

Co-operative farm finance will usher in a veritable new era, says a farming paper. It will enable farmers of the most limited means to pool their resources, so that, upon their joint credit, they may be able to borrow money at reasonable rates for the year's operations. Such accommodation is the most pressing need of the greatest number of farmers. Another vital need is permanent loans on farm mortgage at reasonable rates with easy terms of repayment. This need will be met by the new system of co-operative land-mortgage banks.

The co-operative farm finance conference at Nashville in April was attended by delegations from 24 states, who reported the greatest enthusiasm everywhere upon this subject. It is now realized that, if agriculture can be supplied with sufficient cash, credits and co-operation, its future will be brilliant indeed.

But the Nashville conference wisely favored deliberation and care in establishing in America the systems of co-operative farm finance which, in Europe, have successfully supplied rural needs for more than a century. Therefore, the conference proposed that a select committee of two businesslike farmers from each state be appointed to sail for Europe in June to make a personal study for three months of the way European farmers co-operate to obtain cash and credits, and buy together and sell together.

Meanwhile it is hoped that congress will promptly enact the Grozma-Norris resolution providing for a national commission on farm finance, with an appropriation sufficient to make an elaborate inquiry into every phase of the matter and publish a set of pamphlets bearing upon the different details.

Roosevelt's Campaign.

Never before in the history of the American nation has any candidate for President of the United States so completely surprised his friends and so thoroughly dumfounded his enemies, as has Colonel Roosevelt during the past few months.

Three months ago no man who considered himself well informed on the political situation would have cared to risk his reputation on a prediction that Roosevelt would receive the republican nomination. Although the weakness of Taft was admitted, even his enemies considered his chances of success at Chicago as exceptionally bright.

Goaded on by an insatiable personal ambition and the advice of an army of office seekers who were at war with the Taft administration, Roosevelt finally made the declaration, "My hat is in the ring," which was the signal for a campaign of personalities, insinuations, charges and counter charges, with the President of the United States and Ex-President Roosevelt as the principals in the drama of defamation.

With less than fifty per cent of the republican voters participating in the primaries, the nominee at Chicago need only be the choice of twenty-six per cent of the republican voters. It is also reasonable to assume that those who refrained from participating in the primaries took this method of showing their disapproval of both the opposing candidates.

The apparent victory of Roosevelt therefore does not determine the real choice of the majority of republican voters, but it has been the greatest surprise in the history of American politics.

LOCAL MEMORIAL DAY WINDOWS ATTRACT ATTENTION THURSDAY

The Memorial Day windows arranged by the window trimmers at the Young Department store and the Oregon Power Company's office attracted attention Thursday and are deserving of mention. The Young windows contained large portraits of Washington and Lincoln and the national colors artistically arranged and the office force of the Oregon Power Company featured a flag at half-mast, the flag kept waving by an electric fan.

- The Albany Evening Democrat will hereafter have a social column as a regular feature of the Saturday afternoon edition. All contributions for this department should reach this office on or before Friday evening of each week. Kindly send or phone them to the office, addressed to the society editor.

WEDNESDAY BURGLARS LOOT A LOCAL DRUG STORE

Three Hundred Dollars Worth of Goods Stolen From D. O. Woodworth.

ENTRANCE GAINED OVER
TRANSOM OF FRONT DOOR

Fountain Pens, Razors, and Table Silverware Included in Missing Articles.

One of the most daring burglaries committed in Albany, or several years ago, occurred some time early this morning, when the drug store of D. O. Woodworth was broken into and over \$300 worth of goods carried away.

The burglary was evidently the work of several men, and entrance to the store was gained by climbing over the transom of the main entrance on First street, which was left open last night.

The robbery was discovered by Mr. Woodworth himself when he arrived at the store shortly after 7 o'clock to open up. However, he was spared the trouble of unlocking the door, for it was standing wide open, the thieves after securing their loot having unlocked it from the inside, leaving by the front door.

