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J. N. TEAL?

Mr. J. N. Teal of Portland is a candidate for Secretary of the Interior. This is an important office and one which requires the highest type of citizenship.

The Democrat knows nothing of Mr. Teal's qualifications for an office of this character. We have never been enlightened as to what claim he has upon the Democracy of the state or nation for a place in the cabinet of a Democratic president, and for that reason desire to ask a few questions from those who stand sponsor for his candidacy.

First. Has Mr. Teal supported the Democratic candidate for president at each election since 1896, including Governor Wilson in the year 1912?

Second. Did he support the Democratic candidates for Congress and United States Senator in his district in 1912?

Third. The Democrat desires the names of the members of Mr. Teal's campaign committee and the party affiliations of each?

Fourth. The Democrat has been informed that Mr. Teal is one of the D. P. Thompson heirs, or at least closely related to one of them. We would like to know if the Thompson heirs, or Mr. Teal himself, is directly or indirectly interested in any of the coal or other mining lands in Alaska, or in any other lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior?

Fifth. Is Mr. Teal now, or has he ever acted, as attorney for the O. R. & N. R. Co. or any other railroad holding public lands under grant from Congress?

These questions are asked in the best of faith. The writer is not familiar with all of the crooks and turps of Oregon politics or with the public or private records of her first citizens.

Mr. Teal may possess excellent qualifications for the office to which he aspires, but before requesting an indorsement from the Oregon Democracy it occurs to the writer that a bill of particulars should first be submitted to the people of the state, setting forth in detail his record as both citizen and Democrat.

PUBLICLY ANNOUNCES SHE LEFT 'BED OF STRAW'

New Jersey Woman, in Answer to Her Husband's Advertisement, Gives Full Details.

Newton, N. J., Dec. 25.—Edgar Potts Marshall, of this place, caused considerable talk about town when he inserted the following advertisement in a local newspaper:

"To Whom It May Concern: My wife having left my bed and board, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her after this date."

His wife the next day, using the columns of the same newspaper, created a sensation when she answered her husband's "ad" with the following:

"To Whom It May Concern: After reading a few lines contained in the columns of your paper in regard to myself, I beg to differ with the author. In the first place, how could I leave my beloved husband's bed when the faithful old bed on which I sleep, including the ancient feather tick and a few board slats, are the property of his aged father?"

"A straw tick is also included in the make-up, the covering of which I purchased myself with the income from my flock of chickens, which I worked hard to raise. If I am not awfully mistaken, my beloved husband furnished a few bundles of straw contained therein—hence I left his bed of straw."

I also beg to announce that I have furnished a greater part of the board for my father-in-law, for myself and for my precious one ever since his poor mother was laid in her grave. Therefore, how could I leave his bed?

kept boarders to help sustain my faithful husband.

"It is a well known fact that the greater part of what few cents he carries goes to pay for the 'oh, be joyful' that so sweetly quenches his thirst and improves his appearance in general. I will no longer be responsible for any debts contracted by my husband. (Signed)
"Grace Brundage Marshall,
"Beloved wife of Edgar Potts Marshall."

**RAILROADS' DEATH TOLL
10,585; INJURED 169,538**

One Life Taken or an Injury for Almost Every Mile of Road Operated by Big Carrier.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Every time the big railroads of the country took in \$2,556 from the operation of their freight and passenger trains, during the fiscal year ending June 30 last, a human being was killed or injured. The casualties amounted to 180,123. Of that number, 10,585 were killed and 169,538 were injured, according to the interstate commerce commission report sent to congress at noon today.

During the year the railroads having incomes of \$1,000,000 or more earned on an average a few cents more than \$3,362 per mile of road operated. During the preceding year they earned a few cents more than \$3,465.

There was a decrease in earnings per mile of road operated and an increase in the number of persons killed and injured, the decrease in earnings being \$103.16 per mile. The increase in casualties was 189 in killed and 19,376 persons injured.

