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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1913.
Partisanship.

"It is interesting to find in the Albany Democrat a fervent appeal for non-partisanship in the election of county and city officers and a general commendation of the improved spirit of comity between the parties on general issues. Yet at the same time it is noticeable that the Democrat upholds the governor in his foolish controversy with the legislature over his vetoes. What for Partisanship, certainly."—Oregonian.
Strange as it may seem, the Oregonian, the most uncompromising partisan journal in the state, is the first to accuse the Democrat of extreme partisanship.

With the Oregonian, party regularity is the noblest of virtues. It is the first commandment and the other nine are of minor importance. The call of the party chiefs is law, and woe be unto him that declines to answer the summons.
It was lack of party loyalty that brought down upon the head of the now extinct Colonel Roosevelt, the wrath of the Oregonian editor. It was lack of party fealty that subjected Jonathan Bourne, Jr., to the same burning criticism. An open refusal to submit to the party collar has cost more than one candidate the support of the same publication and the editorial whip has been cracked so frequently over the heads of the Oregon republicans that the Oregonian has come to be regarded as the official mouthpiece of organized republicanism on the Pacific coast.

Still that which the Oregonian regards as a republican virtue is pictured as a democratic vice. The Democrat suggests that the word "consistency" be framed and placed in a conspicuous place in the editorial rooms of the Portland daily.
The Democrat is supporting West because we believe that he is right. We are supporting him because he is attempting to secure the passage of some constructive legislation. We are upholding his hands because we are firmly of the opinion that the opposition to the majority of the bills which have the approval of the governor, is founded in narrow minded partisanship, and a desire to make political capital at the expense of the taxpayers of the state.

Putting the Governor in a Hole.

The legislators, or more especially a clique in control of the state senate, seems more interested in putting the governor "in a hole" over his vetoes than in anything else before the present session. Most of these members belong to the old Oregon stand-pat political ring. They cannot realize that the people of the state have repudiated them time and again; that they have elected democratic state governors and senators more for the purpose of putting the present politicians out of business than anything else. The republican machine built up under the Mitchell-Fulton regime has been responsible for the disasters which have overtaken the party, beginning with the first election of Governor Chamberlain. A large majority of the people know this; because they have been voting to a purpose, but it seems that the remnants of the machine, some of whom manage to keep their places in the legisla-

ture, cannot or do not want to comprehend the truth. They still persist in playing politics instead of rendering service to the people who elected them.

It is not that Governor West has been always wise in his vetoes. Like other men he may make mistakes of judgment, and some of his vetoes might be overridden without injury to the state's best interests. If right he should be sustained, if wrong overruled by the legislature; but this action should not be taken as a matter of spite or pique. The state's welfare should be considered before that of any party or any public man. Members of the legislature are not primarily sent to Salem to play politics. There is much real work to be done in the enactment of needed laws and the defeat of proposed measures that are not meritorious. To do his work well each member must be alert and active, and his best reward should be the consciousness of having served his constituents well and faithfully.

An organized gang of legislators sending out the word to their henchmen over the state that they have things "framed up" to defeat the governor, "right or wrong," is a disgrace to Oregon. It only means disrespect for the legislature and a broadening of the scope of the very "Oregon system" which this same machine seeks to destroy.—Eugene Guard.

SENATE PUTS HOME RULE ISSUE TO PEOPLE AGAIN

Salem, Or., Jan. 30.—By the aid of the votes of Senators Dimick of Clackamas and Hollis of Washington, advocates of the resolution submitting the home rule liquor amendment to vote of the people in 1914 won their fight in the senate yesterday afternoon. If the house acts in the same way, the question will be ordered on the ballot for retrial of the case, with women as well as men composing the jury.

First it was necessary to have an adverse vote of the day before reversed. In that connection the Thompson "comromisers," including Thompson of Lake and Mosier of Multnomah, sought to gather strength for a plan that would include amendment of the local option law in the agreement. Under this plan the home rule amendment was to be reconsidered, then referred to the committee and allowed to rest there until the local option law amendment had gone through the formation process. Both ideas were then to be brought out and passed. Briefly, the local option law idea was to make the precinct and the county the units, and to do away with the present authority for joining contiguous precincts in a local option election.

