

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, 93,270. Value of assessable property, \$1,524,315. 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. L. Thompson; Assessor, H. Davis; Treasurer, R. M. May; School Superintendent, J. H. Myers; 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, Luckiamate, Lincoln, Lewisville, Monmouth, Rickreall, Salt Creek and Zena.

U. S. MAIL LEAVES DALLAS FOR SALEM ON Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a. m., returning same days at 6 p. m.; for Independence, each Tuesday morning at 6 a. m.; for Salt Creek, each Tuesday at 1 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, JAN. 1, 1899.

WOOD: WOOD.—Persons who promised to pay 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.

THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY.

The Good Templars gave a social party at their hall last evening for members of the order and their invited friends. The programme embraced musical and literary exercises, post-office, parlor pastimes, etc. There was a goodly attendance and everything passed off in a pleasant and harmonious manner. Long may they continue to blend their social and moral efforts in so good a cause.

RELIGIOUS.—Large meetings have been held during the week at the M. E. Church (south) in this place, conducted by the pastor in charge, Rev. B. R. Baxter, assisted by Revs. Burch and Sears. Much zeal in the cause is manifested and several additions have been made to the church membership. The meetings will continue until further notice.

PETTY THEFT.—A few nights ago, some despicable little thief broke a hole in a pane of one of the windows of the drug store, and stole from one of the window-shelves a jar of candy. The jar was discovered next day back of Mr. Crystal's blacksmith shop. This is one of the results of the gross neglect manifested by parents in the training of their children.

PROTRACTED MEETING.—Divine service will be held each evening until further notice at the M. E. Church South, Rev. Mr. Baxter and others officiating. The services will commence each evening precisely at six o'clock, and as there is no bell yet attached to the new church edifice, worshippers will govern themselves accordingly.

UNHEALTHY.—We have heard it stated that the past few weeks have been very unhealthy for chickens in a certain quarter of the town, several of them having disappeared very mysteriously of late. We would recommend that fine fat chickens roost pretty high as some people do not wait for them to "bite" but snake 'em on sight.

INSTALLATION, ETC.—Friendship Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Dallas will install their officers for the ensuing term, at their hall, this evening. We acknowledge the receipt of a courteous invitation to attend and participate in a banquet which will follow the installation.

WRECKED.—The steamer Success struck a snag in the Willamette about one mile below Independence last Tuesday, and immediately sank. Her freight was taken off by one of the Company's boats, but she still remains in the water up to her upper guards.

WATCH MEETING.—The transition from the old to the new year was passed in prayer and exhortation at the M. E. Church (north) last night. The attendance was not large but devout.

DANCE.—We learn there was a New Year Eve ball at Independence last evening. Several Dallas folk left for the scene of festivity.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

This morning at eleven, precisely, we betook ourselves to the Court House to witness the opening of the Christmas Tree, an event for which the little folk have been anxiously looking for some time past. The Court Room was fitted up for the occasion, the windows being draped to obscure the daylight. The tree was well filled with offerings, and its illumination by tapers became it well; the effect, however, would have been still better had there been more of the aforesaid tapers. Proceedings were commenced by a song, which was rendered admirably. The next item on the programme—a collection—was omitted amid general satisfaction. Another song, still better than the first, followed. The singing formed an exceedingly interesting feature of the exercises; in fact, Dallas possesses some very fine voices, which, with careful training, would be hard to beat. To resume. A startling apparition in a fur fixing and with a very transparent Dutch brogue now appeared, in which we had no difficulty in recognizing our worthy County Court. We were afterwards informed that the dress was intended to convey the idea of "Santa Claus;" if so, we would not advise it to get a mail contract, for its conveyance was not worth a cent. This figure regaled us with a speech of exemplary brevity, after which came the distribution of the gifts, amongst which were some very handsome ones, about the most valuable being a lady's gold watch and chain, addressed to Miss Minnie Nichols—no doubt by some ardent admirer of that young lady. Much amusement was caused by the manner in which several little girls shrieked "this way" in supernaturally shrill voices. Several young ladies, on the verge of the "sere and yellow," received doll babies, to their infinite disgust and to the intense delight of the boys, who yelled and screamed in a most alarming manner. Altogether, it was a very pleasant affair, and we congratulate the committee on their successful management. The bad weather prevented any large attendance from the country.

