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POLK COUNTY ROADS PRAISED

Salem Statesman Thinks Other
Counties Could Profit by
Example Set Here.

The people of Polk county are showing the people of Marion county some things in the way of improved roads that are worth noticing. The road between Dallas and Monmouth and Independence has been oiled all the way, and the road from Independence to West Salem is oiled as far as the Brunk farm, where it meets the Salem-Rickreall road. Perhaps there are others. It is planning to continue the oiling of the Independence-West Salem road clear to the latter place, to the west end of the bridge across the Willamette to Salem. This will make the roads thus treated much smoother for travel, and it will make them dustless, a consideration of great comfort to the traveling public, and especially so to the farmers and others living along or near them. For the residents along or near the roads, it will make all the difference between comfort and cleanliness and rank discomfort and dirt and disease germs. A hard surfaced highway would be better and cheaper, in the long run, than an oiled road; but an oiled road is far and away ahead of a streak of dust mixed with a road.—Salem Statesman.

Smith Back From California. Lee Smith and family who spent the winter in California, returned to Dallas last Friday. The trip both ways was made in their Maxwell automobile. They left here September 10th and during their absence have been touring California in the machine. Mr. Smith following his trade of sign painting. As an auto economist Mr. Smith has made a good record, his repair bill during nearly ten months of almost constant traveling figuring only \$3.10.

Independence Home Burns. Monday night the fine new \$2,000 home of I. H. Robertson at Independence, was burned to the ground. There was no insurance. The house was unoccupied. Mr. Robertson having just made arrangements to move in. How the fire started is unknown. The department got a hose to the fire, but the water works being out of order their efforts and energy were useless.

Alex. Edick brought an auto load of people over from Falls City Tuesday to attend the Chautauqua.

Monmouth Will Celebrate.



DR. C. J. SMITH.

Monmouth citizens are planning for what they claim will be the biggest observance of the national birthday in Polk county this year, and invites every man, woman and child in the county to celebrate with them. A good program of sports, music and speeches has been arranged, with plenty of other amusements and gorgeous fire works in the evening. Dr. C. J. Smith, democratic candidate for governor, will deliver the oration of the day.

TO NEBRASKA ON MOTORCYCLES

Two Dallas Boys Are Making
Trip Overland on Straddle
Machines.

Ed. Stafrin and Roland Lincoln, two young men of this city, left Wednesday morning on a trip that will doubtless prove exceedingly interesting. Their destination is the parental homes in Nebraska and it is their intention to make the entire trip both ways on their motorcycles.

When they left here the boys had not definitely planned their route, but they will proceed along the line of the S. P. to Southern California, from which they will head east over one of the old overland immigrant trails until they strike the famous old Santa Fe trail. It is probable they will choose to go via the Grand Canyon, as they intend to make the best of the trip and see as much of the country's fine scenery as possible. They have promised to write the Itemizer several times and thus keep their friends informed as to their progress.

A number of people from Monmouth, including President Ackerman, of the state normal school, attended the Chautauqua here Sunday.

JOHNNIE IS NOW ON THE SPOT

Standard Oil Has Big Tanks in
Dallas Doing Business
Since Wednesday.

The Standard Oil company's big distributing station for Polk county is now open and doing business. Wednesday a representative of the company came to town and tapped the 50,000-gallon tanks recently erected in the southeast part of the city. A tank wagon has been put on and hereafter the dealers of the county will receive their supply of oil in this way, instead of shipping it in in barrels and drums.

With the rapidly increasing number of automobiles Standard Oil has found it necessary to locate these distributing stations at more frequent distances and Dallas was selected for the Polk county field. There are 301 autos in the county, according to the last registration list made public, and probably 80 of these are owned in Dallas. During June the local sales of gasoline totaled between 7,000 and 8,000 gallons. At the same ratio the business for the entire county would run around 30,000 gallons a month, and all of this will be distributed from the Dallas station. Kerosene will also be supplied the dealers from the tanks here, but as electric lights have long ago supplanted the kerosene lamps in most homes, the amount of that grade oil sold here is inconsiderable.