Taking the big carriers, those whose operating incomes were \$100,000 or more, with a mileage of 176,287, a human being was killed or injured on each nine-tenths of a mile of road. Taking all the roads with operating incomes of \$1,000,000 and upward, with mileage of substantially 220,000, the casualties amount to one for every one and a sixth miles of road.

The commission renews its recommendations that congress give it definite power to regulate telegraph and telephone companies, to make a valuation of the physical property of railroads, to require a uniform classification applicable to the whole country and control over the issuance of railroad stocks and bonds.

Remarkable increase in the speed and weight of trains and the crowding of tracks and terminals caused by the movement of an enormously enlarged volume of traffic, have greatly increased the duties and responsibilities of train service employees and multiplied the chances of error on their part.

To prevent railroad collisions adequate means must be taken to reduce the chances of human error to a minimum and to neutralize the effects of such error when it occurs, the commission holds. It is not probable that a satisfactory code which will meet all demands can be secured without action by the federal government.

One recommendation is that the adoption of the block system should be required. Although the most serious collisions in this country were on block signalled roads, yet from the standpoint of safety "the block system is superior to the train order system, because it presents fewer opportunities for men to make mistakes. When used in connection with a code of operating rules, together with the necessary reformation of operation and disciplinary measures, it would greatly increase the safety of railroad travel."

"Safety first" is the paramount rule of train operation suggested by the commission. Figures given show that of the total of 8,215 derailments during the year, 1,877 were caused by detents of roadway and 3,847 were due to defective equipment. This indicates an increase over the previous year of 652 in the derailments due to bad roadway, and 1,023 due to bad equipment.

"Of thirty-one derailments investigated, fourteen were either directly or indirectly caused by bad track," the report says. "In five of these fourteen cases the derailments would probably have been had existing speed restrictions been observed; but in all the remaining cases no adequate speed restrictions were in force, and in three cases the track conditions were so obviously unsafe that derailments were likely to occur even at a low speed."

MASONIC BANQUET ELABORATE AFFAIR

Two Hundred and Thirty-Five Albany Residents Enjoy the Hospitality of Lodge.

HON. W. R. BILYEU OFFICIATED AS TOASTMASTER AT DINNER

Courses Served by Delegation of Albany's Prettiest Young Ladies Last Evening.

Two hundred and thirty-five residents of Albany attended the annual banquet of St. John's Lodge No. 17, A. F. and A. M., of this city which was held at 6:30 o'clock last evening in the fine new Masonic Temple on West First street.

The guests included the members of St. John's Lodge of this city, their wives and other members of the family, and many especially invited guests. Albany's most prominent people were present at the banquet which was the most elaborate affair held here for many months, and it was indeed a most successful and enjoyable event.

Before the banquet was ready to be served, the guests thronged the parlors and reception rooms of the local temple, which are elegantly furnished and very attractive, and which were greatly admired by those who gazed upon them for the first time. Music for the occasion was furnished by the excellent Chautauqua Orchestra of this city which occupied a place on the landing midway between the second and third floors of the temple.

The guests were ushered into the beautiful banquet room on the third floor shortly after 6:30 o'clock where they took their places at the tables and remained standing while prayer was offered by the Rev. D. H. Leech of the First Methodist church of this city.

The banquet was a splendid one of many courses, and was served by a delegation of Albany's most prominent and popular young ladies, including the Misses Zona Haight, Lora Taylor, Blanch Hammel, Lila Patton, Rhoda Stalaker, Nita Schultz, Flora Simon, Winnie Austin, Anna Dawson, Marion Anderson, and Mesdames Carmel Knox Isom and Carrie Ward Neal.

The young ladies were handsomely gowned and were given an ovation when they entered the banquet room.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Pfeiffer, the caterers who had the big dinner in charge, deserve much credit for the manner in which the little details of the banquet were looked after and for the promptness with which the guests were served.

During the banquet D. P. Mason arose and after welcoming the guests introduced Hon. W. R. Bilyeu who officiated in a pleasing manner as toastmaster of the occasion.

