

COLLEGE CAMPAIGN NEARING ITS CLOSE

Only Two More Days Remain in Which to Secure Balance of Sum Needed for Work.

FINAL APPEAL FOR FUNDS WAS SENT OUT LAST WEEK

President Crooks and a Large Committee Working Hard in Portland Today.

Continued from Monday, Dec. 30.

The biggest thing before the people now is the matter of completion of Albany College Endowment campaign. Strenuous work is being done by many people and complete success is nearly assured. It only remains for everyone to boost during the hours that remain of 1912.

This article aims to tell the people of Albany what is being done and how they can help to win a new and greater Albany College that shall be on a firm financial basis with \$250,000 of endowment and with every probability within a few years of growing to something like the importance for Albany of what the State University now is to Eugene.

During the past week a financial appeal has been sent out through the Albany College Bulletin to six thousand people in Oregon and in the East. Every mail is bringing subscription blanks cut from this Bulletin filled out. One such blank this morning was for \$200. Large display advertisements have been appearing in "The Continent" of Chicago and other Eastern Presbyterian papers, each containing a subscription blank. Over five thousand blank subscription cards were sent to pastors in Oregon for use in their congregations Sunday. A final appeal was sent them also by telegraph giving the latest figures of the campaign.

President Crooks returned home Saturday night for an important meeting of the Board of Trustees and is in Portland today sending telegrams to scores of people, some of whom have promised help at the last. The canvass is being continued actively in Portland today and tomorrow, by President Crooks, Dr. Ferguson, and the Portland committee of business men in charge of Mr. Fletcher Linn. A committee of Albany business men will go to Portland tomorrow to help in this canvass. Local business men are to canvass in Salem, Corvallis, and Lebanon today and tomorrow. The final canvass will be made in Albany tomorrow.

Saturday a subscription, as yet unannounced, was received by telegraph from the East for \$5,000. This morning another \$5,000 subscription was received from the state of Oregon. The Salem church subscribed over \$400 yesterday. The amount now needed is between \$22,000 and \$23,000, the raising of which will insure the coming to Albany in cash of about \$110,000 of Eastern money and about the same amount from the state of Oregon, in all something like \$220,000 of outside money. It will also insure the new and great Albany College which will be worth to Albany far more than these amounts. Let everyone lift in these closing hours. Do not compel the committee to call on you. Fill out and sign the subscription blank in today's paper and mail it or hand it in to J. C. Irvine, William Fortmiller, or to the college office.

SUFFRAGETTES FOLLOW ADVICE OF MRS. CATT

Wore Trousered Costume at District Suffragette Ball in New York.

New York, Dec. 27.—It has come at last! Suffragettes are carrying out Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt's suggestion that her followers adopt the trousered costume of the Chinese suffragettes.

And what's more they liked them so much, they kept them on when they attended the district suffragette ball, and Bridget and Mary Ann got a night off. They didn't have to wait up to unhook Miss Suffragette's gown when she returned home from the ball.

It was a perfectly grand experience, according to the suffragettes, and the successful experiment of enfranchising themselves from parison fashion slavery was crowned with triumph when they discovered that Mrs. Catt, as guest of honor at the ball, beamed approvingly upon them across the floor.

The floor of Leslie Hall, in West Eighty-third street, was filled with the trousered women.

Their ball programs were, however, free from their husband's names. Not one husband of the trousered suffragettes was present at the ball. Some of the women wore the new costume earlier in the day while painting the outside of the interborough suffragette club house at No. 227 West Eighty-third street admitted that they did not go home to dinner, and they really did not know how their husbands felt toward the costume.

Others nervously explained the absence of their husbands from the ball by saying that the men did not dance.

PRETTY ROMANCE RESULTS IN WEDDING OF ALBANY GIRL

Miss Agnes Craft and Mr. Thomas Wright of Moscow Idaho Are United by Spokane Mayor.

