

Polk County Observer

W. J. White returned Tuesday night from a business visit in Portland. T. B. Masters and F. A. Lucas, of Falls City, were Dallas visitors Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Hayes, of Falls City, is visiting relatives and friends in Dallas.

County School Superintendent H. C. Seymour was a business visitor in Monmouth, Tuesday.

Mrs. F. A. Koser, of Rickreall, has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Longnecker.

Mrs. F. B. West went to Albany yesterday for a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. J. Peary.

Have Dr. Lowe cure your head and eye ache with a pair of his superior glasses. Consultation free.

The Carnation Club will give a dancing party at Woodman Hall on Saturday evening, February 1.

The "Jolly Fellows" Skating Club will entertain a large number of guests at a party in the Colosseum Rink tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barber returned to St. Helens yesterday, after a visit at the home of Mrs. Barber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown.

R. S. Henline has rented the room between the Dallas Furniture Store and the Ice factory and will install a four table pool and billiard parlor.

A. H. Harris returned Tuesday night, from a short trip in Southern Oregon, during which he visited his sister, Mrs. Emily Morin, near Yoncalla.

Horatio Morrison and son, Floyd, went to Amity today, where they will be employed for some time on the contract of cutting 100 cords of wood for the condenser company.

The Rickreall orchestra will give a social dance at the Woodman Hall in Dallas tonight. Blaine Southwick and Horace Webster will act as floor managers, and Steffy brothers as callers.

While splitting kindling Sunday evening, A. Konnerman, of Pioneer, accidentally struck himself with the axe, nearly severing his left hand from the wrist. Medical aid was secured at once, however, and he will soon recover from the painful injury.

Next Monday and Tuesday, January 27 and 28—two days only—Dr. Lowe, the well known oculo-optician, who has been coming to Dallas for more than 18 years, will be at the Hotel Gail. Have him test your eyes for glasses. 18 years experience.

Don't confuse Dr. Lowe with traveling peddlers and spectacle vendors going from house to house. Glasses cannot be correctly fitted in that way. Consult Dr. Lowe at the Hotel Gail, next Monday and Tuesday, January 27 and 28. Over 18 years' experience.

Lee Willard and his company will appear in Dallas tomorrow (Saturday) night, in the drama "The Country Squire." Mr. Willard played a successful engagement in this city last season, and those who were present on that occasion will be eager for the opportunity to see him again. Seats are now on sale at Belt & Cherrington's drug store.

Homer Link, of Airlie, was a Dallas visitor yesterday.

Fonso Manston went to Portland, Tuesday on business.

Hon. M. M. Ellis was an Albany visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Faul were Portland visitors Tuesday.

B. M. Guy attended the Hardwaremen's Convention in Portland this week.

Hugh Worley, of Jefferson, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Henline.

Miss Jessie Wiseman arrived home from a month's visit with relatives in Seattle, Tuesday.

L. Gerlinger Sr. and W. B. Wake-man, of Portland, were business visitors in Dallas yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Caldwell has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Lee Conner, at Perrydale.

Mrs. C. Inman, of Dayton, and sister, Mrs. G. E. Thompson, of Falls City, were Dallas visitors Wednesday.

D. A. Madison went to Toledo today where he will appear as a witness in the case of Jones vs the Corvallis & Eastern R. R. Company.

Mrs. J. C. Gaynor left for Heppner yesterday afternoon, having received news that her son, Robert, was critically ill with pneumonia.

Services at the Presbyterian Church at the usual hours Sunday. The Rev. D. J. Becker will preach an object sermon on "The Ladders" at the evening service. All are invited to be present.

L. Gerlinger Jr. will leave tomorrow for Oakland, California, where he will join Mrs. Gerlinger, who has been visiting relatives in that city for some time, and will go with her for an extended trip in Southern California.

A party of timbermen passed through Dallas Wednesday on their way to Falls City, where they expect to secure employment in the sawmills. It is reported that Mill No. 1 will soon resume work with a full crew of men.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Kirkpatrick went to Toledo, Wednesday, where he will be a witness in the case of Jones vs. the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, the charge being insufficient accommodations to the public. From that place they will go to Newport for a short stay.

The game between Dallas College second basketball team and the Multnomah "Redwings," scheduled to have been played in this city Saturday night has been postponed indefinitely, since the Portland team will be unable to come to Dallas on that date.

Since the public school library has been put under a similar management to that of the Dallas Free Library, the pupils in the school have taken more interest in it, and their patronage is increasing greatly in consequence. Over 65 new borrowers cards have been issued since January 1.

