

Polk County Observer

S. P. Kimball is over from Salem on a business visit.

J. B. Thompson went to Ashland yesterday on a business visit.

E. A. Brown, of Black Rock, was a visitor in Dallas, Wednesday.

Cass Riggs, of Crowley, was a business visitor in Dallas yesterday.

Sheriff J. M. Grant was a business visitor in Independence yesterday.

Bert Dennis, of Falls City, was a business visitor in Dallas, Wednesday.

Miss Iva McDaniel has gone to Portland for a few days' visit with relatives.

W. T. Grier, of the Falls City Lumber Company, was a visitor in Dallas, Wednesday.

Frank Ward returned yesterday from a few weeks' visit with relatives in Washington.

Mrs. Mattie Martin, of Portland, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Uglow.

Miss Alta Savage returned from a short visit in Portland and Vancouver, Wednesday night.

John Olin returned Wednesday night from a holiday visit with his family in Vancouver.

Seth Riggs is up from Portland for a few days' visit with relatives and friends in Polk county.

Miss Vivian Hargrove, of Salem, has been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. M. Smith.

W. T. Belcher and H. A. Packard were in Dallas, Wednesday, enroute to Portland from Falls City.

Ira Yocum, of Willamina, and Allyn Yocum, of Sheridan, were business visitors in Dallas, Wednesday.

Mrs. C. G. Coad and Miss Margery Hayes returned Wednesday night from a short visit in McMinnville.

Misses Ruth and Sue Stelver returned to Portland, Tuesday afternoon after a short visit with their friend, Miss Maud Gage.

Miss Nellie Hadaway returned to her home in Dayton yesterday after a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Crider.

Programs will be given at the Star Theater during the month of January only on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of each week.

The Trail of the Lonesome Pine, by Fox, and The Revolt of Anna Royle, by Martin, have been received at the Dallas Free Library and placed on the rental list.

Miss Bertie Bentley and Miss Nellie Damon, of Independence, were Dallas visitors yesterday.

Mrs. A. A. Cunningham, of Portland, is visiting at the home of her cousin, Mrs. R. L. Chapman.

The advent of the New Year was celebrated in nearly all of the cities in this vicinity with pleasant dancing parties.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richmond returned to Corvallis, Wednesday, after a holiday visit with relatives and friends in Dallas.

Charles Shenneloff, of Independence, manager of the Pacific Telephone in Polk county, was in Dallas this week on business.

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Dr. L. A. Bollman returned Tuesday from Portland, where he represented Company H, O. N. G. at the annual Militia Convention.

Work in most of the public schools in Polk county will be resumed Monday and Dallas College will open for its second term on Wednesday, January 6.

Miss Bertha Frink was in Dallas yesterday returning to Monmouth after a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Frink in Falls City.

Prospective buyers of goods for the new year will do well to examine the prices listed by the Bee Hive store in its advertisement published elsewhere in this issue.

F. S. Ramsey wound up his racket store business in this city yesterday, and P. A. Fineth will occupy the building he has vacated with the stock for his new suit and cloak establishment.

J. E. Beezley has been appointed postmaster for Falls City to succeed Dr. M. L. Thompson, who has held that position for a number of years. Mr. Beezley will assume his new duties about February 1.

John Rowcliffe and Miss Mabel Carmen were married recently at the home of the bride's parents in Drayton, North Dakota. Both were formerly residents of Dallas and are well known to many of its citizens. They will make their home in Portland.

At the Presbyterian Church, Sunday, January 3, the pastor, Rev. N. L. Reeves, will preach at 11 a. m. on "The Moral Harvest," and at 7:30 p. m. on "Submission and Resistance." The Sunday School meets at 10 a. m. and the Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. A cordial invitation to all services is extended to the general public.

OREGON HAS PETROLEUM

Expert Believes That Willamette Valley Is Destined to Become Great Oil Producing Section.

R. M. Brereton, of Woodstock, published a long and interesting letter in Monday's Oregonian, giving the data on which he based his belief that Oregon, and especially the Willamette Valley, is rich in deposits of petroleum and that all that the state lacks is proper exploitation and scientific drilling for oil, to make it an even richer oil producing region than California.

Extensive use of technical and scientific terms make the letter rather difficult reading, but the points suggested are worthy of serious consideration and the fact that the writer announced the presence of petroleum deposits in California years before they were actually discovered in the very regions he had indicated, adds weight to the statements made concerning oil prospects in Oregon.

Of principal local interest are the statements he makes concerning the indications of oil in Polk county. The subject has been under investigation in this county in recent years and several tentative prospects have been made in different sections, the one most widely known having been perhaps, the prospect on the Whiteaker farm near Monmouth.

