

# Polk County Observer

Second-hand 3 inch wagon for sale. Inquire of Wm. Tatom.

District Attorney J. N. Hart was a Salem visitor this week.

New Pillow Tops and materials for working, at Mrs. Metzger's.

The Observer job office wants the printing you are particular about.

Albums at prices to close. Values extraordinary. The Bee Hive Store.

E. C. Kirkpatrick and R. E. Williams were Salem visitors, Wednesday.

Splendid assortment of Fancy Slippers at bottom prices. \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. The Bee Hive Store.

Mrs. Nellie Shoemaker, of Whatcom, Wash., visited over Sunday at the home of her uncle, Robert Howe.

Mark Burch, of Rickreall, was among the visitors at the special session of the Oregon Legislature, Tuesday.

Pictures at special prices. Come here and see how much lower we have them marked than at other stores. The Bee Hive Store.

A. Haldeman will buy your poultry, eggs and turkeys and pay the highest cash price. It will pay you to bring poultry to him at Dallas.

County Clerk U. S. Loughary issued license to wed this week to Robert B. Arnold and Julia C. Ritner, Wm. A. Patton and Blanche Hunter.

Dr. H. L. Toney, dentist; graduate of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Office upstairs Uglow building. Hours 8 to 12 and 1 to 5. Examinations free.

J. C. Shultz and family, who have been living in Ashland several months, arrived in Dallas last Saturday and will again make their home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. George-Conkey, of Independence, visited relatives in Dallas, Sunday. Mrs. Conkey arrived home a few days ago from San Francisco, where she has been taking lessons in voice culture.

New script and engraver's text type for visiting cards and wedding invitations received at the Observer office this week. We are better prepared to do society printing than ever before. The ladies are invited to call and see samples.

At Melsters—Review of Reviews, or Independent, or World's Work, with Success and one of the following dollar magazines—all for \$3.00: Cosmopolitan, Frank Leslie's Monthly, Pearson, American Boy, or Woman's Home Companion. Subscriptions taken for any magazine.

The board of directors of the Dallas public school held a meeting Tuesday evening, and made a tax levy of 14 mills for this district. The money to be raised by this levy is for the purpose of paying off school bonds and paying for the lots recently purchased by the district. Clerk Campbell informs us that there is almost enough money in the treasury at the present time to pay off all the bonds, but it was thought expedient to buy up the vacant property adjoining the school at this time, as there is every chance of its value increasing, and, at a later date, it would cost the district a great deal more.

Mrs. Ollie McCarter is spending Christmas with friends in Albany.

A. Gilman is up from Portland, looking after his property interests.

Men's new Neckwear; new arrivals at 25c, 35c and 50c. The Bee Hive Store.

Mrs. Barbara Belt, of Sheridan, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Belt.

Frank Snyder is down from Wrangell, Alaska, to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. M. E. Weaver will leave for Enterprise, Oregon, next Monday on a two weeks' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Casey, of Seattle, and Mrs. Maude Muhligh, of Portland, are spending Christmas with relatives in Dallas.

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### GAVE FINE PROGRAM

Presbyterian Bazaar at Independence Was Well Patronized.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church in Independence held their annual bazaar at the Opera House last Friday evening. It was a decided success, both socially and financially. Preceding the sale of a choice variety of articles, a unique and attractive program prepared by Mrs. Mary Babbitt was delightfully rendered. Every number was heartily appreciated and applauded by the large audience and deserves special mention. A few words should be said in praise of the violin solo by Louis Josse, the vocal solo by Mr. G. L. Burton, the vocal duet "Robin Ruff," and the sweetly rendered solo by Mrs. E. E. Paddock. The gems of the program were the vocal solo by Lucile Messner, a charming little girl, and the Japanese song, "Under the Bamboo Tree," by Miss Inez and Master Johnnie Stark, twin children of Mayor J. M. Stark. The little people were dressed in Japanese costume and sang in solo and duet, impersonating the characters as they sang. In response to an encore, they gave a Chinese colloquy in the original Chinese language. They sustained their parts perfectly and elicited the highest commendation of all present. These children are great favorites in the community, and no effort or expense is spared by Mr. and Mrs. Stark to give them the best literary, musical and moral education possible. The funny climax of the evening was the song and chorus, "And the Cat Came Back," rendered by a class of bright boys. The real cat came back and the audience was convulsed with laughter. There were beautiful pictures of Longfellow's "John Alden and Priscilla," "The Angelus" and "The Dutch Twins." The program closed with the presentation of the most beautiful tableau ever given in Independence. From beginning to end, the exercises were enjoyed by all.

