandon (Tex.) Observer.

## CORVALLIS PLANS FOR MANY EVENTS

### Wednesday Business Men Will Hold Big Picnic--Partial Holiday.

## FIREMENS TOURNA-MEN THELD LABOR DAY

### Citizens to Participate in P. E. & E. Celebration at Monroe.

The next few weeks are to be rather lively ones as the following program of coming public events will indicate says the Corvallis Republican.

Monday, September 1, Labor Day: Tournament of the State Firemen's Association with teams from many cities and towns competing here for numerous valuable trophies.

Wednesday, August 27: picnic of Corvallis business men at Avery grove. There will be a general suspension of business that day, the banks, drug stores, hardware store and meat markets being the exceptions to the rule.

September 18, 19 and 20: Benton County Fair and annual school fair. Held in the great armory of the Oregon Agricultural College.

September 19, enrollment of students at O. A. C. begins while the college opens for work September 23. The attendance at the college this year will be very heavy.

Mrs. James Gilchrist of Portland spent Sunday as a guest of Miss Matthews.

Miss Jessie Anderson, the efficient clerk at the Flood store returned Saturday from a ten days outing at Newport.

Mrs. L. E. Shepperd left this morning for Vancouver, B. C.

Louis Josse returned this noon to his home in Salem after transacting business here.

W. R. Davidson of Salem transacted business here this morning.

Mr. A. L. Eagle and daughter are registered at the St. Francis.

Mrs. C. M. Ream is enjoying an outing at Newport. She is stopping at the Abbey house.

Mrs. C. I. Driver has returned from an outing at Newport.

## ARRESTED FOR EXCEEDING MOTORING SPEED LIMIT

### W. M. Davis of Eugene, Gives Motorcycle and Revolver as Bail.

Arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of speeding on a motorcycle, W. M. Davis, a young man from Eugene, was taken in custody by Chief of Police King and when searched, a .38 calibre revolver was found upon his person.

The weapon was strapped about his waist and concealed under his coat. Although this is in violation of the state law, only charges of speeding were preferred against the young man by the officer. Davis maintained that the weapon was not concealed and gave as his reason for carrying it, as having been target practicing.

The young man was compelled to give up his revolver and motorcycle in default of bail, and returned to Eugene last evening. He said he would send money to cover his \$10 fine and costs and would return here next Sunday for his motorcycle, which is being held in the city jail.

## POUNDMASTER GIVES UP JOB

### C. H. Oliver Says He Is Distugusted With His Duties and Will Resign From Office.

## NO JOB FOR WHITE MAN SAYS DOG-CATCHER

### Killing and Impounding Dogs Gets on Nerves. Makes Too Many Enemies.

Declaring that he is sick and tired of his duties as poundmaster and that the position is no job for a white man, C. H. Oliver this morning informed Mayor Gilbert that he would forthwith hand in his resignation.

Oliver accepted the position some two weeks ago. In speaking of his duties he made the following statement to a Democrat representative: "I have served as a member of the regular army and have always had the friendship and good will of the people with whom I came in contact. I have made more enemies during my two weeks term of office than I have made during my entire life. I am thoroughly disgusted with the duties and from my own experience say that it is no job for a white man."

His resignation will be handed in today and the appointment of his successor will doubtless be made at the next meeting of the council. Who wants the job?

## RETURNS FROM CONCLAVE OF KNIGHT TEMPLARS

Returning yesterday noon, Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, arrived home from Denver and various other places, including the Yellowstone National Park, and report a most enjoyable trip.

At Denver Mr. and Mrs. Taylor attended the Knight Templar conclave. Later they went to the national park where they enjoyed a tour of the great national reserve. The Taylors have been away for about two weeks.

Miss Selma Tebbutt, who has been a guest at the home of C. W. Tebbutt during the summer will leave tomorrow morning for Portland and Spokane at which places she will visit before returning to her home home at Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Hugh Bayen after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bryant went to Jefferson this noon to visit with relatives.

Rolla Bruce is expected home this afternoon from Ephrata, Wash. where he has been working in a cement plant for the past three months.

Editor Stewart of the Toledo Sentinel and Editor Olmstead of the Stayton Mail arrived in Albany Saturday and attended the press meeting. Phil Bates was also numbered among the arrivals.

Frank Barrett was an over Sunday visitor with relatives in Portland.

## INDIANS ON RESERVATION TAKE OATH OF ALLEGAANCE

### Siletz Is Scene of Flag Presentation by Wanamaker Expedition.

Toledo, Or., Aug. 22.—Dr. Joseph K. Dixon, leader of the Rodman Wanamaker Expedition of Citizenship to the North American Indians, with his assistants, arrived here in the special car Signet last evening, and went to Siletz, where exercises were held at 10 o'clock today. Every Indian on the reservation who could get there attended the exercises, and many citizens from here and other towns are attending.

Dr. Leo J. Frachtenberg and other government employees met the members of the expedition here and escorted them to Siletz. The Indians at the gathering are dressed in their tribal costumes, and after the chiefs of the different tribes signed the declaration of allegiance to the government, each was presented with a flag.

This work is incident to the erection of a National Monument at Fort Wadsworth, in New York harbor, projected by Rodman Wanamaker in honor of the North American Indian. These representatives are visiting every Indian reservation in the United States, holding these exercises and presenting the flag.

## MRS. HENRY DITTMER PASSED AWAY THIS AFTERNOON

### Operated Upon at Noon But Fails to Recover From Effects of Operation.

Mrs. Dittmer, wife of a prominent farmer, residing seven miles southeast of this city, was brought to St. Mary's hospital and died at 2:45 this afternoon from hemorrhage caused by premature childbirth. The ambulance was dispatched to the Dittmer farm this morning and the patient underwent an operation shortly after arrival in Albany. Her condition was critical early this morning and physicians entertained but little hope of her recovery, the operation being resorted to only in hope that her life might possibly be saved by the knife.

