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DALLAS ENTERPRISE.

Many of our newcomers have, probably, like ourselves, labored under the delusion that Dallas is a slow town; and some may even think, who have seen the town from an enchanting distance, that Dallas holds a through ticket to oblivion. The OBSERVER has been in Dallas less than two weeks, but we rise to remark that if Dallas is a slow town we only wish that the whole State of Oregon was a cemetery full of such corpses. We have been in several towns in our time, but our testimony is, that in no town of its size have we met with such unanimity of support as is displayed here. It matters not what the purpose is, if it involves the good of Dallas, the whole regiment turns out at the first drum tap and stands up to the finish. To any newcomer who is able and willing to add any productive industry to those already established, we feel safe in assuming that no reasonable effort will be spared to secure his location here. To all persons coming to Oregon we say emphatically, come to Polk county before locating, and should you desire to locate in a growing town, see Dallas before making final choice.

POLK COUNTY.

Polk county, although lacking the princely extent of domain of most of the other counties in Oregon, yet, combines within her limits an immense number of resources and advantages. In location her position is such as to give her a commanding part in the developed commerce of Oregon. When trade forces for itself its proper channel and a full grown railroad connects Portland with San Francisco via Yaquina Bay, then will it be seen that at least two cross distributing lines must spring from this main line, somewhere in Polk county. In addition to the railroad development, the future will show that the river trade has not been nearly built up either in freight or passenger traffic, and at some point in Polk county, is necessarily the place where these two forces must focus, since there will be three practically three parallel lines, two railroads, and the river. Another feature of location rarely mentioned is that Polk county is located so in reference to the capital of the State, that she gets as much benefit from the location of State buildings and the increase in trade, as does the county in whose edge is the city of Salem; indeed, in the matter of county roads the residents of Polk county are as well or better connected with Salem than are Marion county's people, and if a cross line of railroad could be built tapping both the O. & C. west side and the narrow gauge, we would have better railroad access than is enjoyed by Marion county. It is further, almost beyond doubt, that the railroad to Astoria will be built either from Salem or Albany; from either point it must do our county great good, as an outlet for grain and lumber. With this much space devoted to how many means we will have for trading, let us see what we have to trade. At present, of course, wheat is pre-eminent as our product, but when new men and new ideas invade Oregon, it will be seen that wheat raising is but one of Polk county's pursuits for which this county is intended to take the lead; for fruit raising we have in our foot hills the finest soil and climate to be found on the coast; the quality and quantity of our fruit products is proven; the variety is a question for experiment as is also the question of market. For stock and wool raising we have good assurance of success; both range stock and high grade and thorough bred raising do unusually well. For lumber business our mountains hold forth unestimated opportunities. Combined with this long list of raw materials is found natural water power of untold capacity and of unappreciated ease of application. As the preachers tell you, this is our text from which we propose to preach to our readers semi-weekly until we get newcomers to come and investigate our claims, or until the old settler gets so weary of us that he, in self-defense, compels us to stop.

The *Benizer* borrowed a gun from the *Yamhill Reporter* and went after the *West Side* on the subject of the county seat. How bad are you hurt, *West Side*? Is your body full of holes? Amongst other things for

which we praise God is, that the sun is beginning to shine through the local war cloud hanging over our county. If we only knew it, we have not got too much else to do to spend our time pulling hair over a one-horse court house.

An association has been formed in Ashland, Or., called the Ashland Building and Loan Association and articles of incorporation applied for. The capital stock is \$100,000. No person can own more than twenty-five shares. A good move, and we believe a like move for our town of Dallas will give encouragement to building and improvements.

The *Monmouth Observer* has moved to Dallas. While we have always been friendly to the energetic young *Monmouth* editor, we cannot but predict that he has made a fatal mistake in moving, as an old established paper, the *Benizer*, more than occupies the field there.—*Yamhill Reporter*.

