

POLK COUNTY OBSERVER

PUBLISHED SEMI-WEEKLY

VOL. XX

DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, OREGON, NOVEMBER 17, 1908.

NO. 40

SKATING TEAM ORGANIZED

Will Play First Game in Falls City Friday Night—Long Schedule This Year.

The Dallas skating basketball team began practice yesterday afternoon in preparation for the first game of the season which will be played in Falls City next Friday evening against the basket ball team of that city.

The Dallas aggregation is now in its second year of basketball on skates and anticipates a very successful season. The line-up will be as follows: Tom Magers, center; Leon Elder and George Brown, forwards; George Morton and Carl Williams, guards. Morton is away on a visit in Seattle at present and in the event of his failure to return in time for the first game of the season, Friday night, his place will be taken by one of the substitutes, probably George Fuller.

The principal points on which the Dallas boys rely to carry a game are their extreme speed and great skill on skates, in which they have several times demonstrated their superiority over teams from neighboring cities. Elder and Brown are especially strong, being almost as quick and sure on rollers as on foot, while Magers and Williams are close seconds to them in skill and speed.

Practice will be carried on regularly from now until the close of the season, and it is thought that the schedule will be much longer this year than it was last. At least five games will be played at the Colosseum rink in this city and the same number on foreign courts.

"The Orecons" Train Hard.

"The Orecons" are rapidly putting themselves in excellent condition for the coming basketball season, by careful and consistent practice each evening during the week. Fenton's ankle has healed more rapidly than was anticipated and for several days he has been practicing goal throwing although his ankle was still too weak to allow him to enter actively into the practice games. The full squad from which the team will be taken is as follows: Teats, Fenton, Reed, formerly of Corvallis, Simonton, E. Shaw, Savery, Morton and C. Shaw. The first three will train for forwards, and the last three for guards and Shaw and Simonton for centers.

Dr. C. A. Mook, president of Dallas College, left yesterday for Walla Walla, where he will attend the big Educational Congress.

MANY WILL GO FROM HERE

Fruit Growers' Convention Will Be Biggest of Its Kind Ever Held in Oregon.

A number of the farmers and fruit growers of Dallas and vicinity, are planning to attend the Fruit Growers' Convention in Portland, from December 1 to 4 inclusive, and many of them will have exhibits and will compete for the State Society cups that have been offered.

In every respect this convention will be the biggest ever held by the fruit growers of the Northwest, four states being represented: Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah, beside British Columbia.

The convention will be opened on Tuesday, December 1, at 10 o'clock a. m., with the annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society, and from that time on, every minute will be filled with something of interest and value to the visitors. The railroads, appreciating the importance of the big event, have agreed to give reduced rates of one third on return to all who attend the convention.

The meetings and exhibit will be held in the Woodman Hall, on Eleventh Street, between Washington and Alder. Those placing exhibits should have them delivered at the hall by Monday night, November 30. Fruit should be wrapped and packed in the best possible manner, not less than a full box of one variety. Full details of premiums may be obtained from Secretary W. E. Williamson, Hotel Portland.

Funeral of Clayborne Richardson.
The remains of the late Clayborne Richardson, who died in Portland last Wednesday, were brought to Dallas, Friday morning for burial in the Old Fellows' cemetery. The funeral services were held at the grave, the Rev. Wignore, of Eugene, preaching the sermon. The following old-time friends of the deceased acted as pall bearers: J. M. Campbell, T. J. Hayter, Thomas Campbell and John Morris, of Dallas; F. A. Patterson and T. J. Fryer, of Independence.

The members of the Methodist church will give a big social in the church Friday evening for all members and friends of the congregation. A fine program has been prepared and a royal time is promised to all who attend.

Good onions for sale at Loughary's grocery store for \$1.50 a sack. 5t

A LEGISLATOR'S DOUBT.

BY DEAN COLLINS.

When the joybells of June's election rung, After the songs of victory were sung, A certain Legislator sat apart And murmured, "Ouch, I fear that I am stung!"

"The Statement, whereon I had builded most; Whereof I ever blew my proudest boast— How could I know that it, my highest trump, Should doom me to inevitable roast?"

"How jocund, with election tumult past, My vote for Coker or Fulton had I cast! How little did I dream that George should come Into that goodly heritage at last!"