Mr. Bilyeu called upon the following men who gave interesting talks: Mayor P. D. Gilbert, Grant Pirtle, Rev. F. H. Geselbracht, Hon. J. K. Weatherford, Dr. W. H. Davis, and Rev. D. H. Leech.

The banquet tables last evening were beautifully decorated with jandieries of various colored cyclèmes, and vases of California holly and poinsettias.

Following the completion of the banquet, a musical program was presented in the main lodge room which included vocal solos by the Misses Zona Haight and Blanch Hammel and Mr. Church.

The committee from St. John's Lodge having the banquet in charge was F. H. Pfeiffer, Dan Johnston, S. S. Gilbert, George Taylor, C. B. Winn, A. W. McGilvery, C. H. Wiedner, F. M. Redfield, and W. E. Pears.

RHODES WOULD PROTECT BEES BY LEGISLATION

Says Law Should Be Passed by Legislature; Claims Bees Are Fruitgrowers Friend.

That legislation should be enacted for the purpose of protecting the bees was the claim made this morning by E. H. Rhodes, owner of the St. Francis hotel and one of the best known orchard men in Linn county.

"A law should be passed," said Mr. Rhodes, "making it a misdemeanor for any person to destroy a bee tree. To raise fruit successfully it is necessary to have the bees work in the orchard when the trees are in bloom so that they may distribute the pollen. Without this distribution of the pollen there will be no fruit. I would suggest that the Oregon Agricultural College take this matter up at an early date and draft a bill for submission to the legislature when it convenes at Salem."

Mr. and Mrs. William Olin and daughter of Mill City returned home this morning after a short visit with friends in this city. They were accompanied home by Mrs. N. E. Olin.

Frank Grabtree, a prosperous farmer of Ruskard, returned home this morning after looking after business matters in Albany yesterday. He was formerly county clerk of Linn county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shiller who have been spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cox will return tomorrow to their home at The Dalles.

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR VETERANS ELECT OFFICERS

Election Followed by Musical Program and Banquet; Camp Has 33 Members.

Meeting last night at the camp quarters in the armory, members of Phillips camp Number 4, Spanish War Veterans, held an interesting meeting and elected officers for the ensuing year.

A musical program was one of the features of the evening and was followed by an excellent banquet. H. H. Hern, member of the LaCombe camp, was present at the meeting and rendered a number of novel musical selections on a combination of ten different musical instruments.

The local camp now numbers thirty-three members and numbered among its members are some of the leading citizens of Albany and the surrounding country.

The officers elected last night are as follows: Commander, R. C. Churchill; vice-commander, A. C. Baker; junior vice-commander, W. A. Salisbury; officer of the day, Tille Buely; officer of the guard, Frank B. Stuart; surgeon, M. H. Ellis; adjutant, Fred H. Westbrook; quartermaster, Wm. V. Merrill; chaplain, Jos. E. Torbet.

WALTER PARKER HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS 28 YEARS

Today Walter M. Parker, the genial grocer, is celebrating the anniversary of his twenty-fifth year in the grocery business in this city.

Mr. Parker is one of the pioneer citizens of Linn county and has built up one of the best grocery stores in Linn county by hard work and courteous treatment to his customers.

Only a few months ago he moved to his present location on Lyon street and greatly increased his stock. In his display advertisement contained in this issue of the Democrat he thanks his patrons for the favors extended to him during his business career.

A FOSTER MAN KILLED A COUGAR CHRISTMAS

Earl Stitt of Foster appeared at the office of County Clerk Marks today and claimed the bounty offered by the state for the slaughter of cougar. The hide was brought to Albany and measured seven feet. The animal was killed in the vicinity of Foster Christmas day.

Rev. and Mrs. Van Winkle of Portland, after a visit with their son Postmaster Van Winkle, this noon left for Halsey, a former home, on a visit with friends.

