

TOWN & COUNTY NEWS.

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, \$1,524,513. The Land Office for this District is located at Oregon City—Owen Wade, Register; Henry Warren, Receiver.

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

RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN DALLAS.

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 1/2 o'clock a. m.

DALLAS, SATURDAY, FEB. 12, 1870.

Read the advertisement of J. T. Ford, administrator, in another column, ye who wish to buy property cheap.

LOST.—In the town of Dallas, last week, a meerschaum pipe with a short cherry stem. The finder will confer a favor as well being rewarded, by leaving it at this office.

RELIGIOUS.—A religious revival is in progress at Monmouth, and the accessions to the church within the past week have been about twenty persons.

NEW ARR.—We call the attention of our readers to the new advertisements that appear this week. The great number prevent us from mentioning each one separately.

GROUSE.—The grouse begin to hoot on the foot hills. Our hunters have discovered their places of retreat, and have been able to kill quite a number.

BIBLES.—The Polk County Bible Society has just received a new and good assortment of Bibles, from a pocket to a large family edition. The depository is at the store of Messrs. N. & J. D. Lee.

NEW MARKET.—Mr. Palmer has opened a meat market in the old market house, north of the ditch, where he is prepared to furnish his customers with an excellent quality of fresh beef.

EGGS.—Eggs are selling in this market at 121 cents per dozen, and butter is selling at 162 cents per pound. At these figures the inhabitants of Dallas can subsist themselves cheaper than by using beef or mutton.

WEATHER.—We have, within the past week, had all the varieties of weather known to the month of March. On Thursday morning a wry thin covering of snow was on the ground and the surrounding hills were quite white. It all disappeared, however, before noon.

SUSPENDED PAYMENT.—We learn from a private letter that a man, named Warren, who has purchased wheat extensively of the farmers on the South Yamhill, has failed, owing about \$12,000 to those of whom he purchased. It has caused a money crisis in that part of Yamhill county.

SAW MILL.—Mr. Allen, of Buena Vista, informs us that the new saw mill at that place has been set running, and is now cutting lumber at the rate of six thousand feet per day. The lumber is disposed of as fast as made, which is an indication that improvements are being made in that section.

ANOTHER MILL.—Mr. J. D. Walling of Lincoln informs us that he, in company with Mr. Witten, late of Salem, are making arrangements to build a steam saw mill at that place. The capacity of the mill will be from six to eight thousand feet of lumber per day. Near the proposed site is a very fine body of oak timber, and lumber of that wood will be made of the first quality.

SQUIRRELS.—As spring approaches the grey digger squirrel begins to show himself, and commence depredations on the farmers. By reason of the mildness of the winter none of these pests have died of starvation, cold or floods of water. They, of course, will swarm into the fields in unusual numbers this spring and summer, destroying large quantities of grain. It would be a good plan, according to our way of thinking, for the farmers to declare war against them early this season. Now while their favorite food is scarce, they will eat greedily of what has been poisoned with strychnine. The best way to prepare the wheat is to soak it in water, and then sweeten it with sugar or syrup before mixing in the poison. The poisoned grain placed about their haunts would prove the death of many scores of these vermin. The work of destruction can safely be entrusted to the boys who are old enough to know the properties of strychnine.

COUNTY COURT.—The business transacted by the County Court this term was small. The items are: A road was located from M. Apples' store, running so as to intersect the Monmouth and Corvallis road at Holmie's land claim. The new road is about seven miles long. Bethel precinct was allowed to elect two Justices of the Peace and two Constables. Riggs had his license to run a ferry across the Willamette renewed, and was allowed to raise his rates of forage to 12 1/2 cents for footmen, 25 cents for a man and horse, and 50 cents for a wagon and span of horses. Jesse D. Walling's ferry license was renewed. His ferry crosses the Willamette at Lincoln.

The bills audited at this term of the Court and ordered paid, were as follows: Wm. Richardson, \$31 00; J. E. B. Pumpelly, 13 40; J. W. Smith, Sheriff, 20 00; J. I. Thompson, Clerk, 79 60; H. Burbank, 12 50; B. B. Branson, 3 00; G. C. Litchfield, 25 40; Oregon Statesman, 3 00; Isaac Smith, 14 00; H. Mulkey, 20 00; Total, \$241 90.

