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Baseball Meeting.
At a meeting held in the Hotel Elberton at McMinnville in which the following teams were represented, Cornelius, Sheridan, Dallas and McMinnville, it was held that the following resolutions be the voice of the body. That the baseball fans of the above named cities together with those of Hillsboro and Forest Grove are urged to assemble and elect a temporary director from each of these towns with full authority to transact any and all business and to meet with the directors elected by town in McMinnville on Sunday, February 13th, at 10 o'clock a. m. The financial losses sustained by the managements throughout the valley causing the fans to realize the necessity of organized amateur baseball, is the cause of this action.

The directors elected are requested to familiarize themselves with the sample constitution now in their hand and be prepared for final action.

J. A. Addelman, of the Archer & Wiggins Co., offers a Wright & Ditson cup to be disposed of by the directors in this meeting. This body at its next meeting shall be empowered to elect league officials either temporary or permanent as they shall decide. Signed,

J. A. Imler, Cornelius.
Wm. T. Raleigh, Sheridan.
C. W. Shultz, Dallas.
G. T. Pearce, McMinnville.
Yours truly,
H. Y. WHITE,
Temporary secretary.

The Humphrey boys have been sentenced to be hung March 21

Company G Second Team Wins.
Last Friday night the Company G second basketball team went to Lebanon and defeated the Athletic Club by the score of 43 to 20. The game was fast and exciting and at times was rough, although neither team got any the best of the roughing. Matheny started the scoring for Dallas by shooting a field basket. The game was started with Smith center, Syron and Heistand forwards and Foster and Matheny guards. The score at the end of the first half was 13 to 7 with Dallas leading. The Dallas lineup was changed for the second half VanOrsdel taking Syron's place and Birk replacing Foster. They started the second half with a rush piling up a total of 30 points to their opponents 13. Heistand led for Dallas in the scoring line shooting eight field baskets. VanOrsdel and Matheny each got two, Foster and Syron one apiece. Heistand threw five fouls out of 10 tries. For Lebanon Most was the star, getting a 4 field baskets. Gardner, of Dallas, refereed the game to the satisfaction of all. Saturday the team went to Silverton to see the Dallas-Silverton game.

Born and Raised Here.
George B. Prettyman, aged 47, superintendent of the Medical building and a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Word, was arrested early this morning by Sergeant Harms and Patrolmen Long and Wise on a charge of white slavery. He was released by Judge Tazewell on his own recognizance to appear in court this morning. —Oregonian.

WHO WILL ANSWER THIS?
February 9, 1913
Mr. Fiske:
I am very anxious to obtain for the benefit of the Joint Committee, an intelligent expression of public opinion on the basic questions involved in the granting of federal aid in road improvement. It occurs to me you might like to cooperate in this matter to the extent of stimulating the public to an expression of their views. If this suggestion strikes you favorably, will you kindly advise me as early as practicable as to public opinion in your section of the country on the following questions:

1. Should the government make appropriations in aid of public roads?
2. On what roads should the first government appropriation if made, be expended: (a) all roads; (b) post roads (r. f. d. and star routes); (c) main traveled market roads; (d) main highways connecting important cities and towns in state; (e) trunk line, interstate highways connecting state capitals and large cities?
3. Should the government appropriation be expended on construction, on maintenance, on general improvement, or on any or all of these, or should the allotment by the government be unconditional, or paid as a reward after local authorities have constructed or maintained a highway in good condition?
4. What proportion of cost of construction, improvement, or maintenance should be borne by National Government, state county, road district, and abutting property owners, respectively, or what amounts should be allotted to the states on an unconditional plan, or what amounts per mile should be paid as rewards?
5. Should the Federal appropriation be apportioned among the states on basis of population, area, mileage of rural and star routes, taxable valuation, or a combination of these?
6. Should the supervision of construction or maintenance of government aided roads be by the federal government, the state and local authorities, or jointly?

Kindly let me know in what manner you submit these questions to the people of your community, and how soon you can probably report the consensus of opinion.

Yours very truly,
JONATHAN BOURNE, JR.
Chairman.

WASHINGTON TOWN PLANS MUCH PAVING.
Kalamia, Wn., Feb. 1, 1913.
Extensive street improvements are being planned by the mayor and town council of Kalamia. Kalamia is a wide awake town and this is only one step toward improving it generally. The street work planned is to be all first class and it is intended to build with a future free from repair bills as the prime object. No doubt bitulitic will be used to a large extent as all of the neighboring cities and towns who have laid it are finding it economical and very satisfactory.

