

# Polk County Observer

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



The first meeting of the railroad commission under the new rules was held Tuesday. The Salem, Dallas & Falls City road, per request of the commission, filed a formal request in writing, asking that the rates put into effect since January 1, be sanctioned, the law requiring that rates in effect on that date be the basis of consideration and that no change be allowed without 10 days' notice, advertising, etc. The commission will notify the road that it must restore the old rate and conform to the law.—Portland Telegram.

The above item is incorrect in every particular. The railroad company took up the matter of rates with the commission—not the commission with the railroad. The company simply petitioned the commissioners for a hearing for the purpose of obtaining a better understanding of the new rules and regulations and to adjust rates on a basis satisfactory to the board. The railroad company asked this upon its own responsibility and not upon complaint of any shipper. The commission granted the request and set a date for a meeting in Dallas, official notice of which will be found elsewhere in this paper. The Telegram's assertion that the commission will notify the company that it must "restore its old rate and conform to the law" is unjust to the company. While the injustice was doubtless unintentional, the item as it appeared in print was incorrect and misleading and placed the railroad company in an entirely wrong light before the people.

One action of the recent Congress, that of increasing the maximum salary of rural mail carriers to \$900 a year, will meet with universal approval. No class of men in the Government's employ work more faithfully than the rural mail carriers, and none have been so poorly paid. Every reasonable person will rejoice that these men are to be paid wages more nearly commensurate with the work performed.

Polk and Benton counties are hot over the new apportionment law, and with good reasons.—Portland Journal.

The Observer is nineteen years old today.

## DEPUTY CLERK RESIGNS

A. N. Holman Has Secured Position in a Leading Bank in Grant's Pass.

A. N. Holman, deputy clerk of Polk county two years under U. S. Loughary and two years under the administration of E. M. Smith, handed in his resignation, Wednesday, to take effect March 15. Mr. Holman has secured a position with the Grant's Pass Banking & Trust Company, one of the leading banks of Grant's Pass, Oregon, and will leave for his new field of duty about March 20.

Mr. Holman has had this change in contemplation for some time, the salary of the Deputy Clerk of Polk county not being sufficient to induce him to remain in the employ of the county. He is a man of fine clerical ability, and has had many years of experience in office work. He is an expert typewriter, a skilled penman and an accurate recorder of legal papers. His first experience in the Polk county courthouse was during the administration of County Clerk C. G. Coad, and he has filled many positions of responsibility for the county since that time. His only reason for resigning at this time is that the Southern Oregon banking institution has offered him a substantial increase in salary.

County Clerk Smith appointed A. F. Toner, of Dallas, as Deputy to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Holman's resignation, and the appointment was confirmed by the County Court immediately prior to adjournment yesterday morning. Mr. Toner is too well known in Polk county to need any introduction, and it is sufficient to say that Clerk Smith could have looked Polk county over and not found a more worthy and capable man for the place.

## GOVERNMENT'S CASE WEAK

Testimony Shows Hermann Followed Example of Predecessors in Destroying Letter Books.

The prosecution in the trial of Representative Hermann consumed much valuable time in a futile attempt to break down the evidence given by Elliott P. Hough, former private secretary to the defendant, which was most favorable to Hermann. Hough had been put on the stand by the prosecution with the expectation that his testimony would be damaging to the defendant and District Attorney Baker was incensed that he should give evidence so much in Hermann's favor as his statements that Hermann and John A. Benson, who is under indictment for alleged land frauds, were not good friends; that, if official letters got into Hermann's private books, it was through his fault; and that it had been the custom of all outgoing Commissioners previous to Hermann's time to take their private letterpress copy books with them. Christian H. Muller and Alexander E. Foster, who were messengers in the Land Office under Hermann and who destroyed the letterpress copy-books under his direction, testified to the part they had played. Mr. Muller received an order from Hermann three weeks before the latter retired to take the letterbooks, about 35 in number, from Hermann's private room into the corridor, where he and Mr. Foster tore the leaves out and returned the covers to Hermann's room. Later, by Hermann's order, Mr. Muller threw the covers away. No effort was made to conceal what was being done.

No system was followed in tearing out the leaves, many coming out entirely, while the edges of others were torn in half. The leaves were placed in a waste paper basket, which was sent to a special scrap-room and emptied. A contractor cleared this room, but how often, Mr. Muller could not say. Senator Teller testified that while he was Secretary of the Interior, he kept personal letter-books and in them he had entered some things relating to public affairs that he did not think should be put on the public records. In the books were letters of a confidential nature, giving him information for his personal use concerning the affairs of the department. There was no regulation, he said, requiring the books to be preserved, and he had taken them away with him.