"The Party has a proper claim on me, The Holy Statement nails me to the tree, The Constitution bids me freely choose, Yet comes the question—Which one of the three?"

"Alack, I vacillate in fear and doubt; My foot is in it—How shall I get out? For anywhere I dodge it doth appear That I am straitly headed up the spout."

On that last night, the crowd that stands before The legislative halls shall throng the door, To see if Statement men will keep their vows And vote as blindly as they erstwhile swore.

"And if I from the final test shall shrink, Shall spurn the bitter Populistic drink, And pushing back the cup, shall fetch and spue The Statement from my lips, what will they think?"

"If I but knew just how they would behave Toward their poor, humble, legislative slave I might know better how to shape my course— But as it is, the prospect sure seems grave."

"And my dilemma no solution shows, I cannot guess just how the wild wind blows, What will transpire when Legislature meets Heaven alone can tell—no mortal knows!"

"So, when across the tense and vibrant air, The roll call sounds, egad, I cannot swear That when they come to my name on the list I hear my voice—or see my vacant chair."

Skate! Colosseum Rink! Tonight and every night!

MAY INSTALL METERS

H. V. Gates Believes This To Be Surest Method of Preventing Waste of Water.

Hon. H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro, owner of the Dallas water system, appeared before the city council at its regular meeting last night, to submit and discuss the proposition of attaching meters on the irrigation hydrants in the city during the summer months, to check the heavy and useless waste of water.

Mr. Gates had carefully gone over ever detail and had figured out how much water was necessary for proper irrigation. Comparing it with the actual amount used by the householders of Dallas during the summer season, he has found that many times the amount really necessary to keep lawns and gardens in a proper condition was used last summer, resulting in August, in a depletion of the reserve supply in the reservoir, that would have rendered the system of fire protection practically powerless, had the occasion for its services arisen.

This waste, Mr. Gates believes, can be prevented only by installing a meter system on irrigation and making it necessary for the people to exercise more care in the use of the water. He does not desire, as he expressly stated, to increase the profits on the water rentals, but merely to insure the city adequate fire protection during the summer months, which was undoubtedly not the case during the season of minimum supply last August.

Briefly, Mr. Gates' plan is to attach meters to irrigation hydrants during the summer months, charging a nominal rental for the meter during the time it is in use and charging water rent according to regular meter rates. In the winter, when irrigation is at its minimum and the supply from Canyon Creek at its maximum, the meters will be removed, Mr. Gates aims to make the charges under the meter system such that a person may secure a fair amount of water for irrigation purposes at practically the same rates that they have been paying heretofore.

Mr. Gates also urged the council to take immediate steps for securing land adjoining the site of the reservoir now in use, so that a second reservoir may be constructed as soon as it becomes necessary and, he added that it would probably become necessary within the next twelve months, owing to the rapid growth of the city and the consequent increased demands upon its water system.

A special committee consisting of Councilmen Coad, Ellis and Cooper was appointed by Mayor A. B. Muir to confer with Mr. Gates this afternoon and will probably render a definite report on the subject at a special meeting of the council which has been called for Monday evening, November 23.

Entertains Sunday School Class.
Miss Effa Brown entertained a number of the young women of the Methodist Church, members of Hon. G. L. Hawkins' Sunday School class, at her home Friday night. The evening was spent with games and music and light refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hawkins, Mrs. W. L. Soehren, Mrs. B. M. Guy, Misses Lela and Letha Tracer, Fannie Dempsey, Nora Robertson, Mina Hughes, Ollie Howe, Ednelle and Louise Collins, Ida and Anna Staffin, Josephine Jacobson, Sadie Lyon, Cora Tufts, Gladys Wilson, Miss Pritchard, Flora McCallon and Belle Elliott.

Singers Fail to Appear.
Watkins' Tennessee Jubilee Singers scheduled to appear in Dallas, Saturday night, under the auspices of the Dallas Public School, failed to arrive and sent no message explaining their failure to fill their engagement and the large audience that had assembled had to be sent away. Professor R. B. Hill has taken the matter up with the bureau which has control of the company and will endeavor to secure reparation for his losses in preparation for the entertainment. Those who have not yet had their money for tickets refunded, may secure it by calling at Conrad Staffin's drug store.

