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## NEWS OF COUNTY TOWNS

### LEWISVILLE.

W. W. Smith was a business visitor at the Ladd Farm, Tuesday.  
Rufus Dodge was a business visitor in Independence, Tuesday.  
Percy Lewis is hauling axe-handle timber for the Armstrong mill.  
J. J. Leveck took several fine hogs to the Dallas market Wednesday.

Don't forget to come out to the picnic at Shady Lane next Saturday.

Griffin McKinney is visiting at the home of his uncle, Thomas McKinney, of Albany.

Mrs. H. S. Portwood will soon have a new residence built on her farm near Lewisville.

C. G. Fuqua is in Newberg helping

his brother-in-law, Mr. Burgess, build a new residence.

Miss Leta Lewis is in Portland with her father this week attending the rose festival.

Miss Emma McKinney, of Albany, is visiting at the home of her cousin, Blanche McKinney.

The people of this district will vote on a new schoolhouse and site at the annual school election.

George Conn and J. Bagley went to Dallas, Tuesday with the election returns of this precinct.

The Rev. M. B. Young, of Dallas, will preach at Lewisville, Sunday morning and evening.

Sidney Trask and family have

moved from Falls City to Airlie, where he is to have charge of the Miller & Aloor store.

J. D. Grant was thrown from his horse while driving cattle to the market last week, and narrowly escaped serious injury.

Many new monuments have been erected in the cemetery at this place, and on Decoration Day, a large crowd gathered and paid fitting tribute to the dead.

Mrs. Plunkett, who died at Falls City, Thursday morning, was buried in the Smith cemetery near Lewisville. She had been in Oregon only three years, her former home having been in Oklahoma. She was a sister of the late Charles McKinney, of this place.

### BALLSTON.

E. H. Sloan has been quite ill. Clinton Arthur was a Dallas visitor Sunday.

Mrs. R. C. Clark was a visitor in North Yamhill, Saturday.

Alfred Campbell has returned from a visit to Southern California.

A number of people from Ballston attended the memorial services in Sheridan, Sunday.

Thomas Woodley was stricken with paralysis Tuesday, and is in a critical condition.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fudge went to Seattle last week and witnessed the arrival of the battleship fleet at that point.

Budlem & Poindexter have sold their store in this place to a business man from Reedville, who will take possession on the first of July.

### MONMOUTH.

T. J. Pettit is attending the rose festival in Portland this week.

C. T. Cornwell went to Vancouver, Washington, Monday, on business.

John Howell returned Sunday from an extended business trip in Idaho.

The Monmouth Creamery received over 1000 pounds of cream Tuesday.

T. A. Riggs has been quite ill with the mumps, but is able to be around again.

Mr. McNeal is able to be about his work once more after a long illness with the smallpox.

Walter Griffin and family, of Dallas, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huber, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barnett, of Independence, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Poole, Sunday.

The election day passed quietly in Monmouth, and everyone seems to be quite well satisfied with the results.

David Hampton and family returned to their home in Monmouth, Monday, after an extended visit in Eastern Oregon.

C. T. Cornwell has sold his blacksmith shop to Mr. Newman, who has recently come to this city from California.

The crops in the vicinity of Monmouth promise to be heavy this season, although the prunes and cherries have been considerably damaged by the late frosts.

### POLK.

A. G. Rempel has been making hay this week.

The hay crop is not coming out so well in this neighborhood as the farmers had hoped.

The strawberries are from two to three weeks later in ripening this year than they were last.

The annual school election for this district will be held on Monday, June 15, at 7 o'clock p. m.

The work of improving the roads in this vicinity has been begun by the road supervisor, and considerable gravel has been hauled.

Miss Elizabeth Enns has purchased 40 acres of land from the J. G. Rempel property, 11 acres of which is planted in prune trees ready to bear.

The District Conference of the Mennonite Church will be held at this place June 14 to 18 inclusive. A good program has been prepared and many visitors for all parts of the Pacific states are expected to be present.

### PEDEE.

Rex Womer has been in Falls City on business.

A. R. Lewis was in the hills last week looking for some beef cattle.

T. P. Bevens, of Buena Vista, was a business visitor in this vicinity last week.

John Edwards, of Philomath, has been visiting at the home of his father, Joe Edwards.

Many of the young people of this neighborhood attended the picnic at Ridders Grove last week.

The house of Jasper Willet was burned to the ground last Tuesday, and nearly everything in it was lost.

