

# FRANKLIN HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

### Early Morning Blaze Destroys Old Building Occupied by Hart Cigar Store.

### ORIGIN OF FIRE IS MYSTERY TO OCCUPANTS OF PLACE

### Firemen Manage to Save Property Adjoining After Hard Fight With Flames.

Fire which broke out shortly after 1 o'clock this morning entirely destroyed the Franklin House on First street between Baker and Lyon and gave the firemen a hard fight to prevent the row of wooden shacks this side from burning. The fire was discovered about one o'clock by Jack Miller who had rooms in the structure and who barely escaped without being burned, and an alarm was sounded from box 45 at the corner of First and Broadbald streets.

The fire department responded in quick time and soon had several streams of water on the blaze, several lines of hose from the engine and lines from the hydrants at the corners of First and Second streets on Lyon, doing effective work and enabling the firemen to bring the fire under control in less than half an hour.

The origin of the fire is a mystery, Jack Miller, an employee of the Franklin House stating that there was no fire in the house. The building occupied by the Franklin House was owned by August Kroeschel of this city who carried \$2200 insurance on the structure in one of the companies represented by L. R. Schultz. The fixtures and contents of the building were owned by Jim Hart who conducted the place and who was in Portland when the fire occurred. His loss will approximate \$1200, which it is understood was covered by insurance, although this could not be corroborated owing to the absence of Hart from the city.

The fire broke out in the rear part of the building, and fanned by a light breeze from the southwest, was soon a roaring furnace from one end to the other. A hose from the hydrant at Second and Lyon streets was run over the roof of the Wigwam stables and played upon the blaze from the south side where the firemen were able to successfully combat the flames and keep them from spreading to the adjoining property.

Other lines of hose attached to the engine at First and Montgomery streets threw streams upon the front of the building and quenched the flames which were making fast headway on the wooden shack immediately west of the Franklin House which was occupied by a junk shop.

This building was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars, the entire east side of the roof and a portion of the wall having been burned. This building was owned by Dr. J. P. Wallace and was covered by insurance.

When the fire was discovered this morning, a large crowd of men assisted in removing the horses and vehicles from the Wigwam stables owned by P. C. Anderson, this structure being in danger of burning for some time. No difficulty was experienced in leading the horses from the barn and the animals and vehicles were soon placed out of reach of the flames. Mr. Anderson stated this morning that he was grateful for the assistance given him in removing his property.

Another alarm was sounded at 12:20 o'clock this noon, the fire having been fanned by a stiff breeze, was assuming dangerous proportions again, and made it necessary to call out the department to protect the adjoining property.

The Franklin House was one of the oldest structures of the city and when Albany was a wet town was occupied by a saloon and a rooming house. Of late years, however, it has been conducted by various parties and has become known as a respectable place, it being alleged that booze was dispensed there freely while women of questionable character inhabited the rooms upstairs.

Several of the employees of the place have been arrested during the past few years, charged with the illicit sale of intoxicating liquors, one of them being recently indicted on that charge by the grand jury, on five separate counts.

One of the women who is alleged to have roomed at the place during the past few months was Mrs. E. Merrill, who assumed much notoriety here several months ago when she entered one Frank McQuillan, a fugitive from Hoover, to her room in the California rooming house where she is alleged to have robbed him of a watch and \$50 in money.

She was arrested on complaint of McQuillan who charged her with robbing him, but when the case was called for trial, McQuillan failed to show up. The Merrill woman is known to have left town last evening on one of the trains going south.

Miss Zella M. Savage of Salem was in Albany yesterday visiting friends and attending the Salem-Albany ball game.

# GRAND PRAIRIE GRANGE HELD MEETING SATURDAY

### Will Hereafter Meet Twice Each Month, One Meeting to Be Public for Discussion.

The regular meeting of Grand Prairie Grange No. 10 was held at the hall three miles southeast of this city Saturday evening and was attended by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

This grange is one of the strongest in the state and had 94 members in good standing with more applications for membership coming in all the time, and the debt owed by the grange on the new hall recently constructed has been reduced to \$130. It is hoped this sum will be paid by next year.

