

## Polk County Observer

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The way to build up Dallas is to pat-  
ronize Dallas people.



### CITY TAX LEVY.

For probably the first time in Dallas history, the city council will find itself facing a deficit at the beginning of the year. The treasury is now empty, and there is something over \$1200 in warrants outstanding and unpaid. As no taxes will be received on the new roll before next March, the deficit will probably reach the sum of \$2000 by that time, as the city will receive little revenue in the next three months aside from \$600 saloon license.

This deficit will have to be provided for in the new tax levy, if the council is to pursue the old-fashioned policy of carrying no indebtedness from one year to the next. It has been the usual custom to make each year's receipts pay for the year's expenses, unless some emergency arose to cause the council to spend more than the estimated amount of expenditures. As no such emergency has arisen in the last two years, it is evident that the council has not limited expenses to the receipts and that the city has been steadily running behind in spite of the excessive levy of last year.

If the deficit is to be wiped out, the rock-crusher indebtedness cared for, and the running expenses of the city provided for, it is highly probable that the levy for the coming year will even exceed that of last year, although the new method of assessment gives the city a total property valuation of \$725,000.

Examination of the figures showing the city levies for the last ten years, printed elsewhere in this paper, will show that prior to 1906 the average annual tax was a little less than 6 mills, raising in the neighborhood of \$1800 a year. The 4-mill tax last year raised \$2800. The revenue from saloon licenses prior to 1906 averaged less than \$1000 a year. The present revenue from saloons is \$2400 a year.

The foregoing figures have nothing to do with the water tax, as the revenue needed for paying principal and interest is raised by a special levy. A fixed amount of money has to be raised each year for this purpose, and the water levy is steadily decreasing as the bonds are being paid off. Three of the bonds have already been called in, and the city is now paying interest on only \$12,000 instead of \$15,000, the latter being the original amount of the bonds.

The figures printed in today's OBSERVER are worthy of the careful perusal of every taxpayer in Dallas, and we believe that even the members of the council will find them interesting and profitable. That is why we print them.

### THE DALLAS GOAT SHOW.

The annual Angora Goat Show is to be held at Dallas, Oregon, January 15, 16 and 17, 1908. The Dallas show has long been notable for making the finest annual show of Angora goats made in Oregon, and for that matter in the United States. It is held at the season of the year when Angora goats are at their best. It has done a great deal to advance the standard of Angoras in Polk and adjoining counties, and to keep up interest in the improvement of goats in Oregon. Its value in an advertising way, for Polk County Angoras in particular and Oregon Angoras in general, can hardly be over-estimated. There is not a breeder of Angora goats in the United States who takes intelligent interest in the industry who has not heard and read about the Dallas shows. We hope to see this show steadily grow in importance and become more and more a state show. From the start competition has been open to all comers. The breeders of Polk County will welcome competitors from every part of the state and from other states.—Rural Northwest.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Wright died at her home in Falls City yesterday at the age of 76 years. The funeral was held at the Methodist Church in Falls City today. Mrs. Wright is the grandmother of Roy and Frank McMurphy, and is well-known and universally respected among the people of Falls City and vicinity.

### 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. It is a very active evil, making havoc of the whole system.

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

### MRS. WILLIAM RIDDELL DEAD

Wife of Polk County Commissioner Passes Away After Long Illness.

Mrs. William Riddell died at the family home near Monmouth last Saturday, after a long illness. Her death was caused by a complication of kidney and stomach troubles.

Mrs. Riddell, whose maiden name was Mary Ray, was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, July 3, 1851. She moved with her parents to Cananda four years later. She was married to William Riddell in 1870, and in the same year came with her husband to Oregon. The young couple settled in Linn county, and after living there for seven years, moved to a farm near Monmouth, where they made their permanent home.

Dying at the age of 56 years, after a life of earnest and useful endeavor, Mrs. Riddell left many friends to mourn her departure. She was a woman of kind and lovable qualities, and all who knew her feel that in her death they have lost a true friend and neighbor, one whose blameless life and good example were a power for untold good. The sympathy of the people of Polk county goes out to the bereaved husband and family in their sad loss.

The biggest hop transaction of the year is reported from Independence, where C. A. McLaughlin sold 1400 bales to John Carmichael last Friday at 7 cents a pound.

### BUSINESS LOCALS.

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

**Wanted on Shares.**  
100 or 125 goats. Inquire at OBSERVER office.

**Business Notice.**  
I will be ready for business in the line of blacksmith work and implement dealing, on January 2, 1908. My place of business is one half block east of the skating rink.  
FRED WAGNER.

12-13-07.