The Pedee baseball team defeated the team from Airlie last week by a score of 9 to 10. The same teams will play at Airlie again next Sunday.

### ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

Former Clerk of Polk County Commits Suicide at His Home in Salem.

James I. Thompson died by his own hand at his home in Salem, Wednesday morning, shooting himself in the mouth with a 22-calibre rifle.

Mr. Thompson was well known in Polk County having made his residence here for nearly 20 years. He was born in Surry County, North Carolina in 1826, and crossed the plains to California in 1852, settling at Eureka. From that place he moved to Dallas in 1860 and in 1862 he married Miss Elizabeth Dyer. To this union were born six children.

After serving two successful terms as Clerk of Polk County, he moved to Rickreall and afterward to Eola, where he resided until 1877.

In the Spring of that year an epidemic of diphtheria swept the country, and five of his children succumbed to the dread disease. Feeling that he could not bear to live in a place where he had suffered so much sorrow, he moved to Salem.

The death of his wife in 1898, followed by the death of his son, Dr. Hugh Thompson in 1899, left him almost alone in the world, and it is thought that brooding over this fact, coupled with long sickness, resulted in a fit of despondency in which he ended his own life.

Short funeral services were held at his home Wednesday evening, and the body was taken to Portland yesterday and cremated.

### More Cement Walk.

The city council has ordered a cement sidewalk laid on Court street between the Wilson corner and the Hotel Gail, and has instructed the ordinance committee to bring in an ordinance changing the width of cement sidewalks in the residence districts, from 5 feet to 5 feet 4 inches. The new fire alarm system has not yet been perfected, and was referred to the committee on Fire and Water at the council meeting Wednesday night. The Mutual Telephone Company has offered to make the necessary connection with the Willamette Valley Electric plant from which the general alarms will be given, for \$35.

### Woodmen Elect Officers.

At the regular business meeting of the Dallas Camp of Woodmen, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing six months: W. L. Soehren, C. C.; H. C. Seymour, A. L.; A. Griffith, escort; C. A. Smith, watchman; J. R. Covert, sentry and R. E. Reed, manager.

County Clerk issued license to wed to two Indians from the Grand Ronde reservation Wednesday morning, Peter McCoy and Umpqua Ann. The ages of the contracting parties are somewhat uncertain, but it is claimed that he is over 100 years old, while his bride is at least 85 years of age. Peter McCoy is well known to the majority of the older citizens of Polk county and is identified with several of the noteworthy events of the early history of pioneer days.

Joe Rheude, of Carlton, is assisting in the freight department at the depot, during the absence of E. Jacobson, who is staying at his fruit ranch near Dallas temporarily.

Fred Johnson, of Airlie, was in Dallas, Tuesday on business.

## OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS For Polk County

	Douglas	Jackson	Salt Lake	McCoy	East Dallas	South Dallas	North Dallas	Rickreall	Falls City	Rock Creek	Luuklamute	Bridgeport	North Independence	South Independence	South Monmouth	North Monmouth	Buena Vista	Eola	Spring Valley	Totals	Plurality
<b>Congressman:</b>																					
W. C. Hawley, Rep.	67	78	43	42	183	106	113	47	234	2	95	33	113	91	61	71	62	20	130	51	672
W. S. Richards, Soc.	2	0	1	13	20	6	13	2	69	2	7	6	17	14	4	5	3	0	3	189	874
Daniel Staver, Proh.	1	6	2	12	28	14	8	2	27	1	3	4	6	6	6	6	1	0	4	7	140
J. J. Whitney, Dem.	49	50	17	23	109	81	55	47	60	3	91	35	88	82	44	24	31	19	61	29	998
<b>Supreme Judge:</b>																					
R. S. Bean, Rep.	106	122	57	56	200	226	107	94	258	7	172	59	178	156	86	83	80	36	165	77	2435
C. J. Bright, Proh.	5	9	4	7	42	28	16	2	48	1	7	10	13	15	9	2	0	8	6	241	6
C. O. Briz, Soc.	3	1	1	14	30	8	15	4	69	2	11	5	22	17	6	7	5	0	5	3	218
<b>Food Commissioner:</b>																					
J. W. Bailey, Rep.	65	76	42	45	178	163	110	49	223	4	94	39	126	106	52	65	48	20	113	48	1666
E. N. Emery, Dem.	46	47	16	25	98	74	54	50	74	4	90	33	82	69	41	27	37	19	46	29	980
C. E. Hoskins, Proh.	3	12	5	6	50	23	17	2	60	1	1	1	7	8	14	9	1	0	7	8	252
<b>U. S. Senator:</b>																					
I. H. Amos, Proh.	2	5	1	0	28	11	7	1	30	1	3	5	4	4	7	8	1	0	3	7	128
H. M. Calk, Rep.	44	60	43	35	136	134	80	39	174	0	81	29	98	75	49	60	36	16	83	33	1305
G. E. Chamberlain, D.	68	71	20	37	167	134	101	59	140	9	108	45	117	105	45	33	46	24	100	49	1468
J. C. Cooper, Soc.	4	0	0	8	8	6	9	1	56	1	3	4	12	9	4	3	4	0	3	3	138
<b>R. R. Commissioner:</b>																					
T. K. Campbell, Rep.	63	77	46	44	193	166	113	48	244	4	95	35	125	106	56	61	47	20	111	46	1700
E. Robertson, Dem.	50	58	17	28	124	89	67	61	96	4	98	38	89	79	46	37	38	19	74	37	1139
<b>Dist. Attorney:</b>																					
J. H. McNary, Rep.	97	121	61	64	271	221	158	88	285	7	160	61	167	147	82	79	69	38	162	78	2403
<b>Joint Representative:</b>																					
B. F. Jones, Rep.	107	125	55	58	376	329	160	88	253	6	161	59	186	151	78	76	73	30	159	77	2407
G. F. Luckey, Soc.	8	6	3	15	30	19	21	4	114	4	16	10	33	26	20	15	7	4	15	6	375
<b>Representative:</b>																					
C. P. Cornwall, Soc.	2	2	2	8	30	8	13	1	78	2	6	6	19	16	7	9	3	0	6	4	211
C. L. Hawley, Rep.	61	72	42	41	181	156	100	41	232	3	93	34	114	103	56	65	48	17	88	28	1575
W. D. Henry, Dem.	51	61	22	30	115	99	76	57	72	4	83	38	90	72	40	27	34	22	97	60	1160
<b>County Judge:</b>																					
Ed F. Coad, Rep.	32	60	31	32	137	155	110	50	163	3	81	26	111	95	51	58	39	17	112	37	1440
H. F. March, Soc.	2	3	2	12	11	7	8	3	89	1	5	5	14	13	4	2	1	1	3	170	7
J. E. Sibley, Dem.	83	76	27	34	132	107	79	44	166	7	105	51	98	83	48	40	46	23	80	47	1370
<b>Sheriff:</b>																					
J. M. Grant, Dem.	81	84	34	35	234	179	143	68	309	8	143	57	148	122	67	55	55	31	102	61	1906
G. W. Hinchlaw, Soc.	6	3	1	12	18	9	7	1	70	1	7	6	13	11	7	3	1	7	5	199	1025
F. H. Muscott, Rep.	29	47	30	29	85	80	46	29	112	1	43	14	67	55	24	40	29	8	83	30	881
<b>County Clerk:</b>																					
F. S. Crowley, Dem.	46	54	21	35	130	79	76	66	181	0	100	36	96	80	61	47	41	17	91	35	1282
J. P. Sears, Soc.	4	3	1	15	8	6	8	1	56	2	6	5	12	13	4	2	1	5	5	160	274
E. M. Smith, Rep.	67	77	44	30	106	186	107	32	160	8	86	41	117	97	50	56	41	22	93	46	1556
<b>Treasurer:</b>																					
Ed Dunn, Dem.	79	52	28	25	236	179	105	67	118	2	103	50	87	83	67	46	36	22	73	34	1472
W. F. Muscott, Soc.	4	0	1	12	9	7	13	1	94	4	7	7	15	15	4	6	4	3	5	3	214
D. F. Stouffer, Rep.	35	32	33	41	91	81	78	40	176	2	80	21	113	89	43	46	45	15	111	48	1372
<b>Assessor:</b>																					
C. S. Graves, Rep.	46	75	40	43	165	141	96	46	184	3	93	24	122	105	49	66	42	19	104	46	1508
F. E. Meyer, Dem.	65	59	24	23	159	127	94	54	150	6	96	52	90	73	62	29	39	19	82	34	1327
A. J. Syron, Soc.	5	0	1	13	9	4	9	1	58	2	5	6	13	13	4	7	4	1	6	4	164</