It was decided at the meeting Saturday night to meet semi-monthly hereafter and to make every other meeting open to the public for the discussion of political questions, and all town folks who think that they know everything and who are also inclined to look upon the farmer as a "haysack" are invited to come out and get an "eye-opener."

L. E. Marquam, one of the prominent members of the grange is reported to be the champion ice-cream eater of this county and his fellow grangers wish to challenge any other granger in the state to an ice-cream eating contest, the loser to pay for the cream.

The 38 measures which will appear upon the ballot next November will be fully discussed by the grange during the next few months. C. L. Shaw and George Pennington were appointed to present the first two measures for the ballot, the first one being woman suffrage. After the meeting last Saturday evening the members were treated to an ice-cream and cake lunch. The next meeting will be held August 24th.

# PROMINENT SALEM PEOPLE ATTEND BALL GAME HERE

Mrs. West, wife of Governor West, Secretary of State Ben Olcott, Miss Hutton and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lovell spent Sunday in Albany, while here being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lee. The party came over from Salem on the base ball excursion and witnessed the game between Salem and Albany yesterday.

# EAR BUG IS LATEST HOT WEATHER PEST

Philadelphia, July 29.—"Beware of the ear bug" is the latest warning of the physicians at several of the city hospitals and many of the bugs have already driven patients to those institutions for treatment. Annie Ronoy of 1532 Naudain street is the latest victim of the new summer pest and the surgeons at the Polyclinic hospital found the bug alive, smuggled close to the ear drum, stinging the sensitive organ as it pleased and causing the child excruciating pain.

When an applicator was inserted the insect refused to budge and all attempts to dislodge it were futile. Finally Dr. Laferty, the house surgeon, thought of a practical method of holding an incandescent bulb close to the girl's ear for about 15 minutes, which made it so hot for the bug that it crawled out of its own accord.

# SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

The Japanese emperor is still in a critical condition and but little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

The schooner C. T. Hill was wrecked on a sand bar near Wheeler, Oregon.

A statement defending the administration on the contests settled at the Chicago convention was issued yesterday from the White House. It is a voluminous document and has the approval of the president and his official family.

The republican members of the steel trust investigating committee will submit a minority report.

The hotel men of the state of Illinois have declared against the parcels post.

The Taft men of California are preparing for a bitter fight against Governor Johnson at the state convention.

Judge E. B. Dillon, republican nominee for governor of Ohio, has withdrawn from the race. Inability to reconcile the various factions of the republican party is the reason assigned by the nominee.

Six persons were killed yesterday when a passenger train struck an automobile near Toledo, Ohio.

Dr. H. W. Cox has been slated for the Oregon member of the Ball Moose convention.

Miss Blanche Hammett is visiting in Lebanon at the home of Miss Zetta Underwood. Miss Hammett started for the Yaebats on a vacation trip a few days ago, but was made ill by eating some fish at Newport, and compelled to give up the trip.

# J. W. RANNELLS IS REPORTED DROWNED

### Went North Several Days Ago To Make Arrangements For Outing at Wallapa Bay.

### TELEGRAM ANNOUNCING THE DROWNING RECEIVED TODAY

### Mrs. Rannells and Judge E. P. Rannells Leave on Electric for North This Morning at 10:15.

Mrs. J. W. Rannells, who resides at 217 East Fourth street, received a telegram this morning at 10 o'clock from the Forest-Hill Investment Company of Portland stating that they they had received word from Chelso, Washington, stating that her husband, John W. Rannells of this city had accidentally been drowned yesterday at that city in Wallapa Bay.

No authentic information corroborating the news has been received at the Rannells home so far but further news concerning the reported drowning is expected this evening. Mrs. J. W. Rannells and her husband's brother, Judge E. P. Rannells of St. Louis, Missouri, who is visiting her, left on the Oregon Electric immediately upon receipt of the telegram this morning and word from them is expected some time tonight. Miss Frances Rannells, a daughter, who has been spending the past week at Newport, has been telegraphed for and will arrive in this city tonight.

