

City Library as an Investment.

Dr. Charles McCarthy, of Madison, Wis., originated the idea of a legislative reference library, with expert attendants, to assist the state legislature in framing legislation. He has been for some years the library expert in charge of reference work for the Wisconsin legislature, and his idea has been adopted by many other states. Legislatures are enthusiastic about it. In the American Library Association Bulletin Dr. McCarthy writes as follows about "The City Library as a Business Investment":

"A legislative library can be made the best paying investment for the city. It can save more money than any other institution in the city. It can add more efficiency to the management of public business, than any other institution. It can give more health and happiness. You may find a few books—stray ones, upon civic government, but many libraries will have the ordinances of their own cities, and let alone the ordinances of the other cities. How many have ever tried to get this experience from the past, from history, from other cities, in order to make the laws and ordinances of their own city better, so that the people may have less expense, less taxes, more helpfulness, better educational facilities, and more of the good things that life has in store for us?"

"Let us have an institution where dearly bought experience can be collected, so that we don't make the awful mistakes that we have been making, but merely through ignorance and lack of information. Let us pursue in our library, in our store-house of knowledge, the similar methods that we would in ordinary business. Let us make our city library not only a beautiful place—a home for our children, our women, and our young men, but let us make it the best paying proposition that the city has. You convince your business men of the city that your library is a business institution, saving time and money. If they understand this, they will go down deep into their pockets and see to it that you will have every thing that you want in that library. If you want stained glass windows and beautiful books and ornaments for your library you will get them and nothing will be said if you show them that you are saving them money, so that it is not only, then, from a point of business, but also from the point of political expediency, to your interest, to establish departments of this kind and keep up with the great interests of today."

DUN'S WEEKLY REPORT ON BUSINESS CONDITIONS

The following is reprinted from Dun's Review:

"Retail trade, especially that of a holiday character, is on an immense scale, but wholesale distribution and industrial output show some letting-up in volume of transactions, a development quite usual at this season of the year, when annual settlement and accountings are approaching. While there is this decrease in activity, it is not of large amount—as a matter of fact the movement of trade continues to make an imposing total. This fact is reflected in the great bank clearings, which show a gain of 10.9 per cent over last year and of 16.9 per cent over 1910. Railroad gross earnings in the first week of December made a gain of 3.6 per cent. One of the great coal roads has increased its rate of dividend, and January interest and dividend disbursements of railroad and industrial corporations, and the government, will, it is estimated, make a record-breaking total, showing a gain of more than \$17,000,000 over last year. The fact is that the country is carrying over into the new year a greatly enhanced buying power, due chiefly to the big crops—both the output and the value of the leading products of the soil reaching unprecedented figures this year. As against the confidence thus inspired the political developments abroad serve to cause some uncertainty. The dry goods markets are seasonably quiet, but very firm, and conditions are notably sound. New business has suffered some decline in the iron and steel trade, but production nevertheless generally tests the capacity of the mills and there is a continuance of the remarkable railroad demand for rails and other supplies. There is also less activity in the shoe market, but without materially diminishing the output. Leather is quiet and hides continue weak. Weather conditions have been unfavorable

for distribution in certain lines, which are especially susceptible to that influence. Coal and lumber are active. The export trade continues to be of monumental volume, figures for the two latest weeks indeed breaking previous records. Exports from New York in the latest week amounted to \$22,094,434, which is \$4,799,894 larger than in 1911 and \$6,988,687 larger than in 1910, and imports amounted to \$20,170,971, slightly under a year ago, but considerably larger than in 1910."

The Constitution.

The agitation for a revision of the federal constitution appears to have gained a number of distinguished converts.

The Democrat believes that in many important particulars the organic law of the land is now out of date and should be revised to meet the conditions of the twentieth century.

The ship, "Constitution," was a great fighting craft in its time, but who would contend that it would prove a match for the modern battleship of this day and age?

The federal constitution as drafted by the revolutionary patriots was adapted to the needs of the 18th century. Its authors made no provision for the curbing of monopoly, which is of recent origin and which invariably seeks shelter behind the constitution of the United States. A revision will injure no one but those who are seeking shelter from criminal prosecution behind its antiquated provisions.

The Wilson-Bryan Conference.

