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BIG CONFERENCE OF Y. M. C. A. HELD

Representatives from Eugene, Salem, and Other Points Here Yesterday.

THE MEETING IS TO BE SEMI-ANNUAL AFFAIR

Next Meeting Held in Salem; Membership Campaign Inaugurated for October.

Meeting here yesterday, representatives from Eugene, Salem, Portland and other points, met with local representatives of the Y. M. C. A. Willamette Valley Association in quarterly conference.

The meeting was held in Bryant's Park in open air, where an auspicious program was carried out. Previously the visitors were taken on a slight seeing tour of the city, in an automobile and foot, many preferring to go that way. Later the hosts and guests assembled in the dining room of the St. Francis hotel for supper. Manager Westbrooke granting the exclusive use of the grill to the city party from 5 until 6 o'clock. Here the conference was completed with a few short talks, when it was decided that the conference be made a semi-annual affair. The next meeting will be held in Salem during February or March.

At the open air meeting in Bryant's Park, at which A. C. Selmit presided, the program was opened with a devotional service conducted by Samuel Rouse, president of the Eugene association. This was followed by a period of instructions in which every member present arose in turn, introduced himself and gave the place from which he came. Then followed a statement of work done in the Eugene, Salem and Albany Y. M. C. A. associations. The general secretary of each association responded, who were H. V. Compton of Salem, Delos Foster of Albany and Kinney Miller of Eugene.

Twenty-five minutes were given up to a membership discussion, which was led by C. F. Sox, president of the local association. It was decided to hold a membership campaign in October, in which the three associations were to compete for honors in securing the greatest number of members. A committee was appointed to lay the plans for the campaign, with W. J. Staley, of Salem, president of the Y. M. C. A. board of the Central City association as chairman and sponsored of the general secretary and membership chairmen of each association.

Concentration in activities of the physical department was urged in an address by C. H. Wood, physical director of the Eugene association. He was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for entertainment, in holding contests and other events. The other members of the committee include the physical directors of Albany and Salem and the chairman of the physical committee of each institution. At present the Albany association led a discussion upon the subject of "financing the association" and L. B. Rhodes, the state secretary spoke upon the religious work.

Following the completion of this address the meeting adjourned to the St. Francis hotel. "What has service in the association meant to me?" formed the subject upon which W. J. Staley, president of the Salem association was then called upon for an address. He was followed by Elmer Richardson of Albany; Fred Sticker, of Eugene; Ed. Tallman, of Salem; Dr. C. V. Litter, of Albany, an H. B. Rhodes, of Portland, all of whom spoke briefly upon the subject. Those attending the conference were:

C. W. Southworth and family, Eugene; A. A. Schram, Salem; Fred G. Stickers, Eugene; L. H. Sharp, Albany; J. P. Riad, Salem; C. A. Dalzell, Eugene; S. B. Wallace, Salem; J. C. Dunn, Eugene; P. W. Brown, Eugene; Glen C. Wiles, Salem; W. J. Staley, Salem; J. H. Ralston, Albany; S. E. Williamson, Albany; C. E. Sox, Albany; Lucile Staley, Salem; A. N. Minton, Salem; Ed. Tallman, Jr., Salem; E. Kinney Miller, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Compton, Salem; Sam Rouse, Eugene; B. H. Schmidt, Eugene; J. Stenbach, Salem; C. H. Wood, Eugene; I. B. Rhodes, Portland; C. V. Litter, Albany; J. A. Howard, Albany; H. V. Compton, Salem; M. Paetz, Boise, Ida.; H. W. Torbet, Albany; R. B. Miller, Eugene; J. O. Hall, Eugene; Dr. Epperly, Salem; A. C. Selmit, Albany; Dr. Jas. Withycombe, Corvallis; Mr. Howell, O. A. C.; Clyde Bryant, Albany; Herbert Babbs, Albany; J. L. Tomlinson, and Delos Foster, both of Albany.

Editor E. M. Remond of the Herald returned last night from a trip to Eugene.

CORVALLIS MAN SEES BIG FUTURE FOR VALLEY

Tells About Monroe Celebration and Crop Prospects for the Present Year.