STATE ITEMS.

The Albany Register reports a revival of religion at Brownsville during a protracted meeting of ten days, some forty or fifty persons have professed religion. The meeting is carried on by the Baptist, Presbyterian, United Brethren and Methodist denominations.

Mr. Unthank, a civil engineer of high repute in mining and railroad surveys, left here on the boat this morning for Albany, to make the necessary surveys for the Albany Canal, from the Santiam to the Willamette river at Albany.

H. Y. Thompson has furnished the Statesman with the following figures from the assessment rolls of the city of Salem for the year 1870: Value of real estate, \$933,312; value of personal property, \$469,846; reduction for indebtedness, \$216,413; total net valuation, \$1,182,745. This shows a gain of \$200,000 during the past year.

A mass temperance meeting was held at La Fayette, on the 22d, signed the Blade, at which 70 persons signed a pledge of total abstinence.

The same paper says: Mr. M. S. Hart, contractor on the McMinnville canal, has commenced work with about forty men. It is his intention to push the work forward with all possible dispatch. We expect to see the canal completed before the rainy season, next fall.

The Beaton county Democratic Convention nominated Judge R. S. Strahn for State Senate, D. Carlisle and W. R. Calloway Representatives, John Burnett County Judge, Jas. A. Cawthorn County Clerk, J. S. Palmer Sheriff, P. Henderson Treasurer, Zeb. Hinkle and John T. Hughes County Commissioners, Tyre Smith Assessor, W. W. Moreland School Superintendent, and Jas. Robinson Surveyor. J. C. Avery, A. J. Thayer, W. R. Calloway, P. Scott, G. B. Smith, J. Black and Wm. Burk were elected as delegates to the Democratic State Convention.

The Ensign says that information has reached Roseburg that the bark Chas. Devens was wrecked in attempting to put to sea from Coos Bay, last week. She had on board a cargo of lumber. It is understood that the vessel will be a total loss.

The same paper states that the steambot Swan, the pioneer on the waters of the Umpqua river, after having run up the river a few miles above Roseburg, has made her return trip, carrying away a load of freight.

The following is a report of the business in the Roseburg Land Office for the month of February: Number of acres sold, 2,216.61; taken under the Homestead Act, 2,244.48; taken under the Pre-emption Act, 3,040 00; total, 6,501 09.

The French Government has intimated, through one of its ministers, that in future all parties will be at liberty to lay claims from France. This announcement, if final, must settle the question between America and France as to the interchange of cable lines. The managers of the French line have contradicted the charge that American messages are subject to condemnation by the imperial censor; but time alone will dispel a doubt which derives some of its effect from the Franco-Rebel and untrustworthy character of Messrs. Reuters, Erlanger & Co. The French have arrived at an honest conclusion in the anti-monopoly.—N. Y. Tribune.

The latest fashion among young ladies is to select suits that will match the color of the hair.

Telegraphic Summary.

CHICAGO, March 5.—The Indian massacre at Piegan, in the Blackfoot nation, by the military, is undergoing a searching investigation at Washington.

Logan, on account of this affair, sustained as it appears to be by Sheridan and Sherman, will ask his Committee to strike out the clause in the military bill transferring the Indian Bureau to the War Department.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The Gold Room was to-day the scene of intense excitement. The price declined to 112 1/2, the lowest since 1862. The decline has a depressing effect on mercantile circles and the produce market. The Post attributes the depression to the weakness of foreign exchange and the statement from Washington of the foreign trade movement of the United States, which makes the balance of trade against this country for the six months ending December 31, 1869, only \$2,000,000. This statement being official is entitled to consideration though the bears' marks are being prepared to make as favorable an exhibit as possible. The Commercial contends that the statistics are erroneous; that the adverse balance should be \$20,000,000 instead of \$2,000,000; to which should be added fully \$35,000,000 for interest on bonds held in Europe. The Commercial adds, however, that this balance, it is assured, has been offset by the export of securities and of large purchases of American railroad securities in Europe, and that a large crop and rapid shipment of cotton, with caution on the part of the importers and exporters, have brought the imports and exports closer together than they have been for years. The Post says that figures show that our foreign trade is nearly balanced, and in these figures no account is taken of the shipment of American securities, and there are many who believe in the theory that Europe is indebted to America and not America to Europe. Thus it will be seen that the railroads are bringing the country to the verge of specie payments.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The transactions at the Gold Board, to-day, are estimated at \$85,000,000, making it one of the largest days' work since September. Business did not cease with the day, but remained to the small hours of the night. Six or seven failures of Bull operators are currently reported to-night. If gold reaches 110 there will be 200 or more. Bets are freely made to-night on a further decline, and one wager was made that it would touch 108 within a week. Dry goods men are complaining of stagnation of trade in consequence of the decline in gold.

