PUBLIC LIBRARY IS **WELL PATRONIZED**

President Hewitt of the Board Makes Annual Report to the City Council.

CONSTRUCTION WORK BEGINS SOON ON NEW STRUCTURE

Plans Have Been Accepted By Carnegie and Are Now in Hands of Architect.

That the Albany Public Library is a popular institution and has been patronized heavily during the past year was indicated in the annual report submitted to the city council last evening by Judge Hewitt, president of the board.

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Judge Hewitt told of the condition of the library at present and of the progress being made toward securing a Carnegie Library for this city. He stated that many delays had been experienced during the past few months in the work of getting matters in shape for the erection of the new building but that from present indications work on the new building would be commenced early this spring, the plans which were only recently accepted by Carnegie now being in the hands of the architect who will draw up specifications at once.

When the work of preparing the specifications is complete a contract will be let and construction work begun. Judge Hewitt stated that in addition to the \$12,500 donated by Andrew Carnegie, an additional fund of \$5,000 had been provided, all of which remains to be raised or guaranteed before the erection of the building is begun.

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Judge Hewitt also informed the council that since his last report, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Young had conveyed to the library board a lot at the corner of Third and Ferry street as a gift for the site of the building and that the property is now ready for the building. The report of Judge Hewitt shows that the library is steadily increasing in popularity and that with the completion of the new building it is confidently anticipated that the demand for books and literature of all kinds will be doubled and that the board hopes to be able to meet this demand.

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ley's Division) 129 cases In Department No. 2 (Judge Gallo way's Division) 169 cases were filed.

Of the 129 cases filed in Department o. 1, 48 were state cases.

.............. News on This Page is From Daily Issue of TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

PACIFIC TELEPHONE CO. WILL INSTALL FIRE ALARM SWITCH

Contract With City of Albany Will Be Made Immediately and Work Begun.

To install an electric switch in this office here, connecting with the local fire alarm system, the Pacific Tele-

phone and Telegraph company last ex-ching submitted a contract to the city officials for their approval.

Upon motion the mayor and record-er were authorized to enter into a contract with the Pacific company for the installation of the switch, and the work will begin soon.

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The switch will be installed for the purpose of having fire alarms turned in by the operators at the telephone office when they are requested to do so by phone.

Many'calls are frequently sent in to the telephone operators requesting

the telephone operators requesting that the fire alarm be sounded, and by aving the switch right in the office, the alarm may be sounded without de-

the alarm may be sounded without de-lay.

By the use of the switch to be in-stalled by the Pacific Telephone com-pany, anyone desiring to have an alarm of fire turned in will notify cen-tral who will sound the general alarm.

The chief engineer of the fire de-partment will then go to the telephone where he will be connected immdi-ately with the party calling for an alarm.

By this means, the exact location of the be ascertained, saving much time and confusion, and perhaps a big fire loss.

SCHOOL BOARD WANTS BIG

J. R. Shaw, manager of the Ham-mond Lumber company of Mill City, returned home this morning after a short business trip to Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Weatherword of this city left this reorring for Pore and where they will spend New Year's with friends and relatives.

D. W. Rumbaugh, county fruit in-spector, left this morning for Lyons where he will look after matters on his fruit farm in that vicinity.

J. W. Dickson of Shedda, president-elect of the Oregon Dairymen's As-sociation, arrived in Albany this norm-ing and is looking after business matters in the county seat today.

R. S. Fields of Salem arrived in Al-bany last evening from the Capital City, and is transacting business here

OREGON EDUCATOR COMMERCIAL CLUB PASSES AWAY HERE

at His Home in This City at 11 o'Clock This Morning.

LEAVES WIFE, DAUGHTER AND MANUFACTURING PROPOSI-TWO BROTHERS TO MOURN

Served 3 Years in Civil War Club Officers Then Go on Reand Has Been Resident of State Since 1876.

After an illness of several weeks, Prof. J. B. Leatherman, a well known and highly respected citizen of Albany, passed away at 11 o'clock this morning at his home at Ninth and Broadalbin streets, aged 67 years.

The news of his death came as a shock to his many friends in Albany and Linn county, many of whom were not aware that he was ill, and the sympathy of the entire community is extended to the grief-stricken family.

The deceased left to mourn his death a wife, Mrs. Edith Leatherman, and a daughter, Mrs. Conrad A. Meyer, both of this city. He also left two brothers to mourn his death, C. F. Leatherman of Gravel Ford, Oregon, and W. H. Leatherman of Wilbur, Oregon.

SCHOOL BOARD WANTS BIG

SUM FOR SCHOOL PROPERTY

Ask \$22,500 for Proposed Site of New City Hall Which Is to Be Erected Here.