Mr. J. W. Rannells went to Washington a few days ago to make arrangements to take his family to Chelso on Wallapa Bay for a month's outing and the family, including Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rannells of St. Louis, Missouri, had expected to join him there next Thursday, when all arrangements had been completed by Mr. Rannells.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rannells and family came to Albany a little over a year ago and the news of the unfortunate accident, if true, will be received with regret by the many friends of the family in this city. Mr. Rannells is a member of the Forest-Hill Investment company of Portland and recently had charge of the sale of a stock of shoes at Lebanon and was also engaged by the Tracy Clothing company at their recent sale.

Mrs. E. P. Rannells who is visiting here, when interviewed this afternoon at the Rannells home by the Democrat reporter, stated: "With the exception of the telegram which we received at ten o'clock this morning from the Forest-Hill people, we have heard nothing more and no authentic information corroborating the report has been received. My husband, E. P. Rannells, and Mrs. J. W. Rannells left for Portland via the Oregon Electric immediately upon receipt of the telegram and will proceed to Chelso. Miss Frances Rannells is at Newport and we have telegraphed for her to take the train at noon which will bring her to Albany this evening. We expect word from the north this evening."

# POPULAR LEBANON YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED TODAY

At the court house at 10 o'clock this morning occurred the marriage of Harry Elkins and Mrs. D. Skelton, both of Lebanon. The marriage ceremony was performed by County Judge Duncan and was witnessed by only one or two friends of the contracting parties.

The groom is a native Oregonian, having been born and raised at Lebanon and at one time was Captain of Troop A of that city. Both the bride and groom are well and favorably known by the residents of Linn county.

There were 87 Albany folks in attendance at the funeral of the late Charles M. Winant which was held yesterday afternoon at Newport. The special train of six coaches were loaded to their capacity and arrived back here at 11 o'clock last night. Over 500 people went to Newport from Albany yesterday on the two trains.

The picnic that was to have been held at Bryant's park, on Tuesday afternoon, by the C. W. B. M. society of the Christian church, has been postponed for the present.

- A keg of kerosene with straw sticking out of the bung hole
- was found in the rear part of the Franklin House this morning
- by Councilman Chambers which leads to the belief that the fire at the Franklin House was of incendiary origin, everything pointing that way.
- A number of demijohns which had also contained kerosene were found and these with the keg are being held. Mayor Gillett inspected the place this afternoon in company with Councilman Chambers and it is possible that an investigation as to the cause of the fire will be made.

# HEIRS MAKE MANY INQUIRIES HERE

### Relatives of Joseph M'Connell Write to County Clerk About \$71,000 Estate.

### LETTERS RECALL FAMOUS WILL CASE ONCE TRIED HERE

### Son Contested Will at the Time and the Court Declared the Instrument Invalid.

Nearly every two years the county clerk's office at this city has been swamped with inquiries concerning the estate of Joseph M. M'Connell who died here September 9, 1893. These inquiries recall one of the most famous will contest cases in the history of the county which will be remembered by many of the old residents of Albany and Linn county.

Joseph M'Connell had made a provision in his will that a portion of the estate which was valued at \$71,000, was to be left to his wife, Lucy A. M'Connell. Another portion was to be left to his only son, Reason M'Connell, with the proviso that should he die without issue, the property would revert back to the heirs of Joseph M. O'Connell.

Another provision in the will was to the effect that none of his son's relatives should be permitted to live on any portion of the estate during the life of Reason M'Connell, the elder M'Connell evidently having a dislike for his son's wife and her people.

Three days after the will had been admitted to probate, the son attacked the validity of the will and after one of the most noted contests in the history of the county, the will was declared invalid and was set aside by the court. Lucy A. M'Connell, the widow of Joseph M. M'Connell, was then appointed administratrix of the estate and the property was settled up, being equally divided between mother and son.

The heirs of Joseph M'Connell must have gotten hold of the will in the past few years and unaware that the will has been set aside, they continue to fire volley after volley of questions concerning the estate to the county clerk at this city. Two years ago the force of clerks were kept busy answering letters concerning the estate and the inquiries finally ceased. Now during the past few days the heirs have cast have got on the job again and have opened up their fire of questions.