President-elect Wilson has conferred with Citizen William J. Bryan.

Had the New Jersey governor held a conference with his satanic majesty it could not have caused greater consternation among some of the law-breakers of Wall street. Monopolies and their friends, both in and out of congress, are opposed to William J. Bryan. The Democrat doesn't blame them. They know Bryan and Bryan unfortunately knows them. The Commoner is the sworn enemy of corporation greed and corrupt politics. These vices are virtues with the denizens of the street which has made New York famous as a financial center.

Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Horner and daughter Miss Vera of Corvallis passed through Albany this morning to Portland where they will spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Bishop Castle, a well known resident of Philomath, arrived in Albany this morning enroute to Salem where he will look after business matters for a few days.

BROWNSVILLE NEWS

On account of the heavy snow fall which has prevailed in the mountains during the past week, the search by relatives and friends for John C. Morgan, lost while hunting in the Upper Calapooia valley October 28, has been abandoned for the present. The camps established for the purpose of carrying on the search are desolate, teams yesterday bringing out the men and outfit. No further trace of the missing man has been discovered since the finding of the camp fire where he passed the first night, and where he went and what became of him is as much a mystery as ever.

D. F. Newland, of the Ash Swale neighborhood, transacted business in Albany Wednesday.

Wm. Wilkinson carried off third prize on Barred Rock roosters at the Albany Poultry Show held recently.

The two days hunt by citizens of the Ash Swale neighborhood last week netted three gunny-sacks of field mice, rats and gophers. The hunt is on again and will need today. The heavy rains have driven the mice and rats to the surface where they are more easily found and killed.

D. R. Dozier, of Portland, a close personal friend of the late Edward H. Porter, who died in this city Friday night, attended the funeral in this city Sunday. Mr. Dozier spoke a few words at the grave of his friend, paying a high tribute to the young man's character.

The Victor Donald Company at the Star theatre last night made good in every respect. It is indeed refreshing in these days of so many shuffling traveling shows to find one that is up to the standard and really entertains the public.

The Knights of Pythias lodge of this city received a message Wednesday from Coquille, Oregon, conveying the news that J. W. McDonald, a former Brownsville blacksmith and member of the local lodge, had been killed, but did not state the circumstances. No details of the occurrence have been received.

The death of Edward H. Porter, of Portland, occurred in this city Friday evening, December 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Putnam, the cause of death being the results of typhoid fever contracted in Portland.

The Knights of Pythias hall was the scene of a delightful farewell reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hilleary and family Wednesday evening by the Pythian Sisters and Knights.—Times.

HUNDREDS INSPECT PASSENGER DEPOT

New Station of Oregon Electric Was Thronged All Day With Admiring Crowd.

AGENT HOYDEN CONDUCTS VISITORS ABOUT PREMISES

Attractive Structure Greatly Admired By Everybody Who Attended Opening.

Over twelve hundred people inspected the fine new passenger station of the Oregon Electric at Fifth and Lyon streets which was thrown open to the public yesterday.

The visitors began to arrive early yesterday morning and throughout the day the handsome structure was thronged with an admiring crowd of people who had nothing but words of praise for the very attractive and most conveniently arranged building.

J. J. Hoyden, the local agent of the Oregon Electric and his right-hand man, H. S. Logan, seemed to take great pleasure in conducting the visitors about the premises and this they did in a commendable manner.

Perhaps the most attractive feature of the new station is the spacious waiting room which is located in the center of the building. This room is a beautiful one and was greatly admired by the visitors.

Huge inverted lighting fixtures of solid brass are suspended from the ceiling by heavy chains of the same material and each one contains a powerful lamp of 150 candle power. There are twelve of these lamps in the main waiting room and last evening when they were all turned on, the building was a blaze of light.

Huge beams of Oregon fir of fine grain form a pleasing part of the ceiling which is ivory in color. The walls match the ceiling and for a space of six feet from the floor are constructed of green tile. The floor of the main waiting room is of cement, which is joined to the walls so snug that no water can get into them, therefore making it an easy matter to clean the floor by using a hose.

The ticket office is located on the north side of the waiting room in the center and the fixtures are of solid oak and Oregon fir. Everything in the office is conveniently arranged, including counters, tables, etc.

