

**Polk County Observer**

L. Garbner, Jr., was a business visitor in Newberg, Tuesday.

Hon. J. A. Stark, of Eugene, was a visitor in Dallas, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Opal McDevitt went to Portland, Wednesday, for a week's visit among friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roy, of Salem, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roy in Dallas, Wednesday.

J. J. Levek, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser, of Lewisville, was a business visitor in Dallas, Wednesday.

O. L. Hubbard returned from Portland, Tuesday, where he has been serving on the United States trial jury.

Charles Maxfield, of Airle, was in Dallas, Wednesday, on his way home from an extended business visit in Forest Grove.

E. L. Collins, of Arleta, came from Portland, Tuesday, for a week's visit at the home of his parents, Hon. and Mrs. J. L. Collins.

J. L. Blodgett has recovered nicely from the effects of the injuries received in a runaway a few weeks ago, and was able to be out on the streets, Tuesday.

School Superintendent H. C. Seymour went to Falls City on business Wednesday. He spent the first part of the week in visiting the schools in the vicinity of Sheridan.

The second basketball team of Dallas College is showing up well in practice, and if games can be arranged it is probable that they will play many hot preliminaries during the coming season.

Oscar Hayter attended the annual meeting and banquet of the Oregon Bar Association this week, where he served on the committee on nominations. He reports an interesting and profitable session.

W. D. Matthews, who recently sold his wood business to the Bowman Brothers, will move immediately to farmland in Marion county, where he has 250 acres of fine farming land along the Santiam river. His nephew, Laurence Matthews, will remain in Dallas.

The management of the Colosseum skating rink has completed arrangements for a novel skating party to be given on the evening of Thanksgiving. Single skaters will be barred from the rink on that occasion and during the entire session the rink will be given to couples only. Mr. Kerslake says that he has sent to Portland for a new list of pieces for the big organ, and a complete change of music may be expected at that time.

Clarence Lee, of Bridgeport, was a Dallas visitor yesterday.

Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick went to Portland yesterday for a visit with relatives.

Charles Bilyeu was called to Albany, Wednesday, by the news of the serious illness of his aged father.

J. A. Roscoe, a machinist of McMinnville, was in Dallas yesterday, visiting his friend, Lee Smith.

Ten or 15 empty oak barrels for sale at a bargain by Matthews & Chappell, at Falls City; just the thing for farm use.

Willis Simonton has been severely ill for more than a week but is now able to be at his place in the store once more.

County Clerk E. M. Smith issued license to wed this week to M. F. Muff and Laura A. Way; J. R. Rankin and Paula Ghorke.

J. D. Barbour, of Marion, one of the most extensive dairy farmers in Oregon, was a business visitor in Dallas and Falls City yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lane have gone to Portland for a short visit. Mrs. Lane will visit friends and relatives, and Mr. Lane will work at his trade as an expert engraver during the holidays in Portland.

Do not fail to attend the Chrysanthemum Fair and Bazaar given by the women of the Presbyterian church, at the Woodman Hall this afternoon and evening. A good 25-cent supper will be served, beginning at 5:30 o'clock, and an excellent program will be rendered. The young women of the Utopian Literary Society will repeat the amusing comedy, "The Milkmaids' Convention," which they played so successfully at their program Wednesday night.

The heavy rains of the past week have revived the slough which flows through the southern part of Dallas, and upon which the Willamette Valley Lumber Company depends to keep its mill pond replenished. Should the rainy period continue unremitted for a few days more, the water in the pond will soon reach its old level, and much of the annoyance caused by the long drought of the summer will be obviated.

Mrs. Belle Waterman-Findley will speak at the Christian church in this city at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, on "The Human Body a Temple." She delivered this lecture in Independence and Monmouth, Sunday, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. and comes to Dallas highly recommended by all who had the privilege of hearing her upon these occasions. It is believed that her lecture, which deals with the important, though much neglected questions of purity and temperance, will be most beneficial, and will be greatly appreciated by all who choose to attend it.

Roscoe Ballantyne went to Dayton yesterday for a week's visit.

Orrie Savery has recovered from a long siege of typhoid fever and is now able to be up and around once more.

A. W. Fletcher, a prominent farmer and hop raiser of the Buell neighborhood, was a business visitor in Dallas yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tatom returned yesterday from a six weeks' visit among friends and relatives in Seattle and Portland.

