Polk County Observer.

'TIS EVER THUS.

The man who owns the barking dog
That keeps us all awake
Is always speaking of the noise
His neighbor's children make!

The man who took the temperance pledge
When just on rum's brink
Can't for the life of him perceive
What joy men find in drink

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"'Tis ever thus" in human life;
To criticise we're prone;
Our neighbors' faults we plainly see,
But cannot see our own.

—Boston Courier.

DEDICATION.—The Baptist Church at Independence, met at their new house at 10 a. m., spent half an hour in devotional exercises led by Rev. M. F. S. Henton of Sheridan. The following programme was then carried out: Address of welcome, by the pastor, Rev. A. A. McLeod; response, by Rev. C. A. Woody, of Amity; history of church, by Rev. C. H. Matoon; report of building committee by Hon. P. W. Haley, showing the cost of the house including grounds, furniture, bell. etc., amounting to $3661.75. Reading of scripture by Rev. Henton; prayer, by Rev. P. Holman; dedicatory sermon from Matt. 16-16, by Rev. G. J. Burchett of Portland; dedicatory prayer by Rev. McLeod. The exercises were highly interspersed with excellent music by the choir, led by M. L. White. At the close of the exercises a voluntary offering from the audience amounting to $17.75 was taken toward constructing a suitable fence around the edifice. In the audience were seated many from abroad as well as from the surrounding country. The house was filled to its utmost capacity, not even standing room left. The edifice is a fine structure, speaking well for the congregation who have labored so faithfully to its completion and who also, contributed liberally to the architects as well.

SUCCESSFUL DETECTIVE.—Our readers probably all recall the deep mystery which was left hanging over the murder of the two Chinamen at Monmouth, in Dec. of 1887. The impression had become general that all effort at detection had ceased, hence, we were agreeably surprised last Saturday to meet at Monmouth, a Chinaman of unusual brightness giving his name as Ah Sue, who claimed that he was a detective and was now closing up a successful still hunt for the criminals. His story is, that he traced the murderers from Monmouth to San Francisco, and from there to New York, from which point they left for China. Ah Sue holds sufficient evidence to secure the extradition of the fugitives and was at Monmouth getting evidence of the commission of the crime. Should Ah Sue succeed in returning them to justice, he will deserve great credit for professional skill, and the county will hold itself indebted to him for relief from the odium attaching to such unpunished offences.

NOT BY A DAM SITE.—A gentleman from Minnesota visited Milton on Sunday last in quest of a site for a roller mill, which are abundant here. He stated that he had ample means to build a fine mill, but lacked the "mill site." He was shown the best location in the city and offered water privileges; also shown where a splendid dam would divert water to the mill site, but he departed without negotiating for a "mill site," and it seems to be the opinion that he didn't want to build a mill by a dam site.—*Milton Eagle.*

STREET LAMPS.—Dallas following in the line of all live towns, is now supplied with new street lamps. Our city officers are waking up, and in Dallas during the coming season, there will not be found any sleeping under the blanket of old fogyism. This is a step in the advance, which will lead to more conveniences and improvements.

THAT STREET RAILWAY.—We understand the company is formed and are ready to let the contract to build the street car line from Independence to Monmouth.

GRANGE ORGANIZATION.—At Independence last Saturday, a grange was organized with a charter membership of 33. J. W. Masterson was elected Master, and James Tatom, Overseer. The order is composed of the substantial farmers of that neighborhood and will no doubt prove a power in the land.

NEW OBSERVER "ADS" THIS WEEK.—Hardware of Wm. Fault.—Lawton the barber.—Fenton & Truitt dry goods.—New goods at the F. M. and P. Co., Independence, next week.—A fine line of groceries at Crider Bros.—Enterprise Hotel.—Chas. Gibbons barber and bath room.—Z. F. Vaughn the jeweler.—Gene Hayter dry goods.—Nat Holman feed and livery stable.—W. H. Wheeler stationary.

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the County School Superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at Dallas, Feb. 27, 1889, commencing at 9 a. m.