### BRILLIANT SOCIAL AFFAIR

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Coad Celebrate Twentieth Anniversary of Their Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Coad celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on Saturday evening. The celebration was one of the most delightful social events of the year, over 90 guests being present. The spacious parlors and dining room were prettily decorated for the occasion. A musical program added to the pleasure of the evening, and at a late hour light refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Coad were the recipients of many handsome and costly gifts in China ware, among them being a full dinner set, a chocolate set, and numerous individual pieces.

The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Simonton, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Crider, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Coad, Dr. and Mrs. B. H. McCallon, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Fisko, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hayter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Black, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Metzger, Dr. and Mrs. Mark Hayter, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Groves, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howe, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Cary, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Madison, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. David Crider, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Coad, Mr. and Mrs. James Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Belt, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Eakin, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Stiles, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Coper, Mrs. Clara Burson, Mrs. Mary Savage, Mrs. Sarah Richmond, Mrs. S. P. Riggs, Miss May Shelton, Miss Bertha Collins, Miss Ollie Smith; Messrs. Fred Toner, John Castle, R. E. Williams and T. J. Cherrington.

### DALLAS IN THE LEAD

Total Valuation of Property for Taxable Purposes is Greater Than Ever Before.

Dallas leads all Polk County towns in the amount of taxable property, and shows a great gain over the assessment of any preceding year. County Clerk U. S. Loughary completed the footings of the valuation of property in the four incorporated towns in the county, Wednesday, and finds the amounts to be as follows: Dallas, \$297,090; Independence, \$194,735; Monmouth, \$107,925; Falls City, \$29,740.

All towns and school districts should report the amount of their tax levy on or before January 6, 1904, the date of the opening of the January term of County Court.

Blackboards at special prices, 20c., 25c., 50c., \$1.50, and \$2.25. The Bee Hive Store.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE OF Santa Claus Offerings For The People of Dallas and Vicinity

He has made the Hub Clothing Store his main place for all Mens and Boys Goods of which you will find an elegant assortment for Presents and Gifts for Christmas

as follows: Mufflers, Neck Ties of all styles and kinds, Gloves both Tan and Yarn, Cuff and Collar Buttons, Sock Supporters, Handkerchiefs both Silk and Linen with colored and fancy borders, hemstitched and initial, Cuffs, Collars, Suspenders, Socks, Fancy Shirts, Hats, Caps, Umbrellas, Suit Cases, Underwear, Shoes, Rain Coats, Overcoats, and a nice stock of up-to-date Suits for Men and Boys, Watches, Watch Chains and Fobs, Brushes, in fact anything for Men and Boys.

### SMOKING JACKETS COME TO A MAN'S STORE FOR MEN'S GOODS

We know what is right and correct, and we know what men like and will help you to make a good selection if you wish us to. Our prices we positively say are lower than you will find anywhere for the class of goods. Call on us.

### THE HUB CLOTHING STORE

Uglow Building Mill Street  
**R. JACOBSON & CO.**  
G. W. HOLLISTER, Manager  
Dallas, Oregon  
SEE OUR WINDOWS.

