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BLARE OF NOISE AND SIEGE OF HILARITY MARKS THE CELEBRATION

With Shrieking Whistles, Honking Horns, Tolling Bells and Other Noises Albany Welcomed New Year; Demonstration Was Unprecedented; 1913 Passed into History.

MANY WATCH PARTIES WERE HELD ALL OVER THE CITY, MIDNIGHT MATINEE WAS A BIG FEATURE

Hotels Are Today Serving Special Dinners; Event That Will Cap Climax to Be Held Tonight at Armory--Alpha Omega Ball--Hall Presents Wonderful Spectacle.

1913 is dead and 1914 is born. With a blare of noise, and a siege of hilarity, Albany last night just as the clock struck twelve, celebrated the birth of the new year, gloriously and triumphantly. Shrieking whistles, honking horns, tolling bells and various other implements of noise, blended with an occasional report, either of a gun, a giant firecracker and an occasional shout, from a human throat, and the din wafted out upon the night air in one vast volume.

1913 Is Dead.
Yep, 1913 died last night in a blaze of glory, in respect to the new year, it died a natural death, and it has already passed into history, to some probably as the hoodoo year, as it has been often styled, while to others it may have been one of triumph.

January 1914 here; December 1914, where?

Have you stopped to think what the new year will bring to you? You are right here now but where will you be next December 31?

Demonstration Unprecedented.
The demonstration in Albany in honor of the birth of the new year was unprecedented. Everything nearly, of a noise producing character, was turned loose, almost at the same time. Late into the night, jolly merry-makers were seen on the streets everywhere.

Watch parties were held in a few churches and there were parties in private homes all over the city. However, the vortex of the celebration was centered in the downtown district and more especially in the theaters.

Midnight Matinee.
A midnight matinee at the Bligh was a special feature and the performance was witnessed by a large crowd. The event may have been termed as a big watch party, for players and audience, both watched together and when the hour of twelve came, all joined in the merry observance. The play was appropriate to the occasion and as a result attracted considerable attention and afforded much amusement. Frequent references were made to the new year by the actors, in witty remarks and the climax was capped when the Hebrew read in Tolstoy's great book, that the earth was coming to an end at twelve o'clock. The book, of his god had been doctored

to read thus by his love sick son, who desired to gain the consent of the parent to marriage and secure money from the father therefor. When the Hebrew read that the world was to end, he yielded and the situation resulting, was one of merriment.

This closed the engagement of the Bon Ton Musical Comedy company at the Bligh after a three days' successful run. However, one of the most successful events of the engagement, was the chorus girls contest, given last night. In their various skits, they made a pronounced hit and were accorded round after round of applause.

With many other happenings, thus the birth of the new year was celebrated in Albany.

Aftermath to Be Brilliant.
However, the aftermath is yet to come and the aftermath promises to be one of brilliancy and pleasure.

First we will have the special dinners served in the hotels commencing today at noon and continuing until late. Both the hotel St. Francis and the Hotel Hammel have arranged special menus for the occasion and table reservations have been numerous. Many a family will eat new year's dinners in the hostelry's dining rooms.

Butchers and grocers report that marketing has been unusually flush. Bakers state similar facts. Never before, said one butcher, has there been such a demand for wild goose and a baker said that he has been kept busy making sponge cake.

The event that will cap the climax is yet to happen.

Alpha Omega Ball.
Decorated wonderfully, and perhaps more elaborately than for any dance ever given there, the armory hall presents a rare spectacle, graced by hundreds of artificial chrysanthemums and other things, arranged artistically and tastefully, to be the scene tonight of the annual ball given by the young ladies of the Alpha Omega sorority.

Everything is in readiness for the affair and it promises to be the capital social event of the season. Scores of out of town guests will attend. The grand march will start sometime between 8:15 and 8:30 o'clock. Patrons and patronesses will receive the guests. Hendershot's orchestra of Eugene will furnish the music.

Naturalization Examiner Coming.
United States Naturalization Examiner Hazard has completed his labors in Salem, and left this morning for Albany, where he will examine the applicants in Linn county. Judge Galloway will sit on the bench in Albany during the examination.

Burning Flue Fire.
A burning flue in the Home Telephone building yesterday afternoon, shortly before 6 o'clock caused an alarm of fire and the response of the department. No damage was done and the bright blaze, whipped by a breeze raving out of the chimney and over the side of the building, was soon extinguished with the use of a hand extinguisher.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Palmer left today for Oakville where they will spend the day with relatives.

TRAGEDY OF UNDERWORLD IS DEATH OF WOMAN

(By United Press Association)
Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 1.—Susie Adams, age 35, was shot and instantly killed and Charles Glenapao, age thirty, was shot in the forehead and chest and may die, and Policeman Warren was slightly injured as the result of a tragedy of the underworld here early New Year's night.