Senator Carter, of Montana, testified that when he became Land Commissioner he did not find the private letterbooks of his predecessors in the office.

## FLOURING MILL SOLD

Sweeney Brothers Buy Dallas Plant of C. F. Hein & Company.

C. F. Hein & Company sold the Dallas flouring mill yesterday afternoon to J. L. Sweeney, of Salem, and J. W. Sweeney, recently from Ohio. The new firm will be known as Sweeney Brothers and will take possession of the mill next Monday. The sale includes the mill buildings, machinery and water rights. The price paid for the property was not made public.

J. W. Sweeney, who will superintend the operation of the mill, is a miller of 40 years' experience. His brother, J. L. Sweeney, will have charge of the business affairs of the firm. The two gentlemen come highly recommended and are certain to prove a strong business team. They are already planning to make many changes and improvements in the property. They ask the patronage of the people of Dallas and Polk county, guaranteeing fair treatment and first-class goods in return.

## BOUGHT FINE MARES

W. W. Percival Was Purchaser of Thoroughbred Clydesdales on Rowcliffe Farm.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., March 6.—(To the Editor)—The Observer was in error in stating that the thoroughbred Clydesdale fillies on the Rowcliffe place near Dallas were purchased by D. B. Taylor. They were purchased by the writer. The thoroughbred horse is my favorite, but so long as I am buying all classes of horses I could not resist the temptation to purchase those high-class fillies, as I did not want them to leave Polk County. There are very few registered Clyde fillies in the state of Oregon. Most farmers are satisfied with grades, but it will pay every farmer to keep one or more pure-bred draft mares on the farm, for good prices have come to stay for heavy horses and we are not raising enough to fill the demand. It is almost impossible to find a good five or six year old horse. Nearly all have been sold.

W. W. PERCIVAL.

## MORE ROLLING STOCK

Dallas and Falls City Railroad Places Order For Locomotive and Cars.

Another heavy locomotive has been ordered for the mountain division of the Dallas and Falls City railroad and will be added to the equipment of the road as soon as the factory can build it. General Manager L. Gerlinger, Jr., informs us that an order has been placed with the Lima Locomotive and Machine Works, of Lima, Ohio, for the big engine and that it will be delivered early in May.

The new Shay locomotive will weigh 55 tons and will be of the very latest pattern turned out by this well-known Eastern factory. It will be sufficiently strong to pull the heaviest trains over the mountain grades with ease. The contract price of the new locomotive is \$10,000.

The 37½ ton Shay engine now in use on the mountain division will be held in reserve after the arrival of the new locomotive, and will be used in pulling extra trains or at such times as the new machine may be laid off for repairs. With these two engines in commission, the road will never lack for motive power in moving their heavy logging trains from the mountains to connect with the valley division at Falls City.

Mr. Gerlinger is also arranging for the purchase of six additional box cars, and will place the order with the factory having the facilities to make the earliest delivery. The road is already well equipped with flat cars and it is probable that no orders for the latter class of rolling stock will be necessary for some time.

It will be of interest to many to learn that the Dallas and Falls City railroad has more cars per mile of roadbed than any other railroad in Oregon. The road is 13 miles long, and the number of cars is 60—an average of nearly five cars per mile. Some of the larger roads have less than half this number per mile. The company owns and operates four locomotives at the present time.

The surveyors are now making the final location for the line from Black Rock, (the present western terminus), to the summit of the Coast mountains, and work on the roadbed will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. The distance from Black Rock to the summit is about six miles and the extension will tap one of the finest bodies of timber in Oregon.

## CRESCENTS DEFEAT DALLAS.

The Crescent basketball team of Evanston, Illinois, defeated the Dallas College five by a score of 18 to 14, Tuesday night. Dallas was in the lead, 9 to 8, at the end of the first half, but, by swift playing and the aid of an interested referee, the Illinois team won out in the final score. With Morton out of the game and Launer suffering from a sprained ankle, the Dallas boys were not able to put up much of a fight against their skillful opponents. Craven held his man down to one basket, but was kept so busy in doing so that he didn't have time to throw but one basket himself. The largest crowd of the winter witnessed the contest. A number of Dallas people went to Corvallis on Wednesday night and saw the O. A. C. team defeat the Crescents by a score of 38 to 32.

## A BARGAIN

For Saturday, March 9, only. A high grade round pointed shovel for 40 cents at Guy Brothers.