The compromise idea went to smash because it was not very satisfactory to either side. When Thompson and Mosier sprung the motion to refer, it received only eight votes, with 21 nays, and President Malarkey not voting. After much whispering and conferring it was understood that Thompson was to make the motion to reconsider. But Malarkey, who had cast the deciding vote against the resolution the day before, beat him to the post. A call of the house was ordered and the absentees brought in.

Joseph was the last one to come. Hollis, who had been absent the day previous, disappointed those who thought he would vote to take up the question, by voting no; but Dimick, Thompson and Malarkey furnished the needed votes and the motion was won, 18 to 12.

On the final vote there were only slight changes. Hollis voted for the resolution and Dimick switched over. This gave 17 to 30, the following voting aye: Bean, Calkins, Day, Dimick, Farrell, Hawley, Hollis, Hoskins, Joseph, Kiddle, Lester, McCulloch, Miller, Newer, Ragdale, Smith of Coos and Stewart. All others voted no.

President Malarkey, explaining his vote, said he had not changed his mind, and had moved to reconsider out of courtesy to Senator Hollis, who had been absent because Malarkey had personally requested him to go to Portland to confer on the Vancouver bridge question. He said he considered it a bad precedent to vote to re-submit to the people a law passed under the initiative, which the people themselves can change if they desire by initiative action.

Dimick, explaining his change of front, said he would vote to re-submit because the question is to go on the ballot anyway, and he thought the legislature may as well save the advocates of repeal the expense of circulating petitions.

Thompson also explained his vote. He said he had expected to vote for re-submission, but had also expected that something would be done to prevent the carrying over of a weak resolution with dry precincts, and thereby vote it dry. As he saw no hope for amending the option law on these lines, he did not consider himself obligated to change his vote.

FROM SATURDAY'S ISSUE.

W. E. Baker, a cement contractor of this city, left this morning for Portland to attend the ceremonial session of the Shriners which will be held this evening.

William Eblett, a prominent resident of Lebanon, who is identified with the Mexican mines in which many Linn county mines are interested, passed through Albany this morning to Portland on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Butler of this city left this morning for Portland to attend the ceremonial session of the Masonic Shrine of this city. They will spend Sunday in the metropolis with friends and relatives.

ANNUAL MILITARY BALL IS SUCCESS

Over Three Hundred People of Albany and Other Cities in Valley Attended.

COLCHEL ELLIS AND MISS TILLMAN LEAD GRAND MARCH

Hall Is Attractively Decorated for Brilliant Event with Flags and Bunting.

FROM SATURDAY'S ISSUE.

The third annual ball of the Albany Military Club which was given at the armory in this city last evening was the biggest social event of the year and was attended by over three hundred prominent people from Albany and other parts of the state.

The hall was beautifully decorated, large American flags being used in profusion on the walls and the ceiling of the big auditorium. Mirrors were hung on the walls in various places while college pennants and the official pennants of the military club were in evidence everywhere.

The orchestra occupied places on the new platform which is suspended from the ceiling ten or twelve feet above the floor. The hanging platform was completed yesterday morning and was installed in order to give more dancing space on the floor. This platform was attractively decorated with flags and bunting.

Two tents, each of which occupied corners on the floor, were the objects of much attention from the visitors, as did the small shelter tent which had been pitched in another corner. Twenty or thirty rifles used by the guardsmen were neatly arranged along the balcony and between each was a small American flag.

Guardsmen in uniform served delicious punch at each end of the drill hall. Excellent music was furnished by the splendid Chautauqua orchestra of this city, led by Frank Masok Sr. The programs were among the neatest that have been seen here for some time, having been designed especially for the occasion.

The grand march took place at 9:20 led by Col. M. H. Ellis and his attractive niece, Miss May Tillman of this city. The display of beautiful gowns worn by the ladies was the finest ever seen in Albany and it would be difficult to find a city in the entire state where the ladies dress better than they do in Albany. The military men were all attired in full dress uniform.

