

# REPORT FROM DALLAS

## Latest News, Social and Local.

### From the County Seat.

#### NO HARMLESS RUNAWAY TEAMS.

The Post Office Named Dallas Fire Department in Excellent Condition—A Pleasant Social Gathering—M. E. Sunday School.

The new post office at Rock Creek has been named Sugar Leaf, with S. Wright postmaster.

Edwin Grant and Ralph Williams took a flying trip to Portland Thursday.

Rev. Wm. F. Cowden, of Tacoma, preached an excellent sermon to a good congregation at the Christian church at Friday evening.

Robert and Miss Pauline Gaynor are visiting friends in Corvallis and Albany this week.

Mrs. L. B. Martin one day this week lost her horse and buggy standing in a cemetery. The horse got loose and ran away, but was caught and returned her without any damage.

The condition of "Uncle Cage" Merson, who has been sick for some time, remains unchanged.

Ed M. Crahan, the rustling adjuster of the State insurance company of Salem, is in the city.

Chief Engineer Lynch had the fire department out drilling last night and found the apparatus in good condition.

The hop men of this city and vicinity are getting along pretty well with their work.

Several Dallas couples expect to visit the balloon ascension at Salem tomorrow.

The social given at the residence of Mrs. Miller, Wednesday evening was very pleasant affair, and the bean soup, crackers and water which were served by the boys, was the best part of the social.

The driver of the Dallas and Salem stage left the team standing in front of the post office at Rickreall last Wednesday, and the team ran away, but was caught just before it got to Dallas, the mail arrived here on time however.

D. J. Riley is fencing and otherwise improving his new residence in the north part of town.

Mrs. D. P. Stouffer is reported as being much worse.

Dallas people expect a treat in the autumn to be given by the M. E. Sunday school Wednesday evening.

Five Balbriggan underwear, at the Laket store.

J. B. Parker takes his butter to Dooty & Locke's.

New line of hammocks at Clodfelter Bros., \$1.50 to \$3.50.

Have you noticed the announcement of the new real estate firm? List your property with them.

Miss Eleanor McMillen, a typist in his office, went to Buena Vista on Saturday to be the guest of the Misses Prather over Sunday.

Roy Irvine has the delivering of this paper in Independence; C. L. Lawley is the agent at Monmouth, and the son of Supt. Hutchinson at Dallas.

Well, the man who was found about to be killed is all right now. He got to J. P. Irvine's and found that he was selling every thing to eat so cheap that he could live cheaper than he could die.

Beautiful hair ornaments, at the Laket store.

J. E. Adeox, the new jeweler, can make your old scraps of gold into new jewelry. He also does all kinds of repairing and engraving in a neat manner and at low prices.

The best stock of dried fruit is at Dooty & Locke's.

Do you want any coal oil? If you do, you had better call at J. P. Irvine's, and get a can of Pearl oil, cheaper than you can buy it in Portland, as we bought a big lot before the raise and it is getting higher every day.

#### Republican League Convention.

Great preparations are being made all over the state to attend the convention of the Republican League at Portland May 22, to better organize the league in this state and to elect delegates to the national league meeting in Cleveland, June 19. Already Capt. H. L. Wells, secretary of the state league, has been notified of the election of 250 delegates, and he expects fully three

times that number will be reported during the month that will intervene before the meeting. He has made arrangements with the Southern Pacific for a rate of one and one third fare for the round trip for all who attend the meeting, either as delegates or visitors.

At the time the ticket to Portland is purchased the purchaser should ask for a certificate from the ticket seller. At Portland this certificate should be presented to Secretary Wells to be countersigned and this enables the holder to purchase a return ticket at one-third the regular rate. This should assure a large attendance of delegates and other republicans interested in the welfare of the party. Every club in this county should be fully represented.

The secretary is preparing a Republican league register, which will contain a history of the republican party in Oregon and the names of all active republicans who have worked for its success or are now participating in its councils. The volume will be a large one, some 250 pages, and will contain several thousand names, many of them being the active republicans of this county, including all delegates to the state convention, state and county central committees, etc. It will be the roll of honor of the republican party in Oregon.

