

## News From Various Parts Of The Country

### 'CHEMIST' IS IMPOSTOR

#### Hotel and Restaurant Men are Warned Against "Expert."

If a well-dressed young man of short stature and rather pulpy build, brown eyes and hair, smoothly shaven and fluent of speech, calls at your place of business, Mr. Boniface or Mr. Restaurateur, and tells you he is a chemist employed by the Department of Agriculture, watch out.

United States District Attorney Reames has had several complaints regarding such a person, who seems to be working north from Southern Oregon.

If you listen longer than his opening remarks he will tell you that he and other Government chemists are traveling over the country to assist in the enforcement of the pure food law.

He will say further that the Government is having great difficulty in enforcing this law and that he has been sent out to teach restaurant and hotelkeepers how to make pure baking powders, flavoring extracts and other like articles, so they will not have to buy from "dishonest manufacturers."

"But the department has to pay me \$450 per month," he will glibly proceed, "and to get some of the money back I have been instructed to collect a fee of \$10 from each person to whom I give these valuable receipts."

If you refuse he may offer to let you have the receipts for \$5, and if you ask for his credentials he will tell you that government experts never carry them.

He seems to be avoiding the larger hotels, "working" the smaller restaurants and lunch counters principally.

### INDEPENDENCE HAS ANOTHER FIRE

A barn belonging to A. Nelson, just northwest of the city limits, was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. It is said that defective wiring caused the fire and before help arrived the building was a total loss. A small barn next to the large one caught on the roof, but a bucket brigade was formed and saved most of it.

Although the buildings were just outside the city limits, the fire department was unable to accomplish anything as the nearest hydrant was too far away to be reached. The total loss was near \$1200, with \$600 insurance.

### Kicked By A Horse

Ed Stringer had a narrow escape from death Wednesday morning while raking hay on the ranch of Mrs. J. H. Burton, one mile below Independence.

The harness broke on one of the horses and the animal began to kick, frightening the other horse into running away. On crossing a dead furrow, Mr. Stringer was thrown beneath the rake and, as he fell was kicked above the left eye by one of the horses. He was taken to Independence in an automobile by Miss Florence Burton, to have his wounds dressed.

### TRAFFIC WAITS ON HEN

Pendleton Business at Standstill While Leghorn Lays Egg.

Pendleton, Or., July 8.—With a score of persons looking on and making facetious remarks, a little Buff Leghorn today calmly seated herself on the pavement under the car of Dr. R. E. Ringo, on Main Street, and laid an egg.

Where she came from or whether she went is not known, but she nearly tied up traffic on the busiest part of Pendleton's street for ten minutes.

### Music In Battle.

The first use of field music of which we have absolutely authentic information was at the battle of Bouvines, that village of French Flanders where the French won three victories, Philip Augustus defeating Otto IV. of Germany there in 1214, Philip of Valois defeating the English there in 1340, while in 1794 the French defeated the Austrians at the same place. It was at Bouvines in 1214 that trumpets sounded the signal for the victorious French charge, the first authentic instance of a command given by a trumpet call.

### Changed the Tiger.

On the overthrow of the monarchy of Louis Philippe a Sunday crowd visited the Jardin des Plantes and was amazed to find the fine specimen of the Bengal tiger still bearing the label of "Le Tigre Royal." Nothing would serve the furious crowd but that at once on the spot the authorities should change the name to "Le Tigre National," and they did.—London Academy.

### Washington's Estate.

When he died Washington possessed, including the land brought him by his wife and the Mount Vernon estate, more than 74,000 acres. And this did not include his city property. He was indeed a landlord on a large scale. Besides the lands he held personally Washington was partner in various land companies, though none of these appear to have survived the Revolution.

### DALLAS WILL GET COIN

#### COUNTY COURT NEVER REFUSED TO PAY TAX MONEY.

#### Simply Wanted to Understand Legal Status, Which Is Given By County Attorney.

"The county court has never refused to pay to the city of Dallas the money collected from road tax, and it will get every cent due it as soon as it is collected," said County Attorney Sibley when asked about the talk of action on the part of the city to compel Polk county to relinquish. "Half of the road tax money collected was paid over to Dallas some time ago, and the present session of the court will probably issue an order for the balance," concluded the attorney.

The city recorder made a demand upon the court a fortnight since for the money, the council having instructed him to do so, and in case the balance due was not forthcoming purposed instituting legal proceedings to recover it. The court was in some doubt as to whether or not the aggregate amount collected should be turned over, or only 50 per cent thereof, as with other road districts within the county, but acting on Mr. Sibley's opinion in the matter the whole sum will be paid. The court did not refuse to disgorge, but simply wanted to know where it was at.—Dallas Observer.

Falls City will benefit by this order to the amount of about \$700, which will assist materially in putting the streets in good condition.

### Fishing Party

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Davidson, Mrs. S. L. Hedges, Mrs. Susan Jones and Miss Grace Jones went to Falls City last Sunday and had a picnic dinner on the banks of the Luckiamute.—Independence Monitor.

When people want to have a good time they always come to Falls City.

### Live and Learn.

Among the words given out for analysis recently by a district school teacher was "banknote." The instructor's astonishment may be imagined when one male pupil turned in the following unique paper:

"Bank-note is a compound, primitive word, composed of 'bank' and 'note.' 'Bank' is a simple word meaning the side of a stream; 'note,' to set down. 'Bank-note,' to set down by the side of a stream."

### An Ancient Jest.

A Gentleman having lent a Guinea, for two or three Days, to a Person whose Promises he had not much Faith in, was very much surpriz'd to find he very punctually kept his Word with him; the same Gentleman being sometime after desirous of borrowing the like Sum. No, said the other, you have deceived me once, and I am resolv'd you shan't do it a second Time.—Joe Miller's Jest Book, 1739.

