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The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.



NO EXCUSE FOR DELAY

The people of Polk county are awakening to the need of better roads, and are earnestly discussing the relative merits of plans proposed to secure the desired results. They are tired of wasting money and labor in a vain effort to build dirt and gravel roads that will stand the heavy traffic of the rainy, winter months, and are beginning to agitate the use of crushed rock in making roads that can be kept in good condition throughout the entire year. The gravel that is found in the beds of most of the streams of the county is absolutely unfit for road purposes, and all improvements in which this gravel is used are but temporary at best. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in Polk county in the last thirty or forty years in an attempt to build substantial gravel roads, and the public thoroughfares are practically in no better condition than in the beginning. The supervisors are not to blame for this state of affairs, neither are the taxpayers of the county. The people have simply done the best they could with the money and material at hand, and have probably accomplished as much in the way of road-building as have the people of any other county similarly situated.

But the time has arrived when a change of methods is necessary, and when old-fashioned dirt roads are no longer adequate to the needs of a rich and progressive county like Polk. If the farmer is to prosper, he must have roads over which he can haul his produce to market at any season of the year when prices are most favorable. If the towns are to prosper, the roads leading in from every direction must be kept in a condition that will enable the farmers to market their produce and do their trading at any time of the year they see fit. There is no earthly excuse for allowing the farmer to be cut off from the market and to be practically isolated for six months in the year, when the expenditure of a little money and the exercise of a whole lot of common sense in road building would render a complete change in existing conditions.

The people of the towns owe it to the people of the country to assist in building better roads, and the people of the country should assist in every reasonable way in building up the towns that provide a market for their produce. The advantages are mutual. We can all help ourselves and help each other by aiding any practical movement that has for its object better county roads.

The way to build good roads is to build them, and the time to begin is now. There is no possible excuse for further delay, and no more money should be thrown away in the present methods of road building. Enough money will be wasted on road work this year alone, despite the most honest work of supervisors and taxpayers, to purchase a rock crusher and a complete outfit of road making machinery. Polk county is amply able to buy a rock crusher and road roller, and the expense would not be felt by any taxpayer. The County Court is probably waiting for an expression of opinion from the people in this matter, and it is the duty of all progressive citizens to make their wishes known. The members of the Court are practical business men, and, as such, must certainly realize the need of a better system of road building. The Observer believes that if any considerable number of the citizens of the county would ask for a county rock crusher, the Court would not hesitate to make the purchase.

It is hoped that the citizens of Polk county will keep up the agitation for better roads, and that they will insist upon the purchase of a rock crusher and other needed road machinery. Write a petition asking the Court to take this important step and circulate it among the people of your road district. Get your neighbors interested in

the good roads movement and ask them to help you. It is safe to predict that few taxpayers will refuse to sign your petition. The road supervisor in each district would be a suitable person to take the lead in circulating these petitions, and all of them would doubtless be glad to aid in the good work. If, for any reason, the supervisor is unable to attend to this work, do it yourself, bearing in mind the fact that every day spent in working for good roads will be a profitable day for you and for the community in which you live. We believe that if a proper showing is made to the County Court, there will be no delay in placing an order for a rock crusher.

The mountains of rock lying idle in Polk county are needed for the public roads and for the streets of the county towns. Dallas needs crushed rock for her streets; so does Independence, and Monmouth, and Falls City; and at such times as the county would not be using the crusher, a handsome revenue could be realized by leasing it to these towns. Other counties in Oregon have pursued this course, and have found it highly satisfactory.

There are many reasons why Polk county should buy a rock crusher and build better roads; there is not a single reason why the county should not take this important step. A farther waste of the public funds in an attempt to build good roads by using dirt, boulders and soapstone is unjustifiable. Buy a crusher, build permanent roads, and save money.

FOR HANGING THE JURY.

The scoring given by the United States Judge and Prosecuting Attorney Heney to the members of the jury who voted against conviction in the Sorenson case is not calculated to make jury service more popular than at present. It is questionable whether the trial judge and prosecuting attorney have the right or privilege under the law to question the honesty of a juror's motives who fails to be convinced of the guilt or innocence of a prisoner before the bar, simply because a majority of the jury have formed contrary opinions. At least there is a question so long as the judge and attorney are not in possession of evidence of wrongdoing on the part of the juror. Mr. Heney as public prosecutor, must not expect to convict every man who stands accused in the court before which he is practicing, by any such attempt to scare the jurors. If he is able to present the evidence he will no doubt be able to convince the jurors; but otherwise, he can't expect a conviction. He may honestly feel that the man he is prosecuting is guilty, but he must prove it to the jury's satisfaction. The question is not whether Sorenson is guilty, but whether the jury is liable to arraignment by the court and prosecuting officer for not having found him guilty.—Salem Statesman.

While it is to be regretted that so many wild rumors are in circulation as to the extent of the scarlet fever contagion in Dallas, it is useless to attempt to trace them to their source or to put an end to them. The truth of the matter is there are just nine homes infected with this disease in Dallas at the present time, and there has been no spread of the fever outside these homes. There are not 20 cases, nor 40 cases, neither are there 84 cases as was reported in Monmouth and Independence yesterday afternoon. It is hard to make people believe the truth of any newspaper statement concerning the extent of a contagious disease in a town, and the newspapers can only carefully ascertain the true situation, publish the same, and let it go at that. Notwithstanding all the wild stories in circulation, the fact is there are nine homes in Dallas where the disease exists, and no more. But we would hate to see all the people in Polk county who will think we are lying about it hold up their hands.

PRESS ASSOCIATION TO COME

National Editorial Association Will Visit Lewis and Clark Fair After Meeting at Guthrie, O. T.