### VALLEY TEAMS ORGANIZE

Basket Ball Teams of Willamette University, Dallas College, O. A. C. and U. of O. Form League.

For several years the basket ball situation in the Willamette Valley has been of an undecided nature. The championship, while claimed by several institutions, has not been definitely settled. All these controversies have had a tendency to make the question a matter of doubt and dissatisfaction to the schools involved. A climax and solution of the problem was reached at a meeting held at Albany on December 18, by representatives from the principal colleges that foster basket ball. An organization was formed under the name of The Interscholastic Basket Ball Association of Oregon, and will this year comprise the first teams of Eugene, Corvallis, Salem and Dallas colleges.

This association will be governed by a Board of Control, which consists of a representative from each school in the league, and all controversies will be settled by this board.

The schedule of games has been arranged as follows:  
January 15, U. of O. vs. W. U. and O. A. C. vs. D. C.; January 22, O. A. C. vs. W. U. and U. of O. vs. D. C.; January 29, W. U. vs. D. C. and O. A. C. vs. U. of O.; February 5, February 12 and February 19, same as January 15, 22 and 29, respectively. The championship will be decided by the percentage of games won and lost. The games must be played upon a floor containing not less than 2400 square feet and not more than 3500 square feet. According to this article, the Dallas players think that if the loyal supporters of basket ball in this city expect to see these championship games, they should co-operate with the college in securing a floor of sufficient size, as the present one is not.

**The Lone Star State.**  
Down in Texas at Yoakum, is a big dry goods firm of which Mr. J. M. Haller is the head. Mr. Haller on one of her trips East to buy goods said to a friend who was with him in the palace car, "Here, take one of these Little Early-Risers upon retiring and you will be up early in the morning and feeling good." For the "dark brown" taste, headache and that lousy feeling DeWitt's Little Early-Risers are the best pills to use. Sold by Belt & Cherrington.

All the delicacies of the season will be served at the dinner prepared by Chef Moss Walker at the Hotel Gail today. Landlord Thompson has spared no effort or expense in the preparation of this Christmas feast.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury,  
as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely damage the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, setting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get this genuine. It is sold by Druggists, prices 50c. per bottle. Sold by F. J. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free.

286-acre farm, 4 miles from Dallas; 50 acres in cultivation; 10 acres in hops; good hop house; plenty of fruit; well watered by living water; several springs on place; good pastures, and plenty of timber; one mile from Railroad; house, barn and outbuildings. A nice home, and a great bargain at \$15 per acre. Call on, or address  
**W. A. AYRES,**  
Dallas, Oregon.

DEWITT'S Early Risers  
The famous little pills.

### SALEM TEAM OUTCLASSED

Dallas College Basket Ball Team Defeated Salem Y. M. C. A. by a Score of 46 to 3.

Last Friday night's basket ball game between the first teams of Dallas College and the Salem Y. M. C. A. was a very one-sided affair from start to finish. The Dallas boys had the visiting team completely at their mercy, and immediately commenced piling up a score of large proportions. In the first half of the game Dallas threw ten field goals and two from the foul line, making 22 points. It was in this half of the game that the visiting team made their only score—one field goal on a "fuke," and one from the foul line. In the second half, Dallas threw twelve field goals, or 24 points, making a total of 46 to 3.

The Salem players are a gentlemanly set of young men, and won the admiration of the spectators by the manner in which they met defeat.

The Dallas team played in good form, with the possible exception of not throwing as many goals as they should have done. Following is the line-up of the teams:

Dallas Y. M. C. A.  
Wilson, forward..... guard, Rodas  
Teas, forward..... guard, Allard  
Poling.....center.....Yantles  
Ford, guard..... forward, Myers  
Hoffman, guard..... forward, Jones

### BUSINESS LOCALS.

Trespass notices printed on cloth for sale at this office.

L. D. Brown, Public Stenographer. With J. N. Hart.

Fine line of table delicacies at Dunn Grocery Company's store.