Ed Meecker, who resides six miles north of Albany, is erecting a new bungalow. The new residence will be dignified with the name, "Tennessee Tavern."

S. I. Stewart was visiting last night at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stewart of this city. Mr. Stewart is the secretary and manager of the Lebanon Electric Light & Water company and passed through Albany on his way to Salem where he represented his company before the State Railway Commission yesterday.

H. E. Morton of the Oregon Power company, represented his company at a hearing held before the state railway commission at Salem yesterday. He returned last night.

Ed. Schol this noon returned from Alsea, where he had been to officiate as judge in a poultry show. 160 birds were exhibited, some good ones. Among the exhibitors was Rev. W. W. Davis, formerly of this city. His son Lee Davis, is also residing there, running a stage line.

Mrs. B. F. Irvine of Portland passed through the city this noon for Corvallis to attend the funeral of her brother, Pun Avery, one of Corvallis' best known and most prominent pioneer citizens.

SOCIETY. CITY NEWS.

The St. John's Chapter of the Masons held their annual banquet last evening. A splendid course dinner was served under the direction of Mr. Francis Pfeiffer, assisted by ten of Albany's fine young ladies. About two hundred and fifty sat around the beautifully decorated tables. After the dinner an excellent program was rendered.

Miss Alzina Parker entertained the St. Peter's Guild dancing class last evening. Bussard's hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion in decorations suggesting the Christmas season. Delicious punch was served between dances, which was very refreshing. After the party, a few couples were entertained by Mrs. C. C. Page at her home. This dancing school is becoming decidedly popular and all enjoyed themselves last evening.

The Clara Hubbard Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church were entertained at Mrs. S. E. Wason's home Friday afternoon. After the talk a social hour was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Martin of this city are entertaining a few young people at their farm near Aurora for the week-end. Those invited were: Nell and Elsie Bain, Dean and Julia Crowell, Helen Hulbert, and Park Stalaker.

When the residents of Albany awoke this morning they discovered that during the night a light snow had fallen and covered the city with its mantle of white. "The weather man has predicted more snow for tonight or Sunday but there is little danger of getting enough to go sleighing."

Duck hunters from this city continue to invade the marshes and lowlands of the county and report splendid success, nearly all of them returning to the city after a day's hunt with a fine string of mallards, canvas-back, and teal.

Tonight, the Fifth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, of this city will give the second of a series of dances for which invitations have been issued. The dance will be held at the armory and music will be furnished by the Chautauqua orchestra.

O. H. Larson of the Oregon Power company left this morning on a short business trip to Portland.

A. W. Bowersox went to Portland this afternoon.

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ANOTHER PIONEER CITIZEN CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Anna M. Schlosser Died at Her Home in This City This Morning.

After a short illness, Mrs. Anna M. Schlosser, a pioneer of Albany and Linn county, passed away at her home at 234 South Ferry street this morning at 9 o'clock.

The deceased had been subject to slight attacks of heart trouble for some months but appeared to be in fairly good health. Her death was a result of heart trouble.

Mrs. Schlosser was born in Germany seventy-one years ago and together with her husband, located in Albany in the year 1867. Mr. Schlosser died several years ago. She leaves to mourn her death Mrs. M. D. Phillips, wife of Captain Phillips of Oregon City, and Harry Schlosser of this city. During her long residence in Albany she made a host of friends and the news of her death came as a distinct shock to the residents of this city.

The funeral service will be conducted at the family residence on Monday afternoon at 2 p. m.

FALLING WHEELBARROW HITS CARPENTER ON TOP OF HEAD

While working at the new building under course of construction for the First National bank, a carpenter whose name was not learned, was struck on the head yesterday afternoon by a wheelbarrow which accidentally fell from a platform under which he was working.

The carpenter suffered a cut on the head and several other minor bruises but was not seriously injured and will be able to resume his work soon. This is the first accident since the bank building construction work started several months ago.