W. I. REYNOLDS,
Co. Supt. Polk Co. Or.

HERE AND HEREABOUTS.

The roads are dusty.

Mrs. N. L. Butler is in Salem.

J. H. Townsend is at Perrydale.

We need more correspondents.

Farmers are plowing and sowing.

Judge Stouffer came up on Monday.

Frank Coad was at Independence Saturday.

Sheriff Smith was at Ballston Monday.

L. Damon is at home from a trip to Eastern Oregon.

Lee Fenton and wife were in Monmouth Sunday.

Mrs. Ira Townsend is suffering from a severe fall.

Mr. Zumwaltz, of near Lewisville, was in town Monday.

G. C. Bell of Bethel was noticed on our streets Monday.

H. M. Lines is at Rushville, Indiana, not Prineville.

John Griggs, of Monmouth, has been visiting in Linn county.

Wm. Livermore was examined for a pension by Dr. Butler Monday.

Dr. Butler of Lee & Butler, called at the OBSERVER office Monday.

Born, to the wife of B. F. Chambers, Feb. 1st, '89, a girl; weight 8 pounds.

Wm Stoddard of Syracuse, called at our office and encouraged us with best wishes.

W. P. Wright effected the sale of 150 acres of the Magers farm to Mr. Geder of California.

Frank Bedwell of North Yamhill, was visiting his father, E. Bedwell, of Monmouth, this week.

Mrs. Bryant, of Buena Vista, is stopping with her sister, Mrs. Peak, at the Enterprise Hotel.

Representative Fisher was in Dallas Saturday. He reports the legislative work getting on smoothly.

Hon. W. D. Fenton and wife, of McMinnville, Sundayed at Monmouth.

The F. S. D. Co. will immediately stock up with a line of furniture in their old rooms.

Judge Dawson is able to be out driving. His friends all rejoice in his recovery.

L. H. Atwater, of Lewisville, called at this office and offered substantial encouragement.

The city is constructing a new street crossing at the crossing of Mill and Main streets.

J. D. Ellis, from Salt Creek, visited his father, our county treasurer, yesterday.

J. W. Dawson, cashier in the Polk County Bank, has resigned his position in the bank in order to devote his time to the study of law. We wish him success in his new line of business, and call it a good move.

Uncle Dickey Osborne is slowly recovering from his severe injuries. Much credit is due to Dr. Butler, who is attending on him.

Our old friend Joshua Brown is quite feeble again. He left for Albany Saturday in order to place himself under the care of Dr. Hill.

R. Bennewitz is doing some highly creditable decoration on the front and side of the stage in the F. S. D. Co's. hall at Monmouth. When completed the work will be a credit to Mr. Bennewitz, and a source of attraction to the hall.

What is there to hinder Dallas from having a creamery. Let some of our pushing citizens place their shoulders to the wheel and it will be accomplished fast.

We learn that J. J. Williams intends starting a first-class agricultural implement store here immediately. The business will be in good hands.

On last Saturday we took in sixteen cash subscribers to the OBSERVER. Come on Republicans, Democrats, Prohi's and every body else, and we will give you a paper that Polk county can feel proud of.

Now that the City council has consented to grant a franchise to parties who will construct water works at Dallas, who will take hold of the project.

Our genial Sheriff Smith has been sustling through the county for the last few days serving papers, and of course putting coin in his official pocket.

The prospects for a new M. E. Church building in this city are encouraging. Subscriptions are coming in rapidly and in some instances they are very liberal. A few friends in a social circle last Saturday evening without solicitation made up an offering of $100 to swell the list. It was thankfully received.

The business men of Dallas feel that as a matter of justice to their town they must shut down on the commercial men who have been drumming the town for a few hours and then leaving the place, to suport the hotels and livery stables of other towns. To the boys we say better look a little out.

N. Yocum has moved his family to Dallas.

The OBSERVER is just beginning to feel at home.

Dallas is going to grow this year, and don't you forget it.

Jeff. Davis of Douglas precinct, was at the county seat Friday.

There is not an empty business house in Dallas.