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CHAUTAUQUA IS BIG SUCCESS

Fine Program is Being Enjoyed
by Large and Cultured
Audiences Daily.

Today is the last day of the second annual Chautauqua in Dallas. In most respects it has been a grand success and it is generally hoped that enough pledges may be secured to insure another assembly of the kind next year. The big event opened Saturday afternoon with a reunion of the pioneers of Polk county and many of these old-timers were in attendance. After a concert by the Dallas band on the court house lawn and later in the tent, addresses of welcome were made by Mayor J. G. Van Orsdell and W. V. Fuller, president of the commercial club, and responses were made by Superintendent Edwards, of the Chautauqua, J. F. Ford and Attorney Glen Holman. Then followed a lecture, "Farmed and Being Farmed," by Col. W. H. Miller, of Spokane.

Saturday evening the Lyric Glee Club, a quartet of splendid musicians and clever impersonators, opened the program and were followed by A. W. McCormick, with imitations of bird calls, and Bronte, said to be the smartest dog in the world. Sunday was really the "big" day of the Chautauqua. Dr. Frank Gunsaulus, head of Armour Institute, Chicago, delivered a powerful sermon on "The New American," in the afternoon, and in the evening Ng Poon Chew, a Chinese editor and educator, of San Francisco, entertained the large audience with an address on "Christianity and the Chinese Republic." Dr. Chew's lecture was a historical treat, and the sparkling wit with which it was impregnated added to the enjoyment of his hearers. Monday's program consisted of the usual daily Bible lecture by Dr. James H. McClaren and Dr. Thomas E. Green, of Chicago, whose address in the evening was a strong argument for universal peace. The music of the day was furnished by the Hann Jubilee Singers, a negro organization of fair merit. Tuesday Cirillo's band held the boards both afternoon and evening. The quality of the music furnished by this organization cannot be criticized, but the conduct of some of the members while off duty was not above reproach, and the Chautauqua management would not do themselves nor the public an injustice if better deportment on the part of the "dagos" was insisted on in the future. Wednesday was "Woman's Day," and the Woman's Club met at the library in the afternoon and went to the meeting in a body to hear the lecture, "The Japanese as I Saw Them," by Mrs. A. L. A. Robinson. In the evening the big tent was again packed to hear the illustrated travelogue on Mexico and South America by Dr. Peter MacQueen. One of the most pleasing features of the Chautauqua has been the children's hour in the morning. This work has been in charge of Miss Cordelia Farrer, who has entertained the youngsters with tales of Indian life and instructed them in archery and bead work. The local management is to be commended for changing the place of holding the Chautauqua from the city park to the college campus. The lack of shade has made the big tent somewhat uncomfortable at the day meetings, but altogether the location is much preferable to that of last year.

Secures Polk County Bride.

Dan. Gilkey, of San Francisco, a representative of the Panama Exposition, and Miss Eva E. McReynolds, of Buell, were married at the Presbyterian manse on Saturday morning by Rev. George H. Mitchell. commissioned officers are: Captain Conrad Stafrin, First Lieutenant Fred Zeller and Second Lieutenant Harold Rich. There are also more men on the enlistment roll than usual and most of the men have been fitted out complete with new equipment.

Bend to close up his business affairs there, but will be back in Dallas with his family in a week or so. Mr. Dyrmond is an experienced automobile man, having been in the garage business in Bend for some time.

Loganberries Going East.

For the first time since loganberry culture has become a fixed industry in the Willamette Valley, the fruit is being shipped to the east in large quantities. During the season at least 25 car loads will be shipped to Chicago, St. Louis, Lincoln, Neb., Kansas City and Denver. These shipments will consist of fresh fruit and will not include the great shipments of dried berries which will be made later.

Martin to the Penitentiary.

L. G. Martin, the bank swindler, whose attempt to break jail here was frustrated by Sheriff Grant a few weeks ago, and who was turned over to the Minnesota authorities, who wanted him on a similar charge, pleaded guilty at St. Paul a few days ago and was given an indeterminate sentence of one to ten years in the penitentiary at Stillwater.