## FRANK J. CHENEY

Notary Public. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Sold by Druggists, Free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

## BUSINESS LOCALS.

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

For Sale. Two good lots and 6-room house, three blocks east of courthouse, on Court street, in Dallas. For particulars apply to S. R. KENNEDY.

Horse For Sale. Good work horse for farm or hop-yard; 10 years old, weighs 1300 or 1400 pounds. Price, \$100. H. G. CAMPBELL.

Horses Wanted. Five teams of horses, heavy teams for logging. Will buy or hire. Apply to Camp No. 3, on the LaCreole. STANDARD LOG CO.

Walnut Trees For Sale. English walnut trees for sale. J. E. BREZLEY, Dallas, Or.

Fir Wood Wanted. From 200 to 500 cords of dry fir wood wanted. Apply to Salem, Falls City & Western Railway Co.

Dry Slabwood For Sale. The Willamette Valley Lumber Company has some fine dry slab wood for sale cheap; also 16-inch slabs and block wood.

Fine Chickens for Sale. I have a few fine White Wyandotte cockerels for sale which are from the Duston-Hallock stock. Come to J. C. Stingley for them, Dallas, Ore.

For Sale or Trade. House and lot in Salem to sell or trade for Dallas property. Harris the Jeweler.

Help Wanted. Wanted, an active married man and his wife for farm and dairy work. F. E. LYNS, Amity, Or., R. F. D. 2.

Girl Wanted. Wanted, girl to go to Portland for general housework. Apply to J. H. Hollister, at Campbell & Hollister's.

Piano For Sale. A \$500 piano for sale for \$285. Used but little, and practically as good as new. Call, or write to Mrs. Lottie Hedges Dorris, Independence, Or.

For Sale. For sale, a good 2-seat hack, or will trade for cordwood or a cow. What have you to offer? L. A. DICKINSON, Rickreall.

Shakes For Sale. Shakes for sale at Pedee mill, on good county road. Inquire of J. V. ROSCO at the mill.

For Sale. Five-room cottage, centrally located, first-class condition. Apply to A. N. HOLMAN, Dallas, Oregon.

SPECIAL SALE. On Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9, we will sell all graniteware at greatly reduced prices to close out all stock on hand as we have ordered new and complete stock direct from the factory. Remember the date. GUY BROTHERS.

Wagon For Sale. Good 3½ farm wagon for sale. DR. MARK HAYTER, Dallas, Or.

Brick For Sale. Thirty thousand second-hand brick for sale cheap. Inquire of WILLAMETTE VALLEY CO., Dallas.

For Sale. Five room house, in good repair, two large lots and barn in Dallas. Good terms. Apply at this office.

For Sale. 88 acres good hop land, with spring on same. Apply at this office.

Desks Wanted. Twenty-five second-hand school desks wanted. C. L. STARR, Dallas.

# Extra Special Values in Men's Suits and Overcoats.

Are to be had here every day in the week—values that are unmatched. You will find upon investigating that our prices are appreciably lower than other stores ask for the same class garments and that our style assortment is larger. But it is not the saving of money that should interest you in our offering of

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Men's and Young Men's Overcoats at \$12 to \$20.

## PAJAMAS

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To do the family washing at home. When you figure up the cost of water, soap, starch, extra fire and time, and most of all the mess and trouble that it makes, and compare it with our price of 6 cents a pound, washed, starched and dried and 25 cents a dozen for flat pieces, you will see that you can't afford to wash at home. Send your washing to the

Dallas Steam Laundry  
Phones: Mutual, 197, Bell, 203

## The Dallas Harness Shop

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Having succeeded to the business of L. M. Pollock, we invite all his old customers to come to the old stand. We also invite all our friends to come and see us at our new quarters. We will make it our duty as well as a pleasure to welcome you all. Our aim will be to carry complete all the lines formerly carried by Mr. Pollock, and we will add to these lines a complete line of mens' wear, clothing, hats and all men's furnishings, and we ask a share of your trade in these lines. We will give you first-class goods and at prices that will please you. We are expecting our new spring goods in all the above lines in a few days and solicit a share of your patronage, and we assure all a cordial welcome and fair treatment. Our aim will be to please you in every way. Yours for trade,

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Mrs. J. F. Cox, 30 Grand Street, Boston, Mass., says: "In 23 years experience I have known Hood's Sarsaparilla to fail for spring medicine and as a general blood purifier. It cures scrofula, eczema, has no equal as a general spring medicine. It gives me genuine satisfaction to say this."

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