Three thousand dollars of American silver was shipped from Montreal to New York yesterday on orders from restaurant and saloon keepers, who intend to give silver in change.

CINCINNATI, March 5.—A number of dry goods and other stores began paying silver change to-day. Probably many more will follow on Monday. The brokers sold all their silver to be used for that purpose.

WORCESTER, March 5.—Several business houses of this city resumed specie payments yesterday.

CHICAGO, March 7.—A Tribune's New York special says several politicians have been canvassing the policy of running William H. Seward for Governor of New York on a ticket uniting conservative Republicans with the best portion of the Democrats. The proposition appears to be favorably received, though it is strongly opposed by the Tammany ring, who will nominate Hoffman or Tweed at the next election.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Governor Stevenson, of Kentucky, telegraphed to Galladay, refusing to accept his resignation as a member of the House of Representatives, and saying that his duty to his State, his constituents and his own honor, demand a full investigation of the charges against him in relation to the sale of cadetship by the only tribunal to which he is amenable under the circumstances.

Galladay is accused of selling cadetships in the West Point military school.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Rev. Dr. Clarke, of the Forty-second street Presbyterian Church, lectured last evening on the subject of the Bible in the Public Schools. He made a severe argument against the Roman Catholics, asserting that the cause of this sectarian movement was that the papacy, which was growing weak in Europe, seeks to recover its vigor on our soil. He warned the people of the Divine displeasure in seeing God's word banished from schools. Rev. Mr. Hepworth, of the Church of Messiah, preached last evening on the same subject. Previous to the sermon, a petition to the Legislature against sectarian grants was circulated in the congregation for signatures. Mr. Hepworth considered that we are on the verge of a revolution whose results would be more important than anything occurring in American history since the declaration of Independence. He said his principle was the bottom dollar for the Public Schools, but not one cent for sectarianism.

Captain Hall delivered a lecture last night to a large audience, including the President, Vice President, Chief Justice Chase, and many members of Congress. He related his experience in Arctic voyaging. He wants \$15,000 for an expedition to the North Pole, in the interest of science. He has no doubt of the discovery of extensive whaling grounds. He is willing that the money should be placed in the hands of President Grant for disbursement. A bill extending national aid in some way to the undertaking will probably be presented in the House next week. It can already be said that it will receive strong support from leading members.

HAVANA, March 7.—The police arrested last night fifty-one members of the Magonic fraternity, who were holding mourning services at the lodge. The arrests were made for violation of the law prohibiting assemblages without the permission of the authorities. Foreigners present were not molested.

CHICAGO, March 5.—A special from St. Paul says a letter dated Pembina, February 18th, says: Majors Boulton and Griegels marched on Fort Garry with 200 Canadians, English and half-breeds. Not being strong enough to attack the Fort, they encamped nearby. Reill collected 500 men and attacked them. Boulton surrendered with 57 of his men who were marched to Fort Garry while the others under Schultz retired to Stone Fort. On the 19th Reill dispatched 100 men to attack Schultz. One of Schultz's servants was captured and shot. Another letter of the same date says that Boulton, finding the settlers would not rise, became disgusted, left Schultz and started back with 75 men for La Portage, but before reaching there was met by a party of Reill's men, to whom Boulton surrendered without firing a shot. A few hours later news from Ft. Garry is that Boulton is court martialed and sentenced to be shot.

