

COUNTY NEWS & TOWN GOSSIP

Polk County Official Directory.

Polk county covers an area of about 1,250 square miles. Number of voters, 1,227. Acres of land under cultivation, 93,275. Value of assessable property, \$1,524,515. The Land Office for this District is located at Oregon City—Owen Wade, Register; Henry Warren, Receiver.

COUNTY OFFICERS.—Commissioners, E. C. Dice, R. Tatem; Judge, J. L. Collins; Sheriff, J. W. Smith; Clerk, J. I. Thompson; Assessor, H. Davis; Treasurer, R. M. May; School Superintendent, J. H. Myer; Surveyor, S. T. Burch; Coroner, C. D. Embree.

TERMS OF COURT.—Circuit Court, R. P. Boise Judge, convenes in Dallas on the 4th Monday in April and 3d Monday in November. County Court convenes on the 1st Monday in each month.

NOTARIES PUBLIC.—T. Pearce, Eola; J. W. Shelley, Independence; J. L. Collins, Dallas; H. N. George, Buena Vista.

POST OFFICE TOWNS.—Bethel, Bridgeport, Buena Vista, Dallas (county seat), Eola, Grand Ronde, Independence, Luckiamute, Lincoln, Lewisville, Monmouth, Rickreall, Salt Creek and Zena.

U. F. Marx leaves Dallas for Salem on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a. m., returning Tuesday at 6 p. m.; for Independence, each Tuesday morning at 6; for Salt Creek, each Tuesday at 4 p. m.; for Lafayette, Monday and Thursday at 3 p. m., returning Wednesday and Saturday at 10 a. m.; for Corvallis, Wednesday and Saturday at 10 a. m., returning Monday and Thursday at 3 p. m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN DALLAS.

Methodist Episcopal Church (South).—B. R. Baxter, pastor. Services the first Sabbath in each month at their church, southeast corner Washington and Church streets.

M. E. Church.—D. L. Spaulding, pastor. Services at their church, north side of Mill street between Main and Jefferson, as follows: First Sabbath (in each month) in the evening; 2d Sabbath, at 11 o'clock a. m.; 3d Sabbath, in the evening. Regular prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. Sunday School every Sabbath at 9 o'clock a. m.

Baptist Church.—J. W. Osborn, pastor. Services at their church, corner Court and Jefferson streets, the third Sabbath in each month.

Christian Church.—F. F. Campbell, pastor. Services at the Baptist Church second Saturday and Sunday in each month.

DALLAS, SATURDAY, DEC. 4, 1899.

WOOD! WOOD!—Persons who promised to pay us in wood for their paper are requested to bring it right away—we want it. Any person wishing to subscribe for the TIMES and pay in wood will please take it this way.

EXTRAORDINARY SEASON.—The year which is now approaching its close is the most extraordinary, meteorologically speaking, ever experienced in Oregon. Frost and snow have been almost unknown. Last winter was more like a New England spring than anything else we can think of, and present indications favor the supposition that we are to have another of similar character. These remarks are suggested by the appearance of the surrounding country. Grass is more plentiful than it was last spring; the fields and hillsides are covered with wild flowers; every southern slope is mottled with wild strawberries in every stage of growth—from first bloom to full ripe; many trees in this county are now bearing their third crop of fruit, while the yield of fruits and vegetables generally has been more than ordinarily prolific. We have now on our table mustard of the second crop over four feet high and seeding; radishes ditto; onions ditto; thistles and "lamb's-quarter" ditto and in bloom; fennel do; oak sprouts between five and six inches long, and raspberry bushes that have sprouted and grown almost a foot since the last rain. All these were brought us by Mr. D. M. Guthrie, who also informed us that he has oats on his place waist high and headed out. Mr. Ed. Delashmutt, of Salt Creek, has also sent us some heads of timothy in full bloom—something unprecedented in this latitude at least. There are only a few of the many instances that go to prove that the salubrity of our climate and the fertility of the soil of Oregon is unsurpassed in the known world.

TAXES.—Polk county has hitherto boasted the smallest delinquent tax list of any county in the State. Sheriff Smith has just returned from a collecting tour through the various precincts, and furnishes us the following figures as the result of his trip: Bridgeport precinct, amount received, \$74 39; Luckiamute, \$1,388 95; Buena Vista, \$857 32; Independence, \$744 41; Dixie, \$119 64; Eola, \$413 76; Bethel, \$846 95; Salt Lake, \$139 68; Jackson, \$525 74; Douglas, \$457 00. Total, \$5,597 97. This is not a very good showing, and old Polk will have to come to time in a lively manner before the close of the fiscal year if she wishes to maintain her hitherto enviable reputation.