A romance which started when Miss Agnes Craft of this city was employed in one of the leading millinery establishments of Moscow, Idaho, as head milliner, culminated in her marriage last Thursday in Spokane to Mr. Thomas Wright, a prominent and prosperous druggist of Moscow.

The marriage was performed by Rev. Hindley, mayor of Spokane, at his residence in that city and was attended by a few intimate friends of the young couple.

The bride, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Craft of this city, resided in Albany for many years and was at one time the popular and successful candidate for Goddess of Liberty at one of Albany's big Fourth of July celebrations. She is a young lady of many accomplishments and excellent attainments, having a host of friends in this city, her former home.

The first intimation of the wedding that the parents of the bride had, occurred last evening when Mr. and Mrs. Wright arrived from Spokane and the bride surprised her parents and sister with a personal announcement of the happy event.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright will spend several days this week visiting their friends and relatives in Albany after which they will return to Moscow where they will make their future home. They have the best wishes of their many friends in this city.

STRAIN OF MODERN LIFE DECREASES BIRTH RATE

London Medical Officer's Statistics Show Changes in Fifty Years.

London, Dec. 26.—The annual report of the medical officer to the Local Government Board, Dr. News-holme, offers some interesting comments on the strain of modern life in the great centers of population. Leading off with statistics of birth and death rates, the report points out that the last 50 years have shown great changes in this regard, as shown in the following table:

	1861	1871	1881	1891	1901
Percentage increase by births	37.6	37.9	34.2	31.6	28.6
Decrease by deaths	24.0	22.8	20.3	19.2	16.2

Natural increase 13.6 15.1 13.9 12.4 12.4

The national significance of these figures is unmistakable, says the report. The birth rate may, and unless a change in social outlook occurs probably will, decline to considerably greater extent, but the decline of the death rate is necessarily limited.

The improvement in the death rates has not extended beyond the middle of life, for the more advanced ages enter into it scarcely at all. A series of figures and tables, taken from the reports of the Registrar-General, show for males between the periods of 1841-45 and 1906-10 respectively a reduction of mortality which reaches a maximum of 64 per cent between the ages of 5 and 10 and gradually declines to 3 per cent between 45 and 55, changing in the next two decades of life to a rate increased by 9 and 8 per cent respectively.

For females the figures are somewhat better, the decrease of death rate between the ages of 45 and 55 being still equal to 15 per cent and a very small decrease continuing until 85 is reached, but the gain being greatly less than in the earlier decades.

In considering these figures Dr. News-holme points out that the increase in the death rate among men at ages 45-46, when the period 1841-45 is contrasted with that from 1861 to 1895 inclusive, and the failure during the same period of death rate in women at the same ages to decline are facts of great social significance.

Two circumstances, he says, have doubtless been largely instrumental in keeping up the death rate to an unnecessarily high one. These are the rapidly increasing aggregation of population in towns and the associated industrial conditions affecting large masses of the population, both male and female.

This conclusion is supported by Dr. Stevenson, who in the annual report of the Registrar-General for 1909 draws attention to the marked degree of correspondence between the ages at which the urban is the highest as compared with rural mortality and the ages at which the English death rate is higher than that of other countries.

Miss Melissa Martin returned last night to Tangent where she is teaching at the high school.

Senator Milt A. Miller of Lebanon passed through Albany this afternoon to Portland where he will look after political matters.

W. C. Breckenridge and daughter Miss Sue of this city returned home this afternoon from Lebanon where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stewart.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hornbrook, on Monday morning, December 30, 1912, a daughter.

T. S. Roberts, a noted organist of Salem, spent Sunday in Albany visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Worrall.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bockes and family of Sheridan spent Christmas in Albany visiting at the home of Mrs. Bockes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stephens, of 1014 East Fifth street.

C. L. Berghold, of Corvallis, was a Sunday visitor in Albany. He was registered at the Van Dran.

HUNDREDS TO HEAR THE MILITARY BAND

Tickets Are Selling Fast and a Record Crowd Is Expected to Attend Concert.

CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT ARMORY TOMORROW NIGHT

Admission Is Fifty Cents and Tickets Can Be Secured at Two Local Retail Stores.