The New Grocery.
I have just opened a new grocery store in the building adjoining the National Bank. Everything up-to-date and of the best quality in stock. Your patronage is solicited and you may be assured that your orders will be filled with the utmost promptness and care. Patronize my store once and I feel sure that you will continue to patronize it.
11-13-8t J. L. CASTLE.

Bert Dennis brought the county road roller out to the new grade near the Guthrie place yesterday where the finishing work on the county road improvement in that district will be carried on this week. When that stretch of road has been finished, the machinery will be brought to Dallas for storage for the winter.

You make no mistake in buying a sack of White Lily Flour at Shultz's grocery. 11-13-8t

COURT HOUSE NOTES

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

PROBATE.

Estate of Rebecca Smith, deceased—hearing of final account continued to Thursday, November 19, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Guardianship of Alma Hamilton et al, minors—bond, inventory and appraisal filed and approved.

Estate of Albert W. Fowler, deceased—final discharge entered.

Estate of Isaac Stevens, deceased—bond filed and approved; letters issued and Frank Quenel, Fabian Quenel and Daniel Robinson appointed appraisers.

Estate of Amasa J. Crosier, deceased—final discharge entered.

Estate of Andrew J. Purvine, deceased—petition for sale of personal property filed and allowed.

REAL ESTATE.

United States to W W Boone, 160 acres, t 7 s, r 4 w, patent.

Mary J Harris to Newton G Harris, 20 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$2,700.

George W Bowles to J G VanOrsdel, lots in Dallas, \$600.

Margaretta Wild to G W Gosser, lots in West Salem, \$600.

J R Shepard et ux to John A Wright, lot in Zena, \$125.

J C Talbott et ux to Walter Williams, lot in Falls City, \$1.

J A Lynch et ux to R E Williams, 70 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$2,800.

W A Messner to Edgar Hartley, lots in Independence, \$4,000.

Edward Gerlinger et ux to Adrian McCalman, 15 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$10.

R L Murphy and hd to Alluvial Land Company, 16.5 acres, t 9 s, r 4 w, \$330.

Maria Bradley to Perry O Martin, lot in Dallas, \$1,000.

Carl Sellers et ux to Earl V Barham, lot in Dallas, \$125.

Mary Angi to Charles H Maginnis, 160 acres, t 7 s, r 8 w, \$1.

Charles H Maginnis to W N Jones, 160 acres, t 7 s, r 8 w, \$2,240.

M E Masterson et ux to R D Cooper, 156 acres, t 8 s, r 4 w, \$3,500.

Wealthy Mitchell to Independence National Bank, land in Independence, \$5,600.

Nettie E Bohannon et al to Independence National Bank, land in Independence, \$1.

W F Simon et ux to W N Simon and E F Brown, 203 acres, t 7 s, r 4 w, \$13,000.

H L Crider et ux to John W Robinson, 40 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$450.

G W Priest et ux to E L Parrish, 19.76 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$4,000.

C S Craton to Adam Yost, 319 acres, t 9 s, r 6 w, \$5,000.

Will Ask For Increased Tariff.

Herman Klaber, of the hop firm of Klaber, Wolf & Netter, has gone to Washington, D. C., where he will represent the hop growers of the Pacific coast at the tariff revision hearing before the ways and means committee of the house of representatives. What the hopmen of the coast desire and what Mr. Klaber will work for is an increase in the tariff on foreign hops imported into this country from 12 to 24 cents a pound. The movement in the interest of a higher tariff rate on hops was started by the leading growers of California a month or more ago, when a state committee on tariff revision was appointed to confer with representatives in this state and Washington.

Successful Skating Carnival.

The masked skating carnival given in the Falls City rink Saturday night was a great success, nearly 100 maskers being on the floor. The prizes were awarded as follows: Best lady skater, Miss Leta Grant, of Dallas; best gentleman skater, Ted Cochran; best ladies' costume, Miss Dora Elkins and Miss Alice Bancroft; best gentleman's costume, Edward Inman; best sustained character, Miss Blanche Chappell and Miss Blanche Graham, as Indian maidens.

Program at Electric Palace.

The program for tonight and Wednesday night at the Electric Palace will be as follows: Pictures—"Pioneers Crossing the Plains in '49," "Stung—What Can It Be?" and "A Botherome Husband." Songs—"It Looks Like a Big Night Tonight" and "The Message of the Old Church Bell." Humor and pathos, comedy and tragedy, all are mingled in the program and all who attend are assured of a first-class entertainment.

Preparations for the Thanksgiving ball to be given by the members of Company H, O. N. G., Wednesday evening, November 25, are already under way and an effort will be made to give a larger and more enjoyable dance than ever before. The committee in charge of the preparations for the first ball has control of the one to be held next week. Music will be furnished by Seely's orchestra.

To The Highest Bidder



A \$40.00 Banquet Range

to be sold to the highest bidder regardless of price and without reserve, for cash. The BANQUET RANGE is without a peer among the steel ranges on the market today and we have adopted this plan of calling the attention of the public to the merits of this particular range. BANQUET RANGES embody the many features of practical excellence you expect in the product of one of the largest stove plants in the world. The oven walls are lined with asbestos, concentrating the heat around the oven, economizing heat and making Banquet Ranges quick and perfect bakers.

You run no risk when you buy a BANQUET RANGE. You can try it for 30 days, and if it will not bake and cook as good as any range, we will take it back and refund your money.

Sealed bids will be received for the range up to the 24th day of December, 1908, at 12 o'clock noon, and no bids will be opened until that time. All bids must be securely sealed and marked, "bid on range", and addressed to ADAMS & BROBST CO., Dallas, Oregon, with your name and address and bid enclosed.

We will be glad to show the range and explain its merits to anyone and if anyone bids on the range without seeing it and after seeing it they are not satisfied, they will be under no obligations to take it as it will then be awarded to the next highest bidder.

(In answering this advertisement, please mention the name of this paper.)

ADAMS & BROBST CO.
Dallas Furniture and Implements Oregon

Big Reduction SALE

On all Ladies' and Children's Coats. All this season's styles.

Special Sale on Clothing

Men's, Boy's and Youth's Suits will be sold at a big cut in price. If you need clothing it will pay you to see what we are offering.

Special lot Ladie's 26-in. Umbrellas 90 Cents

Campbell & Hollister
CASH STORE

SAY! HOW ABOUT THAT PICTURE

Wouldn't it look better in a brand new frame? Well, there is just one place in Dallas where you can have it attended to in first-class style, renovated, reframed or remounted. That place is

HALL & HAYES
FURNITURE STORE

Electricity for Lighting

Is only expensive to people who are wasteful and careless. To you, who are naturally careful, it does not come high.

It is economical because it can be quickly turned off when not needed. With gas or kerosene there is the temptation to let light burn when not needed to save bother of lighting and adjusting. In some homes the electric light bills amount to only one or two dollars per month. You can probably get some kind of artificial light for less money than electric light, but does it save you anything when it limits opportunities for work and recreation—ruins your eyesight—smokes your walls—mars decorations and increases household work. You could probably save a dollar tomorrow by going without your meals but it wouldn't be economy. It is not so much what you save, but how you save that counts.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CO. RATES—Residence on meters, per Kilowatt 15c; Residence, flat per month, 16c. **RATES FOR BUSINESS HOUSES**—25c per drop and 5c per Kilowatt up to 10 drops; over 10 drops 30c per drop and 5c per Kilowatt up to 40 drops; over 40 drops 75c per drop and 5c per Kilowatt. A drop figure 18c or less. For power rates apply at the office. We are always ready to explain the "ins and outs" of the lighting proposition to you, call on us or phone to us, we are never too busy to talk business.

Willamette Valley Company
E. W. KEARNS, Manager for Dallas.
Office on Mill street, just north of the Court House. Phones Bell 421, Mutual 1207.

The Jacobson Transfer Co.

All kinds of hauling promptly done. Specially equipped for the careful moving of furniture and pianos.

Phone orders to Belt & Cherrington's Drug Store
Bell, 301 Mutual, 253

ATTORNEY AT LAW
ED. F. COAD,
Office in Courthouse
DALLAS, OREGON

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
BROWN & STOUT
ABSTRACTORS
NOTARY PUBLIC COLLECTIONS
Uglove Bldg. DALLAS, OREGON