#### AT THE I. O. O. F. SOCIAL.

##### The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Have a Royal Good Time.

The members of the Odd Fellows lodge of this city, together with the Rebekahs, and a large number of invited friends, joined together Friday evening in celebrating the twenty-sixth anniversary of the founding of Odd Fellowship in this country. The entertainment, in part of numbers, amount of amusement, and excellence of its program, was one of the most successful ever held in this city.

The meeting was presided over by Peter Cook, who very acceptably filled that trying position. An excellent orchestra, composed of Miss Eda Mills, violinist, Mrs. J. A. Mills, organist, D. A. Graven, with his mandolin and J. A. Mills played the guitar, rendered a number of choice selections.

Past Grand Master Tweedale, of Albany, was present and delivered a long and interesting lecture on the benefits of the order. This was followed by some good music by the orchestra, and then Mrs. Kate Goff, the eloquent past noble grand of the Rebekahs, addressed the assemblage in a manner calculated to sustain her well earned reputation as a brilliant speaker. She took for her subject the "Work of the Rebekahs" and the masterly and eloquent manner in which she handled the question left nothing to be desired. It was one of the most pleasing features of the evening and the bright little woman received many compliments at the close of the exercises.

There was a brief intermission for refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake, and then the amusing part of the evening was in order. Games of various kinds were indulged in, the chief interest being shown in the guessing of names of noted men and the title of well-known books. There were twenty pictures of prominent men, which were duly numbered and which the players were required to furnish names for; the titles of the books were given in what might be called picture charades, as for instance, a snake and a spear designated Shakespear's works.

For the largest number of correct guesses two prizes were given, one to the most successful lady player and one to the winning gentleman. There were also two booby prizes for the lowest number of correct guesses, in both classes. Those who won the prizes were: First prize, ladies' class, Mrs. Glen Graves, of Monmouth; booby, Miss Tillie Dorris, of this city; the first prize for gentleman was won by E. C. Pentland, while the booby was awarded to Mr. Meilen, of Monmouth. The entertainment was an unqualified success, and the 175 young and old folks enjoyed themselves to the fullest up to a few minutes to 12 o'clock.

The Odd Fellows will hold interesting exercises in their hall at Dallas at 8 o'clock this afternoon and quite a number of the brothers of the lodges here and at Monmouth will go over and join them. B. F. Mulkey is to deliver an address, and he will deliver it in his pleasing style.

A. J. Graham and A. W. Lambert, treasurer of Multnomah county, came up Saturday on the Altona, with their wives, as guests over Sunday of the Captains Graham.

Try our 25 cent tea, Dooty & Locke.

## THE SELECTIONS MADE

### Preparations for the Normal School Commencement.

#### BUDGET OF LATE LOCAL NEWS

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Normal School—The Tennis Players are Practicing for the Coming Contests in Salem.

MONMOUTH, April 27.—Quite an excitement was witnessed at the senior class meeting Friday afternoon at the Normal school. The object of the meeting was to announce the names of those who will take part in the commencement exercises in June. Prof. Buckham read the following names: Messrs. Coleman and Curtis, Misses Barnes, Bayles, Brightenup, Collins, Corwell, Day, Eckersley, Smith, Wait and Johnson. Miss Bayles will be valedictorian. The average of each representative did not fall below 95 per cent.

Rev. Sherman, pastor of the Baptist church, and his wife left Thursday for the East, where they will visit relatives and attend the Baptist conference to be held in Washington.

Frank Mulkey is having the waiting room of the Normal dining hall repapered and painted.

A drama played by some of the students will soon be given.

The Juniors who took part in the Friday morning exercises were Misses Dotson and Lincoln and Mr. Watson. Miss Parrish sang a solo very sweetly as a special number on the musical program.

Ellis Rings, of Gervais and Mr. Tilton, of Eugene, both members of the class of '94, are visiting friends in town this week.