NOTICE TO DEMOCRATS.—Every precinct in the county, excepting Lane and Bridgeport, have reported to the proper quarter the name of their Central Committee member elect, and the Chairman informs us that a call for a meeting of said Committee will be published in our next issue, to convene in Dallas for the transaction of business on Saturday the 18th instant.

A HINT FOR SOMEBODY.—The following note was received by the gentleman to whom it is addressed, and by him handed to us for publication:

SALT CREEK, Nov. 28, '99.
To J. N. Chandler, Supervisor of Road District No. 9.—This is to notify you that there are several bridges between your house and Salt Creek that need repairing. MANY CITIZENS of the District.

The point of the joke will be seen when it is understood that Mr. Chandler is not the supervisor of that district but some other man is. Cumtuz?

SOCIAL.—Our young people are determined to live up to the old saying—"Enjoy yourself while you are young, for when you are old you can't." Last Tuesday they had a very pleasant little party at the lower end of town, and on Thursday evening a large party surprised an unsuspecting family on Washington street. The surprise was complete, but from the hospitable and courteous reception the party met it certainly must have been an agreeable one. These little social reunions are growing more and more interesting, each successive one seeming to excel its predecessor. Long may they continue so.

HANDSOMELY DONE.—Prof. McNutt, our popular music teacher, was made the recipient of a handsome compliment at the hands of his music class at Independence, and their friends, on Friday evening, in the shape of a surprise donation party. The number of useful articles of household furniture, dresses for his wife, etc., is too great to particularize. The Professor is deeply grateful for the many substantial tokens of regard he received at the hands of his friends, but cherishes more than all the kindly feeling manifested towards him—a stranger—by the hospitable citizens of Independence.

FOR THE BETTER.—We are informed that the directors of the Willamette University propose adding a commercial department to the other branches of study taught at that institution, to commence with the beginning of the next term. Prof. James, of this place, will have charge of the new department, and we think the selection a good one, as we think our friend James well qualified for the position. We are loth to lose so good a citizen, but hope our loss may be his gain.

THANKS.—We are under obligation to Mr. G. B. Stiles for a box of splendid winter table pears—we forget the name of the variety, but we remember that they are fine and toothsome. This luscious fruit was raised on the farm of Mr. Hugh Harris, who is said to have one of the best cultivated orchards in the valley. Bring them along, we can't be insulted in that way.

FRESH SEEDS.—We take pleasure in calling the attention of our citizens to the advertisement of the Old Colony Nurseries in another column. We know of gentlemen in this county who have dealt with this establishment to their perfect satisfaction, and who recommend their friends to do the same. Send for a priced catalogue.

WHO CAN BEAT IT?—Mr. Hollins head this week laid on our table the largest turnip of the White Dutch variety we have ever seen. It measures 14½ inches in breadth and weighs 30 pounds net. There's a turnip for you, what is a turnip. The seed was put in this summer.

"SCRAMPTIOUS."—A very charming, sensible and considerate young lady will please accept the thanks of a certain young gentleman—two of them—for a delicious jelly-cake, which the participants enjoyed so much that it almost made them sick—love-sick.

APOLOGY.—Owing to the demoralizing influence of the prevailing "cold snap" on our inkling apparatus, we are late issuing this week. We'll try and prevent its recurrence.

QUEN SANE?—What has become of "Smarty"? It seems an age since we heard from her. We fear these social jollifications are demoralizing our fair correspondent.

GOSE.—We learn that the wife of Mr. O. W. Syron, of Red Prairie, died on Wednesday last, in the twentieth year of her age.

THE official vote of the State of New York gives Nelson, Secretary of State, 20,253 over Sigel, and Allen, Comptroller, 25,691 over Greeley.

It is said that Postmaster General Creswell will recommend in his forthcoming report the abolition of the franking privilege.

OREGON NEWS.

—Snow in Eastern Oregon is said to have been two inches deep on the 22d ult. and still falling.

—J. B. Stevens, A. M. Loryea and W. Moffett have purchased a controlling interest in the "Pioneer Line" sailing between Portland and New York.

—Two men clubbed a gentleman in Portland the other night.

—Vegetables of the second crop for sale in Portland.

—Tenants are in such haste to occupy the new building belonging to Risley and Masters that hot stoves are brought into requisition to dry the plastering. Wooden buildings in Portland pay a profit of 75 per cent. when rented.

—McMinville is improving. Several new buildings are in course of construction. Mills have nearly 40,000 bushels of wheat on hand and are running day and night.

—Rev. Hoberg thanks a donation party for the hundred dollars given him. Who wouldn't?

