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Mrs. Dr. Tyler Smith, of Sheridan, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. J. Craven.

Orders given on any store in town engaged in other lines of business, in exchange for farm produce, at Loughary's grocery store.

Come and see Cherrington's latest pictorial effects, carbons and the like, and if you want a fine photograph, sit before his 3-A Dallmeyer lens.

W. R. Craven arrived in Dallas, Saturday, from a business trip to the Coos Bay country. He will return to his ranch on Salmon River in a few days.

Wood choppers and wood contractors wanted to cut wood for the Salem, Falls City & Western Ry. Co. Apply to the General Manager's office, Dallas, Or.

The Dallas-Salem stage now arrives in Dallas daily at 3 p. m., connecting with the 3:20 passenger train for Falls City; also connects with the northbound train at Derry.

New plumbing supplies of all kinds at G. W. Vaughn's. Call up Mutual Phone 1337 when you want the best plumbing and tinning. Estimates on all work cheerfully furnished.

Mrs. G. M. Hall, a talented elocutionist of St. Johns, Oregon, attended the oratorical contest in Dallas, Friday night. While in this city, she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Johnson and Miss Lillian McVicker.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Polk county will hold a county convention in Dallas, May 14 and 15, in the auditorium of the Methodist church. Miss Hammond, of the Chicago School of Oratory, will read before the convention.

At Champoeg next Thursday, May 2, will be celebrated the 64th anniversary of the birth of American civil government on the Pacific coast. Hon. F. X. Matthieu, the only surviving signer of the treaty, still hale and hearty, will be the guest of honor.

March was a crackerjack for big figures for butter-fat: Maple Leaf, 35c per pound; Clover Leaf, 32.2c; Pleasant Valley, 35c; Tillamook Creamery, 37c. How's that for profitable dairying? This is the highest price ever paid for butter fat in Tillamook.—Headlight.

The Knights of Pythias have set May 15 for the date on which to dedicate their new hall. Invitations are to be issued to other lodges in this vicinity and to the grand officers. Prominent Knights throughout the valley and several of the grand officers are expected to be in attendance. May 15 will be a red letter day for the Knights of Pythias in Independence.—West Side.

County Commissioners' Court

Printing, the kind that pays, at the Observer office.

William Ellis, of Falls City, is a Dallas visitor today.

Subscribe for the Observer and get the news while it is news.

The newly elected city officers will take their seats next Monday.

Moray Athey is up from Portland for a few days' visit with friends.

T. J. Card is dangerously ill at his home at Oakdale and little hope is entertained of his recovery.

Miss Ollie Coulter, of Sheridan Junction, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Simpson and children are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Pillar.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Johnson went to Brownsville, Saturday, to attend a family reunion and visit friends for a few days.

W. V. Fuller has purchased a lot from T. J. Hayter in South Dallas and will put up a neat dwelling house this summer.

R. E. Williams, H. Hirschberg and Dr. O. D. Butler will leave for Los Angeles, Thursday, to attend the big meeting of the Mystic Shriners.

Mrs. Ed Tedrow is seriously ill at her home in this city. The family recently moved to Dallas from the Luckiamute country and are living in the Poling residence.

The churches of Dallas will unite in a union temperance service in the United Evangelical church on Sunday evening, May 5. The address will be delivered by Rev. A. C. Corbin, of the Christian church. There will be special music. It is desired that all lovers of temperance attend this service.

The girls of the Young Women's Christian Association of the College will give a May-day festival on the lawn, May 1, from 5 to 7:30 p. m. A program appropriate for the season will be rendered and a supper served. Watch for the poster in Staffin's window for the menu. Everybody invited.

Rev. D. Julian Becker will leave today for a visit to San Francisco and Oakland. E. L. Jones, of Albany, winner of the oratorical contest in Dallas last Friday night, will occupy the pulpit in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning. Rev. Becker will return home a week from next Saturday.

A. D. Pettyjohn has just finished his ferry boat at Hall's ferry, and as soon as the road in Polk county is sufficiently repaired to admit of travel, the ferry boat will begin operations. There are two bridges somewhat out of repair and a few other minor troubles which will probably be adjusted within a week.—Statesman.

While helping to unload the circus outfit from the cars Sunday afternoon, one of the workmen was struck by a wagon tongue and thrown violently to the ground. It was at first feared that he had been seriously injured, but examination proved that he had suffered nothing worse than a few severe bruises, and he was soon able to resume work.

DESTROYED BY FIRE

Home of Mrs. D. K. Brannon on Dallas Road Consumed by Flames.

The home of Mrs. D. K. Brannon, located on the Dallas road at a distance of about three-quarters of a mile from the steel bridge, was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon at about 2 o'clock. On account of the rapid progress of the fire, the neighbors who rescued a part of the household goods were unable to reach the second story and most of the furniture in that part of the house was consumed by the raging flames. Most of the furniture on the first floor, consisting of a piano and other articles of furniture were saved.

The loss is estimated between \$3000 and \$5000 and was covered by \$1000 insurance in the Fire Relief Association of McMinnville. The neighbors were very helpful to Mrs. Brannon, who is thankful for the efforts made by them during the fire. The fire is said to have caught from a defective flue on the second floor.—Salem Statesman.

BIG CROWD AT CIRCUS

Thousands of Visitors Attend Performances of Norris & Rowe's Show in Dallas.

The Norris & Rowe combined circus and dog and pony show gave two exhibitions in Dallas yesterday. The attendance was large at each performance, the crowd in the afternoon being estimated at fully 4000 people. Many visitors came in from the Luckiamute country by special motor, the Falls City trains were heavily laden with people, and a large number of farmers drove in with their families and enjoyed the big show. The weather was perfect, the sun shining brightly all day, with just enough sea breeze to make the air refreshing. The circus tents were pitched in the Kirkpatrick field north of town. The spread of canvas covered nearly four acres of ground.

The performance was given in two rings and on an elevated stage. The numerous acts, whose not given on as large a scale as those of the big three-ring shows, were pleasing to the audience. The bareback riding was up to the usual average, and some of the high trapeze work was skillfully performed. The best features of the program were the acts of two tight-rope artists and three men on the horizontal bars. The clowns were few in number and provoked little merriment; in fact, they hardly worked fast enough to keep warm. The hippodrome races were fast and exciting.

Norris & Rowe have the nucleus for a good menagerie, the few animals they have being fine specimens of their respective kinds. The circus also carries the usual sideshow features.

Taken as a whole, the Norris & Rowe show furnishes a satisfactory entertainment. When the fact is taken into consideration that this circus was almost destroyed by the California earthquake, the enterprising young proprietors are entitled to much credit for getting their property in as good shape as it is so soon after the wreck.