An executive meeting of the board of regents was held in the Normal building Friday.

The tennis sets are arranging for contests to take place soon. The object is to decide who will be the representative to Salem to the contest to be held about May 1st.

Prof. Balcomb took the astronomy class out star gazing Thursday evening and as a result no one had their lesson next day.

The Chautauqua circle met at the residence of Mrs. Zeber last Thursday evening. It is growing more interesting each evening.

#### PULPIT AND PEW.

##### Today's Services and Other Matters of Interest to Churchmen.

There has been a number of interesting changes in church affairs during the week just passed. Among the most important is the departure of Rev. J. S. Smith, of the Methodist Episcopal church, for California, whether he went last Monday. The length of his stay is uncertain, as his mission there is twofold and of an uncertain termination.

Then there is the call to this city of the Rev. J. B. Lister by the Christian church. The call has been accepted and Rev. Mr. Lister by the Christian church. The call has been accepted and Rev. Mr. Lister will occupy the pulpit of that church hereafter on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, beginning today.

In addition to these changes, the Presbyterian church has just secured as pastor Rev. Albert R. Crawford, until recently of Ellensburg, Wash. At present Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are guests of J. L. Stockton, and will meet his congregation this morning for the first time.

At the Baptist church there will be services at the usual hours, and Sunday school at 12 o'clock. Next Saturday will be the annual roll call, beginning at 10 o'clock, after which other business coming before the church will be disposed of.

The members of the Christian church will sit under their new pastor for the first time this morning. Rev. J. B. Lister will preach at the regular morning hour—11 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 a. m. and the Christian Endeavor society meets at 6:30 p. m. It is expected that every seat will be filled this evening, as the Rev. Wm. F. Cowden, of Tacoma, is announced to occupy the pulpit. The reverend speaker is not only one of the most eloquent pulpit orators on this circuit, but is the general evangelist for the Christian church for the Northwest, and known as a

man of liberal mind and deep thought. The pastor of the Congregational church, Rev. O. B. Whitmore, will preach at 7:30 p. m., taking for the subject of his discourse, "Jonah." There will be no sermon in the morning, as the pastor has to fill his engagement at Rickreall. Sunday school and Christian Endeavor at the usual time. It is learned that there will be special music for the evening services, as the choir has been reorganized.

Rev. J. M. Turner is absent in Albany and there will therefore be no services at the M. E. church South. Next Sunday is his regular appointment for this city.

Although the pastor of the Methodist church is absent, arrangements have been made with Professor J. T. Matthews of the Willamette University, to occupy the pulpit this morning. Regular meetings of the Sunday school and Epworth League to which all are invited.

At the Calvary Presbyterian church Rev. Albert R. Crawford will deliver his first sermon to his new charge, on the subject of "Showing God." He will also preach in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Sunday school meets at ten o'clock.

Services at the Christian church in Monmouth will be conducted in the morning by W. F. Cowden, of Tacoma, and in the evening the pastor, Elder Sumpter, will address the congregation. Y. P. S. C. E. meets at 6 p. m. and the Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

There will be no morning services in the Monmouth Evangelical church but in the evening Rev. I. B. Fisher will preach. Sunday school at 10 a. m. and Y. P. A. at 9:30 p. m.

The Junior Christian Endeavor meets in the Christian church at 3 p. m. Sunday, with Dr. Frazer as superintendent and under his management the Juniors are doing good work.

#### The Durrant Affair.

The shocking double tragedy of the Emanuel church in San Francisco is still clothed in the deepest mystery. Up to the present time the evidence secured is entirely circumstantial as regards Durrant, who is held for the crime of murdering Marion Williams, and there are many expressions of belief that the right man has not been captured. From the course pursued by the defense in the preliminary examination it would appear that Durrant's attorneys mean to implicate Pastor Gibson. It is rather surprising, in view of the testimony already adduced, that neither Gibson nor King, the organist, have been held.