The ladies' waiting room which is in the west end of the depot is a most attractive place and the panel work is of solid oak of beautiful grain. A sanitary drinking fountain is located in the east end of the room.

The baggage room is located in the east end of the building and the boiler room room is located in the basement beneath the room. A booth containing both telephones is located in a convenient place in the east end of the building near the baggage room.

A wide cement platform has been constructed on the Fifth street side and at the east end of the building and a 12-foot cement walk is located on the north side of the structure.

A driveway for automobiles and rigs will be constructed on the north side of the building and the ground about the station is now being parked and will be planted with grass and shrubbery.

The depot building is by far the best passenger depot owned by the Oregon Electric and is a credit to the city of Albany, whose citizens are justly proud of it.

FORTY POUNDS OF HONEY FROM A BEE TREE

Albany Men Locate Tree Within the Corporate Limits of the City.

M. E. Bilyeu, janitor of the court house, and Ed Hillard, yesterday received an unusual Xmas present in the shape of forty pounds of honey which they obtained from a bee tree cut down in Chautauqua Park.

The bees began to swarm on this tree some months ago, but Mr. Bryant declined to permit the cutting of the tree until yesterday. The tree is located within the city limits of Albany.

Fred B. Newton, of Portland, who has been spending Christmas in Albany with relatives, returned home this morning. Mrs. Newton will remain here a few days longer.

Capt. Merrill D. Phillips and family, of Oregon City, have been in the city on a visit at the home of Mrs. Phillips mother, Mrs. Schlosser.

Merrill V. Smith, a Dallas merchant, spent Christmas in Albany with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Smith. He returned to Dallas this morning. Mrs. Emma Cresson and sister, Mrs. McClure, returned to Albany today from Jefferson where they spent Christmas with relatives.

W. E. Church of Portland is a guest at the home of his brother, Frank Church, who resides four miles south west of this city.

Geo. A. Pritchard, a former resident of Albany and head copy reader on the Oregonian, was visiting yesterday with friends in this city.

DR. H. M. CROOKS RETURNED FROM THE EAST YESTERDAY

A Check for \$10,000 Received This Morning; More Money Must Be Raised in Oregon.

Returning yesterday afternoon from an Eastern trip in which he visited the largest cities in America, Dr. H. M. Crooks of Albany College has now resumed the campaign in Oregon for subscriptions to the endowment fund of the local institution of learning.

Dr. Crooks visited Chicago, Detroit, New York City, Philadelphia, Cleveland and a number of other large cities and met with a cordial reception. This morning he received a check for \$10,000 from New York City and has received a number of smaller contributions. The college still needs the sum of \$41,000.00 and according to Dr. Crooks, the greater portion of this money must be raised in Oregon. A vigorous campaign will be conducted for funds until the night of December 31st at which time the money must be raised if the dream of a greater Albany College becomes a reality.

ALBANY MAN PICKS RIPE RASPBERRIES ON CHRISTMAS

Henry McElmurry Has Bush of Them Growing in His Garden on East Third St.

Henry McElmurry, a well known resident of this city, residing at Third and Jackson streets, brought to the Democrat office this morning a branch from a bush in his yard which had nearly two dozen ripe red raspberries upon it. He broke the branch from the bush Christmas morning.

The fact that roses are still blooming in the yards of this city and that people are still picking berries in their yards at this time of the year, speaks volumes for the climate in this section of the United States. An Easterner might not believe this story, but we can deliver the goods, nevertheless.

SWEET HOME NOTES

December 23.—John Minniece returned from a business trip to Lebanon.

John Short left for Portland for a ten days visit with relatives.

Dr. C. C. Wright and wife are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Miss Ethel Baker, teacher in the Cawling School, returned from Albany where she took the teachers' examination.

Miss Beck, the former primary teacher here, is a guest of Mrs. Cora Weddle at this writing.

Tom Lewis, who has been very ill for some time, was taken to Albany where he will undergo an operation.

Mrs. Corwin of Ohio arrived here last week and will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood of Albany are visiting relatives here at this writing.

The Union High School board of directors met at a call meeting here Saturday, and heard the report of the committee appointed to select a site for the proposed Union High school. The committee favored the site on the Joe Ames property. However, the site is yet undecided.