When he discovered the door open, Mr. Woodworth immediately became suspicious, for William Told, his head clerk, was not due to arrive for several minutes and there was no plausible reason for the door being open. He began to investigate his stock and after a careful examination found that he was minus about \$300 worth of silverware, fountain pens, hand bags, suitcases, pocket knives, watches, etc.

He immediately notified Chief of Police Daugherty and the officers are now hard at work upon the case and hope to have the thieves in custody soon.

Among the goods stolen were a number of fountain pens bearing a gold emblem of the following orders: Masonic, Knights of Pythias, Elks, Knights of Columbus, and Odd Fellows, these pens being of the Parker brand.

A roll containing one dozen pearl-handled pocket knives; a gross of ordinary plain fountain pens of the Parker, Conklin, Waterman and Simplicity varieties, two cheap watches and a leather manicure case and outfit are included in the stolen goods.

Mr. Woodworth attended the meeting of the Chautauque board last night and after its close, made a thorough inspection of his store before going home to see that all was well. The thieves are evidently traveling with the circus and if this is the case it may be difficult to apprehend them.

PROGRAM IS COMPLETED FOR MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Procession Will Form in Front of Courthouse Promptly at 10 o'Clock.

Tomorrow is Memorial Day in Albany and appropriate exercises for the day have been prepared and will be carried out as usual.

The procession which will march to the cemetery will form in front of the courthouse promptly at ten o'clock and will be composed of the members of McPherson Post, G. A. R. of this city, the ladies of the G. A. R., the Knights of Pythias, the Spanish-American War Veterans, 5th Company Coast Artillery Corps, O. N. G. of this city, school children and general public.

At the cemeteries, the graves of the soldier dead will be decorated and Memorial Day exercises will be held by the various orders attending. The procession will march south on Perry street to Sixth and thence west to the cemetery.

Many out-of-town people have been arriving during the day, bringing beautiful flowers of all varieties, which will be placed upon the graves of departed relatives and friends.

The lots in both cemeteries have been for the month past cleared of unsightly weeds and plants, and will present a beautiful appearance tomorrow, when hundreds of people from Albany and other portions of the state will visit them.

A splendid act of courtesy in connection with the Memorial Day services was accorded the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps, by the Spanish-American War Veterans of this city who have secured automobiles to convey their older comrades to and from the cemeteries.

The residents who so kindly contributed the use of their cars for this occasion were Messrs. P. A. Young, D. O. Woodworth, W. A. Barrett, F. K. Churchill, R. C. Churchill, S. G. Rocky, W. A. J. Hodges, S. G. Simon, Roy Worley, Wm. H. Hogan, H. E. Morton, W. S. Richards, I. J. Collins, and William Bain.

The automobile section will form promptly at 9:45 o'clock on the north side of Second street, the head of the line at Ferry street and extending east on Second street.

The entire population of Albany is invited to attend the services at the cemeteries tomorrow. The old soldiers will be given a dinner at noon at the W. C. T. U. hall and in the afternoon the members of the W. R. C. will march to the steel bridge where flowers will be strewn upon the water in memory of the dead seamen.

ROGAWAY REMODELS STORE ON SECOND STREET

Workmen commenced remodeling the store of R. Rogaway & Sons on Second street this morning. A new plate glass front and entrance will be added to the building and a new balcony will give the firm larger room in which to display their goods. The additional space is made necessary because of an increase in stock.

CLASS OF 1912 WILL GRADUATE TONIGHT

Rev. J. Sherman Wallace Will Deliver Address to Class of Thirty-nine.

PRESENTATION DIPLOMAS
BY WALTER M. PARKER

Championship Debate at Eugene Postponed From Friday to Monday, June 3.

The graduation exercises of the Albany High School will occur tonight at 8 o'clock at the First Methodist church and every resident of Albany is invited to attend.

Rev. J. Sherman Wallace of McMinnville College will deliver the address to the graduating class on the subject, "Making of Men," and those who have had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Wallace know that his address will be a strong one.