In common with nearly everyone who comes to this state, E. Rose, a wealthy and enterprising San Francisco merchant who was here this week, is highly pleased with the business activity everywhere apparent, as well as delighted with the climate. A man who would cavil at these glorious spring days must indeed be hard to suit, for such weather is found nowhere but on the Pacific coast, and no locality furnishes more delightful specimens than does the Willamette valley.

What pleased Mr. Rose the most, however, was the business life, the energy of local merchants, and the bright prospects generally of all parts of this state. He remarked that he had traveled from the towns of Coos and Curry counties on the south, to Portland and Astoria in the north, and the manner in which the "back country" of all these places is growing is very promising.

It is pleasant to hear such words from strangers. If it does not alleviate the scarcity of the needful here, it at least shows that other places are worse off, which in itself should arouse in the breast of all a spirit of thankfulness and contentment, and a disposition to make the most of what they have and not mourn over what can't be helped.

#### Will Get Experience, Anyway.

According to the Klamath Express, Lord Messiter, of Stuttgart, Germany, who has been in correspondence with parties at Klamath Falls in relation to big game in this country, announces he will be there in July or August with a pack of hounds to hunt grizzly bear. He is a very wealthy gentleman and is an enthusiastic bear hunter.

There has been a number of "wealthy gentlemen" come out to this Coast to hunt grizzlies, and many of them had valuable hounds. They generally decided to leave the hounds in the mountains and carried home a long ton of experience for every bear skin they secured.

## THE CITY'S PROSPECTS

### Some of the Causes for a Prosperous Year

#### IN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

Increased Travel and Traffic by Rail and Steamer—The Fruit, Grain and Hop Branches in Excellent Condition—Mills and Factories Busy.

There are few cities in Oregon whose business affairs, both municipal and private, are in better condition than are those of Independence. Occasionally you pick up a paper from a town up or down the river or over on the coast which contains one or more notices of sheriff's sales, business failures or affairs of that nature; and nearly every issue of local papers of this state in places other than in the Willamette valley, tells of what ought to be done in the way of starting factories, subsidizing various industries or reviving some enterprise which has been allowed to stagnate.

That is not the case in this city nor in this county. Just why this is so is hard to explain, unless it is on account of the intrinsic worth of the citizens, their indisputable public spirit, and energy in matters pertaining to home improvement. There are some things easier to prove than to explain, and this appears to be one of them. In fact, there is no need of any explanation so long as the facts exist. And that Independence is enjoying good business health is proven in a hundreds different ways, of which only a few are necessary to carry conviction.

In the first place, probably because it makes its presence known so persistently and noisily, there is the sawmill. It is running constantly and the output of lumber is large and brings money to this city from the surrounding country and from numerous points on the railroad and the river.

Another equally prominent feature in the matter is the large and steady shipments of merchandise of all kinds to Independence by the Altona and various other steamers, as well as the freight arriving over the Southern Pacific railroad.

Then the number of drammers who stop over at this point is something surprising; if they did no business here it is safe to say they would not appear so regularly nor stay so long.

There is another indication of prosperity, humble but convincing; that is the number of teams, belonging to owners of large and prosperous hop, fruit and grain farms, which are seen on the streets, and the amount of goods being trucked out of stores here to be carried off in those same farm wagons.

About as reliable an index of growth and stability as could be asked is found in the number of new buildings now under way. Several shops and stores, some half dozen dwellings of more or less pretensions to elegance, are to be seen in different stages of construction in various parts of the city.

Then, too, the reputation among traveling men that the city has is quite sufficient proof of its good standing, from a commercial standpoint. In the matter of location anyone who knows enough to go in out of the rain when he has an opportunity, can see that Independence, with the river—upon which are now running four regular steamers—at its front door and a competing railroad line running through the city, can secure better transportation rates than other cities less advantageously placed, and can therefore do more business.

Much more in this strain could be written and with equal truth. It is not necessary; the forces which have placed Independence where she is will keep her there, and the growth will be substantial and her class of citizens the most desirable.

Salem—15-cent meals—Kenworthy & Barnett—Commercial street—remember.