The citizens of Sweet Home raised money and proposed to the committee the site on the Oliver property near the upper church, but the committee did not see fit to locate the high school building at this place.

COURT HOUSE NOTES.

Marriage License. G. G. Hershberger, age 25, of Oak Point, Wash., and Edna Wolfer, age 21, of Albany, Oregon.

R. A. Cale, age 21, of Albany, and Mabel G. Williamson, age 18, of Shedd.

Dent F. Stewart, age 22, and Bertha E. Laubner, age 23, both of Albany.

Chas. Gentry, age 24, and Lottie J. Taylor, age 17, both of Mill City.

In the matter of the estate of Ella Baker and Alice Baker, minors. Final account of guardian approved.

COUNCIL MET LAST NIGHT IN SHORTEST SESSION OF YEAR

The session of the city council which was held last evening was one of the shortest of the entire year, being but ten minutes' duration.

Mayor Gilbert, Recorder Van Tassel and Councilmen Lyons, Chambers, Seel, Cameron, Hulbert and Simpson were in attendance. As it was Christmas night and the city fathers were desirous of being at home with their families, an adjournment was taken until Monday evening at 7 o'clock, when the business will be transacted.

The mayor and members of the council exchanged greetings last evening and judging from the happy look on their faces, Santa Claus treated them well.

Claude Ellison of Dallas returned home this morning after spending Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellison. He is engaged in the electrical business in Dallas.

A CRAWFORDSVILLE MAN WANTS DIVORCE

Claims That His Wife Kept a Large Club in Sleeping Apartments.

THE COUPLE WERE MARRIED IN THE YEAR 1888

Plaintiff Asks for Absolute Decree of Divorce and Custody of Minor Children.

That for a period of one year his wife made it her custom to take a large club to bed with her for the sole purpose of striking the plaintiff, was the unusual allegation contained in a divorce complaint filed today with County Clerk Willard Marks by a prominent Linn county citizen, residing between Crawfordville and Holley.

The title of the case is Herbert Cross vs. Mary E. Cross, and in his complaint the plaintiff makes the following claims.

That plaintiff and defendant were married on June 2nd, 1888, in Linn county, and that as a result of such marriage seven children have been born; that ever since the 1st of March, 1908, defendant has without cause or provocation refused to converse with plaintiff or to reply to any question, except on rare occasions, and then only to make contemptuous remarks concerning the plaintiff; that during the month of June, 1908, defendant struck through the window with a board at plaintiff's face; that defendant has often threatened to strike plaintiff with a club and for a period of one year or more during the year 1908 and 1909, defendant kept a large club with her in bed for the sole purpose of striking and threatening the plaintiff.

The plaintiff asks for the care and custody of the minor children and asks for an absolute divorce. The complaint is signed by Attorney A. A. Tussing of Brownsville.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Program Presented Yesterday Was Enjoyed by a Large and Appreciative Crowd.

The Christmas exercises at the First Presbyterian church preserved that mysterious characteristic that we all love—pleasant surprises.

Each class had prepared a number on the program. The beautiful social hall and dining room were thrown together and were elaborately decorated with wreaths, garlands, holly and Christmas trees by the deft hands and artistic tastes of the Bethany class of ladies with Mrs. Mabel Simpson as chairman.

The program rendered was as follows: Overture, orchestra; Prof. Wilson director; prayer; "Madonnas," Mrs. Franklin; recitations, Mrs. Hawkins' class, Olga Jackson, Helen McCourt, Olive Barker, Barbara Pfeiffer, Leila Watson; zither solo, Mrs. Homer Dowd; reading, Miss Mason's class, represented by Pauline Pennebaker; recitations, Miss Telford's class, Laurence Schmitt, Ross Fletcher, George Geselbrecht; "A Gift Service," Mrs. Crowell's class in costume, Harriett Van Tassel, Emily Martin, Carrie Wright, Corintha Hart, Beattie Hoover, Della Stover; song, by Miss Clelan's class; tableau, primary department; gift service, Mr. Schmitt's class; Santa Claus through the kitchen window.

Amongst the surprises was the announcement that the new handsome brass wall lights over the fireplace were the gift of Mr. Buford Payne who also set them in place.

