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VOTERS, ATTENTION!
 In accordance with the provisions of a law enacted at the 1913 session of the Oregon Legislature, it is now incumbent upon each voter within the corporate limits of the City of Dallas, Oregon, to register with the Auditor and Police Judge of said City before the said day shall be permitted to vote at any general or special City election. The registration books at the office of the undersigned Auditor and Police Judge in the City Hall are now open to voters, and will be until 30 days prior to the next general City election, or until March 6, 1914.

CHAS. GREGORY,
 Auditor and Police Judge of Dallas, Oregon.

Notice of Final Settlement.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Matilda J. Ridgway, administratrix of the estate of William Ridgway, deceased, has filed her Final Account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County and that Saturday, the 15th day of November, 1913, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. at the County Court Room at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, will be set as the time and place of hearing and settling the said Final Account and closing the said estate.

Administrator's Final Notice.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Henry Tarter, deceased, should file her final account in said estate with the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and the same has by said Court been set for the 15th day of November, 1913, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at which time all persons having objections thereto, if any there be, are hereby notified to appear and present the same to said Court for adjustment.

SURBRINA TARTER,
 Administratrix of the Estate of Henry Tarter, Deceased.
 Sibley & Eakin,
 Attorneys for Estate.

Notice of Final Account.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executrix of the estate of Samuel Thurston Smith, deceased, has filed her final account with the clerk of the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and that Saturday, November 29, 1913, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the County Court Room at Dallas, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for the hearing on the said final account and the settlement thereof.

ROSSETTA ANN SMITH,
 Executrix of the Estate of Samuel Thurston Smith, Deceased.

Notice.
 Notice is hereby given by the undersigned taxpayers of Road District Number 11, in the County of Polk, State of Oregon, who are more than ten per cent. in excess of said Road District, that a meeting of the resident taxpayers of said Road District will be held on Friday, the 29th day of November, in the year 1913, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Confectionery Store of W. E. Williams, Airtle, Oregon, in said Road District, for the purpose of voting on the question of whether or not an additional tax shall be levied by the resident taxpayers of said district on the taxable property in said district for road purposes, under the provisions of Section 3311 of Lord's Oregon Laws as amended by Chapter 316, General Laws of Oregon, 1913. At said meeting the resident taxpayers of said district will by a majority vote of such taxpayers levy such additional tax (if any) as they may deem advisable to improve the roads of said district.

Witness our hands this first day of November, 1913.

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Executor's Final Notice.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the estate of Ballard P. Tarter, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate with the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and the same has been set for hearing on Saturday, November 22nd, 1913, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. of said day, at which time all persons having objections thereto, if any there be, are hereby required to appear and present the same at the County Court room in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1913.
BEAUREGARD TARTER,
 Executor of said Estate.
 Sibley & Eakin,
 Attorneys for said Estate.

MISS LURA WILSON
 of Salem is coming to Dallas to organize a class in vocal. Miss Wilson has much experience in teaching. She has studied in the east and is now under the instruction of Prof. Walsh who has studied many years in Europe. Miss Wilson is the soprano soloist in the Presbyterian church at Salem. For further inquiry call Miss Wilson at Main 1277, or write 277 North Liberty, Salem.

IN SPRING VALLEY.
Pioneer Resident Tells of Early Days in That Beautiful Valley.

"We came to Oregon in 1848," said Mrs. Claiborne C. Walker of Portland. "I was 17 years old when we started from my home in Illinois. My maiden name was Louisa Purvine.

"Unlike many of the early settlers, my father took ample time to prepare for his trip to Oregon. He started his preparations nearly a year before we came. He bought five new Vanbelt wagons and scoured the country to secure the best oxen to be had. We started with 15 yoke of oxen, three yoke to each wagon. We did not attempt to carry anything aside from our clothing and provisions, except a cook stove, which was in one of the wagons, the pipe coming through the canvas cover. All of the meals were prepared in the wagon. Many of the early settlers ran out of their supplies on their way across the plains and had a hard time on the last leg of the journey.

"When we started from our home in Illinois, my father was made temporary captain, but when we joined the train at St. Joe, Mo., Bolivar Walker was elected captain. Bolivar Walker, with his brother, Claiborne Walker, had come back in 1847 to bring the rest of his family out to Oregon. On account of his knowledge of the plains, he was made captain of the train. The Bristows, the Hendricks, the Hookers, and many other pioneers who have since made their mark in Oregon history, were of our train.