ELEVEN TRAMPS ROUNDED UP HERE LAST NIGHT

In making their rounds last night, local police officers arrested eleven hobos. The men were all placed in the city jail and at 8 o'clock this morning released by Chief of Police Austin with instructions to leave town within an hour. The instructions of the chief were followed.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE.

Stanton, Va., Dec. 27.—Virginia welcomed her tonight Governor Wilson, the eighth of her native sons to be chosen president of the United States. From the moment the president-elect crossed the state line at Alexandria in the afternoon, after he had a 10-minute glimpse of the National capital, until 9 o'clock, until he reached the little parsonage where he was born just 56 years ago tomorrow, the reception was one of great enthusiasm, noisy demonstration and spectacular display.

Escorted by cavalry, militia companies and a torchlight procession, the Governor and Mrs. Wilson motored through the streets of Stanton to the home of Rev. A. N. Frazier, pastor of the Presbyterian church. In this home Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, father of the president-elect, lived in 1856.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The president has remitted the unexpired part of the sentence imposed by general courtmartial in 1910 in the case of Colonel George F. Cooke, United States Army, retired.

Colonel Cooke was tried in Seattle in the winter of 1910, on charges of neglect and carelessness in handling of government funds and of failure to pay money borrowed from enlisted men. He was sentenced to dismissal. That sentence was commuted by the president to the forfeiture of one-half of his pay as a Colonel on the retired list, with a view to reimbursing the government for the money alleged to have been lost through his lax business methods. The entire sentence is now remitted.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—"I don't remember ever having had the pleasure of talking to a person 101 years old. I think there is some slight mistake. You are about 50. I would judge," said Judge McKenna in the desertion court today as he grasped the hand of "Auntie Morgan," aged 101, of McKeesport.

"Everybody thinks it is funny about me," said the old lady, "but I'm not so old. Why, my mother lived to be 111 and my father 112. That was over in Wales. I was born there."

New York, Dec. 27.—The Hamburg-American line agents in New York have received a cable from the head office of the company in Germany saying that in view of the opening of the Panama canal and the certain increase of trade on the Pacific coast, the directors have decided to establish a monthly freight service between Singapore, Hongkong, Manila, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, and Vancouver, B. C., and Portland, Or., with calls at the Puget Sound ports of Seattle and Tacoma if sufficient inducement offers.

New York, Dec. 27.—Three thousand snow pliers and truck drivers employed in removing snow and ice from the streets of New York City quit work today as a result of the rainfall. The men "simply couldn't stand the rain," according to reports received at the office of the street commissioner.

ROSARIANS WILL GO SOUTH TONIGHT

Portland Society to Travel in Finest Train Ever Run By the Southern Pacific.

WILL PASS THROUGH ALBANY EARLY TOMORROW MORNING

Roses Will Be Planted at Site of Oregon Building at San Francisco Exposition.

The finest special train ever run by the Southern Pacific over its main line in Oregon is the Royal Rosarians Special which will pass through Albany tomorrow morning at 3 o'clock.

The train consists of five 12-section drawing-room cars, two compartment drawing-room cars and observation car, two diners, and baggage and dynamo cars.

The special is bearing the members of the Royal Rosarians society of Portland to California where stops will be made at Santa Barbara, Pasadena, and other points where the Rosarians will advertise the next annual Rose Festival at Portland.

At San Francisco, the Rosarians will plant Oregon roses at the site of the Oregon building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition grounds. Roses will also be planted at the exposition grounds of the San Diego exposition which will also be held in 1915.

At Pasadena, the Portland Rosarians will attend the annual Tournament of Roses and will head the big parade at that event. Entertainments, receptions, and balls are being arranged at all the cities included in the itinerary and the Rosarians have been assured of a royal welcome all along the route.

The special which leaves Portland at 12 o'clock tonight is a train de luxe and is equipped with every convenience. An attractive feature is the electrical bouquet of Portland roses which will adorn the platform of the last coach.

This electrical ornament will be electric lighted at night and is said to be a work of art. It was designed by Lute Pease, president of the Portland Press Club.