Hundreds of Albany people will attend the concert to be given by the famous military band of the Oregon Agricultural College at the Armory in this city tomorrow evening and from the way the tickets are selling now, the auditorium will be taxed to its capacity.

The band has been touring western Oregon during the holidays and at every city in which it has appeared, the band has been greeted with packed houses.

The newspaper reports of the concert given by the aggregation are very flattering and the concert has been entirely satisfactory to the people of the Oregon towns and cities where the band has appeared thus far.

The program to be rendered by the band includes some of the best compositions ever written and which are found in the repertoire of all professional bands.

The leading feature of the evening's program and one which the music lovers of Albany are awaiting with interest is the selections from grand opera, to be rendered by Prof. H. L. Rees, the well known singer who will sing tomorrow evening with full band accompaniment.

"Pinto" Colvig, a prominent young cartoonist who is a student at the college, will also contribute much to the evening's entertainment with his exhibition of drawing and caricature work.

The tickets are on sale at Anderson's jewelry store and Woodworth's drug store at fifty cents each.

Following is the program to be rendered by the band:

1. March, "The O. A. C. Booster"—H. L. Beard.
2. Overture, "Semiramide"—Rossini.
3. "Forest Echoes"—Keisler.
4. Duet for Cornet and Trombone—Bellini. From Opera Norma, played by Edward Doodcock, trombone, and Everett Moses, cornet.
5. Selection from Grand Opera, "Tannhauser"—Wagner.
6. Intermission—Fifteen minutes of fast and foolish ideas by "Pinto," the nightmare of caricature.
7. "Dance of the Serpents"—Boccalini.
8. Baritone solo, "Toreador's Song" from Grand Opera "Carmen"—Bizet. Sung by Mr. H. L. Rees.
9. "Anvil Chorus," from Il Trovatore—Verdi. (By request.)
10. Humoresque, "What's the Matter with Father"—Lampe.
11. March, "Sempre Fidelis"—Souza.

Star Spangled Banner.

Mrs. Iva Hill and son of Philomath spent the holidays at the home of Mrs. Hill's mother, Mrs. I. D. Stephens, at 1014 East Fifth street.

William Woods, the well known drummer at the Empire theatre, has been confined to his home for several days with sickness and has been unable to perform his duties at the theatre.

Miss Alice Birtchett of this city spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Birtchett near Dever, Miss Grace Gilbert of this city spent Sunday with her at the farm.

Mrs. Merrill D. Phillips of Oregon City is in Albany to attend the funeral of her mother, the late Mrs. Schlosser who died last Saturday.

J. A. McFerron, a former Albany grocer and ex-sheriff of Linn county, returned to Portland this morning after spending several days visiting friends and relatives in Brownsville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Donaca of Lebanon spent Sunday in Albany visiting friends and relatives.

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FAIRMOUNT GRANGE HOLDS AN INTERESTING MEETING

Candidates Intititied and Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year.

Editor of Democrat:

On last Saturday myself and wife visited Fairmount Grange which is located in Benton county one-half mile north of the steel bridge.

The hall is a good hall, well finished, which makes for them a pleasant home.

The attendance was not what it should have been, as their roll book shows a good membership.

One new member was introduced in the third and fourth degrees.

A nice dinner was spread before us and a splendid social time was spent around the table, which all present seemed to enjoy.

Some good suggestions were offered by the local talent of which they have an abundance; this was followed by extended remarks by the writer who urged his best endeavors to arouse more enthusiasm and interest in their work.

This grange is like many others which I visit. In the last few years they have lost a number of their best working members by reason of them changing their location. This always works a hardship on any kind of an organization and causes some to become discouraged and feel like there is too much responsibility resting on them. This should not be; but let us always look on the bright side, hoping for something better in the future than there has been in the past.

We feel that there is a bright future before Fairmount Grange; and hope when we make our next visit to find them full of enthusiasm and a bright smile on their faces ready to greet us in the usually kind and friendly manner.

Three visitors were present, which had a tendency to add interest to the work. This was their regular election day, but owing to the distance and conditions of the roads to our home we were compelled to take our leave before the officers were chosen.

We expect to meet a number of them at Albany on the first Saturday in January, when the Linn County Council will hold a regular monthly meeting in Busard's hall.

J. H. SCOTT.

SCIENTISTS DISCOVER THE MISSING LINK

At Least That Is What They Say Over a Find in England.

London, Dec. 30.—Darwin is vindicated. The missing link has been found at last. This is the opinion of scientists who have examined the human skull recently found in a dried-up pond in Sussex.

The skull, which was laid before the Geological Society this week by Charles Dawson and Dr. A. Smith Woodward, is pronounced without doubt a remnant of the oldest type of man ever discovered. Its age is so great that scientists refuse to attempt to calculate it in terms of years. It is far older than the skulls of the cave-men, which have previously been discovered in France, Germany and Belgium, and belongs to that "lower pleistocene period."

The features of this skull, which has become known as the "Pitdown skull," are:

First, it is twice the thickness of the ordinary human skull.

Second, the forehead is as steep as the ordinary skull with scarcely any of the ridge at the brow which characterizes the cave-men's skulls.

Third, the back of the head is very low and broad, indicating that the neck resembled an ape's more than a man's neck.

Fourth, the brain capacity is two-thirds that of the average man and equal to the lowest average now living.

Fifth, the most remarkable feature is that the jawbone, although bearing human teeth, is shaped like that of a chimpanzee.

Dr. Woodward says concerning this: "The inference is that the man acquired a human brain before he acquired a human face and jaw and power of articulation. It shows indisputable connection of man with apes. In effect this discovery of this rounded skull seems to indicate that we are very near the original human being, more especially when one considers that this creature, though having a human brain, possessed the jaw of a chimpanzee."

DYING, SHE URGES THAT INCURABLES BE KILLED

Clergyman's Wife Pleads for a Merciful Ending of Suffering That Is Beyond Relief.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Mrs. William L. Squier, wife of an aged Presbyterian minister, residing at Ateo, near Camden, N. J., who has been bedridden for many months suffering from a tumor and has become so weak that death may come at any moment, gave a remarkable interview today.

"Our laws are wrong," she said. "We have too many of them. We pile them up like the children of Israel did, and then we have to have them interpreted to us. There is one law of the New Testament that should be the basis of all our code: 'Do unto others as you would be done by.'"

"I am sure if this were carried out I would not be here suffering now. Nobody could want the thing to happen to them that has happened to me. I am sure I would love to live if I could get through. But I can't; I can only stay and stay and stay. Wouldn't it be much better if I could just go to sleep? Wouldn't it be kind and merciful if the law would let the doctor put me to sleep?"

"Science knows a way out of our troubles; it is kind. It has the key to the land of everlasting sleep. But the law won't let it use it. Every doctor will tell you that people importune him to kill them. Every doctor will tell you of patients whom he would like to help out of their misery—whom he knows can't live except for a short, or perhaps a long time in agony."

"Aren't we evolved enough, haven't we faith enough in the hereafter and in the goodness of God to drop our old superstitions, and to be scientifically kind?"

Mrs. Squier applied to the Cooper Hospital in Camden imploring the surgeons to operate on her, but fearing she would die under the operation they declined.

Last week Mrs. Squier appealed to the chief surgeon of a Philadelphia hospital, praying that he take the one chance and operate, but as yet has not received an answer.

WIDOW OF THE LATE CHAS. B. MONTAGUE FILED

Widow Is Given a Life Estate in Property; Estate Valued at \$20,000.

A petition asking for the probate of the estate of the late Chas. B. Montague has been filed at the office of the county clerk of Linn county by the widow of the deceased.

In the petition the probable value of the estate in this county is placed at \$20,000.00 and of this sum \$19,000.00 is invested in real estate and the balance in personal property. The petition also refers to other property owned in King county, Washington, and the petitioner alleges that the value of such property is unknown.