"When we arrived at The Dalles we found the soldiers there. They had just returned from the Whitman mission. Ben Simpson was with them. He was a fine man. He invited us to come to his place on French prairie.

"Mother was not well, so father bought a ranch near Brooks. It was owned by a Frenchman named Mustal. At that time land was so plentiful that no value was placed upon the land. A person paid for the improvements. This claim had a log cabin on it and a fence, so father paid the owner for this and moved on the claim.

"Mother died the year after we got here, and father died three years later, in 1852. I had, of course become well acquainted with Bolivar and Walter Walker while coming across the plains. I soon met their brother, Claiborne Walker, who had come out in 1845, and had settled in Spring Valley, in Polk county, about seven or eight miles from Salem. Claiborne Walker and myself were married by a Christian minister named McWaller, in 1850. We had comparatively few neighbors in those days in Spring Valley. The Wain family and the Phillips family were our nearest neighbors. My husband, Major C. C. Walker, and his brother, Bolivar, who married my sister, Catherine, took up adjacent claims. We built our houses half a mile apart. When father and mother died they left quite a family of children younger than Catherine and myself. The boys lived with us, sometimes staying with my sister, and sometimes staying with me. There were Japson, Nelson, Charles, Smiley and Joshua. By the time the other boys were grown the claims were all taken up, so my husband and his brother divided their 540 acre claims and gave each of the boys some land.

"Wherever we went we found two classes of people. As the country settled down, one set in Spring Valley. In one set the boys who bet on horse races and the girls went to dances. The other set went to Sunday school and prayer meetings of interest in the activities of the church. We belonged to the latter set. The church people got together and took up a subscription to build a church. When the church was built and it came time to collect the money, it was found that many of the subscribers to the fund had moved away, so there was a debt of \$800 on the church. By husband and his brother, Bolivar, and a man named Fiske paid this \$800, so that the church might start clear of debt.

"My husband wanted to move away because he said the neighborhood was getting so tough. I told him that I did not intend to run away from the devil, but I intended to fight him. He said: 'How do you plan to fight the devil?' I told him if he would give me \$20 I would buy literature and other supplies and start a Sunday school. We started our Sunday school and the Walling girls and myself acted as teachers. That Sunday school has never missed a session since it has been organized. We had no superintendent for years. In fact, the first superintendent we had was in about 1882 or 1883, when J. R. Shepard became superintendent.

"Shortly after we moved to

Spring Valley we planted some peaches and put out some seedling raspberries. We set out both wild raspberries and wild blackberries. In those days Spring Valley was a regular hunter's paradise. There were lots of deer and some elk, and plenty of grouse and pheasants.

"Sixty years ago the Willamette valley was not drained and consequently was not farmed as were the foothills. All throughout Spring Valley were ponds where wild ducks and geese were to be found by the thousand. For weeks at a time we had to eat grouse or pheasant, ducks or geese.

"Later we began raising chickens and had a change from the wild game.

"We used to go to Selaway of Spong's ferry at what was later called Lincoln. Campbell, one of the first teachers in that neighborhood, married John Wait. The Spring Valley neighborhood soon began to settle up quite thickly.

Higgins and Skalfes and Henrys and others moved in. This was about the time that Thurston was a delegate to congress. Mrs. Thurston's maiden name was McLench. Mrs. Thurston was a very bright woman and a lovable character. After the death of her husband she married General W. H. Odell, who now lives in Portland. Mrs. Thurston was one of the teachers at the Oregon Institute when General Odell was a student. I was very well acquainted with Mrs. Thurston, and I remember when her husband was coming back from Washington by way of the Isthmus of Panama; they were making big preparations to receive him. S. R. Thurston was coming home to make a canvass for his re-election as delegate to congress. Thurston's friends expected quite a hard fight, as there were a great many other names proposed as delegates, among them Jesse Applegate, Joel Palmer, J. W. Nesmith, Joseph Lane and others. Mrs. Thurston and I were good friends. She, as well as Mr. Thurston's friends, was making reparations to greet him on his return. She was making a new silk dress in which to go down to the mouth of the Columbia to meet him. One night she had a very vivid dream that she was on board a boat with him and that he walked off the boat and sank beneath the water. She dreamed that she had searched the boat thoroughly and that he was gone. In those days there were no means of getting word from a person, and when she told her dream to her friends they laughed at her. She refused to finish her silk dress, and when the time came to go to Astoria, she would not go. She said she knew her husband was dead. She was right, too, for Mr. Thurston died at sea on board the steamer California on the ninth of April, 1851. He was only 35 years old. He was buried off Acapulco."

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