Go to Wilson Drug Company for books and school supplies.

Everything new in the grocery line at Dunn Grocery Company's store.

Dr. Hayter, Dentist. Office over Wilson's Drug Store, Dallas, Oregon.

One of the best horse-shoers in the state will be found working at Wagner Bros.' shop. Give him a trial and be convinced.

Go and see those fine bath tubs, sinks and lavatories at Wagner Bros.

A first-class plumber is in their employ, and will satisfactorily do your work.

WANTED—Trustworthy lady or gentleman to manage business in this County and adjoining territory for house of solid financial standing, \$20 straight cash salary and expenses paid each Monday direct from headquarters. Expense money advanced; position permanent. Address Manager, 605, Monon Bldg., Chicago.

WANTED: Cook in sawmill boarding house; must be thoroughly competent; 20 to 30 men. Address the OBSERVER.

Hack For Sale.  
A good two-seated hack for sale at a bargain. Inquire at this office.

Bids Wanted.  
Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned till 12 M., January 16, 1904, for 100 cords of oak grub wood not less than two inches in diameter. Said wood to be delivered on Normal School grounds, in basement, rickety, not later than September 1, 1904. Right reserved to reject any or all bids.

J. B. V. BUTLER,  
Sec. Regen.

Notice to Cities and School Districts.

All city and special school district tax levies should be reported to the office of the County Clerk on or before the first day of the January, 1904, term of County Court for Polk County, as the levy on the 1903 roll will be made at that time. Court will convene Wednesday, January 6.

U. S. LOUGHARY,  
County Clerk.

Note Change of Address.  
Frank Butler, same residence near Falls City, but postal address is Dallas, Oregon, R. F. D. No. 2.

Letter Lost.  
Lost, in Dallas, a letter addressed to "W. F. Nichols, Dallas, Oregon." Finder will please return to the Post-office or to Mr. Nichols.

A Testimonial.  
Knowing Dr. E. E. Jackson, V. S., of Salem, I would recommend him to anyone needing a veterinary surgeon, as he has treated my horses for the past year with the best of success. I have seen cases that he has handled that were very critical ones that he brought through with his skillful treatment and knowledge. The people of Dallas often need such a man. Give him a trial and say the same as I do.

J. J. FIDLER.

For Sale.  
40 acres of improved land on the railroad near Bridgeport.

F. T. SHUTE,  
Dallas, Oregon.

Good Farm at a Bargain.

286-acre farm, 4 miles from Dallas; 50 acres in cultivation; 10 acres in hops; good hop house; plenty of fruit; well watered by living water; several springs on place; good pastures, and plenty of timber; one mile from Railroad; house, barn and outbuildings. A nice home, and a great bargain at \$15 per acre. Call on, or address  
**W. A. AYRES,**  
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DEWITT'S Early Risers  
The famous little pills.

### THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING

The Most Attractive Line of Holiday Goods ever put on display by this store is undoubtedly shown this season. It embraces everything useful as well as ornamental. Remember that a very little cash outlay is required to buy a big amount of articles.

<b>FINE CHINA</b> Salad Sets, Chocolate Sets, Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Cream Pitchers, Cracker Jars, Cake Plates, Salad Dishes, Olive Dishes, Cups and Saucers.	<b>TOYS AND GAMES</b> Dolls, Magic Lanterns, Stoves, Animals, Archery Boards, Wagons, Doll Carriages and Hammocks, Soldier Suits, Drums, Horns.
<b>DECORATED LAMPS</b> All the new styles. A pleasing variety to select from. Nothing more suitable for Christmas Gifts.	<b>HOLIDAY BOOKS</b> Books for Young and Old. Bright and attractive picture books for the little folks, and popular fiction for the older people.

THE NEW YEAR IS ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY. Now is the time to do your Holiday Shopping, while the stock is complete. Gift selecting is best done right now. Come and look over our Stock.

