

ST. JOHN LODGE TO SERVE BIG BANQUET

Masonic Temple Will Be Scene of Elaborate Affair on the 27th. of December.

BIRTHDAY OF PATRON SAINT WILL BE COMMEMORATED

Arrangements Being Made Now to Accommodate Two Hundred and Fifty Guests.

Continued from Friday, Dec. 20.

The most elaborate banquet to be held in Albany this year will be the annual banquet of St. John's Lodge No. 17, A. F. & A. M., which will be held on Friday evening, December 27, at 6:30 in the Masonic Temple. This is the first banquet to be held in the new temple and arrangements are being made to accommodate two hundred and fifty guests. The banquet is held each year to commemorate the birth of St. John, the evangelist, one of the patron saints of the Masonic lodge. The event is observed by Masonic lodges throughout the world and all members of the Masonic order and their families are eligible to attend. The banquet will be prepared by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Pfeiffer, the well known caterers of this city, whose reputation in the culinary art is well known to Albany residents in particular and of the Willamette Valley in general. The banquet menu will consist of many courses of appetizing viands and the dinner will be served in the spacious dining hall in the temple.

Owing to the fact that the banquet is held in honor of one of the patron saints of the lodge and that the celebration is of world-wide importance, all members of the local order are urged to attend and it is requested that tickets to the banquet be secured by tomorrow night if possible, in order that an idea of the number of people who will be in attendance may be secured.

Tickets to the banquet may be secured at the stores of Gilbert Bros. and Foshay and Mason or from any of the following members of the committee having the banquet in charge: H. Pfeiffer, Dan Johnston, S. S. Gilbert, George Taylor, C. B. Winn, A. W. McGilvery, C. H. Wieder, F. M. Redfield and W. E. Pears.

\$17,366.50 WORTH OF FRUIT TREES SHIPPED TO SOUTH

Albany Nursery Sends 115,700 Young Trees to Napa County California This Week.

The Albany Nursery Company, G. W. Pennebaker manager, this week shipped five carloads of young fruit trees to Napa county, California. This shipment amounted to approximately 115,700 trees or enough to plant 1842 acres of land. The trees were valued at \$17,366.50.

The splendid reputation made by the local nursery for healthy trees and first class stock is making it famous all over the Pacific coast.

MISFITS

Contributed by F. P. Nutting.

Albany is not only a railroad hub, with her forty-six registered passenger trains a day, besides many freight trains, and steamboats on the river, that come and go on twelve different lines, but it is considerable of a cow center. The product of the cow around this city is probably \$500,000 a year, a big item in business.

"When you sign a thing have your signature amount to something, and never sign anything just because asked."

The past quarter of a century has seen a transformation in the farming methods of this valley. The improvement is a decided one.

The world is full of half educated people, thrown out upon the world, some because of their own faults, others because of the public school system. Comparatively so few go even into the high school that the public school system is receiving much attention by magazine writers. To the average pupil the work is one of discouragement. The very bright scholar along all lines has no trouble, but the average scholar is not a resister and needs help and encouragement. Many have no faculty for everything, but under the system they have to take the whole dose up to the standard. The result is discouragement, and before prepared for the battles of life they quit.

The public doesn't care a whoop who who gets the prize for butter that has been specially made by an expert, out of the right kind of cream. What counts is who makes the best butter on the market. In these extra trials the butter should be taken from commercial packages, just as it goes out to the consumer.

CHARLEY PROCHNOW IS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR A MARATHON

Overtakes Fleeing Thief Who Was Making Away With Pair of His Best Shoes.

That Charley Prochnow who conducts a shoe store on West First street is eligible to compete for honors in the next marathon race that is held in this part of the country was indicated this morning when he raced down the street and succeeded in overtaking a thief who was making a getaway with a pair of his best shoes which were on display on the front of his store.

Morris Senders, who conducts a feed store directly across the street from Prochnow's place of business, happened to glance through his front window this morning shortly after 10 o'clock and witnessed a hobo grab a pair of shoes hanging on the front of the store and walk rapidly away in the direction of the St. Francis.

He informed Prochnow of the theft and the irate German, minus hat and coat, started after the fugitive whom he managed to overtake near Neely's wagon shop on Second street. Walking up to the man, Prochnow made a dive for the shoes, which he succeeded in getting. The thief took one look at the owner of the shoes and started running—he is still going. The thief had a confederate.

"I didn't want to have the man arrested," said Prochnow, "all I wanted was my shoes—and I got 'em too. However, I think the city should have a rockpile for hoboes where they could be placed at work, making little ones out of big ones."

CHURCH RUNS MARRIAGE BUREAU; 800 WEDDED

Applications Show Women Seek Rich Husbands, but Not One Man a Rich Wife.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—"Out of 17,000 letters received from all parts of the globe, 400 marriages have been accomplished," said the report issued today by Father W. J. Dalton of the church of the Annunciation, concerning the work of a matrimonial bureau established by the church a year ago. "Letters came from Jerusalem, Constantinople, Africa and South America and nearly every state in the Union," the report continues. "When I receive a letter asking for a mate of certain qualifications I refer the writer to one in the same section of the country who will come up to the requirements."