Monroe, Or., Sept. 8.—Have just returned from the ceremony of driving "the golden spike" that opens for freight as well as passenger business the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway, which has already put on new freight trains as well as passenger trains for the accommodation of its rapidly increasing business.

At that celebration President Van Winkle, of the Albany Commercial club, in his well-known eloquent manner, made a very strong appeal to raise present to stand together for the six big counties of the Willamette valley, Linn, Lane, Benton, Marion, Yamhill and Washington, in one grand effort to induce the settlers who are coming to this state at the invitation of the railroads, to locate in one of these rich counties, where there are unexcelled resources for dairying, fruit raising, stock raising, and general farming.

What will benefit one community, will benefit all. President Strahorn of the P. E. & E. at the same meeting—just before he drove the "golden spike"—promised the hearty support of his company in all these great enterprises, as yet in their infancy. It has been estimated that the Willamette valley alone, when brought up to its highest point of development, will easily support a population of 2,000,000. Think of it—as many people as there are now in the entire state—almost.

While in the harvest fields around Monroe, a few days ago, I noticed that the crops, while very large in acreage, would only average in wheat about 20 bushels to the acre. Oats were better, and many acres of potatoes which last year could only be given away for stock feeding purposes, will this year bring in good returns, as will the many orchards of that section. One firm alone, with headquarters in Corvallis, has two immense orchards near Monroe, and has planted many acres more this spring.

Over in the Perrydale, Rickerall, McCoy and Amity districts, where I happened to be a short time ago, I saw oats that went 7 bushels to the acre, and wheat more than 40 bushels to the acre. In these districts as in the Monroe and Corvallis and Albany districts, there will be a very heavy crop of hops gathered, now already being picked by thousands of hands. In the Independence hop yards there are alone over 500 pickers at work, who receive 50 cents for every box they pick. One man told me last Saturday night in Corvallis, that he had that day picked 18 boxes of hops—the biggest single day's picking of anyone in that particular yard, while he said that each of his two daughters had, on the same day, earned \$3.00.

All-in-all, the Willamette valley cannot fail to be the garden spot of the state, as well as that of the Union. W. C. COWGILL.

LINN HAS GOOD RECORD IN HEALTH BULLETIN

Ranks High in Marriages, Births and But Few Infectious Diseases.

According to the April, May and June bulletins issued by the Oregon state board of health, Linn county ranks fourth of all the counties of the state in number of marriages for the month of April, fifth in May and fourth in June.

In April Linn county has 18 marriages, as compared to 24 for Multnomah, 30 for Lane and 29 for Marion. In May there were 20 marriages.

The deaths for these three months respectively were: Male and female, 22-12, 14-11, and 6-12. Births were Male and female, 32-12, 24-16 and 22-18.

Various other statistics pertaining to number of contagious diseases and deaths as result are given in the bulletin. Deaths in Linn county from tuberculosis in April were 1, in May 6, in June 2. In the three months, there were four cases of typhoid fever and one death as the result. There were no cases of diphtheria. There were 12 cases of scarlet fever, 1 case of measles, 7 cases of small pox, but no deaths resulted. There were no other infectious diseases.

Leo Kropp spent Sunday at Corvallis.

Democrat Wants Correspondent
The Democrat desires to secure a local correspondent at Shields, Plainview, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Brownsville, Sweet Home, Seio, 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. 125-4

COLLEGE TO HAVE FOOTBALL TEAM

Local School Plans to Enter Athletic Field This Season with Zest.

ONLY MINOR GAMES ARE TO BE PLAYED

Albany Is "Football Capital of Oregon" on Account of O. A. C.—Oregon Game.

After having had no football team for the past two years, Albany College will be represented on the intercollegiate gridiron again this fall. Members of the faculty have announced that the college will take up the game again and a team will be developed as soon as the school year opens.

With the team composed entirely of new men the college will devote its activities this year to minor games, but it is hoped that with this start that the game will be developed each year in the college until it will have a team capable of contesting on a par with the other institutions of the state and reach the plane it enjoyed in Albany College's halcyon athletic days of 1902 and 1903, when it defeated the Oregon Agricultural College and twice tied the University of Oregon.