The final examinations for the pupils of the eighth grade in the public schools of Polk County are being held this week, and the papers will be placed in the hands of the examining board tomorrow. The members of this board are: J. D. Butler, of Buena Vista; R. B. Hill, of Dallas; James E. Dutton, of Dallas and William Pettys, of Monmouth.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

Items of Interest From the Records in the County Offices Briefly Told.

PROBATE.

Estate of William Miller, deceased—bond filed and approved; Frank Quenel, Fabian Quenel and Daniel Robinson appointed appraisers.

REAL ESTATE.

Elijah Bailey et ux to J W Jenkins, 530 acres, t 6 s, r 4 w, \$10,400.

Harriet Osburn and hd to J T Huntley, 56 acres, t 8 s, r 4 w, \$2240.

William Ellis, trustee, to A W Brown, lots in Dallas, \$160.

Mrs W D Rose to O L Buchanan, lot in Airlie, \$150.

W L Wells et ux to Robert Ground, lot in Monmouth, \$50.

Anson Burlingame et ux to S L Scroggin, 50.54 acres, t 6 s, r 6 w, \$1,700.

Daniel Wacheno to Paul Fundman, 20 acres, t 6 s, r 7 w, \$300.

Frank Wacheno to Paul Fundman, 20 acres, t 6 s, r 7 w, \$300.

Rhoda A Byers et al to A J Brown et ux, 138 acres, t 7 s, r 4 w, \$7,000.

Charles Chantelle to Philinze Lachance and hd, 20 acres, t 6 s, r 8 w, \$150.

About 20 members of Marmion Lodge, No. 96, of the Knights of Pythias, paid a fraternal visit to Cascade Lodge, No. 92, in Falls City, last night on the occasion of the initiatory rites in the latter lodge. Grand Chancellor J. M. Wall was present and conducted the ceremonies. The party returned by their special train at an early hour this morning, reporting a most enjoyable visit.

Committees from the Christian Endeavors of Dallas met at the Evangelical church, Tuesday evening, and decided upon plans for a union anniversary meeting of the three associations for Sunday evening, February 2. The members from the associations of the Methodist and Baptist churches will be invited to attend and assist in the exercises. Special musical numbers will be secured, and a short prayer service will be held before the beginning of the regular program.

County School Superintendent H. C. Seymour submits the following report of the schools of Polk county for the month of December: number of pupils registered, 2501, of which 1290 were boys and 1211 were girls; average daily attendance, 2292; percent of attendance, 92.7. There were no cases of tardiness reported in 15 of the districts, and in the Rock Creek district there were no cases of either absence or tardiness.

The members of the committee appointed to secure funds for the installation of a cannery in Dallas have met with great success, nearly all of the fruitraisers who have been solicited, subscribing for stock to the amount of \$25 or \$50. Between 9 o'clock a. m. and 3 o'clock p. m., yesterday, J. L. Brown secured 28 names, the sum subscribed amounting to \$1,225. Several other papers are being circulated by other members of the committee with equal success.

Legal blanks for sale at this office.

CANDIDATES ARE SCARCE

Coming Campaign in Polk County Promises to Be Quiet and Uninteresting.

Despite the fact that less than three months remain before the primary election, little interest is manifested in affairs political in Polk county. Walk down the street, or go out into the country, and you will hear the voters discussing business conditions or hops or mohair or apple orchards, but you will scarcely hear the subject of politics mentioned. Judging from all present indications, the approaching campaign will be short and uninteresting. The existing state of affairs is doubtless due to the existing Direct Primary law, the provisions of which have operated to destroy party organization and make the race for office a sort of every-fellow-for-himself-and-the-devil-take-the-hindmost contest. The abolishment of the office of State Senator and placing the county in a joint district with Benton county is also responsible in a large measure for the prevailing inactivity.

Indications now are that the contest will center around the county offices and that little, if any, opposition will be offered to the election of Republican representatives to the Legislature. The Democrats of Polk county have shown little interest in the fight for legislative honors for many years, evidently preferring to exert their efforts in capturing some of the more lucrative county offices. The only candidate for Representative mentioned by the Republicans so far is C. L. Hawley, of McCoy, who was defeated for the nomination by Dr. B. H. McCallon two years ago by the narrow margin of 27 votes. Mr. Hawley's clean and dignified course in that campaign and his loyal support of the successful nominee won for him the warm friendship of all members of his party, and the opinion is generally expressed that he will have no opposition for the nomination this year in the event that he decides to enter the race.

