

PROMINENT LABOR LEADERS CLASH

McDonald Calls Gompers a Conformed Boozie Fighter at Mineworkers Convention.

GOMPHERS REPLIES— "UNMITIGATED LIAR"

Delegate Makes An Attack on Officers of the American Federation of Labor.

Continued from Friday, Jan. 30

(By United Press Association) Indianapolis, Jan. 30.—A clash between Gompers and Duncan McDonald, of Illinois, enlivened the session of the United Mineworkers convention.

"I just want to say to the delegates to this convention," said McDonald in his speech, "Gompers has no right to a seat here. He is nothing more nor less than a confirmed boozie fighter."

Gompers leaped to his feet, white with rage, and advanced on McDonald, shaking his fist. "McDonald is an unmitigated liar, and he knows it," Gompers shouted.

The other delegates kept the men apart. McDonald declared that all executives of the American Federation of Labor are hard drinkers. "They are a bunch of reactionaries, fossilized boozefighters," he said.

BIG PORTLAND BANKER MAKES PLEA FOR REGIONAL BANK

A. L. Mills Says Difference Between 2 1-2 and 4 Millions Is Big Obstacle.

(By United Press Association) Portland, Jan. 30.—President A. L. Mills, of the First National Bank, and president of the Portland Clearing House, was the principal speaker at the regional banking hearing before McAdoo and Houston.

At the close of his address, setting forth Portland's claims to the regional bank, in answer to a question by McAdoo as to how Portland would overcome the currency act's requirement for the capitalization of four million when the Northwest can only present about two and one-half million dollars of capital, Mills replied: "I believe it is almost an insuperable obstacle. If we are able to show that we are so situated as to need a reserve bank, then the government should help us."

Mills stated that letters he had received from bankers of Washington, Idaho, Western Montana and Oregon, showed that most of the banking business is done with Portland.

FORMER ALBANY MAN OUT FOR SUPREME BENCH

Lawrence T. Harris, Judge of the circuit court of the Second judicial district and one of Eugene's foremost citizens, today announced his candidacy for justice of the supreme court at the coming primary election, in which he will ask for one of the four nominations on the Republican ticket.

Judge Harris has a large following particularly among the young men of the state, and has a record that is both brilliant and creditable. He was born at Albany, on September 13, 1873, and after graduating at the University of Oregon with the class of 1893 he entered the law school of the University of Michigan, finishing in 1896. He immediately began the practice of his profession in this city and took front rank among the lawyers of the Willamette valley.

Weather Report.—The range of temperature for 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning was 35 to 46 degrees. The rainfall for the same period was .20 of an inch. The river is at 10.8 feet. The weather report says rain tonight or Saturday.

News Beginning With This Head Is From the Daily Issue of SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

POSTOFFICE EMPLOYEES FORM FEDERAL POULTRY CLUB

Robert N. Torbet Is President and A. C. Baker Is Secretary-Treasurer.

Six employees of the Albany post-office who make poultry raising a side issue, have formed a club which will be known as the Federal Poultry club. Robert N. Torbet has been chosen president of the organization, and Alvin C. Baker secretary and treasurer.

All members raise only blooded chickens and use the latest scientific methods in caring for their birds. Almost all are specializing in different kinds of chickens.

The members of the club are Robt. N. Torbet, Alvin C. Baker, J. E. Ross, George H. Fiddaman, J. A. Humphrey, Frank M. Powell and Claud C. Bray. Mr. Bray is not a postal employee.

DR. HILL TELLS OF HIS VISIT TO EUGENE LODGE

Local Physician Asserts That Owls Teach Temperance to All Members of Order.

(Editor Democrat).—At 7:30 Monday evening between 20 and 30 members of the Albany lodge of Owls, by special invitation, took the Oregon Electric for Eugene to witness the initiation of a large class in the order that place. A more enthusiastic crowd is seldom found than went from here, led by John Uherhammer's constable, which was a whole orchestra in itself in exhilaration. At Eugene, Albany was met by a large delegation of Eugene members, and after greetings by exchange of familiar yells appropriate to the two lodges and in praise of the cities to which they belong, a line of march was taken up to the Eagle's hall where a packed house welcomed the visitors. Springfield lodge was present 100 strong, leaving behind 360 other members of the same lodge who could not leave home. Forty-nine were initiated in Eugene in the mysteries of the night birds, which made a lodge of 249 members to date, and the announcement was made that 300 more would be added within the next month, and within 12 months they would have 1,000 members. There are now approximately 12,000 in the state of Oregon and the order is rapidly spreading in Canada, England, Alaska and other countries.