### The Itemizer Changes Hands

After forty years of continuous service in the newspaper business, Mr. V. P. Fiske has this week leased The Itemizer to M. L. Boyd and J. E. Bloom, and will hereafter devote his entire attention to the postoffice. The Observer welcomes Messrs. Boyd and Bloom, and hopes and trusts that they will profit by their new venture.—Dallas Observer.

The News extends the glad hand to the boys wishing them success.

## Falls City Entertained The Multitudes

### Great Crowds of Pleasure Seekers Gathered in Our Beautiful City to Celebrate—Everybody Contributed to the Enjoyment of Others. A Delightful Day.

July 4th was an ideal day at Falls City. Hazy clouds shaded the sun giving a delightfully cool atmosphere. Visitors began to arrive early. Some by wagon, carriage, autos and some on foot and horseback. Long before the time arranged for the program to commence the city was crowded with merry pleasure seekers. The Dallas band furnished excellent music on Main street from 9:30 to 10:30 and then proceeded to the city park where the main program was rendered.

Mrs. Jessie Moyer had charge of the exercises at the park. Invocation by Rev. E. A. Ladow.

Address of Welcome by Mayor F. K. Hubbard.

Reading the Declaration of Independence by Hon. H. G. Strayer.

Solo by Miss Mabel Sheppard.

Duett by Misses Sheppard.

Attorney D'Arcy of Salem was the speaker of the day and made an interesting and instructive talk on the struggles of the heroes of 1776.

The ball game at 1:30 between Falls City and Lincoln was an interesting feature and resulted in a victory for Falls City 10 to 6.

At 4:00 the various sports scheduled for this time were pulled off on North Main street.

The streets were packed from the postoffice to Selig's store with people eager to see the fun. Many climbed on porches and in trees in order to be above the crowds and see the games.

Prizes awarded as follows:

100 yard dash—  
1st prize, J. E. Simkin,  
2d prize, Wm. Grayum.

100 yard dash—  
Boys under 16,  
1st prize, C. Buell,  
2d prize, C. Jones.

Potato Race—  
1st prize, Ruth Gottfried  
2d prize, Geneviva Treat.

Girls Race—  
1st prize, Ruth Gottfried  
2d prize, Lorena Treat.

Boys Sack Race—  
1st prize, C. Buell,  
2d prize, C. Bowman.

Pony Race—  
Prize, Wilbur Davis.

Free for all pony race—  
Prize, Dick Gage.

Bull ring for men—  
Prize, Jim Laurk.

Bull ring for boys—  
Prize, Geo. Ouderkirck.

The program wound up with a dance at Wagner hall.

The day passed off very pleasantly with but few things to mar the pleasure of the occasion. It is said that it was the largest crowd ever assembled in Falls City.

### REPORT OF SCHOOLS

Of Polk County for the School Month Ending June 12th, 1914.

Number of schools reporting correctly on time	29
Number of schools not reporting on time	0
Number of pupils remaining at time of last report	1856
Number of pupils registered new during the month	1
Number of pupils registered secondary during month	0
Number of pupils re-admitted during month	66
Total number of pupils on register during the month	1923
Number of pupils dropped during the month	155
Total number of pupils on register at time of this report	1768
Number of days taught during the month	11.7
Whole number of days attendance	278585
Whole number of days absence	2710.5
Whole number of times late	230
Number of pupils neither absent or late	1073
Average number of pupils belonging	2484.52
Average daily attendance	2381.06
Per cent of attendance	95.8
Number of visits by parents	109
Number of visits by members of the school board	32

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made 95% in attendance or over: Zena, Dallas, Bridgeport, Valley View, Monmouth High School, Monmouth Public School, Airlie, Bethel, Perrydale, Oakpoint, Elkins, Independence, Beuna Vista, Spring Valley, North Dallas, Suver, Falls City, Pioneer, Highland, Maple Grove, Valley Junction, Broadmead.

The following schools have been

placed on the roll of honor for having made no tardies during the month: Zena, Bridgeport, Bethel, Perrydale, Gooseneck, Oakpoint, Elkins, Beuna Vista, Harmony, Pioneer, Highland, Valley Junction.

The following schools are now standard: Beuna Vista, North Dallas, Dallas, Zena, Orchard's View, Lincoln, Oakhurst, Antioch, Fir Grove, McCoy, Guthrie, Orchards, Airlie, Mountainview, Red Prairie, Enterprise, Fern, Lewisville, Ward, Broadmead, Suver, West Salem, Popcorn, Oakdale, Salt Creek, Bridgeport, Perrydale, Highland, Buell, Rickreall, Brush College, Pioneer, Cockran, Elkins, Montgomery, Monmouth Public School, Polk Station, Valley Junction, Butler, Fairview, Peedee, Cherry Grove, Hopville, Bethel, Liberty, Dallas, Valley View, Parkers, Oakpoint, Black Rock, Dallas High School.

Yours respectfully,  
H. C. SEYMOUR.

### Could Not Show

The moving pictures of local scenes during the race meet and Moose carnival were not shown as advertised, for the reason that the Commercial club discovered at the last minute that they would be obliged to pay a license fee of fifty dollars for one day's exhibition. The city ordinances call for a license fee of this amount for one year and city officials did not believe that they could grant a license for a shorter period. A large crowd would have seen the pictures had they been exhibited and it is to be regretted that the laws of the city are such as to bar a "home talent" exhibition, the receipts of which would have gone to the city itself.—Independence Monitor.

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