W. H. Wheeler and wife, of Independence, visited Dallas Monday.

Dr. L. N. Woods had a call to visit a sick patient at Grande Round last Saturday, but could not go.

Wm. Savage, the proprietor of the Dallas City Bank, was on the streets Monday.

Probate Court in session Monday, and to-day, county court, balance of the week.

J. S. Montgomery, of Independence, paid Dallas a flying visit Saturday.

Geo. Clark, of Oregon City, is viewing Dallas under the pilotage of W. P. Wright.

E. C. Keyt came up from Perrydale Friday, and did business among us.

Born, to the wife of L. C. Keyt, a girl; weight nine pounds. The father is happy.

Our young dentist friend, Sam Mulkey, now of Salem, was over Sunday.

A great number of farmers are plowing, and about all their seeding is finished for the next crop.

Ex-sheriff Baker of Marion county, and now of the firm of R. M. Wade & Co., was doing business in Dallas Friday.

While our Michigan friends are enjoying a snowstorm, we are taking in the sunshine.

Born on January 30, to the wife of O. A. Wolverton of Suver, a daughter. Mother and child doing well.

L. D. Mulkey, late of Dallas, is now successfully canvassing Yamhill county for the *Reporter*.

The O. R. & N. Co. is building a new boat to be used on the upper Willamette river. It will cost $20,000.

The Polk County OBSERVER is now published at Dallas as a semi-weekly and is improved in every way.—Dayton *Herald*.

Mrs. Hardy Holman left Corvallis Tuesday for Polk county to visit her daughter Mrs. Myers, who is ill with typhid fever.—*Leader*.

Dove Bros. and O. P. Beardsley of Eola, are the largest hop raisers in this county. They have 13 acres in cultivation all told.

Mark Ellis and wife returned to Dallas Friday, from a few weeks visit to friends in Linn county. Mark says he can note many improvements in our town since he left.

R. D. Cooper of Island City, Oregon is at Independence this week. He has a host of friends, who are always glad to see him.

David Davis of this county has made proof in the records of Uncle Sam, to his land. Uncle Sam's land is becoming quite scarce in Polk county, but occasionally some one finds a sutiable place.

The Ladies Mite Society will give a Valentine and literary social at the Dallas City Hall, on the evening of Feb. 13th. Everybody invited to attend and contribute their mite.

Our roads are superb; an occasional mudhole is a disgrace to our road management, one especially, on the Monmouth road between Robinsons and Cooleridges, which calls for immediate reform.

A. W. Lucas in a letter from Los Gatos, Cal., informs his friends that he has gained nine pounds in weight in that country, and his health is much better.

John Murphy and brother, who live a few miles above Independence, have lost a couple of good horses by a very strange disease which seems to take hold of the spine. Several horses have been sick with it, but only two died as yet.

A young man named Igo was placed under arrest Saturday by Sheriff Smith. The arrest was made upon complaint of H. Sterling, who charges Igo with stealing the sum of $7 from his pocket while sleeping together.

About all the tickets are sold for the M. E. C. South, sociable to night. The committee have been diligent in preparing for the occasion and it will be an enjoyable affair. All go and enjoy yourself.

Oregon apples find a ready market everywhere. Last fall hundreds of bushels were shipped to China, Japan and Australia, while thousands of bushels find a quick sale in San Francisco. In fact our apples find such an admirable market that not enough are retained for home consumption. The boarders at the hotel to-day will find little California apples on the table. Oregon's supply is about exhausted.

Nat Holman has sold the Fiske house to Mr. Nichols for $750.

Mrs. Ezra Poppleton died at her home in Tacoma Saturday. She was buried at the Riges burying ground in this county.

The Polk County *Observer* has been removed from Monmouth to Dallas, the county seat. It is a very lively, readable paper and deserves liberal support.—East Portland *Vindicator*.

John F. Fox was committed to the insane asylum last Tuesday morning. He is from Umatilla county. He imagines that he is followed by a band of men and women, who are trying to do him injury, and he sweurs venegeance.