For Joint Representative, B. F. Jones, the incumbent, is generally regarded as the logical candidate, both in Polk and Lincoln counties. His record in the last Legislature was highly creditable, and past campaigns have shown him to be a vote-getter of no ordinary ability. Mr. Jones, however, has not yet expressed a desire to fill the office again, and it is not known whether he is even considering the nomination.

The OSSEVER mentions these two men at this time for the reason that they are the only ones it has heard talked of for these offices. It may be that the next few weeks will develop a number of candidates for the important honor of representing Old Polk in the lower house of the Oregon Legislature.

County Judge Coad will be a candidate for re-nomination at the primaries, and friends of Commissioner Riddell are urging him to permit his name to be used for a second term. Both of these officers have served the county for four years, and the argument is put forth in their behalf that, having become thoroughly familiar with their work, they are in a position to serve the county to its great advantage and benefit, especially in matters concerning the maintenance and improvement of the county roads and bridges. The present court has proved its business ability, and its management of the county's finances appears to have met the approval of the taxpayers.

No candidate has appeared for the Republican nomination for Sheriff, nor does it seem likely that any great scramble will be made for that office this year. Sheriff Grant is a faithful and efficient officer, and as such, is reasonably certain of re-election under the unwritten, but long established, rule in Polk county that gives an officer a second term where he has proved himself worthy and capable during his first term. Sheriff Grant has filled both of these requirements in full measure. Young and ambitious Republicans who have a desire to fill the office of Sheriff of Polk county will doubtless prefer to postpone their candidacy until two years from now, when they will not be handicapped by the second-term custom.

No candidate has yet announced himself for the office of County Clerk. It is not known whether Clerk Smith has any aspiration to succeed himself, but there are many in his party who would like to see him enter the race, feeling confident that his good record in the last four years would win him the office for another term.

County Assessor Graves, who is just finishing his first term, is up to his eyes in work just now, preparing for the Spring assessment, and if he has expressed his desires as to a second term, we have not heard of it. Mr.

Graves has been a capable and conscientious officer, and it would seem only a just recognition of his services to retain him in office for another term.

County Treasurer Beezley will not be a candidate for re-nomination, as he desires to devote all of his time after July to his private business affairs. Dan P. Stouffer and Justice Hardy Holman are both prominently mentioned for this office. Both are well qualified, being possessed of excellent clerical ability and having acceptably served the people in offices of minor importance.

H. C. Seymour will doubtless be the only Republican candidate for School Superintendent, and as his is an office that the voters of all parties are inclined to keep as far removed from partisan politics as possible, it would not be at all surprising should the voters decide to elect him in June without opposition. Mr. Seymour is now filling the office by appointment, and is making good in every sense of the term.

R. L. Chapman has satisfactorily filled the office of Coroner, and would doubtless receive the unanimous vote of his party in the event that he should become a candidate again. It is also believed that by continuing his present course of keeping his hands off the existing gold standard and not tinkering with the tariff, he could command quite a respectable number of votes from the Democratic ranks, thus insuring his election by about 2500 majority.

The situation as outlined above is about the way it appears to the OSSEVER at the present time. One thing is certain, and that is that the prevailing inactivity indicates beyond question that the people of Polk county are not dissatisfied with their present officials. The affairs of the county are being honestly and intelligently administered, and the voters know it. The race for office, however, is always open to any aspiring citizen, and it may be that the next few weeks will develop an array of candidates little dreamed of at this time.

The OSSEVER does not desire to slight any citizen in mentioning these political aspirants, so if you have been overlooked, come right in and tell us about it, and we will see that your name is brought to the public notice without money and without price, notwithstanding the fact that Uncle Harvey is still insisting that the county newspapers of Oregon have combined this year to make the political candidate dig up all he has and then borrow from his friends.

School Meeting at Monmouth.

The next meeting of parents, school officers and teachers will be held in Monmouth, February 1. The program will be essentially the same as the ones held recently in Falls City and McCoy. C. L. Hawley, of McCoy, will speak on "Agriculture in the Schools," Professor L. R. Traver, of the State Normal School, on "Conditions in Our Schools That Should Be Improved," and Mrs. Ira Powell, on "Public Schools From a Mother's Viewpoint." Each address will be followed by an open discussion for members of the association who are present. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Normal Quartette, composed of members of the faculty, and a short program will be rendered by the children of the Training Department.

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