At the Albany High School, always a strong contender for intercollegiate honors in the Willamette valley, will put forth a good team this fall there will be considerable interest in football in this city during the season soon to open. But while taking pride in its local teams Albany will look forward with greatest interest to the annual struggle between the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural College, which will take place in this city again this year.

Albany has been dubbed the "football capital of Oregon" because it is the scene of the greatest game of the year in the state and because of its central location and splendid transportation facilities as well as good football field. By these facts Albany will probably retain the title for several years by continuing to be the site of the big annual game which gave it the name.

Woodwork is Completed.
Corvallis, Sept. 8.—The woodwork necessary in the remodeling of science hall at the O. A. C. has been completed on the upper floor, and carpenters are giving way to painters and finishers. The rooms designed for pharmacy have been enlarged and lighted by the addition of ivy adorned windows.

WOMAN AND BABY HAVE CLOSE CALL AT HARRISBURG

Were Thrown From Vehicle When Horse Takes Freight at Train.

Harrisburg, Or., Sep. 8.—The Bulletin says the following:

What might have been a serious accident occurred Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. J. E. Reed and two children, one a baby of only 18 months old, were thrown from a buggy near the O. E. depot due to the horse becoming frightened at the approach of a south bound train.

Mrs. Reed has been employed in one of the hop yards across the river. Her 18 months old baby had taken sick and she wished to return home, and through the kindness of R. C. Shisler, who had made a delivery of goods in the camp, she was permitted to ride into town in his rig. Accompanying her as a driver was Harold Parker, a 12 year boy, who was expected to leave the horse and buggy at the Shisler store. They had just arrived at the depot and were about to alight when the whistle of the approaching train scared the horse which began plunging, the occupants all falling out. The horse ran with the buggy toward the business section, however, in turning the corner coming onto Smith street the vehicle struck a light pole and was literally reduced to splinters. That none of the occupants were in the least injured is regarded as something of a mystery.

Chas. D. Alexander went to Buena Vista hop yards Sunday on his motorcycle, visiting Albany friends and enjoying a square meal before returning.

Miss Margaret Smith spent Sunday visiting friends at Mason's honyard near Buena Vista. She reports picking progressing splendidly in that section, and sampling conditions ideal.

JUDGE KELLY HAS FINISHED COURT

Disposed of Several Cases During Week and Has Drawn Grand Jury.

NOW HOLDING COURT TO PASS UPON DEMURRERS

Tanton Against C. & E. Decided in Favor of Plaintiff; Jurors Dismissed.

After disposing of several cases during the week and drawing a grand jury after the completion of the case of Tanton against the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, Circuit Judge Kelly dismissed the jury that has been serving during the term, virtually completing the term of court as to trial cases Saturday afternoon. However, the judge will continue to hold court here to argue several demurrers and pass upon motions.

The case of B. J. Tanton against the Corvallis & Eastern, was for damages as the result of baggage left to have been shipped. Tanton, Gooch to Newport and the plaintiff claimed that due to carelessness it was lost by the railroad company and they asked for \$148 damages.

The case occupied the attention of the court the entire day. Taking of testimony was completed shortly after 3 o'clock and following the arguments of attorneys, the case went to the jury at 4:15 o'clock. At 5:00 o'clock it returned with a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$115. Attorney L. G. Lewelling represented the plaintiff and Weatherford and Weatherford the defendant railroad. The jury in the case was as follows: W. A. Lane, J. C. Brown, I. T. Funk, L. Edward Deer, R. L. Burnett, R. M. Goodrich, T. L. Lawson, J. B. Cornett, E. Dow, E. D. Gilbert, Thomas O. Willis and John Ringheimer.

Immediately after finishing the session of court Saturday afternoon, Judge Kelly announced that the case set for today would be continued. Then the judge proceeded to draw a grand jury for the December term of court which will convene the first Monday.

Those chosen for the grand jury are as follows: J. C. Brown, Shedd, R. L. Burnett, Colby, J. B. Cornett, Shedd, M. C. Jenks, Tarrant, L. Edward Deer, Orleans, R. M. Goodrich, and George Taylor, Albany.