Nearly 85 per cent of the letters received were from women, according to Father Dalton. A majority of the women set forth wealth as a qualification for an acceptable husband, while not one man asked for a wife with wealth.

CITY NEWS.

Under a special dispensation the Eastern Star will hold a special meeting this evening for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The officers elected this evening will be installed within the next thirty days.

That Bishop Charles Scadding of Portland will preach at the Episcopal church in this city next Sunday morning was the word received today by W. B. Stevens of the church board. The services will be held at eleven o'clock and there will be no evening service.

The work is progressing rapidly on the new branch line between Albany and Corvallis. A crowd of between 75 and 100 men are camped at Gray and in spite of the wet weather the contractors expect to have the line completed within the next thirty days. There is about a mile and a half of track to lay between Gray and Corvallis.

A 100 pair cable is being installed by the Bell Telephone company in the new First National bank building. This cable will be directly connected with the Bell office on Second street and will give the occupants of the large new building a phone service similar to that given to the skyscrapers in the more metropolitan cities.

ALBANY GROWS TO FAST FOR THE BELL COMPANY

Nothing could better indicate the growth of Albany during the past three years than the expensive improvements which are under consideration at the present time by the Bell Telephone company.

Three years ago a service was installed west of Lyon street which was expected to answer the needs of the residents of that section for at least five years. It has been found inadequate and estimates are now being made for the reconstruction of the lines in this section of the city to meet the demands of the increased population of the city.

Miss Esther Hecker who was operated upon by Drs. Wallace and Wallace at St. Mary's hospital for appendicitis several days ago is reported to be getting along nicely.

Jack Pearson who was recently operated upon at St. Mary's hospital, has returned to his home in Corvallis.

SALEM THEATRICAL MAN HERE PLANNING FOR THEATRE

T. G. Bligh and Architect Post Are Conferring Here Today Regarding Building.

T. G. Bligh of Salem, one of the most prominent theatrical men in the state, arrived in Albany today and is stopping at the St. Francis hotel.

Mr. Bligh was accompanied by Mr. Post, one of the leading architects of the Northwest, who draw the plans for the new \$25,000 theatre building which will be erected by Mr. Bligh at the corner of First and Broadalbin streets on the property now occupied by the Meyer Bakery and the Combination Barber Shop.

"Actual construction work on the new theatre building will begin within the course of the next month," said Mr. Bligh, "and the building will be rushed to completion. No expense will be spared to make the theatre the best of its kind in the entire Willamette Valley."

Mr. Bligh will remain in the city this afternoon and evening and with Mr. Post will make preliminary plans and arrangements for the construction of the new building.

WOMEN'S EGG STRIKE NOW NATION WIDE

Housewives' League Starts Campaign for 25 Cents Maximum Price Over Country.

New York, Dec. 19.—A movement to reduce the price of eggs in every city in the country to 25 cents or less a dozen was started today by the national executive committee of the Housewives' League of America.

An appeal was addressed to every state chairman and local city president of the league urging them to join in the movement in an effort to make the campaign general.

The leaders of the country were urged to begin their crusades by appealing to dealers in their immediate locality. This plan follows the method adopted in Greater New York, as a result of which the league announced today that three of the largest grocery firms controlling places in every part of the city had acceded to the demand for cheaper eggs and had cut the price to 25 cents a dozen.

Other dealers are expected by the women to follow the lead of the big houses tomorrow. All the stall dealers in the Washington Market, one of the oldest public produce markets in the city, today notified Mrs. Julian Heath, national president of the league, she announced, that they would meet the lower price.

The crusade in the greater city, according to the women, will be continued until every place where eggs are sold meets the reduction. With the price of eggs uniformly lower, the league leaders here propose to extend their campaign to include other food products, notably make the cost of products, probably make the next campaign for cheaper butter.

Success in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Declaring it had accomplished its purpose in breaking down the high price of eggs, Mrs. William B. Derr, president of the Housekeepers' League, announced today that the organization had abandoned its crusade and stopped the sale of the product.

She said that since the league began the sale of "selected" storage eggs last Thursday at 24 cents a dozen, the price of all grades had fallen, and she felt it no longer necessary to continue the crusade.

Mrs. Derr said that the members of the organization would consider the question of starting a campaign for reducing the price of butter and meats.

Chicago Women Continue.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Ten carloads of eggs which Chicago clubwomen will place on sale tomorrow in an attempt to break the retail prices could have been bought cheaper in the open market than from the unnamed commission man who supplied them, according to a statement today by Charles E. Bowman, secretary of the Chicago Butter and Egg Board.