The tragedy was the result of an orgy participated in by the man and woman, which was followed by a pistol duel between Policemen Toomey and Warren and Glenapao. The latter died on the floor from self-inflicted gun wound in the breast. Bullets whizzed over the dead body of the woman lying on the floor beside the paramour, whose victim she was.

Conference Delayed.
Pass Christian, Jan. 1.—The president's conference with Lind has been postponed for about twelve hours. The cruiser Chester which is bringing Lind has encountered a fog which has delayed the trip.

Judge Kelly to Go to Salem.
Circuit Judge Kelly will go to Salem Friday morning, and will at that time receive the report of the grand jury, which is now in session. Following the grand jury report, the court will proceed to set cases for the January term.

Lind-Wilson Conference.
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Today is a General Holiday Everywhere

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All of the public offices have been closed all day and also the banks. The post office force is enjoying a holiday and Albany is serenely quiet.

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Important Happenings of 1913 In Pictorial Review



MISS HELEN GOULD was married to Finley J. Shepard at Tarrytown, N. Y., on Jan. 22. General Victoriano Huerta became provisional president of Mexico on Feb. 18. J. Pierpont Morgan, financier, died in Rome on March 31, aged seventy-six. President Wilson read his first message in person before congress in joint session on April 8. Princess Victoria Louise, only daughter of Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, was married to Prince Ernst on May 24. The American polo team won the international match from the British challengers at Meadowbrook, N. Y., on June 10-14. Over 40,000 civil war veterans attended the great reunion at Gettysburg, July 1-4, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of that battle. Governor William Sulzer of New York was impeached on Aug. 11. Jerome D. Travers retained his title to the national amateur golf championship at Garden City, N. Y., on Sept. 6. The steamship Volturmo, Uranium line, burned in midocean on Oct. 9, 131 losing their lives and over 500 being saved. Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson was married at the White House on Nov. 25 to Francis B. Sayre. General Carranza's rebel followers won important victories in Mexico in December.

30 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS HERE THIS MORNING

Enroute to Corvallis to Confer with O. A. C. Heads; May Stop Here.

Enroute from Salem to Corvallis, 30 county school superintendents representing as many counties of the state, were in Albany this morning for a brief period.

They arrived on the 9:40 train and left for Corvallis shortly afterwards. Superintendents from all but four of the counties of the state were included in the party.

The superintendents have been in Salem attending a cooperative industrial institute and their mission to Corvallis is to confer with the heads of various departments of the Oregon Agricultural College extension department with a view of securing co-operation to the end of effectively carrying out the industrial work inaugurated for the county schools.

The party was joined at Albany by Linn County Superintendent W. L. Jackson. Mr. Jackson returned from Salem last night where he has been in attendance at the institute and attending his duties as a member of the state board of examiners. For the past week they have been working on the examination papers as the result of the school teachers' examinations held recently, formulating the grades and making ready to announce the results. Mr. Jackson will return to Salem tomorrow to resume his duties.

He stated that there are 1200 applicants, all of which wrote one from 11 to 24 subjects, making the undertaking of grading the papers a strenuous and protracted task.

The party of school superintendents will return this afternoon. There is a probability that Mr. Jackson will prevail upon them to stop over. A reception, in this event, will be arranged by the Commercial club and the visitors will likely be shown over the city.

DAWN OF NEW YEAR BRINGS DESPERATE BATTLE

Five Hundred Slain and One Thousand Wounded Before Walls of Ojinaga.

(By United Press Association)
Presidio, Jan. 1.—New Years dawned with a terrific battle raging at Ojinaga.

The fighting did not cease throughout the night. The rebel artillery was concentrated on the town and a rain of shells was falling among the defenders during the morning. A half a dozen fires started during the night but were extinguished as the battle continued. Wounded soldiers arriving here said that at least five hundred are dead and their bodies lay in the streets of the besieged town. They estimated the number of wounded at 1000.

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WORK STARTED TODAY ON ST. FRANCIS ANNEX

Rapid Increase of Business Made Necessary Addition of 50 Rooms.

Work started today on the construction of a 50-room annex for the St. Francis hotel, owned by E. W. Rhodes, but leased and managed by Bert R. Westbrook.

This is the result of rapid increase in the hotel business in Albany during the past year. It is the plan to have the new annex completed and ready for occupancy by June.

It is to be built on the west side of the building and will be three stories, making the roof flush with the hotel building, as the building occupied by the Hubert-Ohling Hardware company will be the ground floor. This building will be remodeled and reconstructed to conform with the hotel building. It will be maintained as store rooms. The hotel building proper then will have a ground area of 100 by 100 feet. The entire building will then contain 100 rooms.