Judge Kelly named J. B. Cornett to act as foreman.

PIONEER OF 1875 DIED AT SALEM YESTERDAY

Chester Skeels Succumbs at Home of Daughter at the Age of 80.

Chester Skeels, a pioneer of 1875, died at the advanced age of eighty years yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. H. Anderson, 1456 Chemeketa street, Salem.

Mr. Skeels was born near Columbus, Ohio, August 6, 1833. He was married to Margaret C. Braman June 16th, 1855. In 1857 they moved to Fair county, Ill., where he engaged in farming until April, 1875, when he moved with his family to Oregon, arriving here May 12, 1875. Soon after acquiring on a farm in Benton county about one mile north of Albany, where he engaged in raising fruit and market gardening until he retired from active life.

He was the father of eleven children, seven of whom are deceased.

Three remaining are Mrs. E. H. Anderson of 1456 Chemeketa street, Salem; H. T. Skeels, of Adie, Stephens county, Washington; Mrs. Wm. Hughes, of North Albany; Mrs. E. H. Hughes, also of North Albany; Mrs. Wm. Veder, of Philomath, Oregon.

There were seventy-one grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was a charter member of the Fairmount grange where he remained a member in good standing until his death. The funeral will be held Tuesday, Sept. 9 and the interment at North Palestine cemetery.

Mrs. Fred Schultz and Mrs. Goff spent Sunday at Newport.

GOT 150 POUNDS OF HONEY TWO BEAR, LIMIT IN DEER

"Bill" Bowman and Wife Have Returned From Wilds of Southern Oregon.

That he has been into the wilds where civilization is unknown and where big game, such as deer and bear are plentiful, was the statement made this morning by W. H. "Bill" Bowman, Albany's picturesque type of westerner, who returned Saturday night from a month's hunting trip in Southern Oregon.

Mr. Bowman in company with Mrs. Bowman left here a month ago for Applegate, 11 miles from Grants Pass, where they visited with old time friends, E. J. Davidson and daughter. Later the four packed up a camping outfit and retreated into the Siskiyou mountains for an outing. After establishing a comfortable camp for the ladies at the head of William creek, Mr. Bowman and Mr. Davidson shouldered their guns and laden with equipment to spend nights in the woods, starting out on a protracted hunting expedition. They covered much territory, going nearly to the California line, in a section that Mr. Bowman terms "The wilds of Oregon, far from civilization and where game is plentiful."

"We ran across a tree of wild bee hives" said Mr. Bowman, "which we cut down and secured 150 pounds of honey, which was all we could carry, leaving the greatest quantity. While we were engaged in these operations, two bears, evidently attracted by the honey, came lumbering through the underbrush. He bagged them both. We also bagged the limit of deer. Its no trouble to hunt there. Game is plentiful. My wife and myself feel much benefited in health as a result of the outing and we enjoyed every moment of it."

As evidence of killing deer, Mr. Bowman brought back with him several pounds of dried venison.

RAUCH MAKES NEW APPLICATION FOR GAS FRANCHISE

Portland and Eastern Capitalists Do Not Propose to Give Up Local Field.

That G. L. Rauch and associates will request the city authorities of Albany for a new gas franchise became known today when the Democrat received a communication from Mr. Rauch informing the editor that an application will at once be made. The ordinance first passed had some technical defects and it was at first reported that the grantees had concluded to abandon the idea of installing a gas plant here. This was found to be incorrect. They propose to obtain the franchise and start construction just as soon as possible.

FINE PEACHES GROWN AT CRAWFORD ORCHARD

Between Four and Five Hundred Bushels Produced During Present Season.

The Democrat appreciates a basket of peaches from the orchard of Miss Helen Crawford, of Lebanon, declared by good judges to be about the finest orchard in the valley. The peaches are of a very superior quality, not surpassed anywhere. Miss Crawford has thirty acres in the suburbs of Lebanon, set out to peaches, pears, apples and walnuts. The peaches now being picked, consist of Fosters, Crawfords, Muirs, Soloways, Champions and Early Charlottes. This, the first season, sees a crop of between four and five hundred bushels, which have been sold to Bert Cotton, the Lebanon grocer, who is making a hit in their sale. The output will greatly increase the following years.