The Willamette Valley on her last trip made the quickest passage from Yaquina Bay to San Francisco and return, ever made between the two ports, she was only five days in making the trip.—*Yaquina Republican*.

Our old friend, John Nichols, of Syracuse, called on us Friday and subscribed for the OBSERVER. He is 81 years old, but moves around in a nimble manner, and does a great amount of work, for one who has lived as long as he has.

We noticed Dave Cooper on our streets last Saturday with a petition to our legislators, asking them to work for and aid the State Normal School at Monmouth. The school is the pride of our county and an honor to our State, and no member representing Polk county could presume to give it other than his open support.

Mrs. Jennie Coad left Saturday for Portland, and on Sunday Clerk Coad went by way of Salem to the metropolis. The cause of this departure is to attend the wedding of Mrs. Coad's near friend, Miss Della Hill to John Resing, which occured Monday night.

"Never ship an egg that is dirty, or in any manner soiled," says an exchange. By no means; always scrub your eggs carefully with soap and water, then sand paper and polish with kerosene. In this way such eggs as are left will please the most fastideous eye.

A farmer near Hawley, Pa., whose four-year-old daughter had swallowed some berries which her father thought should come up at once, sent the following note to the village druggist: "Mister druggist, please send ipecac enough to throw up a four-year-old girl."

Secretary Bayard says the flag fired upon at Samoa by the Germans "was not a representative American flag." The proud banner bore the impress of the glorious stars and stripes, and floated over an American consulate, on neutral ground. What does the secretary call a representative flag? That ensign, hoisted by a beardless boy, on a broomstick anywhere from the North pole to the antipodes or from the Occident to the Orient is a representative American flag.—East Portland *Vindicator*.

On the morning of April 30th, 1889, at 9 o'clock, it has been arranged that the church bells all over the country shall ring to celebrate the event of 100 years ago, when the church bells throughout the thirteen states rang out to call the people together to pray for the success and prosperity of General Washington, that day inaugurated president of the United States. A call is made from the committee having charge of these arrangements that in every church in the land services be held to implore a continuance of the favor which has been shwon this nation since its birth.

The OBSERVER does not wish to boast of any prosperity, but a large number of new names have been added to our subscription list during the past week, and we can't help but feel, that friends are with us. We will try and make the OBSERVER all we claim for it, a live newspaper, and in doing this, nothing stimulates the managers more, than to hear good words and to see names come in. In publishing twice a week, we hope to print more matter than here-to-fore and it will be fresher. With the many efficient ways of communication, news is known nearly in all parts of the county before it is a week old, so that the weekly paper is obliged to be a purveyor of stale news. We feel that the change, is an improvement, and that it is being appreciated.

Gratifying to All.

The high position attained and the universal acceptance and approval of the pleasant liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, as the most excellent laxative known, illustrate the value of the qualities on which its success is based and are abundantly gratifying to the Cal. Fig Syrup Company.

Real Estate Transfers.

E C Keyt to A J McDaniel, 160 acres of land; $4800.

A J McDaniel to E C Keyt, 255 acres; $7700.

W S Elkins to J D Lee, house and lot in Dallas; $400.

LETTER FROM OREGON.

To show that Dallas, Oregon, is heard outside the limits of our State, we append the following from the Texas *Christian Advocate* of Jan. 26:

The church here at Dallas is rather weak. Dr. Kelsey, our pastor, is an excellent man, who has many warm friends outside of the church, and they are doing their part toward providing for his temporal wants, as you would have seen if you had been at the parsonage New Year's eve. On the day before, a friend stopped me on the street and said, I want you to get a few of the members to go around to Bro. Kelsey's to-morrow night and we will show you how to treat a preacher for New Year. Well, said I, you will have some help, won't you? No, said he, this is our treat, and all we ask of you is to see it done. Well, we went; and such a treat we never witnessed before. The procession came in headed by Hon. W. C. Brown, Hon. J. J. Daly, J. J. Williams, Sheriff Smith, ex-Sheriff Groves, A. S. Crider, J. H. Townsend and many other of the most prominent men of Dallas, and deposited such a load of good things as would warm the heart of any preacher. To mention all would be too tedious, but in that pile we saw a thirty dollar suit of clothes, ten sacks of flour, one of coffee, one sack and one box of sugar, one sack of beans, also of rice, one fat hog neatly dressed and a sack of salt to save him, and an order on the Dallas mill for feed enough to keep the cow and horse all winter. After these and all small articles one could think of, together with a fat gobler, they handed Mrs. Kelsey a purse containing money enough to swell the total to one hundred and seventeen dollars. Now, I wish I could give you some idea of that old man's looks and feelings on that occasion. He talked, laughed, cried and prayed by turns, but as there was not even standing room in all the house, they soon dispersed, saying they would come to church next Sunday and hear the rest, when he (the preacher) was composed, and in his new suit.

