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ROAD WORK NEARLY DONE

Highways of Polk County Have Been Extensively Improved in Three Districts.

Work was begun yesterday morning on the building back of the county jail where the county road roller, scrapers and other road building machinery are to be stored during the coming winter. If the present period of fair weather continues, the work on the road near the Guthrie place will be completed by the end of the present week and as this is the last stretch of road on which the County Commissioners had planned to have improvement work done this summer, they will endeavor to have the new storehouse completed by that time, so that the machinery can be brought down and put in shelter as soon as the season's work is ended.

Since the purchase of the rock crusher and road roller in June, they have been kept in operation almost continuously on the county roads and as a result, several notoriously bad strips of the public thoroughfare in the vicinity of Ballston, Luckiamute, Falls City and Bridgeport, have been placed in excellent condition for the winter traffic.

During the summer's work, the crusher has been moved three times; first to the Salt Creek quarry, then to the Burns quarry near Luckiamute, and lastly to the quarry on the Warren Frink place, where it is now in operation.

Although the rock from the Salt Creek quarry is perhaps a trifle better for road building purposes than that which has been secured from the other quarries, it was found impracticable to use it outside of the district immediately about the quarry, on account of the extra expense of hauling. The rock from the other two quarries has however, proved thus far to be highly satisfactory.

A serious accident befell Mrs. Harris, mother of Mrs. Ed. Dorton, at her home near Ballston, Tuesday morning. She had been suffering from rheumatism and while walking with crutches she slipped, causing her to fall and break the thigh bone. Surgical aid was at once summoned and the fracture set, and the lady, who is upward of 65 years of age, is resting well and no serious result is anticipated.—Sheridan Sun.

25 acres fine fruit land, partly cleared. Three miles out. \$1000. H. G. CAMPBELL. 10-23-11

WILL GIVE MASQUERADE

First Skating Carnival of the Season Will Be Given at Colosseum Rink November 3.

Frank Kerslake, proprietor of the Colosseum skating rink, has announced that he intends holding the first masked skating carnival of the season on Tuesday night, November 3, the night of the national election, and he anticipates an exceptionally large attendance.

Special features of all kinds will be introduced and the management intends that there shall be, as the colloquial expression has it, "something doing every minute." The doors will open at 7:30 and from that time until after the prizes have been awarded the floor will be appropriated solely to the use of the maskers. After the award of prizes the floor will be thrown open and the session will be continued for all who desire to skate, whether masked or not, until midnight.

The admission fee will be 25 cents straight and, for maskers, will include the use of the floor throughout the entire session.

The prizes offered in cash and in skating tickets will aggregate \$25 and the length of the list of awards offers an almost inexhaustible field in which the maskers may exercise their ingenuity.

The full list of awards is as follows: Ladies—best fancy costume, best advertising costume, best skater, best sustained character; Gentlemen—best fancy costume, best advertising costume, best character to represent one of the presidential candidates, best skater, best sustained character.

Drowned Near Salem.

Walter Thomas was drowned in the Willamette river a short distance below Polk county bridge Wednesday afternoon, after being thrown into the river from a capsized boat and attempting to swim ashore. Thomas was accompanied by two other men employed on the barge Mathloma. They were rowing in the river where the stream is rapid and dangerous. Two of the men seized the boat when it capsized but Thomas attempted to swim ashore and was drowned. The river has been dragged for a great distance but no trace of the body has been found and it is probable it was carried many miles down the stream. Thomas has relatives in Portland but nothing is known of him here.—Salem Statesman.

F. H. Pepper and son visited over Sunday in Portland.

OREGON LEAGUE MEETS

Representatives From Different Clubs Make Plans For Coming Basketball Season.

Frank E. Kersey, president of the Oregon Basketball League, held the annual business meeting of the league at the parlor of the Gail Hotel, Saturday afternoon. As there had been some delay in notifying the members of the various clubs in the league, only four associations were represented and the election of officers and the preparation of the league schedule for the coming season, was deferred until the next meeting which has been set for Saturday, October 31 at 11 o'clock a. m. and will be held in the Y. M. C. A. hall in Salem.

Last Saturday's meeting was consumed in a general discussion of the subject of the eligibility of certain institutions now outside the League, to membership in it, and a debate on the financial side of the business of the organization.

