

Polk County Observer

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



The County Board of Equalization is in session. A visitor to the courthouse would not know that such is the case without being told...

The tax roll for the year 1906 contains many items of interest to the taxpayer for the reason that the old method of placing low valuations on the various classes of property has been abandoned...

The Southern Pacific Company's roadbed on the Yamhill division is assessed at \$7000 per mile, as against \$3000 last year. The West Side lines are assessed at \$8000 per mile, as against \$3500 in 1905...

The Oregon Telephone & Telegraph Company is booked for \$16,670, as against \$7,500 a year ago.

The Western Union Telegraph Company will be called upon to pay taxes on \$4000 worth of property this year. Last year the assessment was only \$2450.

The valuation of the Spaulding Logging Company's lands has been increased from \$11,640 to \$40,130.

The property of the Salem, Falls City & Western Railway Co is assessed at \$62,850 as against \$22,530 last year.

W. C. McClure's timber holdings in the Siletz country are booked at \$125,000. Last year these lands were assessed at \$37,210.

N. P. Wheeler, whose timber land in northwestern Polk county was largely purchased from the Indian reservation, will pay taxes on \$92,000, as against \$33,320 in 1905.

The Siletz Timber Company, which owns L. Gerlinger's original holdings, is assessed at \$32,400.

The above showing includes only a few of the larger and wealthier corporations owning property and doing business in the county. The assessments of numerous smaller companies and corporations have been raised in like proportion, and real estate valuations have been practically doubled.

The total valuation of assessable property in Polk county will be about \$8,750,000 this year, as against \$4,035,000 last year. In adopting the policy now in vogue in all the counties of the state, that of assessing property at something near its cash value, Assessor Graves has made a conscientious effort to give all classes of property-owners a fair deal.

The plan of assessing property at its cash value is new in Oregon, and it remains to be seen whether it will prove popular. That the taxpayers are willing to give the plan a fair test is shown by the fact that few, if any, of them have appeared before the Board of Equalization to object to the raise in the valuation of their property. If a reduction is made in the tax levy in proportion to the increase in valuation—and there is every reason to believe that the County Court will make such reduction—there will be little cause for complaint in any quarter, and Polk county will make a much better showing to the outside world than under the old system of low valuations and high levies.

The Independence West Side suggests that the Polk county roads should be kept closed during the summer months. Has Editor Lyon ever figured how many barrels of oil it would take to oil the main traveled roads of the county? And how much the oil would cost laid down where needed? Polk county is a long way from the oil fields.

Teams Wanted. Teams wanted to haul wood; \$4 a day. Ed COCHRANE, Dallas, Or.

Get Rid of Scrofula. Bunches, eruptions, inflammations, soreness of the eyelids and ears, diseases of the bones, rickets, dyspepsia, catarrh, wasting, are only some of the troubles it causes.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Eradicates it, cures all its manifestations, and builds up the whole system. Accept no substitute.

The Graphic would have it appear that Newberg led all other valley towns in freight shipments for the month of July, and publishes a statement furnished by the local station agent in support of its claim. The editor boasts that his town was second only to Portland in the number of cars shipped during the month, and that Dallas, with a total of 137 cars, was third in importance as a shipping point in Oregon.

INDEPENDENCE NOTES

Mrs. Ed Owens is visiting in Portland.

Mrs. Opal Goodman, of Cottage Grove, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Thorp.

Prof. T. J. Newbill returned from a hunting trip on the coast, the first of the week.

Mrs. O. M. Locke and Mrs. M. W. Wallace returned from Portland Tuesday evening.

Mrs. D. A. Hodge and children have returned from Newport, where they spent the summer.

Dr. W. B. Allin left Wednesday for his annual hunt on the McKenzie river, in the blue river district.

Hop-picking will commence in one or two yards Saturday, in several others on Monday, and will be in full blast in another week.

Miss Vena Goff returned to Montana, Monday, after spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Goff.

Miss Laurie Burnett returned to her home in McMinnville, Saturday, after a visit with her sisters, Mrs. C. W. Irvine and Mrs. J. D. Whiteaker.

Rev. Elayer has finished two years' work as pastor of the Methodist church here and left Monday for Mt. Vernon, Miss., where he will have charge of a church.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church gave the pastor, Rev. Elayer and wife a reception at the home of Judge and Mrs. B. Wilson Friday evening. The house and lawn were beautifully decorated and refreshments were served during the evening.

Will Depart From Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Collins are preparing to leave for their new home near Walla Walla, Wash., and will sell their household goods at public auction tomorrow morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins greatly regret to leave Dallas, where they have lived for so many years and where they have formed so many fond ties and associations, but feel that the change is for the best, as Mr. Collins enjoys much better health in the high altitude of Eastern Washington than in the moist climate of the Willamette Valley. Their departure will be deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends.

Hop Picking Commences. Hop picking will begin in most of the Polk county yards about the middle of next week, although a few growers of early varieties may commence work on Monday.

The condition of the hops is improving steadily, notwithstanding the extremely hot weather, and the crop is absolutely free from vermin. Prospects were never more bright for a gilt-edged crop in Polk county, and nothing but continued heavy rains can now occur to cause any damage whatever. No complaint of a scarcity of pickers is heard in the Dallas district.

Order your hop tickets and wheat receipts at the OBSERVER office.

The PALM CAFE. H. V. Andrews. Meals Served at All Hours. Oysters Served Any Style. Main Street, Dallas, Or.

Street Improvement Notice. Notice is hereby given, that the City Council of the City of Dallas, Oregon, contemplates the passage of an ordinance requiring the improvement of those certain streets or parts of streets herein described, as follows, to-wit: A new sidewalk 3 ft. 4 in. in width on the south side of that part of Clay street adjacent to and adjoining that certain lot or part of lot or parcel of ground, described as Lots 1, 2 and 3, block 16, Dallas Land and Improvement Company's Addition to Dallas, Oregon.

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A Trite Saying.

It is a trite saying that no man is stronger than his stomach. Dr. Pierce's Medical Discovery strengthens the stomach—puts it in shape to make pure, rich blood—helps the liver and kidneys to expel the poisons from the body and thus cures both liver and kidney troubles. If you take this natural blood purifier and tonic, you will assist your system in manufacturing each day a pint of rich, red blood, that is invigorating to the brain and nerves. The weak nervous, run-down, debilitated condition which so many people suffer from, is usually the effect of poisons in the blood; it is often indicated by pimples or boils appearing on the skin, the face becomes thin and the feelings "blue." Dr. Pierce's "Discovery" cures all blood humors as well as being a tonic that makes one vigorous, strong and forceful. It is the only medicine put up for sale through druggists for like purposes that contains neither alcohol nor harmful habit-forming drugs, and the only one, every ingredient of which has the professional endorsement of the leading medical writers of this country. Some of these endorsements are published in a little book of extracts from standard medical works and will be sent to any address free, on receipt of request therefor by letter or postal card, addressed to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. It tells just what Dr. Pierce's medicines are made of. The "Words of Praise" for the several ingredients of which Dr. Pierce's medicines are composed, by leaders in all the several schools of medical practice, and recommending them for the cure of the diseases for which the "Golden Medical Discovery" is advised, should have far more weight with the sick and afflicted than any amount of the so-called "testimonial" so conspicuously flaunted before the public by those who are afraid to let the ingredients of which their medicine are composed be known. Bear in mind that the "Golden Medical Discovery" has the name or name on every bottle wrapper, in a full list of its ingredients. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation, invigorate the liver and regulate stomach and bowels.

Dr. Pierce's great thousand-page illustrated Common Sense Medical Adviser will be sent free, paper-bound, or 21 cent stamps, or cloth-bound for \$1 stamps. Address Dr. Pierce as above.

Handle Blanks Wanted. E. Hill has leased the Dallas handle factory and wants to contract for blanks delivered at the factory. He will furnish bolter and pay \$18 for No. 1 axe blanks and \$10 for pin blanks. In his absence, call on D. J. Switzer for particulars.

Public Sale. On Saturday, September 1, I will sell at public auction, at my place one mile east of Rieckreall, the following described property: One fine work mare, one black gelding, four colts, 2 fine Cotswold bucks, binder, mower, seeder, rake, disc plow, sulkey plow, walking plow, harrows, wagon, harness, and other articles. Sale commences at 10 a. m. Free lunch will be served at noon. C. N. McARTHUR, Owner.

ENGINE FOR SALE. The OBSERVER office has for sale a Fairbanks-Morse gasoline engine, one and one-half horse power, with automatic spark attached. The engine has been used but little, and is in good condition. Our only object in selling it is that we desire to install an electric motor as soon as the new power station is completed. We cannot guarantee delivery of the engine before October 15. The outfit cost new \$155, but will be sold at a good bargain for cash. Here is an opportunity for some country publisher who cannot obtain electric power to get away from the hard work of kicking his job presses and turning his newspaper press by hand. The machine would be suitable for a farmer's purposes or for some small manufacturing concern. Call or write for price.

Notice to the Pupils of the Dallas Public Schools: In order to make preparation for the Industrial Fair in September, I would like to have the names of all pupils who intend to make an exhibit with the name of each article to be exhibited. I hope that all of our pupils have taken an interest in this and that we shall have an exhibition from district No. 2 that will enable us to win the piano. Be sure and send in your cards and I will write to each, giving instructions how to prepare your work for the fair. You may rest assured that if you bring in the vegetables, flowers, bread, cake, jellies, etc., that I will be prepared with a good committee to arrange them so that they will show to the best advantage. Yours truly, W. I. REYNOLDS.

An Odd Flower. Mrs. Anna Coad, of this city, is the possessor of one of the most remarkable plants known to the floral world—the night-blooming cereus. The plant belongs to the genus cactus and is peculiar in that its flowers endure only for part of a single night. The flowers bear some resemblance to a water lily in shape, and are almost snow-white in color. The buds begin to open soon after dark and the flowers usually reach their greatest perfection about midnight. An hour or so later they begin to close and before daylight drop from the stem. Surely, the night-blooming cereus is one of the flowers that are "born to blush unseen," and its sweetness would be wasted were it not for the fact that Mrs. Coad's neighbors often call at the house and watch these buds until a late hour that they may at last behold the flowers in their full fragrance and beauty.

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BUSINESS LOCALS.

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

Tent For Sale. New 8 by 10 tent for sale by Dr. M. Hayter.

Cook Wanted. Good cook wanted; will pay \$25 per month at this season, and not less than \$20 per month at any time. Inquire at OBSERVER office.

For Sale. Seven acres of land, improved, near Bridgeport. Inquire of D. D. BELL, Falls City, Or.

Girl Wanted. Girl wanted for general housework. Apply to Mrs. GEORGE E. JOHNSON.

Angora Bucks For Sale. Registered Angora Bucks for sale at farmers' prices. H. S. BUTZ, Dallas, Or.

Money to Loan. Loans at 6 per cent on First Mortgage Security. L. D. BROWN.

Wheat For Sale. Wheat for chicken feed or seed for sale at farm near Dallas. CLARENCE BROWN.

For Sale. 105 acre hill ranch, 3 miles north of Dallas with buildings and stock. CHAS. RHEUDE.

Notice. All who do not pay switch-board services will be required from this date to pay for telephone service outside of the city limits. Dated August 10, 1906. C. H. MORRIS, Manager Dallas Independent Telephone Exchange.

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