LONDON, March 4.—Outaway, under Secretary of the Foreign Department, referring to the San Juan boundary question, said ten years' occupancy of the Island of St. Juan had cost the Government £22,000, besides salaries and other charges.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Returns from three fourths of the State of New Hampshire, leave no doubt of the election of Stearns for Governor, and Chas. H. Gelge, Railroad Commissioner, by a majority of 1,000 to 1,500. The Republicans have a majority in both branches of the Legislature. Stearns has a majority of 1,500 over three opposing candidates. The vote shows that the Republicans hold their own in the State while the Labor Reform party draws all its strength from Democratic ranks.

Portland-legal tender rates, 00c. Commercial.

The commercial editor of the Oregonian, in speaking of the effect of the decline of gold on our merchants and business in general, says: The effect has reached San Francisco, and will reach this city. We have already advanced quotations on dry goods, in consequence of the decline of gold; and dealers in other lines of goods assure us that they will be obliged to revise prices. Business is destined to be more or less shaken up for a time while the currency is undergoing the changes noted, and those who have dealt so carelessly as to be largely in debt at the East, with outstanding credits here, may find it difficult to get through, right side up. We have not the means of knowing precisely how Oregon importers stand upon the books at San Francisco and New York, but we have the opinions of those who ought to know, that our State is largely in debt at both places. In the payment of bills at the former place, the decline of gold will make little difference, as the contracts were for gold, in any case; but bills owing in New York will be hard to pay, as they were contracted to be paid in legal tenders, the price of which has advanced very considerably since the contracts were made. The low prices of produce, with the general lack of demand serves to enhance the difficulties of the situation.

In the same connection these cheering speculations are about the mining prospects: It is believed from the tenor of private letters from the interior mining regions, that a fair trade will open with the spring mining season. Numerous discoveries have been made in various localities, and all the camps are better supplied with snow for spring operations than they have been for the last two seasons. At nearly all the depots of supplies, more than the usual numbers of men have congregated en route for the diggings, and are awaiting the opening of travel to go forward.

At Brady's Bend, Pa., in a violent quarrel between a father and mother, a little girl, fourteen years old, in trying to part them, became so excited that she is hopelessly insane.

A man in Cincinnati a few days ago suddenly lost the sight of one eye without any premonitory symptoms. To all outward appearances the eye is as good as ever, but the sight is entirely gone.

The chimes of a fashionable church in Philadelphia played "Shoo Fly," "Not for Joe," and "I'm the Girl that's Gay and Happy," at a recent wedding.

"Bill" said one apprentice to another, "my boss is a better man to work for than your old man. My boss ain't always round his shop interfering with his own business."

Baltimore complains that hogs dying with pneumonia are slaughtered there for home consumption, and that diseased caws are converted into Bologna sausages for its citizens.

Rubber pens are manufactured which are said to combine the good qualities of all other pens in use.

MARRIED. In Salem, at the residence of Jan Glover, March 9th, by Elder S. G. Adams, Mr. J. G. Holbert, of Salem, and Miss Minnie Nichols, of Dallas. [Compliments of the parties received.]

Guardian's Sale. JOSEPHINE P. BOYLE, GUARDIAN of the minor heirs of J. W. Boyle, deceased, having filed her petition in the County Court of Polk county, State of Oregon, for the sale of the following real estate belonging to said wards, to-wit: Beginning at the N. W. corner of the Donation Land claim of J. W. Boyle, in T. 7 S., R. 5 W., running thence S. 18.75 chains, thence E. 33.58 chains, to the W. line of the land sold by J. P. Boyle to Dan Chandler; thence N. with Chandler's line, 33.58 chains, to the place of beginning, containing 62 06-100ths acres; it is, therefore, ordered, that the next of kin, and all persons interested in the real estate described in the foregoing petition, be required to appear in the County Court of Polk county, on Saturday, the 11th day of April, 1870, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted; and it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published in the OREGON REFORMER for three successive weeks prior to the time of hearing said petition. Done at Chambers, March 11th, 1870. J. L. COLLINS, Co. Judge.

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