Immediately following the address, the class of thirty-nine will receive their diplomas, Walter M. Parker of this city, president of the board of education, making the presentation address. The program for the evening will include several selections by the high school quartette and the glee club.

After the graduation exercises are over, the class of 1912 will be the guests of honor at the annual Alumni banquet, which will be served in the dining hall of the church.

On Friday the members of the graduating class will leave on an excursion to Corvallis where they will be the guests on that evening at a banquet given by the Oregon Agricultural College.

The class which graduates tonight at the Methodist church is composed of the following students:

Irvine Acheson, Edmund Anderson, Harold Archibald, Laverne Beeson, Lyle Bigbee, Maud Blount, Dean Crowell, Fred Curry, Marshall Dresser, Thomas Ferguson, Cora Hewes, Letha Holman, Eva Hooper, Helen Hulbert, Margaret Jacks, Ralph Kenton, Victor Lewatun, Arthur Leiminger, Caroline Luther, Koderick MacCallister, Clara Morgan, Helen Muzzey, Chas. Ohling, Elmer Ohling, Edmund Parker, Waverley Risley, Gordon Ryals, Jessamy Roberts, Mary Smith, Floyd South, Robert Stewart, Eva Skaar, Pauline Stanford, Raymond Tomlinson, Kate Watrous, Ruth Thompson.

The debate for the championship of the high school league of Oregon, which now lies between Albany and The Dalles, and which was scheduled to occur at Eugene on May 31, has been postponed until next Monday, June 3, at the University of Oregon.

Irvine Acheson and Chas. Ohling, the debaters who have won so many laurels this season for the local high school, have been hard at work on the coming event at Eugene and no doubt will sustain their past reputation in the art of debate, and the Democrat predicts an easy victory for them at Eugene.

The examinations in the public schools will be completed today and the pupils will receive their promotions and report cards on next Friday afternoon when school closes for the summer vacation.

ALBANY ATHLETICS WILL CROSS BATS WITH FAST CANBY TEAM TOMORROW

Baseball fans of this city will be pleased to learn that there will be a game of ball at "Athletic Park" tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock between the fast Canby team and the "Athletics" of this city, providing the weather will permit, and the chances are now favorable.

The Canby battery will be Van Housen Bros. and for Albany Patterson Bros. Van Housen pitched for the Columbus Grays at Hillsboro last Sunday, winning his game 10 to 0.

The manager of the Canby team writes to Manager Sanders of the "Athletics" as follows: "We are glad to have a chance to meet your team. I have a strong lineup and have gathered together a fast bunch and you will have to go some to beat us off. We have not been defeated yet and have only played one game that was interesting for us."

Following is the lineup of the teams: Canby—Grisy, 2b; Wirt, ss; Zieg, lf; Haines, rf; C. Van Housen, cf; Hampton, 3b; J. Van Housen, p; Long, lb; and Sausness, c. Albany—G. Dooley, 2b; Lee, ss; Mickel, lf; L. Bigbee, rf; D. Patterson, cf; C. Bigbee, 3b; W. Patterson-Saltz, 1b; E. Dooley, lb; and Monson, p.

NEWLY-WEDS RETURN TO ALBANY AFTER SHORT HONEYMOON IN CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Kenton B. Merrill, who were quietly married in this city last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Francis, and escaped from the city before their friends became apprised of the news, returned to Albany yesterday from Portland where they spent the past few days visiting friends and relatives. They will remain here for a few days before going to Southern Oregon where they will reside.

Judge Percy Kelly, after resting up at his home in Albany the past few days, went to Salem this morning to look after several preliminary court matters.

WILL LET CONTRACT FOR NEW DEPOT

Last Link in Chain Between Salem and Albany To Be Completed Friday.

With a track laying crew of the Oregon Electric railway within four miles of Albany and a record of two miles of track per day, the local officials fully expect the last link in the chain between Salem and Albany to be completed by Friday of this week.

In talking with one of the local officials of the new railroad this morning the Democrat representative was informed that the grade between Albany and Harrisburg is practically completed and that the crew of track-layers will undoubtedly reach Eugene by the first day of June.