REMINISCENCE.
Dallas as She Was 30 Years Ago in Early 80ties.
Last week we were at the old court house in our recollections of 1883. Chas. Johns was county judge Scott Riggs and Jos. Craven, commissioners, Hardy Holman sheriff, Roswell Shelly, clerk, D. T. Sears assessor, Elijah Miller treasurer, and Alex Sweek county school superintendent. The court at that time was about equally divided as far as politics was concerned, the republicans on a street party vote probably having a majority of fifty, so that it took but very little to turn the tide and put a democrat in office. No registration was necessary. The party convention meetings were big days for the county seat, but the people were voiceless in the naming of a ticket, as the leaders never failed in both parties to get together before hand to k out the slate, and on convention day the steam roller worked noislessly and swiftly and but seldom did anyone have the temerity to oppose it. Ben Hayden was always there at the democratic conventions with a batch of resolutions, but he seldom got to even read them, as the czar in the chair quietly ruled him out of order or referred him to the committee on resolutions where Ben's noble efforts to assist the Indian war veterans or adopt new methods of procedure were quietly smothered. Both parties were profuse of local orators, and after the slate had gone through to the satisfaction of the bosses, the delegates' hearts would be cheered by high sounding sentences regarding allegiance to party principles, etc., etc., until the shades of night began to fall. Delegates to the convention were not the only ones who turned out to these meetings, but everyone from all over the county came—the democrats to see whom the republicans put on their ticket, and vice versa, and to plead with the bosses for some particular candidate. Eola was as much interested as Luckiamute, and Independence as Grant. Ronin in those days they spent money, acts of it, to elect their men. The conducting of a campaign now is a pudding in a financial way to what it was then. No candidate for clerk or sheriff, say, expected to get off with his first campaign for less than \$500, win or lose, and the man who could not raise that much might just as well stay out of the race. In the campaign of 1882 we were running the Capital Journal at Salem and making a vigorous campaign against a certain candidate, for prosecuting attorney. A batch of republicans in Polk county also wanted this nominee of theirs defeated, and the week before the election we were called on to run off a special edition for them. It cost the Polkites good money but they were game and the man was elected by a good margin. Marion and Polk throw his opponent down hard. The defeated one hauled us before the grand jury and tried to make a libel charge stick, but newspaper men generally are sensible enough to have the papers to back up their assertions, and as we were able to prove the truth of our charges, the grand jury threw the matter out. Yes, those were surely the happy days in politics. The coming of the telephone and quicker means of transportation put a stop to the interest taken, and it was not long until the old time crowds were a thing of the past. Those not vitally interested in who was nominated could stay at home and attend to their farm work and get the news in the evening, so that it was not long until only delegates and candidates attended conventions, and many delegates forgot to show up. The latter could find out over the phone what the slate was to be and saw no use in spending money to come to town, simply to record their vote. Of course that was frequently spirited ballot contest on some candidates when some faction would take the bit in their teeth, and think they had a chance to beat the man slated, but we do not remember of their ever being successful. The burning of the old court house about the end of Hi. Plummer's term as sheriff, also tended to sound the death knell of the political conventions, and the two or three held in the new structure were very tame affairs as compared with the old ones.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS.
The Dallas Public Library has just received from the Oregon Library Commission new traveling library containing the following books:
Harper's Machinery Book for Boys—Adams.
Aunt Jo's Scrap Bag: Cupid and Chow-Chow—Alcott.
Flute and Violin and other Kentucky tales—Allen.
The Horsemen of the Plains—Altsheler.
Fairy Tales—Anderson.
A Loyal Traitor—Barnes.
Stories of Mother Goose Village—Bigham.
The Four Macnicals and an adventure in Thule—Black.
Two College Girls—Brown.
Through the Mill, the life of a mill boy—Brown.
The Child-Lore Dramatic reader—Bryce.
Fairy Tales—Burgess.
The Mistress of Beech Knoll—Burnham.
A Little Cook Book for a Little Girl—Burrell.
Peep in the World—Crichton.
Home Life in Norway—Daniels.
The Red Lane—Day.
The Iron Woman—Deland.
The Story of an Untold Love—Ford.
Torchy—Ford.
Justice, A tragedy in four acts—Galsworthy.
Fifty Years in Oregon—Geer.
Grandma—Gould.
Uncle Remus and his Friends—Harris.
Shaggycoat—Hawkes.
The Sable Larch—Hazeltine.
We and Our Children—Hutchinson.
Patriots and Tyrants—Lansing.
A Quaker Girl of Nantucket—Lee.
The Story of Christopher Columbus—Moore.
The Boy's Parkman—Parkman.
Boys of St. Timothy's—Pier.
The Book Girls' Club—Remick.
The Lockerbie Book—Riley.
Neighbors Unknown—Roberts.
The Vintage—Sharts.
A Country Lawyer—Shute.
A Little Shepherd of Provence—Stain.
Half a Hundred Hero Tales—Starr.
Life of Napoleon Bonaparte—Tarbell.
Cudjo's Cave—Trowbridge.
The Ten Thousand Dollar Arm—Van Loan.
Turkey (Peeps at Many Lands)—Van Mellingen.
Ice Land Fisherman—Viand.
The Cable Game—Washburn.
Story of Ratsy—Wiggin.
Marion's Experience; school days in Germany—Hill.
Romance of the Navy—Hill.
Sense and Sensibility—Austen.
By Desert Ways of Baghdad—Jebb.