ANOTHER PIONEER CROSSES THE GREAT DIVIDE

W. O. Bond of Halsey Passed Away at an Early Hour This Morning.

The grim reaper claimed another well known pioneer of Linn county this morning when W. O. Bond, a well known and highly respected resident of Halsey, was called by death.

The deceased had been suffering from dropsy for more than a year and the end was not unexpected to his relatives and friends.

The late W. O. Bond was a native of Oregon and Linn county, having been born at Halsey fifty years ago. He was identified with much of the early history of the county and has always enjoyed the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

He leaves a wife, one son and two daughters to mourn his death. The funeral arrangements have not been made, but will be announced as soon as word is received by G. T. Hocken-smith from a daughter of the deceased who resides in the state of Washington.

LINN COUNTY PIONEER VISITING RELATIVES HERE

Was Identified with the Early Pioneer History of the Willamette Valley.

FROM SATURDAY'S ISSUE.

W. R. Baker, a former resident of Linn county but now a prosperous farmer of Blalock, Oregon, made a pleasant call at the Democrat office this morning.

Mr. Baker was a Democrat subscriber fifty years ago and was identified with the pioneer history of this section of the state. He left Linn county in the year 1882 and has since resided at Blalock. He is visiting at the home of his daughters, Mrs. W. J. and Hilye Hubbard, and expects to return to his home in eastern Oregon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Lee and family of Junction City were guests last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bartholomew of this city. They are enroute to Newport to enjoy a winter vacation of several weeks.

PERSONALS FROM WEDNESDAY.

F. M. French, official watch inspector for the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern railroads, returned yesterday evening from a trip of inspection on the West Side. His territory was recently extended and he now has 400 miles to cover.

R. B. Montague, a prominent business man of Portland and a former resident of this city, was in Albany this morning looking after business matters. He went to Lebanon this afternoon.

D. Bussard and Tom Cummings left this afternoon for Newport where they will spend the next ten days fishing. They state that they were unable to catch any fish in California as the streams and lakes were all fished out.

M. M. Meyers, a prominent farmer residing between Crabtree and Lacombe, returned home this afternoon after looking after business matters here this morning.

Roy R. Knox, manager of the Albany Mill & Elevator Company of this city, returned home this afternoon after looking after business matters in Eugene yesterday.

W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, passed through Albany this afternoon home from Salem where he assisted in the passage of some legislation yesterday.

E. F. Wiles of this city left this afternoon for Corvallis where he will spend the afternoon looking after business matters.

Dr. D. L. Foster of this city left this afternoon for Jefferson where he will spend the remainder of the day looking after several of his patients in that town.

Mrs. Ben Kirk of this city whose brother was killed by the cars near Vancouver, Washington, yesterday, was unable to go to Portland today, being confined to her home in this city with sickness.

Judge Lawrence T. Harris of Eugene passed through Albany this afternoon to Corvallis. He sentenced the man who robbed J. D. Forsythe of his money in the Eugene depot a few days ago to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

Attorney George Wright of this city left this morning for Salem where he has been looking after business matters today.

Prof. C. O. Hargrave left this afternoon for his home in Portland after looking after his piano pupils in this city.

Sheriff Parker of Lane county passed through Albany this afternoon to Salem from Eugene with a prisoner named Elmore who was sentenced to from one to seven years by Judge Harris for the theft of some drugs from a Springfield druggist. Sheriff Parker yesterday took the man to Salem who robbed J. D. Forsythe of his money in the depot at Eugene.

Father Lane left this morning for Portland where he will spend the day. Miss Rhoda Stalaker of this city left this morning for Portland where she will spend several days visiting friends and relatives. She will attend the Orphanum to see Sarah Bernhard and also the performance of Ben Hur.

Mrs. Roscoe Thomas and daughter Miss Florence, of Jefferson, who have been spending the week in this city at the home of Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Smith, have returned to their home.

George Van Dran and Henry Kirsch of this city returned home today from Oregon City where they attended the funeral of the late Carl Hodex who was found dead near that city last Saturday.

Harry Lang, a prominent wholesaler of Portland, arrived in Albany last evening and is looking after business matters in this city today. He is registered at the Van Dran.

Carl Wyman of Portland, a former Albany young man, returned to the metropolis yesterday after a short visit with friends in this city. He is employed by the Pacific Telephone company.

Postmaster Van Winkle left yesterday on a short business trip to Salem.

NOTICE TO WEEKLY SUBSCRIBERS

With this issue, the Weekly Democrat is converted into a Semi-Weekly paper and will be mailed to our subscribers on Mondays and Thursdays. The weekly paper has thus been divided into two sections and will reach our subscribers twice a week instead of once. This will give our subscribers a better news service. The price remains the same.

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By Wm. H. Hornibrook,
Manager and Editor.

Miss Gertrude Taylor of this city who has been taking the short course at the Oregon Agricultural College during the past month was among the many young people who came over last evening from Corvallis to attend the third annual ball of the Albany Military Club.

News Beginning With This Head Is From Daily Issue of THURSDAY, JANUARY 30.

MADAME LILLIAN NORDICA SINGS IN SALEM FEB. 12TH.

Albany People Given Chance to Secure Choice Seats by Reserving at Once.

Madam Lillian Nordica, one of the world's greatest soprano singers, is to appear in Salem on the evening of February 12 under the auspices of Miss Minetta Magers and to accommodate the residents of this city who desire to go to the Capital City to hear her, the choicest seats will be given to those whose orders have been received by Miss Magers by Saturday evening. The prices for the seats are: \$2.00 and \$1.50. Miss Magers will receive all orders for tickets either by letter or telephone. Her telephone number is Bell phone Main 1295.

This arrangement will insure Albany people of securing excellent seats and with the fine train service that this city affords a large crowd will undoubtedly attend from this city.

OKLAHOMANS WILL TAKE UP HOMESTEAD LAND IN OREGON

Colony of Seventy to Locate Near Bend—Advance Guard Has Arrived.

A colony of 70 residents of Oklahoma will settle on homestead land in Central Oregon this year.

The advance guard of the settlers arrived at Bend a few days ago. They have proceeded into the interior to select suitable acreage for the other members of the party, who will follow them with the first favorable weather in the spring.

Agents for the various railroads operating into Central Oregon report that more inquiries come from Oklahoma than from any other state in the Union. It is probable that several hundred settlers will come from that state to Oregon this year.

The party represented by the men who arrived at Bend this week will be recruited from the vicinity of Muskogee. Agents for the Great Northern railway met them at Bend and conducted them to the nearest homestead property.

MEETING HELD AT SALEM THIS AFTERNOON ON ROAD TAX

Local Business Men Leave for Capital City to Confer with State Legislature.

Manager Stewart of the Commercial Club this afternoon arranged for a meeting at Salem to be held at 5:15 this afternoon for the purpose of discussing the proposition of converting the money received by the state for the tax of automobiles, into the fund for the construction of roads, and a large delegation of local men left on the local train for the Capital City to attend the meeting.

This question was first discussed several nights ago at a meeting of the Commercial Club and since that time, Manager Stewart has been endeavoring to secure a date for the meeting, succeeding today. The committee recently appointed by the Albany Commercial Club to attend the meeting at Salem consists of W. G. Ballack, D. O. Woodworth, W. A. Barrett, P. A. Young and E. M. French.

MRS. COWAN INJURED BY A FALL AT HER HOME

Was Rendered Unconscious for Short Time but Fortunately No Bones Were Broken.

While feeding the chickens at her home on East Water street last evening Mrs. I. E. Cowan slipped and fell, striking her head with considerable force on a box in the chicken yard and rendering her unconscious for a short time.

Her daughter Hazel, who returned home last evening shortly before 5 o'clock, looked for her mother in the house and not finding her there went out into the back yard where she found her lying on the ground where she had fallen. She was carried into the house where she revived a few minutes later.

Fortunately no bones were broken but she sustained a badly wrenched back and will be compelled to remain in bed for several days at least. Mrs. Cowan resides at 1229 East Water street.

William Meyers, the popular money clerk at the local postoffice, is confined to his home with a slight illness today.

D. N. Williamson, a well known resident of Corvallis, arrived in Albany this morning to look after business matters. He recently completed a handsome new residence in Corvallis.

