

## 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.

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.

## MANY DIVORCE CASES FILED DURING YEAR 1912

Big Increase in All Forms of Litigation During the Past Year.

Is Linn county attempting to out rival Reno, as a divorce center? This is the question which is being asked by some of the old timers in Albany when confronted with statistics compiled from the records of the county clerk's office on the number of cases filed during the past year.

From January first 1911 to Jan. 1st 1912, fifty-eight divorce complaints have been filed with County Clerk Willard Marks.

## 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 Telephone and Telegraph company last evening submitted a contract to the city officials for their approval.

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

## 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 offering 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.

## BABY M'LEAN'S \$10,000 PARTY WAS GORGEOUS

Hundreds of Presents Are Still Coming In--White Burro Pleases Him Most.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Baby Vincent Walsh McLean's \$10,000 birthday party, given yesterday at the Walsh home, broke all records for gorgeous and ingenious juvenile entertainments.

The birthday cake, which had the place of honor on the table specially constructed for the comfort of the tiny guests, was a real wonder, with its tier after tier of frosted terraces, and its pinnacle crowned with a trio of birthday candles.

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

## OREGON EDUCATOR PASSES AWAY HERE

J. B. Leatherman of Albany Died at His Home in This City at 11 o'Clock This Morning.

## LEAVES WIFE, DAUGHTER AND TWO BROTHERS TO MOURN

Served 3 Years in Civil War and 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 chief engineer of the fire department will then go to the telephone where he will be connected immediately with the party calling for an alarm.

## ODDFELLOWS WILL INSTALL OFFICERS TOMORROW NIGHT

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.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF ALBANY LIBRARY FOR YEAR OF 1912

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

Receipts:—Cash on hand January 1, 1911, \$198.01; Received from city treasurer Oct. 26, 1912, \$500; received from other sources April 29, 1912, \$18.25; total, \$716.26.

Disbursements:—Salary librarian, \$120; salary janitor, \$55; binding books, \$13.20; electric supplies, \$4.75; new shelving and work, \$16.85; chairs, \$4.50; wood and sawing same, \$16.20; labor, \$4.00; Hila Gilbert, former librarian, \$20; printing, \$8.60; insurance, \$20.20; drayage, \$3.30; total, \$286.60.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Taylor of Seattle are visiting in Albany at the home of Mrs. Taylor's sister, Mrs. E. T. Fisher.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB MET LAST NIGHT

No Delegates Appointed to Attend Irrigation Congress at Portland.

## MANUFACTURING PROPOSITION RECEIVES SUPPORT

Club Officers Then Go on Record 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 Winkle.

## THIRD STREET RESIDENTS PETITION FOR PAVEMENT

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

## \$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 Albany College received a telephone message from the Albany members of the committee at 2:30 this afternoon which conveyed the information that there is yet \$16,900.00 to be raised for the endowment fund of Albany College.

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## COUNCIL GRANTS OREGON ELECTRIC TIME EXTENSION

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

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Attorney Gale S. Hill, representing the Oregon Electric Railway, appeared before the city council last evening and presented a resolution granting the Oregon Electric company permission to operate freight trains over Fifth street until April 1, 1913.

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## LINN COUNTY TOWNS REPORT CITY LEVIES

The city levies for the extension of the 1912 assessment roll of Linn county are as follows: Albany, 13 mills; Lebanon, 10 mills; Brownsville, 8 mills; Seio, 8 mills; Harrisburg, 7 mills; Halsey, 5 mills, and Sodaville, 4 mills. All of the cities and towns in the county have not reported on the city levies.

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One of the most important matters discussed by the city council last evening was the franchise for a gas plant in Albany which was granted to W. H. McGoldrick in September 1911 and which was assigned in November of that year to Leon Lowe, a San Francisco capitalist.

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