The salient facts, which have bearing on the indications of the presence of petroleum and natural gas in Polk county are briefly as follows:

The geological formations in Western Oregon are in the same sequence as those in the oil regions of California. The most productive petroleum producing sections in California lie in the upper miocene tertiary formation and Yamhill and Polk counties west of the Willamette River lie in the same formation. The structures of the shales and sand stones in the hill range east of Amity and McCoy and in Holmes' Gap between McCoy and Rickreall are identical with those in the oil bearing regions of California.

"Petroleum," says Mr. Brereton, "is a product of marine vegetation and the strong salt springs in the Salt Creek neighborhood and about Amity indicate that it was once the bed of the Pacific Ocean, prior to the period of the uplift of the Coast range." He believes that all prospecting heretofore has been too superficial and in many cases that the prospectors have drilled in the wrong formations.

If the drilling were prosecuted in the places where the oil bearing formation is found instead of having been made in the more difficult and frequently barren strata, he is confident that both oil and natural gas would be found in abundance through the Tualatin and Yamhill valleys and a large section of northern and central Polk county.

ARE STILL VICTORIOUS

The Oregons Make Higher Scores in Montana Than They Did in Washington.

After having played through Washington and Montana without suffering a defeat, or even being matched against a team that could make things really interesting for them, the Oregons entered North Dakota, Tuesday night and made known their arrival in that state by beating the Dickinson basketball team by the big score of 60 to 10. Their farewell game in Montana, played against Company K of the National Guard in Billings, Monday night, was won by 39 points to their opponents' 15.

The telegraphic reports from the games have been less regular during the past week and the Dallas friends of the team have been several times disappointed after waiting at Johnson Brothers' store until long after midnight for the returns from the games. Johnson Brothers however, to whose enterprise the arrangement for securing the returns, is due, have taken the matter up and will endeavor to secure a prompt and more regular transmission of the messages for which the friends of the team wait each night with so much eagerness.

The two hardest games that the Oregons expect to play during the next 10 days will be against Stillwater, Minnesota, Saturday night, January 2, and Hudson, Wisconsin, Monday, January 4. They will meet their old opponents, the Redwings, on January 5 and 6.

The record made by the team thus far has been truly enviable, the total score of the Oregons being far in advance of their opponents. The complete scores as far as reports have been received are as follows:

Oregons, 43—Vancouver, 6
Oregons, 34—Winlock, 4
Oregons, 34—Seattle, 16
Oregons, 42—Rosslyn, 17
Oregons, 57—Ellensburg, 3
Oregons, 55—Spokane, 14
Oregons, 22—Anacoda, 16
Oregons, 97—Billings, 8
Oregons, 50—"Y M C A 15
Oregons, 39—"Co K 15
Oregons, 60—Dickinson 10
Totals 533 124

EXCHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

M. D. Ellis Takes Grocery Store and Hon. U. S. Loughary Enters Mercantile Company.

The beginning of the New Year notes the consummation of an important business transfer in this city. M. D. Ellis having purchased the grocery business of Hon. U. S. Loughary and Mr. Loughary having purchased his share of the stock in the Dallas Mercantile Company.

Mr. Loughary's store was closed Wednesday for invoicing and Mr. Ellis took full charge yesterday. Mr. Loughary will assume his place in the Mercantile Company's establishment today.

While both have been working for several years in widely different lines of the mercantile profession, neither finds himself in an unaccustomed field in assuming the business acquired by the recent transaction.

Before going into the grocery business in Dallas, Mr. Loughary was for about 10 years engaged in the dry goods business in Salem and other cities. Mr. Ellis likewise had a number of years' experience as a grocer before he became identified with the big dry goods establishment, working for a number of years as one of the partners in the grocery firm of Loughary & Ellis.

Both are men of exceptional business ability and will doubtless meet with marked success in the new lines of work they have chosen to adopt.

"Oregon's Best"

guaranteed to be the best soft wheat flour in the Willamette Valley. Sold by all grocers in Dallas. Manufactured solely by

Dallas Flouring Mill
SWEENEY BROS. Props.

THE LEADER Restaurant

In new quarters with improved equipments. Regular meals 25c. Short orders a specialty. Give us a call. One door north

JOHNSON BROTHERS' AND
RIGGS, Props.
BOTH PHONES

TIMBER LANDS Fuller & Elliott

Only Real Estate firm in Polk County handling Timber Land exclusively

Don't fail to call or write if you have timber to sell.

Office in I. O. O. F. Building
DALLAS, OREGON

LOOK HERE!

The City Express & Transfer Co.

does all kinds of hauling at reasonable rates. Stand and both phones at Webster's Confectionery Store.