OREGON'S OLDEST PIONEER IS DEAD

Captain James Blakely Died at Home in Brownsville Last Night at 6:45.

DECEASED CELEBRATED HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY IN NOV.

Was One of Founders of City of Brownsville and Pioneer of Year 1846.

After rounding out more than a century of life of achievement and usefulness, during which he accomplished many deeds that distinguished him from his fellow men, Captain James Blakely, Oregon's oldest pioneer citizen and one of the founders of the city of Brownsville, passed away at 6:45 o'clock last evening at his home in that city, at the age of 100 years, 2 months, and 3 days.

The death of Captain Blakely came after an illness of several months during which he had been gradually sinking. He passed away quietly and peacefully, surrounded by his children who had been summoned to the family home. The funeral arrangements will probably be completed today.

Captain Blakely was born in Lyles county, Tennessee, on November 26th, 1812, and received his early education in that state. He moved with his family to Missouri in 1838 where he resided until April 4th, 1846, when he started for Oregon. He arrived at the place which is now Brownsville on October 9, 1846. With his uncle Hugh L. Brown, after whom Brownsville was later named, he took up a donation land claim and started Brownsville in 1855 and with his uncle became a member of one of the leading mercantile establishments of that section.

To Captain Blakely fell honors in war, as in statesmanship and local affairs. He assisted in organizing Company E, Oregon Volunteers, in March, 1856, and was elected captain. He organized his neighbors later for a three months' war with the Rogue River Indians and returned home July 4 with the "Declaration of Independence from Indian Troubles."

As a member from Linn county to the Oregon legislature during the session in which Senator Miller was elected to the United States senate the first time, Captain Blakely distinguished himself. He had been a lifelong Democrat and was always active in state affairs and in local undertakings. He had been a member of the First Presbyterian church of Brownsville since its organization.

There are many events in the life of this grand old man any one of which would distinguish him among his fellow men. Taken collectively they form a remarkable galaxy of achievement and considered with his longevity they give him honored place among Oregon's most notable citizens.

He is an Oregon pioneer of 1846. He served with honor at the head of a company in Oregon's Indian wars. He founded a city and lived to see it becoming a growing, prosperous trading center. He was one of the pioneer merchants of the Willamette Valley. He and many of his sons have been honored by their fellow citizens in various parts of Oregon with important official positions.

It is given to few men to reach the age of 100 years. And yet more rare is an instance when one who reaches this remarkable age has a life so full of achievement and honor in the history and development of his community as has Captain Blakely. His record is perhaps without a parallel.

Ten children were born to the marriage with Mrs. Sarah Dietz in Tennessee in 1833. They are: Mrs. Ellen Montgomery, Crook county; Mrs. Catherine Lewis, Portland; Mrs. Margaret Smith, Parrot, Mont.; J. M. Blakely, Joseph, Or.; George C. Blakely, The Dalles; J. A. and William Blakely, of Pendleton; Mrs. Harriett Cooley, Mrs. Sarah McFarland and Henry Blakely, of Brownsville.

At the celebration November 26 of his 100th birthday the five generations present included Captain Blakely, his daughter, Mrs. Catherine Lewis, of Portland; her son, Minor Lewis; his daughter, Mrs. Mason Wittenberg, and her baby daughter, Alice.

At this dinner sugar tongs which have been in the family 75 years were used and a monster birthday cake, holding 100 lighted candles, was on the table. Up to his death Captain Blakely's brain was active and he took an enthusiastic interest in current events.

The splendid birthday dinner on November 26th was attended by eight of his nine living children, 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. The two children of the fifth generation who were present at the dinner, a feature of which was a massive cake with 100 burning candles, were Edward Graves, five years old, of Olympia, Wash., and Mary Alice Wittenberg, 1 year old, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Wittenberg, of Portland. The only child of Captain Blakely who was not present at the dinner was Mrs. Margaret Smith, a daughter, who resides in Montana.

Friends and relatives of Captain Blakely came from all parts of the Northwest to attend this centennial birthday dinner.

John A. Shaw of this city left this morning for Mt. Hood where he will spend a few days visiting his sons, Angus and J. Royal.