

TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS

PARKER ITEMS.

Henrick Bros. are being bothered a great deal about the shipping of their wheat on account of the shortness of cars.

Ham Clark left for Oak Dale, Wash., Monday.

Eli DeBord was the happy slayer of a large otter Sunday.

Our little school is progressing nicely under the guidance of Miss Swann.

Our depot has been remodeled inside and painted in a very artistic manner.

Bridge carpenters are building an aqueduct under the railroad in one of the hills near here which is a difficult piece of work.

Friday night Saver was the scene of what might have been a great robbery. The thief or thieves gained an entrance to D. Cade's store by prying off part of the lock to the front door and they then repaired to the rear of the store where the safe was located, and after drilling a hole into the lock and inserting powder and fuses they piled Mr. Cade's stock of overalls beneath and on top and in fact padded the safe all around as it was supposed to defend the sound of the blast. They then set fire to the charge and blew the lock and safe door nearly to pieces and scattered the cement which filled the door, all over the floor. It appears that they could not get the door open in its scattered condition and they procured a cord wood stick from a pile near by to use as a pry. They also entered Frank Brower's blacksmith shop and got drills, cross bar and a die plate, which they nearly ruined in the operation. The vandals never took anything as there was nothing in the safe but a few stamps and postal matter as Mr. Cade kept the postoffice. The attempted robbery took place in the afternoon of the night since Mrs. Cade and some others heard the blast, but it never excited an suspicion. Day must have overtaken them or they would have stolen some merchandise.

W. P. Wright, of Dallas, passed through our city last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skaffe, of Silverton, are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

We are glad to record that Fred Toner, who has been very ill at Dallas is much improved, and hope that his recovery may be speedy.

Geo. C. Cooper has rented the Jory property. He will move his family as soon as Mr. Went moves out, which will be in a few days.

Mr. Savage and family just from Michigan are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Patrick. Mr. S. contemplates remaining hereafter in Oregon.

W. A. Pike brought to the city a wagon load of onions some weighing from two to three pounds each. He sold them for a dollar per bushel. There is more money in onions at that price than in wheat.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walling, of Lincoln, passed through here last Friday afternoon on their way to Dallas to perform the last sad rites over the remains of their girl baby, which died very suddenly last Thursday.

We are informed that the piers for the new bridge have settled eighteen inches out of plumb. What has that grand engineer to say about it now? No doubt farmers and store clerks would have done a much better job of it than he.

The snow bird has made his appearance. He has made his advent rather early this year. The frosts have come one month earlier this fall than last year. Last fall we gathered string beans from the vine Thanksgiving day, but they are "done cooked" by Jack Frost last Thursday morning. Are we to have a cold winter?

We are glad to see the West Side take the course it is pursuing in regard to assessment and taxation. Every dollar ought to bear its equal proportion of the running expenses of the government of county and state. We also think that the salary of county clerk and sheriff are too high in proportion of our other county officers. Our taxes ought to be less than 17 mills, yet if Dallas had her way in regard to the building of a new court house 20 or 21 mills would be called for. They raised the cry about the large crop and good yield, but how about the price now? The bottom price for wheat has not been reached "and don't you forget it." We think it high time for the farmers to look out for their own interests and not be led by politicians who work on the prejudices "for self gain."

Two lots in block 6 Henry Hill's addition to Independence for \$125 each, one fifth down, balance next May without interest. This is a bargain. Enquire at West Side office.

Notice to Taxpayers.

The board of equalization for the city of Independence will sit as an Equalizing board in the council rooms, commencing at 7 o'clock Monday evening, October 27th, 1890. All interested persons will please appear at that time.

H. M. LIVES, Recorder.

More Racing.

On Thursday, Oct. 30th, a trotting race best 3 in 5 will take place on Talmage race track for untrained horses of the 3:30 class in Polk county. Entries will close Oct. 29th. Entrance \$10 which is added to purse.

Friday, Oct. 21st will be the race for three minute class, best 3 in 5. Entrance fee \$10. Entries close Oct. 30.

CITY COUNCIL.

Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Council met with Mayor Shelley in the chair and present Councilmen Wheeler, Kregel, Buster and Pentland, Marshal Macaulay and Recorder Lines.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. It was reported that a city map could be had for \$20.

Marshal reported that parties had been notified to repair walks and nearly all had been repaired. Crosswalks will be built soon.

Ordinance granting a franchise to L. C. Gilmore for water works read first

DAILY MAIL TO FALLS CITY.

Commencing Thursday, Oct. 19, 1890 a daily mail will be carried direct from Falls City via Lewisville, Monmouth, Independence, Croton, to Salem, leaving Falls City at 5 o'clock in the morning, arriving at Monmouth about 8 o'clock, and Salem about 12 o'clock. Returning leaves Salem at 1 o'clock, Monmouth, 5 o'clock, and arriving at Falls City about 8 o'clock, p. m.