A reunion of all the state press associations on the Pacific coast is planned to be held at Portland during the Lewis and Clark Centennial in connection with the excursion of the National Editorial association, which will visit Portland after concluding its sessions at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

The original plan of the National association was to meet at Guthrie on May 20, and proceed from there to Portland, but as this would bring the editors to the fair city about the opening date, June 1, it is likely that the convention will be postponed, and the National association visit the fair sometime between June 15 and June 25. The National Editorial association, which is the largest and most representative body of newspaper men in the United States, met in convention in Portland five years ago, and its members took home with them only pleasant recollections of their stay in the "Rose City."

The California, Idaho, Montana and Washington Press associations are agreeable to the idea of meeting in Portland about the time of the arrival of the National association. The Oregon Press association has already voted to hold its 1905 session in Portland, and it is likely that the press associations of Nebraska and other states will swing into line as soon as definite arrangements for the Guthrie convention and excursion are completed.

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COURT HOUSE NOTES.

PROBATE

Guardianship of A J Crosiar, incompetent—petition to mortgage certain real estate for benefit of ward granted.

Estate of William McMillan, deceased—sale of residuary rights and interests confirmed.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Plum Valley Lodge, No. 60, I O O F to B F and L M Miller, lots in McCoy, \$350.

L L and E H Briscoe to S M Briscoe, lots in West Salem, \$900.

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P W Rex et ux to Edward Rex, 232 acres, t 8 s, r 4 w, \$7000.

G M Tice et ux to Hattie J Tice, lots in Falls City, \$2600.

Stockwell-Shultz.

Mr. Thomas C. Stockwell and Miss Viola Shultz were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Absalom Byerley yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, County Judge Ed F. Coad officiating. The contracting parties are well known young people of Dallas, and have many friends who will wish them well in their new relation. Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell will reside in Dallas.

School Notice.

Dr. Cary, the health officer, thinks that it will not be best to have school next week. There will be no school, and the school building during the vacation will be thoroughly fumigated and cleaned.

W. I. REYNOLDS,
Principal.

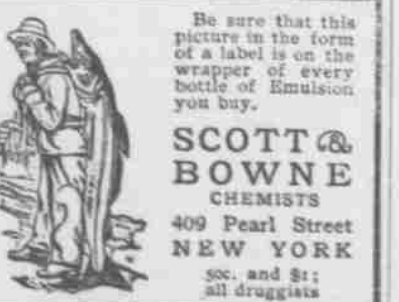
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SOURCES OF INFECTION

County Health Officer Cary Gives Out Some Facts Concerning Scarlet Fever.

DALLAS, Or., January 26.—(To the Editor.)—In view of the presence of scarlet fever in Dallas, a brief statement concerning the nature of the disease may not be amiss to the general public, whom it is earnestly hoped will co-operate with the authorities to prevent a further spread of the malady.

From the time of exposure until development of the symptoms of scarlet fever is a period varying from 24 hours to 21 days. The majority of cases occur within a week after exposure. Speaking generally, if, after exposure, a week passes without symptoms, the chances of infection are small.

The chief source of infection is the patient. It is greatest during the height of fever, when the disease is most acute; next, during period of disquamation, or scaling, which is not complete until about six weeks from beginning of illness. All discharges from patient will transmit the disease, viz: perspiration, discharge from bowels, kidneys, nose, throat, mouth and ear. Carpets, furniture in sick rooms, clothing of patient and clothing of nurse, toys, books, flowers, and even domestic animals are sources of infection and have conveyed the disease to others. Mild cases of scarlet fever are just as infectious as severe ones, and require the same measures to prevent spreading. Children who have recovered from the disease should not be allowed to sleep with other children until three months have elapsed.

The patient should be kept in a room apart from other members of the family, and attended by one nurse, who must be quarantined with the patient. Persons who are unavoidably in close contact with the patient should use an antiseptic gargle four or five times a day, and a nasal spray twice a day as a preventive.

In regard to quarantine: All cases of scarlet fever must be kept isolated from contact with the general public for a period of six weeks from the beginning of illness, as they are sources of infection during that time. Healthy persons from an infected house must not attend any day school, Sunday school, entertainment, or other public assembly during the existence of scarlet fever in the family. After recovery from scarlet fever, the patient before mingling with other children should have at least two disinfectant baths, the whole body and scalp being thoroughly scrubbed, and the hair, if long, cut short. The entire house and all infected clothing must be thoroughly fumigated after an attack of scarlet fever. The formaldehyde lamp is the most efficient disinfecting agent.

At present the malady is apparently declining, as no new cases have been reported for several days excepting in families already infected. All existing cases are efficiently quarantined, and it is confidently hoped there will be no further spread of the disease.

W. S. CARY,
Health Officer.

Teacher's Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Polk county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Dallas, Oregon, as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS.
Commencing Wednesday, February 8, at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 11, at four o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school law.
Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.
Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS.
Commencing Wednesday, February 8, at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 10, at four o'clock p. m.

First, Second and Third Grade Certificates.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, school law, civil government.

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Warrant Lost.

Lost, Polk county warrant No. 3495, drawn in favor of W. D. Elkins for \$4. Finder will please return to J. R. Marks, or to this office.

Warning to Trespassers.

All persons are hereby warned against shooting on our premises, or going upon the same with guns. Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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Wood Wanted.

Notice is hereby given that, by order of the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, sealed bids will be received at the County Clerk's office for 50 cords of clean, straight, oak-grub wood and 30 cords of body-fir wood; grub wood to be not less than 2 inches in diameter; wood to be delivered at the courthouse in Dallas on or before September 1, 1905. Bids will be opened Wednesday, February 1, 1905, at one o'clock p. m. Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. E. M. SMITH, County Clerk.

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