# AMUSED FRIENDS, NOW UNDER DOCTOR'S CARE

Shelbyville, Ind., July 29.—Celia Coers, age 19, jokingly made her eyes cross to amuse her friends, and the eyeballs refused to return to their proper position. The flesh around the eyes became black and the girl suffered great pain. A physician worked with her for four hours before the eyeballs were restored to their natural position.

The girl has recovered, although she has some slight pains in the optic nerves.

# ALBANY PEOPLE SPEND SUNDAY IN MOUNTAINS NEAR LACOMB

A party of Albany people, including Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Richard and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Veal spent Sunday in the mountains along Crabtree creek and Roaring river, enjoying the shade and escaping the heat of the valley. The trip was made in the autos of T. L. Alexander and W. S. Richards, the party returning home in the cool of the evening after a most enjoyable trip. They stopped for dinner yesterday on Roaring river, spreading their lunch beneath the trees.

# LOCAL PRINTER DRIVES AUTO 3400 MILES SINCE MARCH

F. K. Churchill, the local printer, purchased his Buick automobile last March and since that time has driven it on pleasure trips a distance of 3400 miles, which is probably a record for cars for pleasure purposes.

He has made six round trips to Portland and many trips to nearly every town of any size in the county. He is always busy during the daytime and has covered home of the 3400 miles in pleasure trips during the evening.

# CARSON BIGBEE RETURNS FROM VANCOUVER, B. C.

### Manager Brown Stated That the Youngster Had Ability to Make the Team.

Carson Bigbee, the Albany boy who went to Vancouver, B. C., last Tuesday to join the Vancouver team if the Northwestern League, returned home yesterday, having refused to sign a contract under the terms offered. Manager Brown, of Vancouver, wanted Bigbee to sign a contract so that he could hold him for next year, but wanted him to farm out for this season to some team in the Western Tri-State League. Bigbee refused to do this.

After watching Bigbee work out, Brown admitted he had the ability to make good on the Vancouver team, but refused to give him a try-out for the reason that he didn't want to break up the combination of his infield, which is working satisfactorily. He was anxious to hold the lad for next year, however, and offered satisfactory terms from a financial viewpoint, but as he would not give Bigbee a try-out for the Northwestern League team, the lad decided not to sign up and returned home.

Bigbee will play the remainder of the season with the Albany Athletics in his customary position at third base, and will resume his school work this fall. He has one more year of high school work and then expects to enter the University of Oregon. As he didn't sign up with Vancouver, he still has an amateur standing for high school athletics during the next school year.

# COLLEGE WILL TREAT "BLUES" AS INSANITY

Baltimore, July 29.—Among the many unique forms of mental disorder that will be made the subject for suggestive treatment in the new Phipps Psychiatric Clinic of Johns Hopkins hospital will be that mental affection known as the "blues." While in themselves the blues do not constitute insanity, according to science, it has been acknowledged by brain specialists that, psychologically, they really are symptoms of approaching insanity in a mild form—so mild as to be hardly noticeable. "Many persons," said Dr. Adolf Meyer, who will direct the new clinic today, "are suffering with a mild form of insanity, so slight as not to be noticed except by those very close to the sufferers. Oftentimes these relatives explain the disease to acquaintances, by saying that the victim has the 'blues.'"

# RESIDENT OF LINN 50 YEARS, HAS NEVER SEEN THE OCEAN

Although he has been a resident of this county for more than fifty years, Tom Froman, a prosperous farmer and prominent granger, residing three miles southeast of Albany, has never seen the ocean and left this morning for Newport where he will spend several days at the beach.

Froman has a fine ranch near Froman station on the Albany-Lebanon branch of the Southern Pacific, which requires most of his time the year around and he seldom has a chance to get away for more than a day or so, and when the opportunity presented itself, he concluded to take a few days off and enjoy a brief outing at the beach.

# PERSONAL

A. Sternberg returned last night from a business trip to Portland.

Mrs. J. C. Hammel of this city went to Portland this morning where she will visit friends tomorrow. While gone she will also inspect some china-ware and furniture for the new Hotel Hammel now under course of construction here.

J. K. Weatherford, one of the attorneys representing the Hammond Lumber company in the power site case now on trial at Salem, returned to the Capital City this morning after spending Sunday at his home in this city.