The advantages of this route are various. A letter mailed at Falls City will reach Lewisville, Monmouth, Dallas, Independence, Buena Vista, or Salem, the same morning it is mailed and admit of an answer which will reach Falls City at 8 p. m. The mail route starts at Falls City and ends at Falls City. The benefits of this route are greatly in favor of Falls City, and yet no point in Polk county is damaged, and many are greatly benefited. A large traffic will spring up between Falls City, Lewisville, Monmouth, Independence and Salem. It is a natural channel of trade. Persons desiring to spend a Sunday in recreation at Falls City, can leave Monmouth at 5 o'clock, and arrive at Falls City in a few hours. They can remain over Sunday and return to their place of business Monday. Persons at Falls City can spend 9 hours in Monmouth, or 1 in Independence, or 1 in Salem, and return the same day. These facts are important ones to be considered. The permanence of the mail route depends upon two things. First, will it pay? Secondly, do the people want it? Approval of the route in writing to the post office department will not be amiss. The opposition is already at work.

Bill of A. J. Whitteaker lease for J. Burns \$10. Referred.

Bill of F. Blanchard for cleaning council chamber \$1.50 ordered paid.

THE RACES.

The first racing on the new race course in Talmage took place last Saturday. The day was pleasant, the track in very good condition and about 1000 persons present. The two features of the day were a trotting race, in which all horses having a record were ruled out, it being intended as a test of the merits of the buggy horses driven in the county. The other was a mile and repeat running race for a purse of \$100.

At 12:30 the first heat of this race took place it being one mile best three in five. The entries were: Dolle, by Byers; Jet, by Morris; Wm. E. by Ector; Isaac C. by Iretchwall; Brown Prince, by Ferguson; Stella D. by Uter and Dutch by Kays.

In the pools Dolle sold as first choice and Jet second.

1st Heat—Jet 1st, Isaac C. 2nd, Wm. E. 3d, other four horses distanced, three on account of breaking. Time, 3:42.

2d Heat—Isaac 1st, Jet 2d, Wm. E. 3d. Time, 3:41.

3d Heat—Jet 1st, Isaac C. 2d, Wm. E. 3d. Time, 3:34.

4th Heat—Jet 1st, Wm. E. 2d, Isaac C. 3d. Time, 3:34.

Jet won first money and Isaac C. second money.

The judges were R. F. Smith, L. W. Robertson and W. W. Percival.

BUNNING RACE.

It was 4 o'clock before the horses were brought into line in this race. King, just before starting broke away and ran more than a mile before his rider could stop him. The entries were: Joe D. by Robinson, Sorrel Dick by Kays, Paddy Ryan by Fennell, King by Tartar.

In the pools Joe D. was favorite over all others.

1st Heat—Paddy Ryan 1st, Joe D. 2d, Sorrel Dick 3d, King distanced. Time, 3:01.

2d Heat—Paddy Ryan 1st, Joe D. 2d, Sorrel Dick 3d. Time, 3:01.

Paddy Ryan won first money and Joe D. second money.

It is the intention to have other speed contests in the near future.

The general opinion expressed to us is that the races were on the square, and it should be the rule of those in charge to rule out those who want to run any "dead sure" races. It brings discredit on the managers and disgraces the public. A speed contest, strictly on merit is an exciting affair, but when the winning horse is known before hand by everybody, unless jockeying is resorted to, the interest is very small. Let us have good square races.

JEALOUSY.

The people of this part of Polk county are enterprising and pushing ahead, but they do not attempt to build up by tearing down. Fair honest exertion is laudable, but underhanded methods are despisable. The establishment of a mail route from Falls City via Lewisville to Monmouth has long been needed, and has at last been secured. In securing this no petition asked that any route be abandoned. A route from Falls City to Dallas was increased to a tri-weekly but last month. Not satisfied with simply building themselves up, a petition was circulated which emanated from some jealous breast, asking that the recently ordered mail from Falls City to Monmouth be discontinued and that the Dallas mail be made daily. The people of Falls City very properly refused to sign it. The route from Falls City to Monmouth will accommodate a very large section of country in more ways than one, and at the same time take no benefits from Dallas. The person who sent out the petition evidently believed that Dallas was entitled to all the privileges and it must refuse any of like kind to its neighbors. That is the selfish spirit which was manifested in the petition. If a mail route was not needed from Falls City to Monmouth, it would not have been asked for, and if needed Dallas should not object. Independence, Monmouth, Lewisville and Falls City should be on the alert. A movement is on foot to discontinue the recently ordered service. Action should be taken at once to protect our interests. Statements sent to the Second Ass't Postmaster General, of a false nature should be offset by true statements from the interested points. Dallas has a perfect right to ask for a daily mail, but not the right to deprive other parts of the county of mail facilities.

CAPITAL CITY NEWS.

I have a large and first-class stock of apple, pear, plum, pruned cherry, peach and other stock which I will sell cheaper (quality considered) than any other reliable nursery. I will give big bargains in apple and two year pear trees as I have a large stock of fine trees. Catalogue sent free.

Address, H. LEACH, Salem, Oregon.

G. T. Waller has a neat store on the corner near his residence in Monmouth and he intends keeping on hand all the school books and school supplies required in any school in Polk county, either public, private or normal. His prices are the lowest.

WAGONS IN EUROPE.

MONMOUTH, Or., Oct. 11, 1890.

EDITOR WEST SIDE:—In reply to the statement of Mr. Liebe, of 249 Stark street, who contradicts what I have said regarding wages and the use of self-binders on the continent. I wish here to reiterate what I stated in my letters to the WEST SIDE as being in the main quite correct.

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The county tax levy is 8 mills, and the whole tax will be just about the same as last year, which was 17 mills.

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J. L. Grant, for bridge, 40 00

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