"The women paid 20 1/2 cents a dozen for eggs which they can buy in the open market in unlimited quantities for 18 cents," said Bowman. "At 24 cents, the retail price set by the clubwomen, they might have profited 6 cents instead of 3 1/2."

Executive officers of the women's organizations said they would go ahead with the campaign without faltering. They will not sit quietly by, they asserted, while retailers make 30 to 50 per cent profit, even if the whole city believes they are dupes of some speculator.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Shortest Meeting of Year Will Be Held on Next Wednesday Evening in Albany.

The next regular session of the city council falls on Christmas night and it will probably be the shortest session of the entire year, as will be believed that the city fathers will only be in session on that night long enough to be called to order and a motion for adjournment made.

Mayor Gilbert and Councilmen Lyons, Snell, Chambers, Cameron, Simpson, and Hulbert all enjoy Christmas festivities and all of them will undoubtedly be found in various parts of the city on Christmas night, acting the role of Santa Claus.

MISS RUBY MOENCH AND PAUL DAWSON WON DEBATE TODAY

According to the arguments of the high school students, Oregon should have a state compensation law similar to that of Washington. This afternoon some excellent arguments were heard pro and con, by Ruby Moench and Paul Dawson for the affirmative and Virgil Parker and Miles McKay for the negative.

The judges, Rev. Leach, Hon. L. G. Lewelling and E. P. Nutting, decided two to one in favor of the affirmative, based on argument, rebuttal and effectiveness. There was also a good program, in which the football boys shone in songs and Miss Marguerite Pennebaker in a reading.

Mrs. Hans Flo and several students of the Albany College observatory of music were in Salem last night to hear David Bispham, the famous baritone singer.

While cleaning a coffee mill yesterday afternoon, Mrs. W. M. Parker caught the index finger of her right hand in the machine. The finger was quite badly bruised.

Born last night to Mr. and Mrs. Will Rader, a baby girl. Mrs. Rader is a resident of Portland but has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Crawford of this city.

M. G. Metzger of Portland, manager of the Flinn Supply Co., is in Albany this afternoon consulting with the local theatrical men.

FREE PICTURE SHOW FOR THE CHILDREN XMAS

Presents Will Be Given to All Children Under Twelve Years of Age by Elks.

Albany, Oregon, Dec. 18, 1912.—All children up to and including those twelve years old are invited to become guests of Albany Lodge of Elks on Christmas Day.

All are requested to meet in the lodge room at one o'clock sharp and receive a remembrance, and from 1:30 to 5 p. m. there will be a special program at the Empire and Dreamland Theaters. Free to all children twelve years of age and under twelve years. Come and bring your little friends. COMMITTEE.

PROHIBITIONISTS HOLD CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON

Meeting in Albany for the purpose of closing up the affairs of the campaign, a conference of Prohibition leaders was held this afternoon at the court house.

W. P. Elmore, Prohibition-Democratic candidate for the state legislature from Linn county was numbered among those who attended the meeting.

BOOKS WILL BE EXHIBITED AT LIBRARY TOMORROW P.M.

There will be an exhibit of beautiful Christmas books at the Public Library on Saturday afternoon to which the parents and teachers are especially invited. The State Library Commission loans the books for the purpose of aiding parents and teachers in the choice of the best books. The librarian will describe the books, and show them to the public.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, secretary of the State Library Commission, is doing a noble work in creating a good taste for books and in guiding the library interests of the state. Let the ladies of Albany show their appreciation of her work by attending this exhibit.

LEWELLING CHOSEN TO INTRODUCE BILL

Measure Prepared by Governor West to Abolish State Land Agent Is Received.

PURPOSE OF BILL TO HAVE STATE LAND BOARD DO WORK

Local Attorney Favors Measure and Says That He Favors Economy at All Times.

Attorney L. G. Lewelling of this city received a letter today from Governor Oswald West, requesting him to introduce at the next session of the legislature, a bill which he has prepared to abolish the office of state land agent.

The state land agent at present draws a yearly salary of \$1800, and it is the purpose of the bill which will be introduced by Representative Lewelling, to abolish the office entirely and leave the duties now performed by that officer to the state land board, which will be retained.

In speaking of Governor West's proposed bill, Mr. Lewelling said: "I am heartily in favor of the bill and believe that it is a good thing. The newly elected representatives from Linn county are pledged to economize as far as possible and we will use our influence toward abolishing offices that are not needed and will create no new ones that are not necessary."

"The Kiddies Christmas," is the title of a film on the program at the Empire, which will be of interest to the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Flo of this city will leave this week for South Bend, Washington, to spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Flo's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Smith.

County Clerk Marks today issued a marriage license to E. C. Haley and Grace A. Cook, both well known and highly respected young people of this city.

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Even if You Don't Need a New Spreader Now come in and get one of our spreader books. They contain a number of articles on why farm manure should be used on the land, how it should be applied, how it should be stored, the value and effect of using it in various ways. In addition there is a detail description of the John Deere Spreader with illustrations in colors of this spreader working in the field.

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