The deceased was well and favorably known in Linn county and leaves a husband, a brother and two sisters to mourn her death.

## INDIGNANT CITIZENS RAID DOG POUND SATURDAY NIGHT

### All Animals Released by West Albany People. Dogs Sing Their Own Funeral Dirge.

Because their slumbers have been continually disturbed by the dogs imprisoned in the pound at the end of Second street, a crowd of indignant West Albany citizens Saturday night made a raid on the place and released all the dogs collected by the poundmaster.

Complaints have been pouring in to the city authorities for several weeks because of the noise made by the impounded animals but before taking the law into their own hands, the citizens first phoned to Mayor Gilbert informing him that they proposed to release the dogs within a half hour if some action was not taken at once by the city.

After catching the dogs the city poundmaster is required to keep the animals a certain length of time before killing them but while waiting for the grim reaper, they sang their own funeral dirge.

## MOOSE WILL HOLD BIG BANQUET SATURDAY NIGHT

### Is Result of Membership Contest in Which Losers Banquet Winners.

As the result of a membership contest in which the losers were to banquet the winners, the local order of Moose will hold a banquet in the lodge hall Wednesday night.

The contest was held between two teams, captained by Irb Schultz and Oscar Rogaway. The latter team lost by failing to secure a larger number of applications than the former. As a result 160 new members have joined the order.

The banquet is to be an elaborate affair to which all of the members are invited. The Moose are looking forward to it with fond expectations as it is understood that the members of the losing team are planning a rare treat.

## COUPLE SURPRISE FRIENDS BY ANNOUNCING MARRIAGE

### Corvallis, Or., Aug. 23.—Married May 24 at Tacoma, Vane G. Gibson and Miss Fer G. Longridge, of Corvallis, announced the event last night when a large number of Corvallis society people gathered at the Loughridge home in expectation of being told of the engagement of the young couple.

Mr. Gibson is station agent here for the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway, and Mrs. Gibson is chief clerk to Superintendent George D. O'Conner.

Owing to the prominence of the bride and bridegroom they had been unmercifully "lollied" by friends, and in a spirit of revenge Mr. Gibson and Miss Longridge planned a wedding way from home. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. O'Conner they went to Tacoma May 23 and were married the next day at the First Presbyterian church.

## SLIGHT TIMBER LOSS EXPECTED

### But Little Damage Reported Thus Far to Forest of Santiam Watershed.

## ONLY SIX SMALL FIRES HAVE BEEN RECORDED

### Worst Season Is Yet to Be Gone Through; Remarkable Patrol System.

That there has been but little damage thus far this season to the forest by fires was learned through Manager Stewart of the Commercial club this afternoon who has consulted the reports and records in the local forestry office of F. H. Brundage, superintendent of the national forest district comprising the Santiam watershed.

According to reports in the office only six small fires have thus far been encountered and each were caused by lightning within the past few weeks. Four of these fires happened near Detroit and the other two near Cascadia. But little damage was done by either.

However, the worst period for forest fires is to be gone through with. This period is conceded to be from August 25 to September 15. If the weather remains as it now is at the present time there will most likely be plenty of forest blazes. But if the rains set in some time soon the chance will be lessened. However but little trouble is anticipated this season from fires, for there are scores of men in the timber, vigilant and alert to intercept any blaze or to call for help in case of a fire.

The report appears to be universal that but little damage has resulted to the forests throughout the state and forestry officials are of the opinion that the dry season will pass off without a timber loss. This fact is attributed to the remarkable system of patrol the government and state and private timber interests have developed, an above all to the co-operation which has existed between the three.

## VALLEY EDITORS INDORSE DAVENPORT SHAFT SCHEME

### Proposal Will Come Before the State Editorial Association.

The Willamette Valley Editorial association, which met here Saturday afternoon, endorsed the movement launched by the Portland newspapermen at Silverton last Sunday for the erection of a monument over the grave of Homer Davenport. The editors agreed to get behind the movement through their papers and pledge themselves to raise money. The endorsement will be presented before the editorial association, which meets in Portland October 17 and 18, upon the invitation of the Portland Press club.

The Willamette Valley Editorial association will also meet as guest of the Portland club. The idea of this is to give the establishment of the memorial in honor of the renowned cartoonist national prominence. Those authorized to receive funds for the erection of the monument are: Governor West, State Treasurer Kay, H. E. Hodges of the Silverton Appeal, and Shad Krantz of the Portland Press club.

On the morning of October 17, a special train will start from Eugene over the Willamette Valley line for Portland carrying the various editors of the valley from the varsity city and way points to attend the big meeting of newspaper men.

## Wheat Goes 56 Bushels.

Toledo, Wash., Aug. 23.—Threshing has been finished by some of the farmers. I. Frey had one piece of wheat that yielded 56 bushels to the acre. One field of his oats yielded 65 bushels an acre. B. Dieringer got 82 bushels of oats to the acre.

## PHEASANTS, WATERFOWL, FOR STATE FAIR EXHIBIT

Salem, Or., Aug. 22.—The state fish and game commission has advised Secretary Frank Meredith of the state fair that the commission will have at the state fair this year an exhibit of several hundred native and foreign pheasants and wild and tame water fowls. A cage covering a space of 40 by 40 feet will be built in the center of which will be a large tank of water for the water birds. There will be 200 pheasants. The exhibit will be in charge of Gene Simpson, who has charge of the state game farm at Corvallis.