The pears are the Boro Diango, Boro Bosco and Bartlett; the walnuts the Farquette and the apples a large variety.

W. A. Bodine, of this city, has had charge of the development of the orchard, and has reason to be proud of the result.

E. S. Morgan, of Creswell, transacted business here this morning. Mrs. C. B. Essex, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Guth and family left Saturday on a short pleasure trip to Portland. Mrs. Essex is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guth.

County Fruit Inspector D. W. Rumbough went to Lebanon this noon on a fruit inspection tour. He will visit Brownsville before returning.

J. J. Collins and family returned Sunday to Newport and Salem. Bert Crawford and Frank Davison were numbered among Albany fans who attended the ball game at Corvallis Sunday.

IN READINESS FOR BEGINNING SCHOOL

Air Preparedness Surrounds O. A. C. With School Opening Week Off.

IMPROVEMENTS ABOUT COLLEGE NUMEROUS

Remodelled Buildings, New Equipment and System of Travelways Completed.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Sept. 8.—With the opening of the school but one week away an air of preparedness surrounds Oregon Agricultural College. Remodelled buildings, new equipment and a complete system of travelways are almost in readiness for the arrival of hundreds of students whose registration and assignments to classes will begin Friday, September 19. A force of two hundred and fifty laborers are busily engaged to complete the improvements and unless the unforeseen happens, will be completed. Class work begins the following Tuesday, and the instructional forces are fully prepared with better facilities than ever before. While attendance gives every promise of breaking all former records, the added rooms and equipment insure the proper care and instruction of all who enter.

The rearranged grounds and building will present a most attractive appearance to the returning students as well as to the new ones. Along the northern border of the campus the macadam roadways with its wide flanking cement walks, will be the most striking as well as the most welcome change noted in the grounds.

The remodeling of Science Hall to afford spacious and well lighted laboratories is nearly completed and the building will be ready for use when school opens. Apparatus and material for instruction, demonstration and student practice, have been arranged and brightened up, and all departments are better prepared than ever before for the proper training of many students.

Canthorn Hall has been painted, repaired and fitted up as an attractive dormitory for girls, and Wadde is swept and aired for the scores of young women already beginning to arrive. Numerous fraternity houses are undergoing renovation and repairs and the college Y. M. C. A. committees are in readiness to lend every needed assistance to students seeking homes.

Many important changes will also be noted in the facilities. Altogether there are forty new members, other additions to the force of last year or successors to members of the staff, resigned or on leave of absence.

WANTS DIVORCE FROM WIFE WHO DESERTED HIM

Charging desertion, Perry S. Bond, has filed suit in the circuit court against Annie Bond, for divorce upon the grounds that she has violated her marital vows.

The couple were in this county on April 22, 1913. There are no children.

In the complaint, the plaintiff alleges that on August 22, 1912, the defendant without cause deserted the plaintiff. At that time they were residing at Halsey. It is alleged that the defendant removed from the state and has never returned. Amos A. Tensing, an attorney of Brownsville, represents the plaintiff.

MISS CLARA ECKERT IS BRIDE OF ARCHIE RAMSDEN

The home of H. C. E. Eckert, corner of Fifth and Ellsworth streets, was the scene of a quiet wedding ceremony this afternoon when Miss Clara May Eckert and Archie O. Ramsden were united in marriage by Rev. Franklin H. Gesellbricht, of the First Presbyterian church, in the presence of intimate relatives and friends. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left on a honeymoon of two weeks which will be spent in traveling to points over the Portland, Eugene & Eastern.

The bride is one of Albany's charming young ladies. She has spent the greatest portion of her life here and is a graduate of Albany High school, after which she took a special course in Albany College. She has a host of friends here.

The bridegroom is a popular young man of Corvallis. He formerly resided here where he has many friends. At present he is in the employ of the P. E. & E., being recently promoted to the position of train dispatcher. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden will make their home in Corvallis.