Our esteemed friend of the *Yamhill Reporter* gives us the above send off in his issue of last Friday. It is because we are energetic (as he says we are) that we have removed to Dallas where, we think, a larger field lies before us than there was at *Monmouth*. Future developments will show that the "energetic young *Monmouth* editor" has not made so fatal a mistake as did the old and experienced Dallas editor, when he removed to McMinnville to compete with such an old established paper as the *Telephone-Register*. At any rate we are satisfied, and judging from our rapidly increasing advertising and subscription list, the people of Polk county appreciate our removal. One consoling reflection we have, however, is that we are now as always, consistently republican, have never made a political somersault, and enjoy alike the confidence of republicans and respect of democrats.

The *West Side* tells its readers that Dallas had a bonfire after the news of the county seat action was made known. This is an instance of remarkable optical delusion, for there was no bonfire at Dallas. The trouble in the case was that the Independence boys were hit so hard that they saw an endless array of stars. This they called a Dallas bonfire.

A valley paper states that Senator Wager, of Pendleton, intends starting a democratic daily in Portland shortly. We'll Wager a years subscription to the semi-weekly OBSERVER, the best local paper published in the valley, that it will meet its financial graveyard in the near future, as the *Oregonian*, the best paper on the Pacific slope, fills the bill and none other can compete with it.

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Executor's Sale.

In re estate of deceased, Thos. Warriner.

By virtue of an order of the County court of the State of Oregon for the county of Polk, made at the November term thereof, to wit, 1888, I was authorized and directed by said court, on 1. Hon. Jonathan Bonifer, Judge thereof, to sell the following described real property belonging to said estate, to wit: The east half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) of section 27, T. 8 R. 4 W. of the Willamette meridian in the county of Polk and state of Oregon, and containing 80 acres more or less. Now therefore, in virtue of said order, I will, on the premises at 1 o'clock p. m. on 5th day March, 1889, sell the above described real property to the highest bidder. Terms, cash in hand.

John J. Daly, G. C. Bell, Attorney, for estate. Executor.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that I have been appointed by the Court of Polk county, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Clarence Franklin, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate will please present them at the office of my attorney, John J. Daly at Dallas, Polk county and state aforesaid within six months from this date and all persons indebted thereto will please make immediate payment. John J. Daly, Administrator for estate. Executrix. Dated Feb. 4, 1889.

Citation.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk.

In the matter of the estate of Win. Tatum, deceased.

M. L. Robbins, administrator.

To Sarah E. Tatum, Thomas Tatum, Marcus Tatum, Kate Elliot, Georgeanna Walker, Richard Tatum, Ellen Tatum, Mary Tatum, Willie Tatum and Fred Tatum, greeting:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Polk at the Court Room thereof, at Dallas in the county of Polk on

Tuesday the 5th day of March 1889,

at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause if any there be why an order of sale should not be made as in the administrator's petition moved for for said estate and interest in the following described premises to-wit: Commencing at the S. W. corner of tract, block No. 1 in the town of Independence, Polk county, Or., thence north 102 feet, thence east 200 feet, thence north 102 feet, thence west 200 feet to place of beginning; also a strip of land commencing 8 rods north and 114 feet east of the south-east corner of said tract, block 1, thence east 240 feet, thence north 20 feet, thence west 240 feet, thence south 30 feet to place of beginning; also a lot on the river commencing 8 rods north and 23 rods east of the south east corner of said tract, block No. 1, thence north 4 rods, thence east to the Willamette river, thence south 4 rods, thence to place of beginning.

Witness, the Hon. J. S. Scouffer, Judge of the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Polk with the Seal of said court affixed, this 16th day of Jan. A. D. 1889.

Attest: C. G. Coad, Clerk.

John J. Daly, Attorney for Estate.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the estate of M. D. Hubbard, Chas. Hubbard, deceased.

Admin.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern that said administrator has filed his final account with said estate in the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and asked for a final settlement of the same, and said Court has set the hearing of said account for Tuesday, March 5, 1889, at 10 o'clock, at which time any objections thereto should be made.

M. D. HUBBARD, Administrator.

WARREN TRUITT, Attorney.

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