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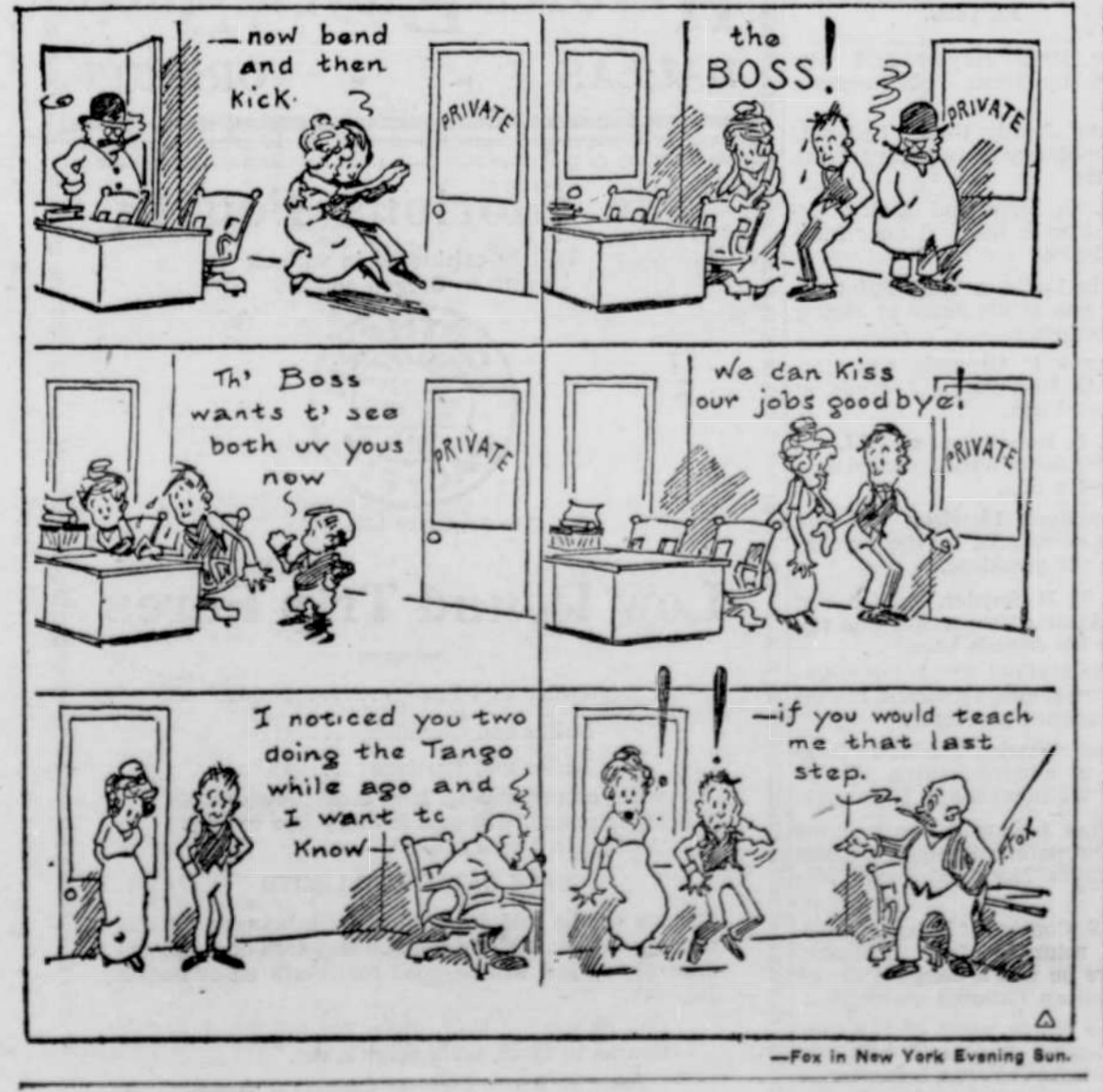
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—Fox in New York Evening Sun.

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