W. B. Keith of Toledo is visiting at the home of his brother, A. E. Keith of the Hamilton store. Mr. Keith is very favorably impressed with Albany and expects to make this place his permanent home.

On Thursday, August first, Mitts & Calavan will open their new drug store at 203 Main street. A new and complete stock of drugs has been installed and the new store is said to be one of the best equipped in the city. Mr. Mitts was formerly principal of the high school at Canby and Mr. Calavan was at one time a student in Albany College.

Five hundred and forty dollars worth of jewelry was auctioned off by L. W. Ross on the first day of his big auction sale. The entire stock will be closed out at prices below cost. When the auction started at 2:30 this afternoon a large crowd was in attendance and a large number of articles were knocked down to the highest bidder.

# FIVE HUNDRED SEE SUNDAY BALL GAME

### Salem Senators Win the Second Contest of Championship Series Yesterday.

### CAPITAL CITY FANS COME TO ALBANY ON SPECIAL CARS

### Fight Between Local Players Delays Game While Local Police Clear Field.

An enthusiastic crowd of over five hundred baseball fans, filled the grandstand and bleachers at Athletic Park yesterday and witnessed the local nine lose the second game of the championship series by a score of 19 to 8.

The Salem rooters arrived in this city at 11 o'clock yesterday morning by special train, four hundred strong, all of them supplied with megaphones and other noise makers and at the game kept up a continuous bellman of noise.

Several hours before the game was called, hundreds of fans were clamoring for admittance at the gates and when the gong sounded at 3 o'clock as a signal to play the entire section of bleachers and the grandstand were filled to their capacity while hundreds who were unable to get a seat, lined the fence around the inside of the park.

The game was begun with Patterson on the mound for Albany, and he succeeded in shutting the visitors out for three innings, Albany securing the first two runs of the game in the last of the third inning. The Capital City aggregation retained in the first of the fourth inning with four runs and the Athletics tied the score in the same inning when they managed to secure two runs.

In the fifth inning the visitors secured three more runs and Albany two. Neither team scored in the sixth and in the seventh Salem scored three runs and Albany two. Hughes of Portland then took the mound for Albany and allowed no more runs during the game, which ended with the score Salem 10, Albany 8.

The batteries in the contest yesterday were Albany—Patterson, Hughes, and Patterson, Salem—Baker and Baker. The game was umpired impartially by "Chimie" Richardson, formerly sporting editor of the Portland Journal, and his decisions were entirely satisfactory to everybody.

A fight which started in the fifth inning between Baker, the Capital City pitcher, and L. Bigbee of the Athletics, caused the crowd on the bleachers to surge out on the diamond where it looked like there was going to be a free for all fight. Local police officers cleared the field after several minutes hard work and the game was resumed.

After the close of the contest a fist-fight took place outside the local diamond between two local men and one of the Salem fans, which resulted in the breaking of a finger for the Salem man and a severe drubbing for one of the local men. No arrests were made.

# RECORD BOOK USED BY LOCAL WATER COMPANY INTERESTING

In one of the first record books used by the old water company there is as follows:

"This book contains the underground part of the Albany Water Works located at Albany, Linn county, Oregon.

"J. H. Foster and John A. Crawford, proprietors and owners.

"The first pipe was laid on Monday morning, the 10th day of May, A. D. 1880.

"The first tap was made for John A. Crawford, at his residence on Calapooia street above 2nd street, on or about the 1st day of June, 1880.

"The upper pump was started on the 26th day of June, 1880.

"Which is first water in the mains, the lower pump was started on the 28th day of July, 1880."

It may be interesting to know that the pumps which were put in operation when the plant first commenced, are still in good working order.

# OREGON ELECTRIC COMPANY IS RELEASED FROM BOND

The Oregon Electric Railway company having lived up to the terms of its franchise for the use of certain local streets by having established railway communication between this city and Salem by July 1, the city council Saturday evening released the company from the \$5,000 bond it deposited to guarantee such services.

Paul Schmidt, a former Albany man, passed through Albany this afternoon enroute to his home at Portland after a business trip to Springfield. He and Mrs. Schmidt will come to Albany later for a visit.