The contract for the erection of the handsome new depot at this point will be let during the present week and according to the statement of one of the officials of the new road, will be one of the finest buildings on the line. The estimated cost of the depot is between ten and twelve thousand dollars. Constructed of salmon colored brick, with a tile roof and no expense spared in both exterior and interior finishings, the building should certainly prove a credit to Albany.

The committee from Camp Phillips of this city who are making arrangements for the convention and for the entertainment of the visitors are: S. C. Worrell, commander; Frank C. Stellmacher, adjutant; Wm. Salisbury, vice-commander, and Richard C. Churchill, quartermaster.

GALE S. HILL WILL ATTEND ELKS RODEO

Attorney Gale S. Hill will leave tonight for Klamath Falls where he will attend the Elks Rodeo which will be held at that place on May 31st, June 1st and 2nd.

Attorney Hill is District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks and his visit to Klamath Falls is therefore of an official nature.

The Elks of that city have made elaborate preparations for the event and are prepared to handle a large crowd of visitors.

WELDON B. COOK, AVIATOR, HERE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FLIGHTS

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon B. Cooke arrived in the Hub City yesterday afternoon from Eugene and have taken a suite of rooms at the St. Francis.

Mr. Cooke is one of the distinguished aviators who participated in the recent California aviation meets and is here to make arrangements for flights here Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. E. Ludwig Wilson will leave on his Alaskan tour July 1st.

A. K. Davis of Portland is transacting business in Albany today.

Sheriff W. A. Gellatly of Benton county is shaking hands with friends in this city.

Miss Della M. O'Neill, of Corvallis, was a visitor to the county seat yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Van Fruge, of South Bend, Washington, are visiting in Albany for a few days.

Lee Miller, of Millersburg, returned home this morning after attending the Sells-Floto circus here yesterday.

Wade Cyrus, who was in the city yesterday attending the circus, returned to his home at Buzzard this morning.

Clyde Bressler, of Detroit, was in Albany yesterday transacting business. He returned home this morning.

Rose Follis, of Kingston, who has been visiting for several days in the county seat at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Griff King, returned home this morning.

D. N. Williamson, a prominent Linn county farmer, returned home this morning from Corvallis where he went yesterday to look after business matters.

Miss Martha E. Brown, of Stayton, who was in Albany yesterday visiting friends and attending the circus, returned home on the Detroit train this morning.

The Misses Hazel and Clara Baker, of Corvallis, who were in Albany yesterday visiting friends, returned to their home in the College City this morning.

G. Gunderson, of Portland, who is engaged in rescue work for the Salvation Army, arrived in Albany yesterday and is stopping at the Van Dran hotel.

Mr. Thompson of the Thompson Mill of Sheild, and Henry Schulz drove over to Albany in a touring car yesterday and expect to return this afternoon.

Barney Martin, a well-known attorney of Brownsville, arrived this morning and will spend the day here looking after legal matters at the court house.

The following letters remain un-called for at the postoffice: Oscar Anderson, Eva Bigham Bingham (2), Ester Bales, Byrne & Wayne, Francis Beal, S. A. Cooper, Frank Clayton, G. H. Dyer (2), Mrs. Phoebe B. Dow, Mrs. R. B. Dow, L. A. Donsaran, Carl Grunberg, L. L. Gohlsmith, Mrs. Herbert Hays, Thos. Holman, W. J. Humphrey, J. A. Hellman (2), C. F. Panzer, V. Missan, Jacob Renning (foreign), R. S. Williams, C. E. Wood, J. S. Van Winkle, P. M.

H. Shellberg, of Portland, internal revenue inspector for this district, was in Albany yesterday afternoon on official business, leaving this morning for Salem. Shellberg succeeded J. W. Hobbs, who was formerly in charge of this district.

Mrs. Suttell, of Halsey, passed through Albany this morning to Corvallis where her daughter graduates from the Oregon Agricultural College this week. She enjoyed a short visit while here this morning with Mr. and Mrs. Dell Brown of this city, who were at the depot to meet her.