The school board of District No. 5 last evening presented a proposition to the city council offreing to sell to the city of Albany the property now occupied by the Central school as a site for the new city hall for the sum of \$22,500.

This proposition when read to the council created much discussion by the members, several of whom were of the opinion that the board was asking too much for the property.

Upon motion the matter was referred to the committee on ways and means with instructions to investigate and submit a report at the next meeting of the council on next Monday wereing.

Description of the council on next Monday avening.

Description of Many about ten years ago and has lived here continuously since that time.

The Albany Oddfellows will hold their regular meeting at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at which time the officers for the ensuing term will be duly installed. All members of the local lodge are requested to attend and all visiting Oddfellows in good standing are cordially invited to be be present.

Following are the officers to be installed: Henry McElmurry, N. G., F. C. Houser, V. G.; A. C. Baker, Rec. Sec.; A. F. Luther, treasurer, A. M. Holt, financial secretary; E. R. Cummings, warden; John H. Goins, conductor; C. W. Bock, O. G.; C. O. R. Anderson, I. G.; G. W. Wright, R. S. & G.; A. A. Gordon, L. S. & G.; C. C. Bray, R. S. S.; Ross McKechnie, L. S. S.; and W. A. Eastburn, chaplain.

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The public library will be open at the usual hours tomorrow, regardless of the fact that it is New Year's day.

The exhibit of books loaned by the state library association is still here and Mrs. Franklin and the other ladies of the library will explain them to visitors.

Money received:— From Modern Travelers and other sources, \$389.64; interest on moneys deposited in banks, \$4.29; total, \$593-93.

For books purchased and other ex-penses, \$449.50; for magazines, \$68.65; total, \$518.15. Balance on hand \$75.78. Moneys received and disbursed by librarian:—

MET LAST NIGHT

J. B. Leatherman of Albany Died No Delegates Appointed to Attend Irrigation Congress at Portland.

TION RECEIVES SUPPORT

cord As Approving the Report; Tregilgas Recommended.

The regular weekly meeting of the officers and directors of the Albany Commercial Club was called to order last night by President Van Wingle. Nine members of the board were present but adjourned the meeting at an early hour to attend the school meeting.

ing.

The matter of sending a delegation to the Irrigation Congress at Portland was discussed in detail but owing to the fact that irrigation is not a ques-

the fact that irrigation is not a question of great importance to the people of this section of the state it was decided that no delegates should be appointed.

Chairman Hammer of the committee appointed to investigate the proposed manufacturing proposition recently made to the club by J. H. Tregilgas submitted his report and the same was unanimously adopted by the club.

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Mr. Hammer stated that he and other members of the committee had written a large number of letters asking for a report on Mr. Tregilgas and that they had received some excellent recommendations from eastern concerns with whom he has been connected in the past. The committee therefore recommended Mr. Tregilgas to the people of Albany as deserving of support in his manufacturing enterprise.

\$16,900 YET TO BE RAISED FOR THE COLLEGE FUND

Check for \$1000 Received This Morning from Detroit; Similar Check from Philadelphia.

President Crooks of the Al- ® no bany College received a tele-© phone message from the Albany © LINN COUNTY TOWNS OFFICERS TOMORROW NIGHT

© 2:30 this afternoon which conveyed the information that there ©
is yet \$16,900.00 to be raised for ©

FATHER PELLETAN APPLIES FOR CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

Following is the annual report of udge Hewitt, president of the Albany Public Library board, which was subnitted to the council last evening:

Receipts:

Cash on hand January 1, 1911, \$198-11; Received from city treasurer Oct. 5, 1912, \$500; received from other purces April 29, 1912, \$18.25; total.

GRANGERS NOTICE.

The Linn County Business Council P. of H. will meet at Bussard's hall in Albany on Saturday, January 4, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m. D28-30-J1-3dly-J3wkly

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Taylor of Seattle are visiting in Albany at the home of Mrs. Taylor's sister, Mrs. E. T. Fish-er. They are former Linn county

people.
W. H. Jenkins of Portland, the genial traveling passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company, arrived in this city last night and is looking after business matters here today.

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Receipts:—
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1911, \$9.73; fines on overdue books, \$68.41; cards to non-resident borrowers, \$5.00; total, \$83.14.

Disbursements:—
Postage, \$5.52; freight, \$9.60; express, \$1.33; cartage, \$1.50; deposits of non-residents returned, \$4.00; supplies, \$40.83; books, \$5.65; total, \$68.43. Balance on hand with librarian, \$14.71.

Total number of books in library, 1943; total number of books in library, 1943; total number of books in library, 1943; total number of circulated during year, \$5; books donated during year, 750; total number circulated during year, \$5; books four by horrowers, \$5; books condemned, 7.