Suver.

Fine weather.

Good roads for this time of the year.

Quite a number of farmers are plowing.

A. H. Collins is putting a nice combination fence around his neat farm residence.

B. S. Clark and wife have returned from Portland, where they have been visiting friends.

George Steele intends putting a new steam threshing machine outfit in this section of the country next summer.

J. E. Hubbard and wife started for the Spokane country Thursday, to spend a few weeks visiting friends and relatives and looking at the country. —Felix.

Syracuse

As you hrve no correspondent from this place, we thought that a few items occasionally would be of interest.

We are pleased to see, at least one paper, in the county, that has taken a decided stand for the right, and has dared to unfurl to the breeze the grand old republican banner, and further that your paper is to run in the interest of the county at large not some certain localities pet.

J. M. Parray our wideawake real-estate agent, is constantly besieged by anxious land buyers, his time being almost constantly occupied showing up the merits of this section. We hope his efforts will prove a boom to this country er'e long.

We know of no place in the Willamette Valley, taking all things to consideration, where land can be bought as cheap as in this locality. There is but few better water powers in the state than the one situated in our midst, awaiting but a very small outlay to set the many wheels of machinery into motion; surrounded by a body of fine timber of the following kind, vis, fir, cedar, maple, ash, alder and the finest body of oak in Western Oregon.

G. W. Gardiner our staunch democratic friend over the way, is a firm believer in civil cervice reform, showing his faith by his acts, in boldly stepping forward and assisting a republican in time of need.

The architect of our "slough Bridge" has more precaution than his looks would indicate; after reading the remarks of Mr. Mitchell in, the *Itemizer* in regard to said bridge he now ties his team at the Hazel Dell end of the bridge while he cautiously conveys his small carcass upon his No. 12's to Syracuse.

Our efficient road supervisor is busily engaged at present grinding his old ax and polishing his long layed by shovel, preparatory to working three or more assesments. Ye natives do likewise.—Hiu Close.

Go to Vaughns, Dallas the leading jeweler.

R. B. Collins, the photographer, is prepared to turn out photographs at Dallas in all its branches as good as in any part of the state.

For fine watch work go to U. M Grant at H. B. Patterson's.

At J. D. Irvine's is the place to get your groceries, Independence.

Attention of those who are taking painting is called to the full line of artistic material at H. R. Pattersons Independence.

The dry goods store F. M. A. will give you a bargain if you will call and see them.

Mrs. La Ransieur, City Bazaar Independence, has made a fine selection of woolen goods, ribbons, buttons, articles for fancy work, remnants of cashmere, prints, handkerchiefs, purses, etc. Give an early call.

O. S. N. S. COLUMN.

W. R. HAWLEY, EDITOR.

Bob is dead and buried. Peace to his ashes.

Pres. Stanley spent Saturday and Sunday in Monmouth.

Several students went in the direction of Airlie last Sunday.

C. W. Barr returned last Saturday from Salem, where he had been taking in the legislature.

Misses Mary and Ida Bateman, of Sheridan, entered school Monday.

Place, foot bridge, Independence; time 15 minutes after dedication service.

Jay Franklin, who did you meet at the above named place and what did they say.

A number of the students attended "The Heroic Dutchman" at Independence last Friday evening. They speak very highly of it as a drama.

Cupids Knoll and Airlie are becoming very popular as pleasure resorts.