This is Not to Advertise the Country.
Turlock, Cal., Feb. 10, '13.
Editor Itemizer:—Thinking perhaps that a few lines from these parts would be interesting to some of your readers I will send a few. We arrived here January 23. At Ashland, Ore., four big engines were hitched on our train to pull us to the top of the Siskiyou mountains, the snow being 3 or 4 feet deep on these mountains. This is a beautiful valley with its broad driveways with Eucalyptus trees on either side and its hundreds of acres of alfalfa, the king of the grasses, and vineyards, which range from 5 to 1000 acres and are kept like a garden. The vines are pruned low and covers most of the ground. The industry is one which employs all members of the family down nearly to the babies. After running around with the real estate men for the last two weeks, and viewing some as fine looking country as ever a crow flew over, we decided upon and purchased 20 acres four miles west of town on a main country oiled road. We have a good new house with four rooms and other departments. Now, in regard to Turlock: Four years ago there were no paved streets. Today they have eight miles of paved streets and several business blocks have municipal water and sewer systems. The output of the creameries is about 60,000 pounds of butter a month. The city has a fruit cannery with a capacity of 100,000 cases, has two weekly and one daily newspapers, fifteen churches, no saloon.
San Steffy has traded his 20 here for a 320 acre farm 22 miles from Willows, in northern California. Sam says he got about \$10,000 dollars in trade for his 20 here.
This San Joaquin valley is more than 200 miles long by 60 miles wide, larger than many of our eastern states. This valley is claimed to be the richest portion of California. Thousands of

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.
The petition for the O. E. Focht county road in District 2 was denied.
The official bond of Jas. Imlah for \$1000 as constable was approved.
The bonds of J. A. Botz, John Duigman, V. A. Cochran, John Robbins, L. C. Sherwood, Chas. Durrell, Jacob Smith, P. I. Peterson, N. Stump, C. L. Calkins, E. P. Farmer, J. W. Finn, O. E. Warden, Jno. Underwood, Jas. Middleton, Frank Wilson, W. I. Bronson, George Baunn, A. Sampson and T. J. Merrick as road supervisors was approved.
Right was given the S F C & W to operate tracks across the Wallace road.
The bond of T. J. Fryer as commander of General Gibson post, G. A. R., was approved.
A deed from J. F. Ulrich for road right of way was accepted.

Baptist Church.
Sunday services:
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11 a. m.
"An Immaculate Building"
2:30 p. m., Junior Meeting.
Young People's Meeting 7:00.
"Temperance"
Evening 7:30 p. m.—"The Call."

C. S. Graves is preparing a portion of his land near the J. M. Chapman place south of town for planting out ten acres of prunes. He will also make additional plantings of fruit trees his home place.—Sheridan Sun.

carloads of its products are shipped to all parts of the United States.
We have met several here from old Oregon, and all seem to be pretty well satisfied with the country.
Best wishes to our old friends at Dallas. Yours very truly,
GEO. O. HARSHMAN.

Program of Artistic Elegance.
Music hath charms to soothe the savage, no doubt; but the Schubert Symphony Club and Ladies' Quartet are not traveling for the express purpose of soothing savages. They are not entertaining the music loving public, and in a manner that is enjoyable from first to last. Their program is full of artistic elegance, besides giving our readers many opportunities to indulge in the world famous American laugh. Lovers of the violin should not fail to hear Mr. Thomas Valentine Purcell, who assists the Schuberts.



If you want to be happy on the evening of February 14th you can be by going to hear this company's entertainment at the high school auditorium. The entertainment is to be given under the auspices of the H. S. student body. Tickets are on sale at Stafrin's drug store. Price 35 and 50 cents.

Leslie Kearns and wife were up from Amity Monday. He recently sold three horses for \$525 and got a fine span of geldings for \$400.

Don't Miss the
Byron's Troubadours
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Seats on Sale at Stafrin's Monday, February 24th

FIDLER'S 5, 10, 15 AND 25 CENT STORE
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An Interesting Talk.
Dallas town was pretty well filled up last Saturday afternoon, the majority of men folks having come to town to hear Mr. J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit growers' association, tell our growers how to best subserve their own interests in the matter of planting, growing and marketing the different kinds of fruit for which the Willamette valley has proved most adaptable. Mr. Holt's discourse was conducted along informal lines, he making of himself a human question box and giving of his knowledge on all subjects inquired about. We were only able to listen for a few moments while loganberry culture was under discussion, but what we learned at that time of that now new industry in our section certainly proved of value to those contemplating entering the field. Questions were fired at Mr. Holt on all subjects relating to the fruit industry, and he showed a grasp of the situation that could only be obtained by years of close application in working out its many problems. The Itemizer would like to have space to print all questions and answers given, but if our fruit growers desire the knowledge to be obtained from these meetings, they must attend them.

lacking both the crowds and the enthusiasm, although held in a court room for which there was no comparison with the old for modern convenience and seating capacity. While we have now a structure that all are proud of and a wonderful improvement over the old yet there are remembrances connected with the old building that cannot be effaced and will linger long in the memory of those whose pleasure it was to inhabit it.



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