Phillip Hoisington and family, of Chard, Washington, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Hoisington's sister, Mrs. N. C. Brown. They will make their home in Dallas in future.

The open program of the Utopian Literary Society, given at the College Chapel, Wednesday evening, was very successful and great credit is certainly deserved by the young women who took part in it, for the care and originality shown in its preparation. The short comedy, "The Milkmaids' Convention," which formed a part of the evening's entertainment, was excellently played and evoked hearty applause.

Miss Louise Collins, who has been employed in Lowengart's wholesale millinery establishment in Portland for several months, was struck by a runaway team while returning from her work, to her boarding place at the Y. W. C. A., Wednesday evening, and painfully injured. She was taken to the hospital at once, and when the news was received by her relatives in Dallas, she was in no danger and resting easily.

The Polk County Sunday School Convention held in Dallas, Monday and Tuesday, was most successful, and delegates from all parts of the county attended. The officers elected for the coming year were: J. G. Van Orsdel, President; H. H. Dunkelberger, vice-president; and Mrs. Bonnie Smith, secretary. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. M. M. Jones were chosen as delegates to the State Convention to be held in Forest Grove in May, 1908, and it was decided to hold the next county convention in Independence.

Mrs. Nancy Harris, of Oak Grove, died of heart failure, Monday, November 18, at the age of 85 years. Mrs. Harris was the widow of Hugh Harris, and came to Oregon from Illinois, her native state, in 1853. She had lived on the farm near Oak Grove ever since coming to this state. The funeral services were held Tuesday morning, at the Oak Grove church, after which the body was taken to Salem for burial. "Grandma" Harris counted many friends among the people of Polk county, and the death of this aged pioneer woman is universally regretted.

Ray Craven was a business visitor in Portland yesterday.

N. M. McDaniel, of Portland, is in Dallas today on business.

Henry Byerley, of Ballston, was a business visitor in Dallas yesterday.

Frank McDonald, of Portland, is visiting friends and relatives in Dallas.

Dr. O. D. Butler, of Independence, was in Dallas, Thursday and Friday, on business.

Mrs. Oscar Hayter entertained about eighteen members of the Order of Eastern Star at her home Wednesday afternoon. An enjoyable social hour was spent in an informal way, and refreshments were served.

T. A. Riggs, proprietor of the Monmouth skating rink, has arranged to give a masked skating carnival Tuesday night, November 26. His skating rink, although not so large as the one in this city, has an excellent floor, and is well equipped with new skates. Maskers are already planning to drive over from Dallas, and if Salem, Independence and Riekrall respond to the occasion with equally large parties the floor will probably be crowded to its full capacity.

This week has been the dulllest one that has passed in the County Clerk's office since the beginning of the holidays. Only two deeds have been recorded since Monday, although, according to the real estate agents in Dallas, there have been almost as many changes in real estate as ever before. It seems that the parties in these transactions are putting off the recording of the deeds until there shall come a break in the monotonous chain of legal holidays. When they do begin to come in, however, it will probably remind the workers in the courthouse of the deluge, or something of a similar nature.

The "city garage," as people have been accustomed, whimsically, to call it, was made ready Wednesday, and the new road roller was run into it for storage during the coming season of wet weather. The half of the new building not occupied by the big machine, will be partitioned off and fitted up to serve as the city jail. This will be a decided improvement over the old "calaboose," as it was so located in the city hall that it was a difficult matter to secure good ventilation and to keep it clean. Also inmates could, and often did cause considerable annoyance to visitors in the reading room, by giving vent to all manner of coarse and ribald language. The location and arrangement of the new city jail will obviate all of these difficulties.

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Professor Raymond says that the trip was of great benefit to him as a teacher, as he met all of the leading teachers of the United States and learned all that is new in the graceful art of dancing. He says that the new three-step and also the half-step are dances that are sure to prove popular, and that they have come to stay along with the waltz, two-step and schottische. He is anxious to form an advanced class in these two new dances, and a beginners' class in the waltz and two-step.

The Professor is well known all over this state, having taught in the valley towns for several years. He conducted a dancing school in Corvallis for three years with great success. He will organize his classes in Dallas as soon as he can secure a hall, and young people who are desirous of learning more of the art of dancing, should not overlook this excellent opportunity to receive instruction in all that is new and popular.

**Program at Colosseum Rink.**

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