N. B.—Ad Interim has placed us under obligation for the foregoing recollections.

CHRISTMAS EVE BANCE.

The collation party at Mr. Ed. Delashmutt's on Christmas Eve, was a decided success in every respect. In spite of the inclemency of the weather there were about thirty-three couples present, representing almost every precinct in Polk county, and several from Yamhill. No effort was spared on the part of the courteous host and his amiable family to make the company feel comfortable and at home, and we know they succeeded admirably—in our case at least. We have seldom attended a party where the dancing was better, the ladies fairer, or the gents more gallant and orderly. The supper was superb and the table was kept supplied with hot refreshments until the party broke up at daylight, when they wended their way homeward feeling, we are assured, happier and better for the pleasant social reunion in which they had participated. The only thing that astonishes us is, that such parties are not of more frequent occurrence in the community—they are certainly beneficial in their effects.

MEDICAL.—Dr. Benj. F. Bond, M. D., graduate of the Medical College of the Willamette University, and who has recently filled the position of Physician to the Grande Ronde Indian Agency, has removed to Dallas and offers his professional services to the public. Dr. Bond is very highly spoken of by the profession, and those who have had experience of his professional skill recommend him with the fullest confidence. He is a very courteous and affable young gentleman, and will no doubt soon win his way to a lucrative practice. His office for the present is at the Drug Store.

IMPORTANT.—We desire to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. Haas, of Salem, who furnishes the best of custom-made boots and shoes of every style at the lowest rates, for cash. He also pays the highest cash price for furs.

WEATHER.—The week just past has furnished very variable weather. The first three days were clear and frosty, then followed hail, then snow, then rain, until the roads are now in a very demoralized condition.

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BILL CLINGMAN'S PROPHECY.

AS REPORTED BY QUAGABY.

I had a dream the other night, When everything was still, I thought I saw the Union A-rollen down a hill.

One evening as Bill sat in the "Exchange" singing the above stanza (some of his own parodizing), a crowd came in, and after stopping at the bar to receive the good wishes and gracious smiles of William, passed out into the reading room, and, as usual, called for a story—Bill being notorious as the author of some splendid ones. Hear his reply:

"Well, boys, you've axed me fur another yarn; I'm plum full uv 'em, but I've got somethin on top uv my yarn pile and I can't get at my yarns good till I tell it, and I'm not certen whether I orter tell it or not. It's concernin a feller who's no kin to me other pertic'larly, relig'usly, phynanshuly, or domestic'ly; and I ain't a-careen a darn much, but I sorter hate to tell it. But I guess I will tell it if you boys will lay low. He's a putty good friend uv mine, tho' rather expensive, always (like Collins) drinks and hurries away afore his mind hez time to react on the 'bit' that's in his pocket. He tells sum fast rate yarns too, sum uv 'em on himself; so I guess the'l be authen roun in me turnen this'n loose fur him. So here's it. I will not give his name, so there can be no harm in tellen it, as none uv you'll be any wiser uv who it is than you are now. Ef you are all ready I'll commence my tellen;