The order of Owls is not much known to the public because its mission is to do good in advice and charity without ostentation. It advises temperance in all things and excesses in none. Neither excess nor extreme abnegation are recognized as being in harmony with the laws of nature or reason. The golden rule and the brotherhood of man are abiding tenets of their teachings, and a refusal to live by those rules is met with unfailing expulsion. It is noticeable that a rapidly growing tendency toward greater strictness in the enforcement of prohibitive laws against pernicious excesses is the tendency in the Owls, Elk, Moose and kindred orders, and with inflexible laws in the direction of enduring education for the uplifting of man instead of perishable mandates these orders will yet become known as the greatest factors in the reform of the worst evils that now menace the land.

Two show the popular favor of the Owl order 3500 members were initiated at one time in Atlanta, Georgia, and in that number many were in the highest ranks politically, religiously and financially in that state.

At Eugene a beautiful little Miss Shepherd of seven summers proved herself a prodigy at the piano. In appreciation of her wonderful attainment \$15 dollars were given her by the audience. Three young ladies entertained in artistic approval with the piano, violin and vocal music. I failed to get their names.

A vote of thanks was given the Oregon Electric for its offer to hold the train beyond schedule time for starting, and vociferous encomiums were unanimous for Conductor F. H. Crosby who proved himself the prince of officials in exertions to keep gladness abounding among his passengers. When we go again we will ask for Crosby to order the pulling of the balliards.

J. L. HILL.

MEN NAMED ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

(By United Press Association) Washington, Jan. 31.—The nominations of Winthrop Daniels of New Jersey, and Henry Hall, of Colorado, to be interstate commerce commissioners was sent to the senate today.

SEC. BURLISON SUBMITS REPORT

Recommends Government Ownership of Telegraph and Telephone Systems.

WOULD PURCHASE PROPERTY AT ITS NET VALUE

Congress Has Power to Declare a Government Monopoly of Transmission Lines.

(By United Press Association) Washington, Jan. 31.—Government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines is recommended in a report to the senate by Secretary Burleson in answer to a senate resolution requesting the information the postal officials collected regarding the government ownership of public utilities.

The recommendations were: "The only way to afford the people complete and modern postal facilities which the constitution makes it the government's duty to provide, is to put into effect the following recommendations, that congress declare a government monopoly of telegraph, and telephone lines and such other means of transmission as may hereafter develop, and that congress acquire by purchase at their net worth commercial telephone lines, farmers' lines excepted."

CATTLE LIQUIDATION HAS BEEN LIGHT THIS WEEK

Portland, Or., Jan. 31.—Receipts for the week at the Union Stock Yards have been: Cattle, 748; calves, 15; hogs, 5243; sheep 6243.

Cattle liquidation has been extremely light this week and business not very brisk. Packers are showing a preference for prime hay and graded steers weighing from 1050 to 1200 pounds. Of course, this variety is comparatively scarce and most of the transactions are in medium and heavy bullocks. Beef outlet is narrow. Decreased receipts have undoubtedly had a sobering effect on prices, but trade is not active as yet. A few good butcher cattle were sold during the week, but the market was slow. Bulk prices were as follows: Prime steers \$7.25 to \$7.60; prime cows \$6.25 to \$6.60; heifers \$6.50 to \$6.75; calves \$8.00 to \$9.00; bulls \$5.50 to \$5.75.

Swine prices climbed to \$8.15 Thursday as receipts have been very small since Monday, when the second largest run of the year arrived. Buying was brisk all week and prices maintained a strong front. Bulk of choice light hogs brought \$8.00 to \$8.95, but occasional sales were made at \$8.10 and \$8.15. Demand seems to be brisk and to date has taken care of the supply.

The sheephouse experienced a temporary slump this week, as killers drew off unexpectedly, and mutton and lamb sellers had considerable difficulty in disposing of their stock, especially if quality of sheep and lambs graded less than prime. Weathers were unsteady and about 15 cents lower. Ewes fell a quarter and lambs an equal amount the early part of the week. A few top sales were made Monday at the same level which ruled here ten days since, but business was drab thereafter. Bulk prices on Friday were: Prime yearlings, \$5.60 to \$5.85; prime ewes, \$4.50 to \$4.75; prime grain-fed lambs, \$6.50 to \$6.75. Poor quality mutton had to move at any price.

J. N. Doughton has moved from 1118 West 10th street to 1188 West Eleventh.

Victor Yates arrived this noon on the Oregon Electric from Oakville to attend business.

Prof. J. R. Horner, of O. A. C. war in the city this morning.

Earl Roberts, a student at O. A. C. came over this noon to spend Sunday.

C. H. McKnight, of Junction City, transacted business here this morning.

Roy Burns, of Scio, is a business visitor in the city this morning.

A. L. Gates, of Gates, transacted business here this afternoon.

Road Votes on Lease.

Stuttgart, Arks., Jan. 30.—Stockholders of the Rock Island, Stuttgart and Southern railway company met here today in special session to vote upon the lease of the road to the company for 99 years, from February 1. The line was originally built by the Rice Belt and Southern railway company, the Rock Island becoming interested later.

FIERCE STORM SWEEPS CITY OF CHICAGO

Snow Follows Gale and Railroads and Street Car Systems Are Paralyzed.

(By United Press Association) Chicago, Jan. 31.—It is snowing heavily following a fierce gale which swept Chicago. The railroad schedules are demoralized, suburban lines are paralyzed and the street cars are running irregularly.

Fears are felt for the lake shipping. It is believed one vessel was lost off the foot of Lawrence avenue. Its siren was heard before dawn but by daylight it ceased to sound, and nothing has been seen of the boat. Tugs were sent to investigate. The snowstorm is general throughout the west.

CUT RATE MERCANTILE COMPANY MAKES ASSIGNMENT

R. L. Sabin Will Wind Up Affairs, Believes Creditors Will Be Paid in Full.

The Cut Rate Mercantile company has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. The assignment was made to R. L. Sabin of Portland who will make a sale of the assets and settle pro rata with the creditors.

The total liabilities as listed by the corporation amount to about \$150 and it claims stock and fixtures of the value of \$6,000.

Mr. Sabin believes that the assets are sufficient to pay out all creditors in full.

Plan Auto Ice Races.

Cottonwood, N. D., Jan. 30.—A new and exciting sport has appeared in this part of the country this winter in the form of automobile racing on the ice. Arrangements were completed today for a grand prize race to be held in the near future on Cottonwood Lake. The sportsmen have constructed a race course two miles long, and some exceptionally fast time has been made in trials. The curves are banked with snow, but when the machines start sliding there is no considerable trouble in negotiating the turns.

Weather Report.—The range of temperature for 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning was 50 to 38 degrees. The river is at 9.8 feet. The rainfall for the last 24 hours was .03 of an inch. The weather report says rain tonight and Sunday.

Civic Club Meets Monday.—The Women's Civic Club will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Commercial club to begin a year of active campaign. It is desired that all members be present.

Rueff Hall, of Lebanon, transacted business here this morning.

Lucius Graves, of Lebanon, is an Albany visitor today.

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RADIUM BILL IS PRESENTED

One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars Is Asked for Radium Refinery.

BILL IS INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN FOSTER

Right of Government to Exclusive Purchase Radium Is Reserved by Act.

(By United Press Association) Washington, Jan. 31.—An appropriation of a hundred and fifty thousand dollars to equip a "Radium Refinery" is asked for in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Foster, chairman of the house mines committee.

An additional three hundred thousand dollars to carry on the work until June, 1915 is also asked. The withdrawal of radium lands is eliminated from Foster's bill. Instead it reserved to the government the right to purchase exclusively at rates established on January 1st, and July 1st of each year, all ores from claims located hereafter. The bill authorized the secretary of the interior to dispose of refinery products as may best serve the needs of the people.

CITY NEWS

Prominent Linn County Men Attend.—Four prominent Linn county men attended the banquet in Portland last night in honor of Secretaries McAdoo and Houston. Three of them were Albany men and the other was a Lebanon man. They were: E. D. Cusick, A. C. Schmitt and A. R. Weatherford, all of Albany, and S. M. Garland of Lebanon.

Albany Orator Chosen.—Herbert Blatchford won the local oratorical contest of Albany college yesterday and will represent the college in the Intercollegiate contest of Oregon to be held in this city on March 13. The contest was held in the college assembly room. Blatchford spoke on "The Great Invasion."

Regional Bank Hearing.—A. C. Schmitt who returned this morning from Portland where he attended the regional bank hearing, has given the Democrat an interview on the proceedings, which will appear in Monday's paper.

Sweet Home Has Electrician.—L. F. Newton has established an electrical supply house in the Slavens building at Sweet Home. It is a branch of the Newton Electrical Supply Co. of Albany and carries all kinds of electrical supplies.

Last Appearance.—Tonight the Donald and Hallett players will make their last appearance at the Rolfe theater in "The Price," after a most successful week's engagement. "The Price," is a thrilling comedy drama and is said to be the best play in the repertoire.

Rich Company Made Hit.—The Frank Rich company at the Bligh last night made a hit in "Oh You Baby." The chorus girls' contest was one of the most unique exhibitions of individual acting seen here. The feat of Miss Mildred Edwards of getting out of a straight jacket captured the second prize. The company will present a change of program tonight.

Jolly Entertainers Coming.—What promises to be the event of the season in theatrical circles in this city, is the coming engagement of The Jolly Entertainers on Feb. 4 and 5. These children are without a doubt, the most versatile troupe before the public today, playing their parts like old veterans. There are twenty-four "jollies" ranging in age from five to sixteen. Their fresh young voices and youthful appearance are a decided contrast to the average traveling company. They will be at the Bligh theater.

Manager Bligh Here.—Manager T. G. Bligh, president of the Bligh Amusement company, was in Albany last night.

Troubadors Are Coming.—Byron's Troubadors will again be presented in Albany at the Methodist church on the evening of March 4th.

JANUARY RAINFALL FOR 18 YEARS AVERAGES 6 INCHES

Local Weather Observer F. M. French Compiles Interesting Report.

Weather Observer F. M. French has compiled a report showing that the average rainfall for the month of January for the past 18 years has been 6 inches. The period is from 1897 to January 1914. Incidentally more rain fell this January than during any previous January of the period.

Mr. French's report is as follows:

Year	Inches
1897	3.13
1898	3.35
1899	5.57
1900	4.05
1901	4.38
1902	4.20
1903	6.94
1904	4.66
1905	4.47
1906	4.76
1907	7.54
1908	3.92
1909	8.77
1910	6.54
1911	10.68
1912	9.29
1913	5.69
1914	11.76

John Abbott is a Benedict.—Friends of John Abbott, a former Albany boy, will be pleased to learn of his marriage last January to Miss Eva Wells, a talented young musical artist of Portland. Abbott is associated with the publicity department of the North Bank road with headquarters in Portland. His father, Rev. J. T. Abbott, formerly pastor of the M. E. church here, performed the ceremony.

Miss Winnifred F. Austin left this noon for Halsey to visit for the next few days with Miss Lila Patton.

NEWS NOTES FROM SCIO AND VICINITY

Scio, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special to Democrat).—Mrs. W. M. Abbott and Miss Cora Meritt have set up a dress making shop in town.

M. C. Gill was in Lebanon last week having some dental work done.

Mrs. Molly Snyder visited last week with her sister, Mrs. R. Shelton.

Frank McDonald was an Albany visitor last week.

Mrs. G. M. Flook of Mill City is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Simms.

John Kelly was in Albany one day last week.

Nancy and Evelyn Bilyeu were passengers to Albany Friday of last week.

G. W. Marrow was a passenger to Albany Thursday.

Prof. W. L. Jackson was here visiting the school Thursday.

A. L. Geddes was here on a business trip Thursday.

Some unknown person or persons broke into the grocery store of A. F. Beard Thursday night and took some cigarettes and tobacco. Mr. Beard does not know whether that was all or not.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Miller, of Albany, came over Friday for a visit at the home of J. A. Bidgen.

Paul Limbeck of route 2 was a Scio visitor this week.

Mr. C. Gaines of Crabtree was doing business here this week.

Joe Krumpy, who underwent an operation for appendicitis last week, is improving nicely. Drs. Prill, Hobson and Potter were the attending physicians.

Miss Grace McGregor of Salem came Thursday evening to get settled for her work. She will take the place of assistant in the high school, as Miss Van Slyke has resigned on account of ill health. Miss Anna Johnson is expected Friday evening. She will have charge of the domestic science work that is to be installed the next semester.

Dr. W. H. Potter and wife, Dr. Marjorie Potter, of Idaho, and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Potter of New York were guests at the home Dr. Prill last week. From here they went to California where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. A. G. Prill gave an afternoon tea Friday in honor of Mrs. Potter. Those present were Mesdames W. F. Gill, E. T. Bilyeu, C. C. Warner, P. H. MacDonald, E. D. Myers, A. E. Randall, V. A. McKnight, E. C. Perry, Miss Van Slyke, the Misses Evans and Miss C. Rump.

Mrs. E. C. Perry was doing business in Portland this week.

Mrs. T. K. Sanderson is visiting relatives in Portland.

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