It is probable that Corvallis and McMinnville will enter the league this year, thus bringing practically all of the strong basketball clubs and colleges into the organization and assuring an interesting season and a long schedule of games.

The delegates to the recent meeting are optimistic and while during the two years of its existence, the Oregon Basketball League has come to the front in the field of athletic work to a remarkable degree, the members believe that this is little more than the beginning and that a few years more will see basketball ranking close alongside baseball and football in popularity with the lovers of good sport in Oregon.

The delegates present were: H. H. Wright, of Pacific College; James McCord, of the Multnomah Athletic Club; B. B. Van Orsdel, of Dallas College, and A. M. Guillely, of the Portland Y. M. C. A.

Company H will be in the field for basketball honors this season. At first the idea of applying for membership in the Oregon League was discussed but it was finally abandoned and the team will play independently until it has made a record for itself. There is plenty of excellent material for a team in the company, both trained and untrained, and the young men are looking forward to a very successful season.

Moving pictures at the Colosseum rink Saturday night. Don't miss them.

DISCUSS SMELTER PROJECT

Paul E. Gadsden Confers With Dallas Stockholders in Freeland Mine on Development Plans.

Paul E. Gadsden, of Portland, and James Ireland, of Salem, were in Dallas yesterday in the interest of the big smelter that is to be erected in the Freeland mining district in Marion county next spring. Mr. Gadsden represents the Wilson-Gadsden Company, which is to build the smelter, and Mr. Ireland represents the Freeland Mining Company.

About twenty of the citizens of Dallas who are stockholders in the Freeland project, assembled at the Courthouse last night and were addressed by Mr. Gadsden, who explained fully the plans of his company, its reasons for deciding to erect a smelter at that place, and what he honestly conceived to be the outlook for the enterprise.

The Wilson-Gadsden Company, he explained, had examined the ores of all of the important mines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho with a view to installing smelters and, as yet, the mining district in which the Gold Creek, Freeland and Electric mines are grouped, is the first it has found in which the erection of a smelter would be practicable for them. The ore of this district combines iron, silica and lime in the proper quantities to make smelting possible without the heavy expenses of hauling any of these essentials from a distance and the main question will therefore be one of fuel.

The County Court of Marion county after sending a committee to investigate the prospects, made an appropriation for the building of a county road in to the mines and this road has already been pushed forward to a point within two and one-half miles of the mines. As this road can be of no immediate value except in the development of the mines, the action of the county court in making this appropriation shows that it has confidence in the success of the project and is anxious that the country surrounding that locality should reap the benefits that will be forthcoming upon the beginning of active operations in the mines.

The proposed smelter will require a steady supply of 100 tons of ore a day, running \$22 to the ton and more. According to the preliminary assays made by his company before it was decided to erect the smelter, Mr. Gadsden says that the ore from the Freeland mine will easily run from \$23 to \$36 a ton. The roads in to the mines will be completed within a short time and the smelter company expects to begin the erection of its plant about the first of next April.

Mr. Gadsden went to Salem this morning, but Mr. Ireland will continue in Dallas a few days, working in the interest of the development project.

FINE LECTURE PROMISED

Dr. Bancroft Will Speak in Dallas Under Auspices of Y. M. C. A.

In his first lecture, to be given at the Woodmen Hall, Friday night, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., of Dallas College, Dr. Gilbert Bancroft will speak on "Hoodoo," a most interesting study of psychic phenomena. His discourse will deal with all of the so-called "supernatural" phenomena—table tipping, suspended animation, presentiments, premonitions, hunches, telepathy, clairvoyance, trance mediumship and all of the phenomena of spiritualism will be explained within the pale of known and natural laws.

His second address to be given Saturday night, will be a musical lecture, comical and of startling originality, on "When, Whom and How To Love." It is one of Dr. Bancroft's best humorous lectures, a laugh producer from start to finish and will no doubt attract a large audience.

In both entertainments, he will be assisted by Miss Lillian Lewis, a charming reader and vocalist, whose ability as an entertainer, ranks among the first in the United States.

See "Captain Molly" or "Moll Pitcher at Monmouth" at the Vaudeville. Synopsis: Molly's Sweetheart—After the Marriage Ceremony—Her Country's Call—Off to the War—Battle of Monmouth, June 28, 1778—General Greene Recommends Molly to General Washington.