COUNCIL GRANTS OREGON **ELECTRIC TIME EXTENSION**

Railway May Operate Freight Over Fifth Street Until April 1st 1913.

Attorney Gale S. Hill, representing the Oregon Electric Railway, appear ed before the city council last evening and presented a resolution granting the Oregon Electric company permis sion to operate freight trains over TIME FOR COMPLETING THE Fifth street until April 1, 1913,

After being discussed by the coun-cil, the Oregon Electric was granted permission to operate freight trains over that thoroughfare for that length of time. The resolution provided that

of time. The resolution provided that steam engines may be operated on the street in case of emergency.

The delay in reaching an agreement with the Southern Pacific regarding the use of Water street for its freight line is given as the reason for requesting an extension of time for operating freight trains over Fifth street, the failure to reach an agreement sooner, resulting in a delay on the construction of the freight line on Water street and the operation of freights, through the city by that route.

A Rank Offense.

"May we have the pleasure of your company this evening, colonel?" she

a thing they don't desire, especially in the way of gardening implements.— New Orleans Picayune.

Fred Gould returned last night from a trip to Washington and re-ports having seen in that state nearly 15 feet of snow. Fred says that a trip such as he has just taken will make any Willamette Valley resident satisfied with the climate.

Manager C. H. Stewart left this morning on a business trip to Port-and.

. Notice to Advertisers.

Hereafter no advertisement of any size will be accepted at the Democrat office unless the copy is left with the foreman the day hefore the same is to be inserted in the paper. All copy for both new advertisements and changes should be left at the office at the same time or they will go over to the next publication day. Unless a rule of this sort is adopted the paper will be late every evening. A compliance with the above rule by our patrons will be greatly appreciated by the management.

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GAS FRANCHISE TO BEACTED UPON SOON

San Francisco Capitalist Now Wants Extension of Time for Construction Work.

PLANT HERE HAS EXPIRED

Matter Will Be Acted Upon at Meeting of City Council on Wednesday Jan. 8.

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Several of the councilmen present were of the opinion that owing to the fact that the city is being continually called upon for favors by the Oregon Electric, that company should reciprocate and fulfill some of the promises it has made to the city regarding crossings, etc. Attorney Hill promised to take the matter up with the company.

THIRD STREET RESIDENTS

PETITION FOR PAVEMENT

Would Have That Throughfare From Calapooia to Vine Sts. Hard Surfaced.

That residents on the extreme west end of Third street are desirous of having hard-surface streets in front of their respective properties was indicated at the meeting of the city council last evening when four of the largest property owners in that portion of the city petitioned the council last evening with the approval of the property owners. It is said than with street from Elm to Montagemeny will be hard-surfaced during the summer and this kind of pavement seems to be meeting with the approval of the property owners. It is said than with street from Elm to Montagemeny will be hard-surfaced during the coming summer.

LINN COUNTY TOWNS

REPORT CITY LEVIES

The city levies for the extension of the 1912 assessment roll of Linn county was reported to County Clerk Marks for the largest and the construction of the regular meeting on the connection of the regular meeting on the connection of the regular meeting on the connection of the regular meeting on the council to have Third street from Calapooia to Vine paved with this material during the summer and this kind of pavement seems to be meeting with the approval of the property owners. It is said than with the text of the property owners in that the connection of the council that the s

FORTUNE IS HELD UP; BRIDE A HELLO GIRL

Girl Who Eloped With Banker's Heir Works While Waiting Father's Forgiveness.

Denver, Dec. 31 .- Albert Combs, the 17-year-old son of a New York mil-lionaire banker, his chorus girl wife and his fox terrier dog are in Denver waiting for father to relent some more. The sea of matrimony is a troublesome one, thinks Albert, when

but a fellow can't feed a bride or buy dog biscuits for a fox terrier for four years on mere prospects.

When the young newly weds first arrived in Denver, two months ago, the pretty chorus girl bride, with whom he eloped when she was a member of the "Kiss Waltz" company, came to the rescue of her youthful husband's depleted finances by obtaining employment as a telephone girl. Their income, however, was barely sufficient to make both ends meet, and father Combs was besieged with pleadings for his parental blessing and financial aid. It came finally when Albert's father has relented—to a certain extent. The boy has an uncle here, Frank D. McCauley, well known cubman and broker. McCauley holds in trust something like \$15,000 for Albert, and a portion of this is doled out to the young coupl- in a monthly allowance.

But the parental blessing is still.

But the parental blessing is still lacking.

The Wind Month.

November was called by the ancient Saxons the wint monat, or wind month, on account of the gajes then prevalent. it was also named the blot monat, or blood month, from the ancient practice of then slaughtering cattle for the winter provisions.

J. W. Reader, manager of the local yard of the Hammond Lumber com-pany, left this morning for Mill City where he will spend the day looking after business matters.