MUSCOTT & STARR
Proprietors
DALLAS, OREGON



Our store is the only place in the county where you can buy this famous line of mattresses.

HALL & HAYES
FURNITURE STORE

Keep Your Horses Warm

Freeze yourself if you enjoy it. Sit on the seat and shiver all the time you are driving, but for goodness sake when you hitch, see that your horse is blanketed. You owe that much to your faithful servant, even if you didn't—its business—it costs less to keep a horse if you keep him warm.

Many a horse has gone to the bone yard because of the need of a blanket.

There's no sense in it when I sell blankets as low as I do. Full-lined blankets from \$1.50 to \$2.50. Call and see for yourselves at the Harness Shop.

FRANK SALFICKY Dallas, Ore.

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

CLEARANCE SALE CONTINUES

We will continue our sale this week. Now that Christmas is over and people are through buying Christmas presents, we will give you a chance to come and buy what you want for yourself at a great bargain. Remember we close our sale Saturday evening, January 2, 1909.

W. H. ROY & CO.

"EASE THE FIRST DAY WORN"

Queen Quality Shoes

\$4.00
\$3.50
\$5.00



Every season finds more women seeking the protection that comes with the trademark of "Queen Quality" shoes. The number of "Queen Quality" customers is now somewhere up in the millions. But this is nothing surprising to those who know the "Queen Quality" shoe. Their only wonder is that any woman can be induced to wear any other.

THE BEE HIVE STORE
DALLAS EXCLUSIVE DEALER OREGON

Union Prayer Service.

The week of prayer for the churches of Dallas will begin Monday evening, January 10, union services being held each evening as follows: Monday at the Presbyterian church, subject "The Bible," Dr. C. A. Mook, preacher; Tuesday at the Methodist church, subject "God's Faithfulness and Man's Possibility," Rev. H. H. Farnham, preacher; Wednesday at the Christian church, subject "Missions, Home and Foreign," Rev. N. S. Reeves, preacher; Thursday at the Evangelical church, subject "Intemperance and Gambling," Rev. M. P. Dixon, preacher; Friday at the Baptist church, subject "The Family and the School," D. M. Metzger, preacher; Saturday at the Evangelical church, subject "The Signs of the Times," Rev. Curtis P. Coe, preacher.

During the month of January no programs will be given at the Star Theater on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Miss Bertha Reese returned to her home in McMinnville, Wednesday, after a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Coulter.

Mrs. A. Anderson, of Buena Vista, and Miss M. G. Lee, of Junction City, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hall this week.

Claud Brower, of McMinnville, and Miss Vida Gwin, of Heppner, were visitors at the home of Mr. Brower's sister, Mrs. M. B. Grant, this week.

Mrs. Lydia Messenheimer, of Independence, was yesterday committed to the State Insane Asylum for the third time. Both previous times she was discharged cured but in each case the attack of insanity reoccurred within a short time. She has several young children who will be sent to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. Mrs. Messenheimer's husband left the state some time ago and no clue can be secured as to his whereabouts. His wife has been living at the home near Independence for several months in a practically destitute condition.

Notice.

Having sold my grocery business I desire to close up my books and settle all outstanding accounts. Parties having accounts will greatly oblige me by calling at the Dallas City Bank and arrange in some way with F. J. Craven for closing said accounts.

U. S. LOUGHARY.

Castle's Grocery

Located one door south of the Dallas National Bank. We carry a complete stock of fancy and staple groceries and are prepared to give prompt and courteous service to all our customers. "The best for the best" and the place for you to get the best is Castle's grocery store. J. L. CASTLE, proprietor. 12-11-09

DR. ELBERT E. FISHER

Specialist in diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat
Office, Rooms 1-3, Over Bush Bank
DALLAS OREGON

We Wish You a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

With the beginning of 1909 we desire to thank our many patrons for their liberal patronage during 1908.

You, by your liberal buying, have made it possible for us to materially increase our stock, which means that we will be able to serve you better both in your selection of goods and the prices we can make you.

It is our aim to accord to all fair treatment, but through some mischance we sometimes make an enemy. We are sorry, but it is the way of the world. If at any time you think that you do not get fair treatment from us come in and see us. We will meet you more than half-way in fixing it up.

We desire to state further that you will find our stock of goods of

Hardware, Furniture and Plumbing

of high quality and as complete as the market affords.

NOTICE. If you are registered for one our Calendars we will keep it for you until January 10, then we will distribute to the first comers.

Trusting that 1909 will be a prosperous year for you.

GUY BROTHERS & DALTON

HARDWARE AND FURNITURE

THE STORE WHERE YOU ALWAYS GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH