

ALPHA OMEGA BALL BRILLIANT AFFAIR

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Many Out of Town Guests Attended the Brilliant Social Function Last Night.

Continued from Friday, Jan. 2

With 125 couples tripping the light fantastic toe, the annual Alpha Omega ball was held last night in the armory, amid a scene of rare beauty. Never before has such an elaborate and pleasant ball been given here, remarked many.

Decorations Wonderful.

The decorations were wonderful. The big hall was transformed into a veritable wonderland of unique decorations. The effect was Japanese. Overhead was strung ribbon streamers from one side of the hall to the other, interwoven diagonally and cross. Hanging at intervals were Japanese umbrellas decorated with artificial chrysanthemums and centered with an electric light, shaded with brilliant tissue paper. Flowers, and hundreds of chrysanthemums were everywhere. Cozy corners were arranged along the walls elaborately. Large white posts surmounted with baskets of flowers, set along the north wall at intervals and connected with lattice partitions, presented a pleasant contrast to the scene. The orchestra was arrayed on a platform in the center of the floor, beautifully decorated. Burning joss sticks added to the realistic scene. There were many other decorative schemes too intricate to describe.

Grand March at 8:45

Lead by Miss Lora Taylor and her escort, Buford Payne, the grand march started promptly at 8:45 o'clock. With every woman stylishly gowned and their escorts, in the conventional full dress, the grand march was a rare spectacle, amid the extraordinary scene. Young ladies prettily gowned in Japanese attire gave out the programs, which were in keeping with the decorative scheme. They were plain and unique, consisting of a cover bearing Japanese figures and containing a plain program insert, of 18 numbers. However, there were four extras.

Patrons and Patronesses

The patrons and patronesses were comfortably seated in the southeast corner of the hall. They were: Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Dannals, Mr. and Mrs. George Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hulbert, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Haight, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tebault, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fortmiller, Mr. and Mrs. A. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pfeiffer, Mr. and Mrs. William Bain and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Simon.

Throughout the evening the young ladies of the Alpha Omega were recipients of most flattering compliments from guests, expressing their pleasure. The officers of the sorority are: Miss Lora Taylor, president; Miss Helen Hulbert, vice president; Miss Elsie Bain, treasurer, and Miss Kate Stewart, secretary.

Many Out of Town Guests

Among the out of town guests who attended are the following: Professors Vass, Horton and Seeley, of O. A. C.; Misses Gertrude Nolan, Leona Kerr, Florence Bron and Gladys Robey, and Messrs. Corwin Eberling and Victor Leweaux, all of Corvallis. Messrs. Duncan Monteith, Aubrey Martin, Miss Merle Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Cannon and Mrs. Charles Eckerline, all of Portland; Miss Bertha Eckerline and Ralph Cronise, of Salem; Miss Lila Patton, of Halsey; Phil Carroll, of Hood River; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henry, of Woodlawn, Wash.; Miss Phil Condit, of Aberdeen, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Robin Nelson, of Dale, Wash.

The gallery was fairly crowded with eager spectators, some of whom remained until the close, which was not until 1:30 o'clock. Hendershott's orchestra, of Eugene, furnished the music. Miss Bessie Hendershott, sister of the director, sang beautifully during several of the numbers, and this feature was a source of much pleasure.

Miss Bertha Eckerline, of Salem, was among the out of town guests at the Alpha Omega ball last night.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS OF UNEMPLOYED

Representation From Commercial Club Appointed Today by President.

President Van Winkle of the Commercial club this afternoon announced the personnel of a committee he has just appointed to investigate local conditions, with a view of assisting the unemployed residents of Albany.

The committee is as follows: L. E. Hamilton, J. A. Howard, Mrs. J. K. Weatherford, Mrs. W. H. Davis, P. D. Gilbert, A. C. Schmitt and Henry Lyon.

At the last Monday meeting of the Commercial club a plan was suggested by President Van Winkle that some means be devised whereby the city could take care of the floating population by furnishing them with cheap board and lodging and finding employment for them. He stated that other towns of the valley were working along this line. The plan was favorably received.

The committee appointed today is to investigate the conditions at an early date and make a report to the club. The Woman's Civic Improvement club will work in conjunction with the Commercial club in this matter. The two ladies on the committee are officers of the former club.

TOM THOMPSON CHARGED AS HABITUAL DRUNKARD

His Wife Brought Suit This Morning for Divorce—Charges Non-support.

Charging cruel and inhuman treatment, Erma Thompson has filed suit in the circuit court against Tom Thompson for divorce on the grounds of non-support. The defendant is also charged with being a habitual drunkard.

The couple were married at Tillamook on April 3, 1910. There are no children.

It is claimed that shortly after the marriage the defendant contracted the habit of habitual gross drunkenness which continued for a year prior to commencement of this suit. It is alleged as a result the defendant would often come home in an intoxicated condition, treat the plaintiff cruelly and call her improper names. It is also alleged that the defendant used up all of his wages for carousing and that the plaintiff was compelled to support herself by her own labor. Attorney L. G. Lewelling represents the plaintiff.

DETAIL OF MILITIAMEN ACCOMPANY FERN HOBBS

Col. Lawson with Five Soldiers on Same Train—May Declare Martial Law.

(By United Press Association.) Portland, Jan. 2.—Miss Fern Hobbs, Governor West's private secretary whom he sent to Copperfield to close the saloons there, is today on the train which will bear her to her destination. On the same train, but acting independently, is Colonel B. K. Lawson of the Coast Artillery, and a staff of five militiamen. The train is scheduled to arrive in Copperfield at 2 this afternoon.

Miss Hobbs bears a message ordering the mayor to close the saloons, and demanding the resignations of all officials of the town who are saloon keepers. If, however, the governor's orders are not immediately obeyed, Colonel Lawson is instructed to declare martial law, close up the saloons and confiscate all liquor found in them.

SMALL CHILD REPORTED DROWNED NEAR SCIO

Word was received in Albany this morning by Coroner William Fortmiller, of the drowning of a 5 year old child near Scio yesterday afternoon. Details of the drowning or the name of the child could not be learned. It is said, however, that the child fell into stream and the body was recovered shortly afterwards.

Cleve Cochran, of Salem, transacted business here yesterday afternoon, returning this morning.

TOWN IS UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Fern Hobbs and Five Members of National Guard Arrive at Copperfield.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION IS READ TODAY

Saloon Men Advised to Use Force If Necessary to Prevent Closing of Establishments.

(By United Press Association.) Copperfield, Jan. 2.—Miss Fern Hobbs, flanked by Colonel Lawson of the Oregon National Guard and five members of the coast artillery with rifles loaded and ready for action arrived here today.

The governor's special representative read the governor's proclamation declaring Copperfield under martial law in the presence of Mayor Stewart, six councilmen, of whom four are saloon men and heard her tell them that she came to put them out of business. Eighty-four other citizens of Copperfield heard what she had to say.

Sending the militiamen to enforce the orders came as a surprise and leaves the lawless element in a quandary as to what to do. The saloon keepers have been advised by their attorneys to use force if necessary in keeping their places of business open. All men are armed, and that the handful of guardsmen will have a dangerous time in carrying out the instructions seems certain.

C. L. Stidd, of Corvallis, was a business visitor in the city this morning.

Mrs. Merrill Hammel, is the guest of her father, W. P. Ireland, and brother, Fred Ireland, this week, of Corvallis.

D. G. Platt, Jr., of Corvallis, is an Albany visitor this afternoon.

WILL CONDUCT CHRISTIAN WORKERS CONFERENCE HERE

Dr. W. S. Bovard, general secretary of the Methodist Brotherhood of America will be in Albany on Tuesday, Jan. 6. He will conduct a Christian workers' conference at 2 p. m. at the Albany Y. M. C. A. rooms and at 7:30 he will speak to a mass meeting for men in the First M. E. church. A cordial invitation is extended to all men of the city.

Dr. Bovard will hold but three meetings in Oregon and Albany is fortunate in securing him for one of them.

Severe Storm in the East. (By United Press Association.) St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 2.—The entire northwest is experiencing its first real touch of winter. Four inches of snow fell yesterday and is still falling. The snow is not heavy enough to trouble wires or to tie up traffic.

OPPOSITION DEVELOPES TO PICTURE SHOW ORDINANCE

Opposition has developed in many quarters to the proposed ordinance requiring moving picture shows to close on Sunday. Just what will be done by the members of the council in regard to the proposed ordinance or what steps, if any, will be taken by the opponents of the measure to defeat its passage has not been learned but the matter is being quite generally discussed.

WILL BECOME PART OF REGIONAL BANKING SYSTEM

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank of this city, it was decided to make application at once for membership in the new regional banking plan created by the terms and conditions of the new banking law.

News Beginning With This Head Is From the Daily Issue of Saturday, January 3.

GOLD FOUND IN DUCK'S CRAW AT SWEET HOME

Ten Grains Removed from Bird Being Dressed for Christmas Dinner.

Sweet Home, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special to Democrat.)—While Mrs. George Philippi, of across the river was dressing a duck for Christmas dinner, she found several grains of gold in the craw.

When the contents of the craw were removed, among the numerous particles of gravel and other hard substances, Mrs. Philippi found eight or ten small particles of gold which the duck had probably gleaned from the bed of a small creek which runs through the premises.

Mrs. Philippi brought the "find" to town and exhibited it on the streets to various persons, causing some little excitement and interest. Several parties went over to the Philippi home Christmas day prospecting, but none of them proved so successful. The source from which the gold comes is near for the creek heads within a mile of the Philippi home.

ALL WOMEN ARE URGED TO ASSIST IN WORK

The women of Albany are earnestly urged to cooperate and assist in any way possible in the work planned and that is to be planned by the Women's Civic Improvement club. The club will meet Monday to consider important matters and it is the desire that the membership of the club be increased.

"There are many capable women here who seem not to comprehend that Albany is a home in a broad sense," said a prominent member this morning, "and that business conditions now require that the women meet the conditions that make a desirable home possible. The club is working to this end and it is only through united effort and cooperation that success will be attained."

W. R. Dallas, of Corvallis, is transacting business here this afternoon.

Tom Willett, of Salem, is a business visitor in the city today.

Paul Reppetto and wife, of Gates, were visitors in the city yesterday, returning home this morning.

F. Jefferson, of Seattle, is in Albany transacting business.

Frank Mayer, of Lebanon, came over this morning to attend business. He will remain over night.

James Lewis, of Corvallis, is a business visitor in the city today.

Miss Ruth Kress, of Salem, is visiting Albany friends.

S. M. Mayhew, of Stayton, attended business matters here yesterday.

John McGee, of Siletz, is in the city on business matters this afternoon.

F. K. Churchill left today noon for Salem to attend business matters.

Cliff Simon returned to his home near Shedd this noon.

Mrs. Edgar I. Hudson, of Seattle, left for Portland today after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. V. E. Looney. Mrs. Hudson will return to Seattle after a few days visit in Portland with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Turpin.

MONEY

We are prepared to furnish money on farm loans in the Willamette Valley at the lowest current rates of interest. Will give five years time and allow the borrower liberal options of prepayment. If you can make more money from your farm by adding livestock and new machinery and new buildings we will let you have the money for that purpose. If you want to dispose of your place, the quickest way to make a sale is to add substantial improvements. When in need of funds call on us. We are the only established company making long time loans in this county.

The Oregon Title and Trust Co.
ALBANY, OREGON

John Thomas, of Stayton, attended business matters here yesterday afternoon.

I. B. Miller and J. H. Ross, both of Toledo, are business visitors in Albany today.

Mrs. J. C. Mayer, of Lebanon, arrived in the city this morning to spend the day shopping.

G. W. Anderson of Gates, transacted business here this morning returning home this noon.



WE'RE OFF!!

It's the First Day of
OUR
January Clearance
SALE

The first day breaks all records in the amount of goods gone out up until noon today. The store represented a regular bee hive of busy shoppers making their dollar go further than it was ever possible before—Get in Line.

PRICE MADE TO GET GOODS OUT OF THE STORE

Seeing is believing—so don't pass up a good thing. It don't cost one cent to look through this mammoth stock—and if you buy, it costs you little.

Make a saving of

1

 ON

2

 THAT
SUIT

ONE SPECIAL LOT
LADIES' SUITS

With values up to **\$45.00** now **\$14.75**
These are carried over suits and this price is less than cost of material alone.

WOOL GOODS
AT HALF PRICE

49c Whipcord suiting, now	25c yd.
59c Diagonal suiting, now	30c yd.
69c Diagonal suiting, now	35c yd.
\$1.25 Diagonal suiting, now	63c yd.
\$2.00 Heavy Wool Suiting, now	\$1.00 yd.
\$2.50 Heavy Wool Coating, now	\$1.25 yd.

BARGAIN BALCONY

One hundred bargain lots shown at a fraction of their real worth—look them over.

YOUR CHOICE OF ANY HAT
\$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.98

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