**Lost.**  
Lost on Levens or Oak streets, a gold brooch, with single opal setting. Finder will please return to OBSERVER office.  
12-10-07

**Shingles For Sale.**  
A carload of Star A Star shingles received this week by the SOBREN WAREHOUSE CO.  
10-1-07

**Potatoes For Sale.**  
First class potatoes for sale at 75 cents per 100 lbs. at my Salt Creek ranch. A. R. BROWN, Mutual Phone, Dallas.  
12-10-07

**For Sale.**  
Registered and unregistered Berkshire pigs. J. J. LEVECK, Lewisville, Oregon. Address Monmouth, R. F. D.  
11-22-07

**Farm For Sale.**  
Good 300-acre dairy and stock farm, two miles from railroad; good grass and farming land; plenty of running water; good house and barn and sheds. Call on or address JAMES A. GIBSON, Sheridan, Or. R. F. D. 1.  
8-10-07

**For Sale.**  
One good dark bay gelding. Will weigh 1100 or better, and is sound. Will drive or work single or double. Good single harness and top buggy. All goes cheap. Barham & Winslow Real Estate Office. Mutual phone 1216, Dallas, Ore.  
12-3-07

**Photographs.**  
Now is the time, while your Fall suits are new, to get your photograph ready for Christmas. Your family groups and babes. If you want your friends to know you really appreciate them, remember them with a nice photograph of yourself or family.  
11-15-07 T. J. CHERRINGTON.

**Wood For Sale.**  
Do you need wood? We want to remind you that the block wood from the Willamette Valley Lumber Company's sawmill is the best and cheapest wood you can buy. \$1.75 per load, delivered. Mutual phone 1407, or leave orders at Webster's confectionery store.  
11-22-07. BOWMAN BROS.

**Collections!**  
I have now been in the collecting business for about two months. My success has been uniformly good, and I have secured a large list of patrons during this time. Every effort will be made to insure promptness and thoroughness in my work, and the commission charged will be nominal. I respectfully solicit your patronage in the future, and promise the best service possible.  
L. D. BUTLER, Dallas, Oregon.

**NEVER-FAIL OIL CAN.**

The Never-Fail Oil and Gasoline Can—air tight—will not leak nor spill—will take all the oil out of can and will run oil from lamp back to can. Money back if not satisfied.  
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## CITY TAX LEVIES FOR LAST TEN YEARS

Some Figures That Every Taxpayer in Dallas Should Read and Consider—Levies Go Up as Valuation Increases.

YEAR	TAXABLE PROPERTY	LEVY	TOTAL TAX	SALOON LICENSE	TOTAL RECEIPT
1896	\$342,340	5 mills	\$1,712	\$ 200	\$1,912
1897	\$310,450	"	\$1,862	\$ 300	\$2,162
1898	\$287,340	"	\$1,436	\$ 700	\$2,136
1899	\$259,108	"	\$1,813	\$ 600	\$2,413
1900	\$282,215	7	\$1,269	\$ 600	\$1,869
1901	\$234,097	"	\$1,404	\$ 600	\$2,004
1902	\$286,620	"	\$2,006	\$ 600	\$2,606
1903	\$261,320	"	\$1,567	\$ 600	\$2,167
1904	\$297,690	"	\$1,786	\$1400	\$3,186
1905	\$305,420	"	\$1,832	\$1500	\$3,332
1906	\$700,570	4.1	\$2,872	\$2400	\$5,272

The above figures do not show the receipts from fines and miscellaneous sources, which will average from \$500 to \$1000 a year. The saloon license was raised to \$600 a year in 1905. The amount of license now paid annually by the saloons is \$2400, a sum greater than the entire revenue of the city a few years ago. Prior to 1905, the license was only \$400 a year, and there was seldom more than two saloons in the city.

It will be noticed that the total valuation of taxable property last year was over \$700,000. This immense sum was over twice as large as the valuations of former years, and was the result of the new method of assessing property at its full valuation. It will be seen that the 4.1-mill levy made by the council was equal to nearly 10 mills when compared with the former levies on low property valuations.

Harry Starr, of Falls City, was a business visitor in Dallas today.

Chris Stafrin is almost recovered from an attack of appendicitis, but will not return to his work in Portland before the first of the year.

School Clerk H. G. Campbell has just completed the school census for the Dallas district, and finds that there are 652 children of school age.

A fresh assortment of the famous Gunther candles at Stafrin's Drug Store.

### Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Fred M. McElfresh, deceased, has filed her final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, and that Wednesday, the 15th day of January, 1908, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court room of the said County Court in the City of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by the Judge of said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

GETRUE E. McELFRESH,  
Administratrix of the estate of Fred M. McElfresh, deceased.

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Stands, Pedestals, Foot Stools, Etc.

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# His Christmas



What are you going to get him for Christmas? Nearly everybody has a "him" or two to buy for. We cater only to "hims." Perhaps our suggestions will aid you to get him just what he needs and just what will please him. If you can't find something suitable for his Christmas here, where in the world would you expect to find it?

More suggestions—Dress Vests, pair Florsheim Shoes, Shirt Protectors, Pajamas, etc., etc.

Every article fairly and rightly priced. No fancy figures. We'll put aside anything you select and keep perfectly "mum" about it until Santa Claus time.

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