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By United Press Association)

Washington, Jan. 31.—The nomi-  
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missioners was sent to the senate to-  
day.

**POSTOFFICE EMPLOYEES  
FORM FEDERAL POULTRY CLUB**

Robert N. Torbet Is President  
and A. C. Baker Is Secre-  
tary-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 Al-  
vin C. Baker secretary and treasurer.  
All members raise only blooded  
chickens and use the latest scientific  
methods in caring for their birds. Al-  
most 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 em-  
ployee.

**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 Mon-  
day evening between 20 and 30 mem-  
bers of the Albany lodge of Owls, by  
special invitation, took the Oregon  
Electric for Eugene to witness the in-  
itiation 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  
constitina, 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 fam-  
iliar 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 mem-  
bers of the same lodge who could not  
leave home. Forty-nine were initi-  
ated in Eugene in the mysteries of the  
night birds, which made a lodge of  
249 members to date, and the an-  
nouncement 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, Alas-  
ka and other countries.

The order of Owls is not much  
known to the public because its mis-  
sion is to do good in advice and char-  
ity 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 unflin-  
ing 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 direc-  
tion of enduring education for the  
uplifting of man instead of perishable  
mandate these orders will yet become  
known as the greatest factors in the  
reform of the worst evils that now men-  
ace the land.

Two show the popular favor of the  
Owl order 3500 members were initi-  
ated 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 ap-  
preciation of her wonderful attain-  
ment \$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 Ore-  
gon Electric for its offer to hold the  
train beyond schedule time for start-  
ing, and vociferous encomiums were  
unanimous for Conductor P. H. Cro-  
by who proved himself the prince of  
officials in exertions to keep gladness  
abounding among his passengers.  
When we go again we will ask for  
Croby to order the pulling of the  
hallsards. J. L. HILL.

**MEN NAMED ON INTERSTATE  
COMMERCE COMMISSION**

(By United Press Association)  
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ations of Winthrop Daniels of New  
Jersey, and Henry Hall, of Colora-  
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**SEC. BURLESON  
SUBMITS REPORT**

Recommends Government Own-  
ership of Telegraph and  
Telephone Systems.

WOULD PURCHASE PROP-  
ERTY AT ITS NET VALUE

Congress Has Power to De-  
clare a Government Monop-  
oly 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 request-  
ing the information the postal offi-  
cials collected regarding the govern-  
ment ownership of public utilities.  
The recommendations were: "The  
only way to afford the people com-  
plete and modern postal facilities  
which the constitution makes it the  
government's duty to provide, is to  
put into effect the following recom-  
mendations," that congress declare a  
government monopoly of telegraph,  
and telephone lines and such other  
means of transmission as may hereaf-  
ter develop, and that congress acquire  
by purchase at their net worth com-  
mercial 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 extreme-  
ly light this week and business not  
very brisk. Packers are showing a  
preference for prime Jay and grain-  
fed 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. De-  
creased 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. Buy-  
ing was brisk all week and prices  
maintained a strong front. Bulk of  
choice light hogs brought \$8.00 to  
\$8.05, 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 tem-  
porary slump this week, as killers  
drew off unexpectedly, and mutton  
and lamb sellers had considerable dif-  
ficulty in disposing of their stock, es-  
pecially if quality of sheep and lambs  
graded less than prime. Weathers  
were unsteady and about 15 cents low-  
er. 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  
draggly thereafter. Bulk prices on Fri-  
day 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 hard to move at any  
price.

I. 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. was  
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 morn-  
ing.

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

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

Road Votes on Lease.  
Stuttgart, Ark., Jan. 30.—Stock-  
holders 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 Rail-  
roads 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 sched-  
ules are demoralized, and 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 day-  
light 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 bene-  
fit of its creditors. The assign-  
ment 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 \$150,000  
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 com-  
pleted today for a grand prize race to  
be held in the near future on Cotton-  
wood 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 skidding  
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.

Rueell Hall, of Lebanon, transac-  
ted business here this morning.

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

**MONEY**

We are prepared to furnish mon-  
ey on farm loans in the Willam-  
ette Valley at the lowest current  
rates of interest. Will give five  
years time and allow the bor-  
rower liberal options of prepay-  
ment. If you can make more  
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ding livestock and new machin-  
ery and new buildings we will let  
you have the money for that  
purpose. If you want to dis-  
pose of your place, the quick-  
est 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  
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ALBANY, OREGON

**RADIUM BILL  
IS PRESENTED**

One Hundred and Fifty Thou-  
sand Dollars Is Asked for  
Radium Refinery.

BILL IS INTRODUCED  
BY CONGRESSMAN FOSTER

Right of Government to Exclu-  
sive Purchase Radium Is  
Reserved by Act.

(By United Press Association)  
Washington, Jan. 31.—An appropria-  
tion 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, chair-  
man 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. In-  
stead 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 au-  
thorized the secretary of the interior  
to dispose of refinery products as may  
best serve the needs of the people.

**CITY NEWS**

**Prominent Lebanon County Men At-  
tend.**

Four prominent Lebanon county  
men attended the banquet in Portland  
last night in honor of Secretaries Mc-  
Adoo 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. B. Weat-  
herford, all of Albany, and S. M. Gar-  
land 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 assem-  
bly 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 pro-  
ceedings, which will appear in Mon-  
day's paper.

**Sweet Home Has Electrician.**

L.  
F. Newton has established an elec-  
trical supply house in the Slavens  
building at Sweet Home. It is a  
branch of the Newton Electrical Sup-  
ply 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 pre-  
sent a change of program tonight.

**Jolly Entertainers Coming.**

What  
promises to be the event of the sea-  
son 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  
"buddies" ranging in age from five to  
sixteen. Their fresh young voices  
and youthful appearance are a decided  
contrast to the average travelling  
company. They will be at the Bligh  
theater.

**Manager Bligh Here.**

Man-  
ager 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 pre-  
vious January of the period.  
Mr. French's report is as follows:  
Year Inches  
1897 3.13  
1898 3.35  
1899 5.37  
1900 4.05  
1901 3.38  
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 Abbett is a Benedict.—Friends  
of John Abbett, a former Albany boy,  
will be pleased to learn of his mar-  
riage last January to Miss Eva Wells  
a talented young musical artist of  
Portland. Abbett is associated with  
the publicity department of the North  
Bank road with headquarters in Por-  
tland. His father, Rev. J. T. Abbett,  
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) Mo-  
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 pas-  
sengers to Albany Friday of last  
week.

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

Prof. W. L. Jackson was here visit-  
ing the school Thursday.

A. L. Geddes was here on a busi-  
ness 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 Al-  
bany came over Friday for a visit  
at the home of J. A. Bilyeu.

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

Mr. C. Gaines of Crabtree was do-  
ing business here this week.

Joe Krummy, who underwent an op-  
eration for appendicitis last week, is  
improving nicely. Drs. Prill, Hobson  
and Potter were the attending physi-  
cians.

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 ac-  
count of ill health. Miss Anna John-  
son is expected Friday evening. She  
will have charge of the domestic sci-  
ence 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 Cal-  
ifornia where they will spend the win-  
ter.

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. Ran-  
dall, V. A. McKnight, E. C. Peery,  
Miss Van Slyke, the Misses Evans  
and Miss C. Bump.

Mrs. E. C. Peery was doing busi-  
ness in Portland this week.  
Mrs. T. K. Sanderson is visiting  
relatives in Portland.

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