—It is thought the Hess's will be re-arrested.

—Steamers are now running to Harrisburg.

—The Albany Register learns that the late freshest has almost ruined the river channel between Harrisburg and Eugene City, and that unless the new chutes are very much improved by subsequent high water, it will be impossible to reach Eugene City with boats except at the very highest stage of water.

—Grand Master John M. Bacon officiated at the dedicatory services of the Odd Fellows' Hall at Oregon City. F. O. McCown delivered the address. An organ was presented to the Order by the ladies.

—Mr. Bridgefarmer, of Linn county, had his smoke house burned last week. Loss \$300.

—The dam of Smith and Moore's flouring mill at Harrisburg was carried away by the freshet. Loss \$10,000.

—A saw mill on the Calapoia, belonging to Riggs and Fields was also carried away at the same time.

—Twenty-eight hogs were shipped from Independence to Cowan & Co., of Albany, all of which (6,000 lbs.) were spoiled on the way.

—Albany is the residence of a real, moving ghost—seen only of nights, and near the cemetery, of course—a regular "Rear head and bloody bones."

—The Snake River Indians, to the number of 800 or 1,000, who had been previously guarded at Fort Wagner, have been brought to Fort Klamath.

—A calf, eight months old, was butchered in Albany recently which weighed 645 pounds, gross, and 400 pounds, nett.

—The second crop of flax (volunteer) in Linn county is in bloom and taller than the first crop.

—Talking of a probable railroad route, the Albany Register has the following: Mr. Brooks has gone with Hon. Jesse Applegate, who came to this city for that purpose, to view the Rock Creek Pass through the Calapoia mountains. This pass is to the west of the old Cartwright road running over that range. Mr. Holladay takes quite an interest in the survey of that pass, and leads us to believe that if it shall prove practicable, the road will be run that way. It is claimed that it is a better route and ten miles shorter than the one by Eugene and Pass Creek. If this prove to be the case the road will probably be located through the Rock Creek Pass, passing around the city and crossing the Willamette at Harrisburg.

—The steamer Carrie was got off the bar, where she grounded on the 21st ult., with no further damage than the loss of time and expense of launching. She reached Portland on Tuesday.

—The amounts of shipping from Portland to San Francisco of the following articles, from January 1st to date, have been as follows: Flour, 444,275 qr sacks; wheat, 31,354 sacks; oats, 55,820 sacks; barley, 240 sacks; salmon, 1,837 barrels, 2,356 hf barrels, 19,729 cases and 2,074 packages; bacon, 4,498 packages; beef, 459 barrels; butter, 824 packages; cheese, 12 packages; hams, 433 packages; lard, 1,596 packages; pork, 1,263 barrels; dried apples, 4,282 packages; iron, 825 tons.

—The surveyors and engineers of the Coos Bay Wagon Road survey have returned. They report the distance

from Roseburg to navigable waters sixty-three miles.

—At the recent term of Circuit Court for Jackson county there was one conviction and sentence to the Penitentiary, and two divorces granted.

—Al. Zeiber, Sheriff of Multnomah, arrived at Salem this week with the following convicts for the Penitentiary: Jacob Ripley, for larceny, three years; Edwin Kennedy, larceny, two years; H. J. Heath, larceny, three years; Andrew Deninger, larceny, two years; Ludian Tom, manslaughter, two years.

THE San Francisco Commercial Herald says: There is one thing certain, the Oregonians deserve much credit for the superior quality of much of their flour now largely consumed by our citizens.

OBITUARY.

DIED.—At Eola, Oregon, Nov. 23d, (her birth-day) 1819, Mrs. Jane L. Waller, aged 77 years.

The subject of the above notice was one of the pioneers of Oregon. She was born in Fayette county, Ky., Nov. 23d, 1792. Early in life she emigrated with her parents to Indiana, where, in 1815, she was married to Thomas C. Waller, subsequently removed with her husband to Illinois where he died, leaving her with a family of several small children, whom she reared and educated, and with whom she, in 1847, emigrated to Oregon, settling in Polk county, where she continued to reside up to the time of her death.

Mrs. Waller made a profession of her faith in Christ at the age of twelve years, from which period up to the time of her demise she lived a consistent, Christian life, exemplifying in the positions of wife, mother, neighbor and friend the many Christian virtues. Retaining all her powers of mind to the last, she bore her protracted and painful illness with true Christian fortitude and resignation, often speaking with confidence of her hope of Heaven. Feeling her end approaching, she quietly gave directions to her children, even to selecting the hymns to be sung at her grave, and when the stern messenger came he found her waiting, and she passed from earth as quietly and calmly as a babe falls to sleep upon its mother's breast.

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