On account of the regular monthly meeting of the Firemen of Dallas in the library room, the Dallas Free Library will be closed on the first Thursday night of each month.

Mrs. Louisa Williamson, of Spokane, and daughter, of Portland, arrived in Dallas, Friday, for a week's visit at the home of her nephew, Eugene Byerley.

County Clerk E. M. Smith issued license to wed to Alvin Sharp and Helen Lockhart, Friday and to John Friesen and Jessie Shultz yesterday.

Don't fail to go to the Colosseum skating rink. Something doing every minute.

MEETING WAS ENTHUSIASTIC

Large Crowd Attends Republican Speaking at Courthouse, Saturday Evening.

The Republican speaking in Dallas, Saturday night, was the biggest thing both in attendance and in the enthusiasm shown that has been held in this city during the present campaign.

The Courthouse was crowded and Hon. R. B. Butler, of Condon, the first speaker of the evening was met with a hearty round of applause when introduced by County Chairman E. H. McCallon. Mr. Butler pointed out the essential lines of difference between the platform of the two leading parties, showed the folly of those who endeavored to claim that the issue of the present campaign was one of men and not of principles, and declared that even if it were such, the Republican leader was a man of at least as great ability and by far greater experience than the man on whom the Democrats have pinned their hopes.

Mr. Butler was followed by Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, in a short, logical and convincing speech, mainly attacking the anti-injunction plank in the Democratic platform. He showed that a conspiracy between the trusts and the labor unions existed for the purpose of overthrowing the Sherman Anti-Trust law, which is the most valuable law on our statutes to curb predatory interests whether in the ranks of capital or labor. Therefore these big interests have combined for its overthrow and are supporting Mr. Bryan for president for that reason.

Judge Lowell declared that if Mr. Bryan was not aware of this conspiracy against the best interests of the American people he lacked the intelligence to serve the people competently as president. Also if he was aware of its existence and was still willing to accept the support of those interests, he thereby showed himself a man unworthy of the public trust and incapable of honestly serving the people in the capacity of president.

Clear and convincing, every point well taken and backed by strong proofs, Judge Lowell's address was one of the most powerful features of the evening and he was greeted when he closed with a storm of applause from his audience.

Students Celebrate Mountain Day.

The students and faculty of Dallas College held their annual Mountain Day outing yesterday. The party assembled at the college at 8 o'clock in the morning and, bearing lunch baskets, cameras, guns and other equipments suitable for a day's outing in the woods, walked to the grove, a short distance above the Halleck dam, which is commonly known as the Coad camp. Here a huge bonfire was kindled and the committee in charge of the luncheon spread it under the trees. After the dinner the students, dispersed to indulge in different amusements, until the time of returning to town. Their return late in the afternoon closed one of the most enjoyable outings that has been held since Mountain Day was first inaugurated in Dallas College.

Big Taft Rally at Independence.

A big political meeting was held at Independence, Friday night at which 1500 people displayed great enthusiasm. The meeting was in the opera house which was festively decorated with flags and ivy. The Independence orchestra furnished fine music. A recitation on "William Taft" by Miss Damon and a solo by Miss Lora Craven were excellent features. W. W. Percival, a prominent hop man, apologized for the absence of Judge Stephen Lowell, who was to have spoken and in Lowell's place R. R. Butler of eastern Oregon, formerly of Tennessee, delivered an interesting talk on "Why I Am a Republican."

Public School Books Received.

The books for the libraries of the public schools of Polk county have been received at the office of County School Superintendent H. C. Seymour and nearly all day yesterday was consumed in apportioning them for the different districts. There are more than 1000 volumes in the entire shipment. All of the books are of the very best class, and the binding and printing is of an exceptionally fine quality. Mr. Seymour has the parcels containing the books for each district at his office where the members of the various school boards of the county can procure them at any time by calling or sending for them.

The water commission is receiving from Dallas a consignment of 200 cords of slab wood. They get it delivered at McMinnville for \$2.20 per cord and pay a little less than 40 cents a cord for hauling from Settlers' spur to the light plant.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Oimsted have moved into town from Polk county and will build a home on their recently purchased lots in Chapman's addition.—Sheridan Sun.

S. H. Petre, of Bridgeport, was a Dallas visitor Saturday.

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