ENCAMPMENT SPANISH WAR VETERANS TO BE HELD HERE

Members of Camp Phillips of This City Are Making Plans For Reception of Visitors.

Albany is to have the honor of entertaining the Spanish-American War Veterans of Oregon at this city on Saturday, June 29, when the fourth annual encampment will be held in this city.

Delegates will be in attendance from all parts of Oregon, including the cities of Portland, Oregon City, Marshfield, La Grande, Pendleton, Baker City, Salem, Eugene, Klamath Falls, and Ashland.

Frank C. Stellmacher of Albany, adjutant of Phillips Camp No. 4 S. W. V., today received word from Jay H. Upton of Portland, department adjutant, that a delegation of about 75 would attend from Scout Young Camp alone.

The state encampment here will be a busy session, much business of importance coming up for consideration, including legislation which directly affects the Spanish War Veterans. Plans will also be made at the convention for the enlargement of the department.

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IMBIBING TOO FREELY CAUSES WOE TO QUARTETTE IN POLICE COURT

Imbibing too freely in the "elixir of life" yesterday was the cause of E. L. Lochner and E. C. Kider being compelled to separate themselves from \$12 apiece in Police Judge Van Tassel's court this morning when they were arraigned and plead guilty to being intoxicated.

Lewis Rieker and A. V. Dorney, who were brought before Judge Van Tassel for the same offense, were broke, and will therefore assist in beautifying the streets of Albany for the next five days, receiving no compensation for their labor and being compelled to live in apartments at the city bastille while they are in the employ of the city.

In spite of the fact that the day following the appearance of a circus in a city generally finds the police court swamped with news of robberies, none were reported to the local authorities with the exception of the Woodworth store robbery.

HALF A PRUNE CROP SAYS ROBERTS

"The prune crop this year will be a disappointment to the growers and the yield will be about half what it was in 1911," said E. C. Roberts, formerly fruit inspector for Linn and Benton counties, when asked about the crop conditions.

Mr. Roberts says that the prospects for a good yield of apples and smaller fruits are exceedingly good. He expects to return today to his home in Lebanon.

WORK IS PROGRESSING ON PENNYWINKLE BRIDGE

Mayor Gilbert inspected the new bridge which is now in course of construction across Pennywinkle Creek on First street, this morning and reports the work progressing rapidly. The forms for the concrete work are completed and the arch for the new bridge should be completed by Saturday evening. In less than two weeks the bridge will be ready for traffic.

J. D. Ellis, a local commission man and wood dealer, went to Lebanon this morning to look after business matters.

Frank L. Whitaker and wife left today for Independence where they will spend a few days visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Freeman, prominent residents of Lyons, spent yesterday in Albany visiting friends and attending the circus.

Sheriff Gellatly, of Benton county, came over from Corvallis this morning and is looking after official business here today.

N. Rose, the genial superintendent of bridge and depot building for the Southern Pacific, left for Portland this morning after looking after affairs here yesterday.

Mrs. David Link, of Eugene, arrived this afternoon for a few days' visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Carter.

Tracy Tonnell, of Mill City, is in Albany today looking after business matters and noting the many improvements in our progressive city.

Whit Crawford, a prominent automobile dealer of this city, arrived this morning from Lawson, where he has been looking after his big farm at that place.

Alfred Abraham, a prominent North Albany farmer, returned to his home near Granger this morning after being in Albany yesterday visiting his brothers and attending the circus.

Mrs. McElmurry, who has been ill at Independence for some days, is improving and expects to return to Albany in a few days.

Mrs. C. W. Brickell and son Charley of Portland, returned home this morning after visiting for several days at the home of Mrs. Brickell's sister, Mrs. William Eagles. Mrs. Brickell also visited for a short time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dolan at Corvallis.

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Ratchet Castings Separate from the wheels. If one becomes worn out or broken you don't have to replace the wheel as you do in others. Reduces your repair account.

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