In the will of the late Chas. B. Montague, the widow is given a life estate in all of his property and a deed in fee simple to the family residence. After her decease the property is to be equally divided between Elmer Montague, a son, Mary M. Gibbons, a daughter, Chas. D. Montague, a son, Ida D. McCourtney, a daughter, Robert B. Montague, a son, and Chas. Davidson, a grandson and heir of Clara M. Davidson, a daughter.

J. H. Erskine passed through Albany today on his way to Newport where he will reside in the future. He has been living at Brownsville.

Notice to Subscribers.

In requesting a change of address always state whether or not you are taking the daily or the weekly and give proper address. The same rule should be followed when sending in a new subscription or in discontinuing an old one. If a daily is discontinued or you desire your name placed on the list, always state whether you wish the paper by mail, city carrier or rural carrier and if by the latter give the route. Unless this information is contained in the letters received at this office, it is often times impossible to make the proper entry in the subscription books or to make the change requested. d&w-tf

MILITARY BAND ARRIVED IN ALBANY THIS MORNING

Will Give New Years Concert at the Armory Tonight at 8 O'clock Sharp.

Tonight at 8 o'clock, the famous O. A. C. military band of thirty pieces under the leadership of Capt. H. L. Beard will appear at the armory under the auspices of the Albany Military Club.

The program which was published in the local newspapers last evening includes many famous compositions and will require over two hours to present. Accompanying the band is Prof. Reese, the eminent singer who will render several selections from grand opera, with full band accompaniment.

The band arrived in Albany this morning in their special car from Roseburg where they played last evening to a packed house. This afternoon the band, the members of whom were attracted in the neat olive drab uniform of the cadet, paraded through the streets of the business section, playing several stirring selections. Plenty of comfortable seats have been arranged at the armory for everybody. The boys are highly recommended and should be given a New Year's crowd that will long be remembered here. The admission is 50 cents. Everybody go tonight.

MISFITS

Contributed By F. P. Nutting.

Business has been good, the best of any year, with a wider range.

And the city voted to remain dry by a decisive vote.

The outlook for 1913 is very good indeed, with many fine enterprises in the air ready for realization. We must be equal to the occasion.

Albany's splendid reputation along many lines should be enhanced and the good work kept going.

The biggest national event has been the election of Woodrow Wilson as president of the United States, putting into power the democratic party for the first time in many years. It offers a great responsibility; but the outlook is excellent for a consummation of the promises. The new president will have the support and confidence of the masses, which is what counts.

The biggest thing in Albany this year is probably the success of the campaign for the endowment of \$250,000 for Albany College, practically assured at this writing. It will mean great things for the future of Albany's educational interests. With such a foundation the endowment will increase and money for new buildings will come easy. Those who have given have done well.

But this has been a great year in the progress of Albany along all lines.

The building record is a splendid one some of the city's finest structures going up this year, with others on the way, including the best hotel in the state—outside of Portland, the best banking building and the best filtration plant. Sixty blocks of pavement, the arrival of the great Oregon Electric, between fifty and a hundred new residences, a new school building, several bricks and many other improvements make the year one that has attracted wide attention, giving Albany a reputation unsurpassed by any of the smaller cities of the state.

Judge W. L. Wells of Halsey was shaking hands with friends in this city today.

P. Bitzer of Winthrop, Oregon, arrived in the Hub City last evening and will spend a few days here visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wheatley of Seattle arrived in Albany last night for a few days' visit with friends and relatives in this city.

Walter Huston of this city is seriously ill at his home in this city with a severe attack of appendicitis.

Marriage License.

Herbert Robinson, age 27, and Laura Newland, age 21, both of Waterloo, Oregon.

Clyde Ackley, age 38, and Josephine M. Colver, age 21, both of Albany.

L. H. Hollingsworth, age 22, and Elsie Morris, age 21, both of Lebanon.

W. S. Wood, age 32, of Lebanon, and Hazel V. Smith, age 18, of Crabtree.

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