The high school boys' class of Mr. A. C. Schmitt added attractive and massive andirons to the same fireplace.

The ladies' society, represented by the husbands of the committee, Mr. A. C. Schmitt, Judge Duncan and F. H. Pfeiffer, presented a beautiful silver service consisting of knives, forks, spoons, butter spreaders, salad forks, and bouillon spoons.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Marks spent a few hours last evening visiting at the home of relatives near Gray, five miles south of this city.

Miss Georgia Blevins of Corvallis passed through Albany last evening from Tangent where she spent Christmas at the home of her parents.

Miss Zella M. Savage of Corvallis passed through Albany last evening from Salem where she spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Savage.

Mayor V. S. Wennersten and family of Lebanon who have been spending the Christmas holidays in this city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McPherson, returned home this morning.

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PRISONERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Eight Men Confined in County Jail Received Many Baskets of Food from Albany People.

DESIRE TO EXPRESS THANKS TO PEOPLE WHO DONATED

Stocking Hung Outside Window of Jail Nets Prisoners Sum of Twenty Cents.

The eight prisoners in the county jail thoroughly enjoyed themselves yesterday and as a result of the kindness of their friends, Christmas proved to be a merry one despite the fact that it was necessary for them to spend it behind iron bars and shut in from the outer world.

Early yesterday morning baskets of food began to arrive at the prison, and when dinner was served shortly after noon, a great variety of foodstuffs was on the table, awaiting the attack by the hungry prisoners.

The principal item on the menu at the jail was roast duck with dressing and gravy. With the duck was served mashed potatoes, celery, olives, sweet pickles, cranberry sauce, strawberry and blackberry preserves, plums and pears, cream walnut cake, mince and pumpkin pie, milk and coffee, oranges and bananas, and English walnuts.

Following the completion of the dinner, Havana cigars were passed around and the remainder of the day was spent in story-telling and playing cards.

The prisoners all requested the Democrat representative to express their appreciation to the people of Albany who sent the different foodstuffs to them on Christmas day and to say that it was an act of kindness that was greatly appreciated and would be remembered.

The food was taken to the prisoners as fast as it arrived yesterday, by Sheriff Smith, who assisted in making the day a pleasant one for the men who are under his charge.

One of the prisoners secured a long stocking yesterday which he tied to the bars of the window on the south side of the jail where it hung out over the fence which surrounds the building.

When it was taken in last night it was discovered that somebody had contributed twenty cents, a dime and two nickels. The prisoners also desire to thank the person or persons who made this donation.

Following are the men who are now confined in the county jail and who partook of the bounteous Christmas dinner party:

Al Peacock, Ralph D. Henry, R. A. Cain, William Davis, T. C. McNeil, Raymond Murphy, Charles Buchanan, and Clyde Sloan. Some of the men are serving out sentences for various crimes and others are awaiting the action of the grand jury.

ALBANY ENJOYS BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS DAY WEATHER

With the exception of the Southern states, it is doubtful if any place in the Union enjoyed finer Christmas weather than Albany, Oregon, did yesterday.

It was a perfect day here, bright and sunny, and warm enough all day to go without overcoats and furs. The sun came out early yesterday morning and was on the job the greater part of the entire day and hundreds of people thronged the streets during the afternoon, walking about the city.

Roses of many varieties were in full bloom in yards throughout this city and many Christmas tables were decorated with roses plucked from local gardens yesterday morning.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Charles Kiefer, deceased, has filed with the County Clerk of Linn County, Oregon, her final account in the matter of said estate, and the County Court has appointed, Monday, the 13th day of January, 1913, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the County Court room, in the Court House in the City of Albany, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account, if any there be, and for the final settlement of said estate.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1912.

MARGARET KIEFER.

L. M. CURT, Administratrix. Atty for Admrx. D13-J10

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of L. F. Conn, deceased, has filed with the County Clerk of Linn County, Oregon, her final account in the matter of said estate, and the County Court has appointed, Monday, the 20th day of January, 1913, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the county court room in the court house in the City of Albany, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account, if any there be and for the final settlement of said estate.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1912.

ELVIRA CONN, Administratrix. Atty for Admrx. Dec. 26-Jan. 17.