### WHITE FRONT GROCERY

T. A. RIGGS, Proprietor, Main St., Dallas, Ore

### Did You Ever Stop To Think?

when buying Holiday Presents, why not get something that will add to the furnishing of your home, and at the same time please the recipient? We have striven harder and, we think, have been more successful in procuring our different lines, and are sure that we can please the most fastidious. We think there is nothing nicer than a comfortable Ronker. We have them in all the newest finishes and patterns. Our lines of Dining Room Furniture are complete. We are showing a full line of Buffets, China Cabinets, Pedestal Extension Tables, Tabourettes, Etc. We "sell Pictures all the year," so do not need to bring out the old ones, dust them off and call them new ones. We have a complete assortment just in from one of the biggest houses in the United States. They are priced reasonable. It keeps one man busy in our Picture Framing department. Do not neglect placing your order for Christmas framing. Come in and let us talk it over. We can't write ads, but can show you our goods.

### CHAPMAN'S

Telephone 133. MILL STREET.

### HOT DRINKS FOR COLD DAYS

at Roy's Confectionery Store

BEEF, CHICKEN AND CLAM TEA SERVED AT ALL HOURS. ALL LEADING BRANDS OF CIGARS AND TOBACCO SALEM STAGE OFFICE AND AGENT FOR SALEM LAUNDRY.

Walter Roy, Uglow Building, Dallas, Ore.

### SAY

What is better than a nice pair of Shoes or Slippers for a Xmas Present? We Have Them



Ladies, Misses and Children's Shoes at SPECIAL SALE PRICES. Also Mens and Womens Slippers, Mens Boys and Youths Shoes at bedrock prices. Come and see for yourself and be convinced. Yours Respectfully  
**Dallas Boot and Shoe Store**  
MRS. J. C. GAYNOR, Proprietor.

### Merry Christmas

We were never in better shape to make this a Merry Christmas for you and your friends, and we ask you to come in and look over our lines

#### CROKINOLE BOARDS

Are always acceptable presents. \$1.00 buys the best one you ever saw for the price. Many other games are to be found at our store

#### CELLULOID NOVELTIES

Our Celluloid Novelties also arrived this week. The goods are right. What's more—the prices are right. Come in and see them

#### CHRISTMAS BOOKS

We have added a line of Books for Christmas; they are going fast. The prices are the lowest you ever heard of for standard books

### S. C. DODSON

WILSON BLOCK Main Street, DALLAS, OREGON

### H. G. CAMPBELL

FARM LANDS  
LOANS, INSURANCE

North of Courthouse  
**Dallas, Oregon**

# The Bee Hive Store

NOT ONLY UP TO DATE, BUT A DATE AHEAD

### Great Display Of Holiday Goods

Fancy Baskets  
Work Baskets  
Celluloid Novelties, Collar and Cuff Boxes  
Handkerchief Boxes, Fancy Stationery  
Linen Handkerchiefs, Silk Mufflers, Gents, Hose, Silk Suspenders, Fancy Underwear  
Silk Waist Patterns, and Silk Waists, Furs, Fancy Slippers  
Felt Oxfords  
Pillow Tops  
Etc., Etc., Etc.

Toys of every description  
Card Games  
Colored Artists  
Lotto Games  
Authors, Mechanical Toys  
Bulb Toys  
Blackboards  
Bells, Metallog Targets, Log Cabins, Chimes  
Tool Chests  
Banks, Croquet Sets, Felt Animals, Buiding Blocks, Reins  
Horns, Brown-Ladders, Doll Buggies, Rattlers, Drums  
A B C Blocks  
Slates, and

We carry this line only for the Holiday Season and our prices are much lower than in regular stocks. COME EARLY and get the BEST SELECTIONS

HUNDREDS OF OTHER ARTICLES TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION HERE

## Nordby & Finseth

I. O. O. F. Corner Main Street