I was talken with a man not a hundred years ago who was liven among the Ingeens. He hed been appinted to that offis, hed bin unpinted and reprint-ed agin by a man by the name uv Ginceral Grant, who lives in the States sum-where. He said he'd belonged to the Yeunion, was capten uv a company, f'ot through the bluddy war uv his country, rested Holt Fulkerson, beet Hugh N. George fur the nomination uv reprisentitive in the Republican Convention, ran the plecter bizness, teched ritten skool, played the devil generally, and it altogether hadn't made him a decent liven. Says I, callen him by name, 'You've had a darred hard row to hoe.' Says he, 'I have, but I've got an easy one now, and I'm a-going to hee it out my clean and quick if they don't ketch me in the patch.' He went on by sayen there was one George, who's surname was Williams, who had per-vailed on the General to let him stay among the Ingeens after he hed bin teatorally turned out along with all the rest of the Quaker creation, in order that he mite leg fur him to git back to the United States Sinnit agin, by usin greenbacks that George would send him, amoutnen to several thousand dollars. Now, boys, you musen't say any-then about this, kause this feller wouldn't beve it git out yit a-while for the best section uv land in Oregon. He's going to play 'em sure as water runs down hill. They think he's a green-horn. He's willeen to allow them the privilege. So he's a-getten the benefit uv it. He says they ain't bin a-acten fair with him from the fast; and ef he tells the truth, they've bin and are a-going to treat him darred mean, ef he don't hold high. He told me he held ten thousand and hed it well guarded. As soon as George cum back here and seed how things wuz a workin, he saw in a minit he'd hev to keep my friend in offis or he'd go out himself. So he says to the General, 'Suspend this order,' and as the General thinks well uv George he suspended, with the under-standin that the suspenders must not stan on too long. Then George cum to my friend and giv him \$10,000 in greenbacks, and told him to 'heel up this bad feelen among the people about his givin their railroad to a Kalifornian. Carry Poke and Yamhill counties fur me and I'll get to the Sinnit as easy as you got to the agency.' My friend's only regly was: 'No man dare dispute that!'

Now, boys, I'm gotten close to the pint; and I'm most afeared to tell it unless I swear you. Hold up your hands and be testified!

'You, and every one uv you, both here and elsewhere, both now and till after 'lection, do solemnly swear that you'll be darred ef you cheap till my man makes his linden.'

So now, squat and I'll come down to my tellen agin. The calculation is with the General (and George knows it—and so does my friend; but they think he don't), as soon as the 'lection is over, let it go as it may—fur George or agin him—to put the law a-agin; take the suspenders off the order, and let it down on the agency as it wuz in the first place. Now my friend understands this part of the game as well as George, and the other part better. He's goin' to shove the greenbacks down in his grise and let the 'lection go fur the devil or the Democrats just as it pleases. Now don't any uv you say a word or I'll hev you all invited fur per-jury by the grand jury.'

LITERARY NOTICES.

The "Evening Lamp," the new Chicago weekly, seems to us the most desirable among the many claimants upon the public, as a paper meeting all the requirements of a family, news and literary journal. Though published a long way from here, it takes hold on things of interest at our very doors. The advance number before us contains a concise summary of all the important events of the week, tales, sketches anecdotes, and items without number, as well as a large amount of scientific and agricultural matter, and last, but not least, a "Youth's Department," which will brighten the eyes of many a boy and girl.

THE AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER.—We have received the first number of this new monthly journal, published at St. Louis, December 1st, by J. W. McIntyre, No. 4 South Fifth street, under supervision of a committee, representing the Evangelical denominations. Its sphere is the promotion of the religious education of the young in the Family, Sanctuary, Sabbath and Day School, Asylums, etc., in all sections and denominations alike. It will have a lesson system with expository notes, illustrations, etc., with much other matter ready prepared for the use of teachers, parents and others. The Editorial committee consists of leading ministers of different denominations. The publisher would, no doubt, gladly answer all inquiries.

THE "JOURNAL OF EDUCATION" for November is a splendid number. Every article is well worth careful perusal. It deserves, and has achieved, a marked success. It is published at St. Louis, and its circulation in the Mississippi Valley is now over 5,000 copies. It has gained and will maintain a position as the leading educational organ, not only of this State, but of the West and South. The "Text Book" question is the leading article in this number. Price \$1.50 per annum, in advance. Address, J. B. Merwin, 708 and 710 Chestnut street, St. Louis, Mo.

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