Students desiring medical aid will do well to consult Dr. Vincent, a practitioner of twenty years standing, and a graduate of Catskill, N. Y. Calls promptly responed to at any time of day or night. Office, Mcculloch's block.

Lillian Worth has returned from Eugene where she has been visiting the bedside of her grandmother, who is dangerously ill at that place.

Several students attended the dedication service of the new church at Independence last Sunday.

M. W. and R. M., how far is it to Airlie?

The Hesperians nominated officers at their last meeting.

The Websterians last Friday debated the question: *Resolved*, That Mormonism is More of a Curse than Slavery? Leader on the affirmative, Ed Keyt; on the negative, John O. Sparks. The president after considering the arguments brought forth, gave his decision in favor of the affirmative.

The following is the programme of the Junior society, for next meeting: Recitation, F. Montgomery; solo, C. V. Murphy; essay, Chas. Cochrane; quartette, Burch, Stanley, Cochrane, Ebbert; select reading, Dean Tatom; flute duett, Murphy and Haley; recitation, T. J. Jackson. Question for debate: *Resolved*, That Intemperance has Caused more Misery and Death than War. Affirmative, Montgomery, Davis and Burch; negative, Haley, Lehman and Eaton.

The Hesperians gave the first open session of the year last Friday evening in the college chapel. A goodly number of students were in attendance and seemed to enjoy themselves very well, especially the pleasant treat. The following was the programme: Instrumental music, orchestra; oration, L. R. Matthews; select reading, A. E. Ibbetson; music, orchestra. Debate, *Resolved*, That There is More Happiness in Civilized Than uncivilized Life. Affirmative, L. H. Vincent and A. J. Buchanan; negative, L. R. Mathews and E. P. Voruz. Music, orchestra; recess, 10 minutes; reading, E. P. Voruz; guitar solo, C. L. Hawley; stump speech, N. A. Emmitt; closing remarks, W. R. Hawley; instrumental music, orchestra. Decision on debate in favor of affirmative.

Business Mentions.

M. Hayter dentist, Dallas.

Go to Henry Patterson for Jewelry.

Gene Hayter for cheap goods.

Go to J. M. Campbell's for your wall paper.

Read our new advertisements this week.

The F. M. A. store has new goods.

A fresh supply of groceries at J. D. Irvine's.

J. M. Campbell has just received a large stock of wall paper. He invites all his customers to call and examine it before purchasing elsewhere. The price is a way down.

Spectacles properly focussed and accurately fitted at Henry Patterson's. Every pair warranted. No fit, no sale

Dallas patrons will bear in mind that Prof. Bauer will open a school here in rapid penmanship and crayon portrait instruction as soon as term closes at Monmouth.

The F. M. A. store have as cheap line of general merchandise as can be found any where.

Paints, oils, varnishes, etc., at Waterhouses

Henry Patterson has just received a new stock of all the latest novelties in the jewelry line. No old goods in his stock. Drop in and examine them.

To the ladies of Dallas and vicinity:—Those wishing stamping or embroidering done, call on Mrs. M. Hayter, Dallas, Or.

The Enterprise Hotel always keep their tables supplied with the freshest and the best.

No trouble to show you our goods—Shelly & Vanduyn.

The straight up-and-up store-keepers—Shellly and Vanduyn, Independence

We name for you way down prices on all our general merchandise. Give us a call. Shelly & Vanduyn, Independence.

F. G. and P. Co. of Independence, offer to any one purchasing goods of them to the amount of $5 between now and the first of March, a chance to win a $20 dressing case. Don't forget the offer for it is a gem and you would like to have it.

People who are talked about, are those who go and examine the fine stock of artists material at Busters Independence. He has a full line of Tubes, Academy boards, plaques, frames, brushes, etc. Call and see them.

E. Hayter's is the place to buy all the latest styles of dress goods; fine stock just received.

JAS. H. LAWTON,

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Hair Cutting, Shaving and Shampooing neatly done. Special attention given to LADIES' and CHILDREN'S Hair Cutting.

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