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WE wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and take this occasion to thank you for the generous help you have given us that has enabled us to build our business to what it is.

On November, 7 1903, we began the Hardware business with a total stock of \$2000 occupying a floor space of 1000 square feet.

In January, 1905, we added the plumbing and tinning department to our hardware business, and on January 1, 1906, added another department, that of furniture, by the purchase of the Kerslake stock. This needing more floor space we leased the entire Kirkpatrick building, which we now occupy with the addition of a large warehouse for each department.

We now have a total floor space of over 9000 square feet, over 9 times the space we had in the beginning. We now employ regularly ten people to look after this business; five times as many as we had in the beginning, and we are now doing more than ten times the business we did in 1904, and believe that in 1908 we will do 15 times as much as we did in 1904.

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SOME ACTUAL RESULTS

A Few Facts of Production in Oregon That Read Like Fairy Tales.

The following items of interest, taken from the Salem Statesman's New Year number, will give an idea of what is being done by our prosperous farmers. It is such items as these that will make up the "One Thousand Facts of Production," soon to be given wide circulation in the Eastern states:

None of the farmers around Monmouth have made less than \$100 an acre on green fruit since the evaporator was built.

M. N. Bowman, of Monmouth, netted \$1400 from 10 acres of prunes.

C. E. Hanna, of Independence, realized \$3000 from a 27-acre orchard in spite of a very light pear crop.

W. J. Crawford, of Zena, milked 10 cows in the dry month of July, and his creamery check was \$76.16.

C. A. Templeton profits from poultry on an eight-acre tract in West Salem, have enabled him to buy and pay for 20 acres more.

C. A. Clark, of eastern Polk, will realize over \$1000 from one acre of celery.

B. Southwick raised 800 crates of strawberries on his Eola hill farm and sold them at \$1 a crate.

J. Imlah's cabbage patch in the Willamette river bottom yielded five tons to the acre.

J. B. Stump, of Monmouth, threshed 8000 bushels of oats from 140 acres, an average of 57 bushels to the acre.

When B. I. Ferguson finished marketing the cherries from his orchard of less than two acres, the Salem cannery gave him a check for \$1385. His total income from 10 acres of land in 1907 was \$1800.

William Morrow, of Rickreall, sells his cream to Portland creameries and realizes from \$75 to \$80 a year on each cow.

Charles E. Brooks, of Rickreall, finds that his cows yield him an average of \$75 each per year.

H. G. Campbell, of Dallas, has netted over \$500 each year on a prune orchard of 10 acres.

W. M. Elliott, of Dallas, cleared \$4300 on his 45 acres of prunes last year.

R. L. Chapman, of Dallas, has 40 acres of Italian prunes and made over \$4000 on his crop in 1907.

The Eans sisters, of Dallas, converted a 13-acre fern patch into a prune orchard, and received over \$2000 for the crop last year, besides a good sum from berries and grapes. Gooseberries, currants and strawberries paid for the land with their second crop, and gave the family a living while the 13 acres of prunes were growing.

J. B. Shepard, of Zena, picked \$500 worth of cherries from one acre of trees. The fruit on one tree brought \$30.

Interesting reading, isn't it? And these are only a few out of hundreds of such items that might be printed about Polk county. And the best feature of all is that every statement made can be proven. Come West, young man!

MID-YEAR RECEPTION

Dallas College Students Delightfully Entertained by Members of Faculty.

In addition to the student body many friends and alumni of Dallas College attended the annual mid-year reception given by the members of the faculty, Friday night.

Professor Metzger acted as master of ceremonies, and when the occasion demanded, led the students in the college yell with as much enthusiasm as the most hilarious Junior in the assembly could have shown. Dr. Mock in an address of mingled pleasantry and seriousness welcomed the students to the beginning of the new term's work, and bade them enjoy themselves to the utmost "for," he said with a smile, "you will probably find the faculty in a better humor tonight than they may ever be again." After two instrumental solos rendered by Professor Caldwell, and by Miss Ada Longnecker, one of the students in the music department, the remainder of the evening was given over to social amusement.

Near the close of the evening, light refreshments were served. By request, readings were given by Miss Gertrude Phelps and by Alphas Boyd, and after singing a verse of the college song, and giving the college yell with hearty good-will, the students and guests bade their entertainers good night.

W. R. Palmer returned Sunday to Corvallis, where he will resume his work in the agricultural College after spending a two weeks' vacation at the home of his parents in Dallas.

Miss Bertha Collins left this morning for Grants Pass where she will visit for a few weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Collins.

CANNERY FOR DALLAS

Farmers Meet and Organize to Secure Greatly Needed Industry in Polk County.

At the meeting of the Horticultural Society, held at the Court House, Saturday, the first steps were taken toward founding what will prove, if carried out, to be one of the most valuable industries ever established in this city—an up-to-date fruit cannery.

It had been the intention of H. S. Butz, the president of the association, to call the meeting for a date somewhat later in the month, but learning that Colonel Hofer, of Salem, and J. R. Shepard, of Spring Valley, were to be in Dallas, Saturday, on their campaign for 1000 facts of production from the Willamette Valley, he called the meeting for that time, so as to be able to secure these two prominent men, both of whom are experts on the subject of canneries, to address the meeting, and if possible, start a movement in favor of establishing such an industry in Dallas.

Both Mr. Hofer and Mr. Shepard spoke to the farmers and fruit raisers who were present, explaining the cannery business at length, and answering any questions asked concerning the various phases of the business. Within a radius of five miles of Dallas, they said, there is enough fruit raised now to support a medium sized cannery through every month of the summer except the season of small fruits.

Raspberries, loganberries, etc., have not yet been planted in very large amounts near here, and during the season in which they would be in bearing, it would probably be necessary to either close the cannery or ship fruit from outside.

These conditions would not last for more than two or three seasons, however, as the farmers about Dallas would plant small fruits immediately when they found that the cannery was an assured fact. Thereafter the entire season would be filled, beginning in June with strawberries and running on through the seasons of cherries, small fruits, plums, prunes, pears and apples until late in the Fall.

Thoroughly convinced that the plan, if carried out, would be successful, the society appointed a committee of six to begin at once the work of solicitation among the fruit growers and business of Dallas and vicinity. On this committee the following men were appointed: M. M. Ellis, J. L. Brown, Henry Voth, J. G. VanOrsdel, H. G. Campbell and Dee Dunn. All are deeply interested in the plan and are preparing to do their utmost to carry it through. If the citizens of Dallas and the fruit growers in its vicinity give the needed support, it is highly probable that a fruit cannery will be in operation in this city in the near future, adding an important item to the list of our industries, and bringing into this neighborhood a revenue which was formerly secured by cities entirely outside of Polk County.

MAY GET SPECIAL TRAIN

Many Teachers and School Officers Will Attend Institute in Falls City.

The majority of the teachers of the Dallas Public School are preparing to attend the School Officers', Parents' and Teachers' Meeting, which will be held at Falls City next Saturday, and if a sufficiently large crowd of Dallas people can be persuaded to go, an effort will be made to secure a special train to carry the delegation from this city.

This meeting, since it is the first of the series that the association has planned to hold in various districts of Polk county within the next three months, is more or less an experiment and those who are most deeply interested in it are doubly anxious to make it a success, since that it will not only benefit the Falls City district, but will practically assure the success of the sessions which are to follow.

The meeting will be presided over by Ira Mehrling, vice-president of the association in the Falls City division, and the speakers of the day will be: C. L. Hawley, of McCoy, President of the Polk County School Officers' Association; C. C. Gardner, of Bridgeport; Hon. W. L. Tooze, William Ellis, Mrs. A. E. Seymour and Mrs. George Starfarth.

PLAN FOR SCHOOL FAIR

Executive Committee Outlines Work For Annual Exhibit by School Children of County.

The Executive Committee of the School Children's Industrial Fair held a meeting in the office of County School Superintendent Seymour, Saturday, and completed the more important steps for the successful engineering of the Fair which is to be held next September.

The county was divided into several sections, each comprising three or four districts, and one of these sections was assigned to each member of the executive committee, who will thoroughly canvass them and secure as large a list of prize contributions as possible.

Instead of dividing the exhibits into four classes (two for boys and two for girls) as has formerly been, there will be but two classes of entries at the coming fair, the first for boys and girls over 12 years of age, and the second for boys and girls under 12. This will make it possible for girls to compete in the agricultural exhibits, and the boys to enter work in the departments formerly open to girls alone, if they are so inclined. It was further decided to dispense with prizes offered for local exhibits, and to make each prize open to every child in the county who may desire to compete for it.

Resolutions were passed urging that teachers, parents and children throughout the county co-operate to make the Fair a success, and advising the school children to begin preparation for the exhibits at once. It was also decided that in future the name of every child making an exhibit at the fair would be placed on file and published in the papers, as it is hoped by this means the young exhibitors will be encouraged, and others who were not yet exhibiting, will be persuaded to make the attempt.

The success of this meeting was largely due to the fact that every member of the committee was present and was willing and eager to work for the benefit of the Industrial Fair. The names of the committee members and the sections they represent are as follows: T. W. Brunk, Eola; T. S. Brown, Salt Creek; J. R. Loy, Buena Vista; G. W. Myer, Dallas, C. C. Gardner, Bridgeport; Mrs. G. L. Hawkins, Mrs. E. M. Smith, Mrs. J. A. Lynch and Mrs. H. C. Seymour, Dallas; Miss Maggie Butler, Monmouth; Mrs. S. L. Stewart, McCoy; Mrs. George Conkey, Independence and Mrs. Ira Mehrling, Falls City.

MANY READ BOOKS

Librarian's Monthly Report Shows Large Increase in Number of Borrowers' Cards Issued.

Miss Jennie Muscott, librarian at the Dallas Public Library, submits the following report for the month just ended: Number of callers, 1493; books loaned, 740 of which 507 were fiction, 42 non-fiction, and 191 children's books; new cards issued, 22.

By way of determining the growth of the importance of this institution in our city, a comparison of this report with that of the corresponding month in 1906, is interesting. No record of the number of callers was kept a year ago, but the remainder of the report stands as follows: Books loaned, 582, of which 377 were fiction, 35 non-fiction and 170 children's books; new cards issued, 15.

Especially noteworthy is the fact of the increase of borrowers cards issued. The natural tendency would be for the number of cards issued monthly to decrease steadily from the time of the founding of the library, after the first heavy demands were supplied, but these reports indicate the reverse, and show a steady growth in the sphere of influence that has been compassed by the Free Library since its beginning.

Edgar King, of Revelstoke, B. C., is visiting his mother, Mrs. F. R. Rich. After spending a few weeks in Dallas, he will go to Kendrick, Idaho, where he has some large building contracts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sohren returned Saturday from an extended visit in Hillsboro.

IN SOCIETY'S REALM

Pleasant Parties Given by Mr. and Mrs. VanOrsdel and Miss Elsie Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. VanOrsdel entertained a few of their friends at their hospitable home Thursday night. The evening was spent in a very pleasant manner, and delicious refreshments were served at its close.

Those present were: J. G. VanOrsdel and family, U. S. Loughbary and family, J. L. Sweeney and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. VanOrsdel, Mrs. H. C. Eakin, Mrs. S. C. Miller, Mrs. J. B. Thompson, Misses Olive Smith, Dessa Ridgeway, Lillian Kerslake, May Shelton, Virginia Miller; Messrs. Louis Gerlinger, Jr., Dean Collins, George Gerlinger, Jack Eakin and Moss Walker.

Miss Elsie Ray gave a very enjoyable dinner party in honor of Lisle Hendricks, of Corvallis, and Harry Patterson, of Eugene, at her home Friday night. Miss Ray has but recently recovered from a severe illness, but nevertheless she presided over the evening's entertainment and proved herself a most charming hostess. The guests were: Misses Hallie Coad, Frankie Hayter, Ella Roy, Messrs. Lisle Hendricks, Harry Patterson, Frank Kersey and Carl Fenton.

DARKY SINGERS COMING

Large Advance Sale of Seats for Tennessee Jubilee Concert.

The Tennessee Jubilee Singers, a company traveling under the management of the Interstate Lyceum Bureau, has been secured by Dallas College to fill an engagement in this city, Thursday, January 9.

This company is composed of eight trained singers, all negroes, who have worked together on the stage for years. Their tour on the coast during the present season has been an unqualified success, and demands for a return date have been made at nearly every town in which they have sung.

Their repertory consists mainly of the negro plantation songs—the songs composed by dusky skinned cotton-field hands, and filled with those haunting cadences and minor harmonies, such as can be truly interpreted only by negro singers. The plantation chant, the negro dancing song, the jubilee of the colored camp meeting—all are represented, making one of the most enjoyable musical programs that can be devised.

Tickets for this entertainment were placed on sale at Belt & Cherrington's drugstore today, and it is anticipated that one of the largest audiences of the season will be in attendance.

FIELDON PLEADS GUILTY

Confesses That He Robbed Falls City Saloon—Money Cannot Be Found.

At the preliminary hearing before the Justice of the Peace in Falls City, C. H. Fieldon pleaded guilty to the charge of having robbed the Bank Saloon last week, and is now confined in the county jail in Dallas, awaiting the action of the Circuit Court.

The prisoner had but little of the money that he had secured from the cash drawer and slot machines on his person, but said that he had hidden the remainder while in Dallas. An officer was sent at once to search in the place named by Fieldon, but was unable to find any traces of the hidden plunder. When the prisoner was brought down from Falls City, Saturday, another search was made under his direction, with no better results. It is believed that somebody must have seen the young man hide the money, and that it was probably carried away a second time almost as soon as it passed out of his immediate possession.

Week of Prayer.

Union prayer services are being held at the various churches in Dallas this week. Last night's service was held at the Methodist church, and the program for the remainder of the series will be as follows: Tonight at the Presbyterian church, Wednesday at the Evangelical, Thursday at the Christian and Friday at the Baptist church. All of the ministers of the city will co-operate in conducting these meetings.

Leap Year Skating Party.

Messrs. Kerslake & White will introduce a novelty into their week's skating sessions tonight (Tuesday) by conducting a "leap year skating party." Although everybody will be admitted to the rink, gentlemen will not be allowed to skate only when accompanied by a lady partner. A liberal prize will be awarded to the best married couple of skaters on the floor.

Mrs. P. S. Dykeman and daughter, Miss Nora Davidson, of Falls City, were in Dallas yesterday, enroute for Portland.

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