The annex is to be furnished up elaborately with the best of furniture and fixtures, will contain several combination sample rooms, a reception hall and the conveniences will be up to date in every respect.

Marooned at Redding.

A telegram was received this morning from Rev. W. P. White at Redding, Calif., stating that he did not know when he would arrive home as the train was tied up there as the result of a land slide. Rev. White is enroute home from San Francisco where he visited with relatives during the past week.

First Savings Bank.

The First Savings Bank of this city was organized to give people of small means an opportunity of earning something on their savings. How well the bank has served this purpose is shown by the fact that it paid out over \$43,000 in interest on savings since its organization four and one-half years ago.

Returns From Trip to B. C.
Returning last night Constable John Cullin has for the past week been visiting in British Columbia. Asked as to the nature of his trip and he replied that it was merely to look over the country and see how things were going along. Incidentally, too, while away, the constable said, he took a jaunt into the Rockies with the mounted police, after criminals.

FERN HOBBS LEAVES TODAY FOR COPPERFIELD

Salem, Jan. 1.—Miss Hobbs, Governor West's private secretary leaves at 4 this afternoon to close the saloons of Copperfield in Baker county.

As far as could be learned she will be unaccompanied. She would not comment on how she would accomplish the task but said she expected to arrive in Copperfield at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

OPTIMISM KEYNOTE AMONG NEW YORK FINANCIERS

Confidence in Currency Law Is Expressed by Thousands of Business Men.

(By United Press Association)
New York, Jan. 1.—General optimism concerning 1914 was expressed among the financiers here today.

Confidence in the new currency law and a general belief that the countries big industries will adjust themselves to conditions imposed by the Underwood tariff bill, is expressed everywhere by business men in telegrams to the New York World.

"The outlook for 1914 is bright," wired Secretary of Commerce Redfield, "and I think the fundamental economic conditions of the country are sound."

STAGE ALL SET FOR TWO BIG BOUTS IN CALIFORNIA

Smith-Pelky Fight Doubtful on Account of Weather--Fair at Los Angeles.

(By United Press Association)
San Francisco, Jan. 1.—With the weather clearing rapidly at eight o'clock this morning, it seemed certain that Smith and Pelky would meet this afternoon as scheduled. If the storm should continue, however, the bout will be postponed until Saturday afternoon. The odds are now ten to seven with Smith as the favorite.

Cross Anderson.

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—The weather is fair for the Cross-Anderson bout. Cross is a ten to seven and a half favorite. Anderson is expected to weigh 137 pounds at ring time. Cross' admirers admit that Anderson's wallop is dangerous at that weight. Cross will fight at natural poundage.

May Locate Here.

William Lind, of Oklahoma, arrived in Albany last night and may locate in the Hub City. They say they are very favorably impressed with the Willamette Valley and more especially the city.

Home From California.
Ralph Stewart, after an absence of two years, arrived home last night from California to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stewart. He has been engaged with surveying crews throughout California and Nevada.

Willamette Coming Up.
The Willamette river at this point is coming up slowly now, due to the recent rains and the moderate weather in and around the mountains on the east side of the valley. No high water is looked for as yet, however, by the rivermen.

LOCAL BANKERS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Heads of Albany Financial Institutions Expect Increase in Business in 1914.

PAY TRIBUTE TO NEW CURRENCY LEGISLATION

Passage of Banking Law Has Restored Confidence; Big Improvement Expected.

Declaring that the passage of the new currency bill has restored confidence in the business world and asserting that the year 1914 will be one of the best in the history of the state and nation, local bankers today gave out interviews to the Democrat in which they briefly reviewed the business for the past year and gave their views as to the possibilities for the growth and development of this section of the state during the next twelve months. The statements given out are as follows:

Wm. Bain.
"The business outlook for the year 1914 is encouraging. Never before in the history of Albany and the Willamette Valley has there been more extensive improvements than during the past year. Crops were good and the farmers are the main, prosperous. The early and satisfactory settlement of the currency and tariff questions has restored the confidence of the business world and I look for the coming year to be one of the best in the history of both the state and nation."

A. C. Schmitt.
"In compliance with your request for a statement regarding the financial situation, beg to state:
"During the year that has just closed there have been at work many influences which tended to make the outcome less prosperous than what the year promised at the beginning. On the whole the year was one of depression, conditions were less favorable than in the year 1912.
"It is true, the farm products of the year 1913 exceeded those of 1912. The gross earnings of the railroads for the past year were considerable, but the increased cost of operation tended to hold down the net earnings. The output of the factories generally was quite satisfactory for the first half of the year, and some even reached their high water mark. Our exports during the year showed a considerable increase over those of all previous years. Yet the profits in nearly all lines are smaller than those of a year ago."
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