

Polk County Observer

R. M. Fowle was down from Airlie yesterday on a visit.

A. C. Taylor, of McCoy, was in Dallas yesterday on a visit.

James McDonald, of Rickreall, was a Dallas visitor yesterday.

Moss W. Walker, of Falls City, was a visitor in Dallas, Wednesday.

Hon. G. L. Hawkins has returned from a few days' visit in Salem.

L. Toedtemer, of Airlie, was in Dallas, Wednesday, on business.

Mrs. Virginia Smith has returned from a few weeks' visit in Seattle.

J. E. Yoakum, of Perrydale, was a business visitor in Dallas yesterday.

Walter Griffin is visiting at the home of his niece, Mrs. Ed DeArmond near Suver.

Miss Ethel Tooze was in Dallas, Tuesday, enroute from Eugene to her home in Falls City.

J. W. Bush and B. Bush, of Peede, and P. C. Bush, of Falls City, were visitors in this city, Wednesday.

R. E. Williams returned Wednesday from Salem, where he had been attending the opening of the session of Legislature.

Captain Johnson, of Florence, accompanied by his family, has been visiting his son, Frank, a student in Dallas College.

Hunters in this vicinity have succeeded in bagging a number of foxes since the beginning of the snowy weather.

G. O. Holman, of this city, has been appointed assistant reading clerk in the House for the present session of Legislature.

Mrs. Gertrude Sebring left for her home in Winchester, Douglas county, yesterday after a visit with her mother, Mrs. A. Shultz.

The Commissioners Court adjourned yesterday morning after a two days' session to meet again next Tuesday for further business.

G. N. Cherrington, R. E. Williams, W. R. Craven and W. V. Fuller went to Portland yesterday to attend the Shriners' Convention.

The reception of the faculty to the student body of Dallas College, which was to have been held last Friday night has been indefinitely postponed.

Theodore Farrington left this afternoon for a two months' trip through New Mexico. He intends purchasing property there if the country suits him.

No meeting of the Merchants' Protective Association was held Tuesday night, the cold weather making it impossible for a quorum of the members to be present.

H. P. Shriver accidentally inflicted a severe wound in his hand while cutting wood yesterday morning, the ax slipping and making a gash which required several stitches to close it.

The Pacific Telephone Company has a number of men employed making preparations for moving the switchboard from its present location into the new office in the Williams building. The work is being carried on rapidly and the change will probably be made early next week.

A FROZEN IDYLLE.

BY DEAN COLLINS.

When shrills the winter from the North,
With what a fond, expectant eye,
Within its fragile crystal tube
We watch the little mercury:
But while we wait to see him climb
To temperature of gentle spring,
Down to the basement floor he sneaks
And all our hopes go glimmering.

Alack that we, accustomed grown
To blowing flowers and tropic ripes,
Should be aroused at dead of night
By sound of bursting water pipes
Alack, our hands, that oft have stretched
To pluck the radiant blushing rose,
Now strive with snowballs to erase
The burning frost bites from our nose.

The gladsome boy released from school
Heed not the cutting northern blast
But, hiding in some alley, soaks
Pedestrians as they go past.
Or tracks the frightened cottontail
And festive coon full many a mile,
And thinking of his school once more
Hopes it will snow for quite a while.

The legislative Solons meet
To heal with laws our civic ills—
But sad from them we turn away
To figure on our plumber's bills.
Would that the bills for thawing pipes,
Faucets, and coils and other things
Could be disposed as easily
As some the Legislature brings.

Will George be Senator in sooth?
Gad zooks, we neither know nor care!
But say, was that a drop of rain
That just came falling through the air?

Mayhap it doth portend relief
From Boreas' relentless shock,
Which skies the price of fuel and puts
Our summer underwear in hock.

Speak not to us of laws and things
Of caucuses and "slates" and
"sacks" and "plasters" for our backs
Let George's claim for Senator
Be "sound and true" or "rank and raw"

What we desire to know is this—
How soon may we expect a thaw?

The unpleasant weather during the past week has out railroad travel down to a minimum and the traveling men, whom no unfavorable weather can dismay, have been the principal passengers between Dallas and Portland for several days.

A light, sleety rain driven by a wind from the southwest caused a rise in temperature yesterday afternoon, which resulted in a slight thawing of the heavy crust of snow. It is thought by many that this heralds a real Chinook wind and gives promise of a rapid disappearance of the snow.

Monday night was probably the coldest in Dallas since the beginning of the snow storm. A record of the temperature each hour, kept by J. B. Thompson at the Hotel Gall, shows that for three hours during that night the mercury stood at 4 degrees below zero and that by eight o'clock Tuesday morning it had crept barely up to zero.

The Dallas National Bank has elected the following officers: R. E. Williams, president; R. C. Craven, vice-president; Eugene Hayter, cashier; August Risser, assistant cashier; R. E. Williams, Dr. B. H. McCallon, Hon. N. L. Butler, W. G. Vassal, I. N. Woods, M. M. Ellis and R. C. Craven, directors. A semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent was declared.

OREGONS MEET REVERSE

Suffer Defeat Twice At Hands of Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin, Basketball Team.

The Oregons, playing in Wisconsin this week, have met with serious reverses, losing two games in succession to Fon Du Lac, but in spite of those defeats, they still are holding their own in foreign territory, better than the majority of teams that have made tours during the past five years, in which basketball has risen into prominence throughout the United States.

The game Tuesday night was won by Fon Du Lac by a score of 24 to 14, but on Wednesday night the Dallas boys lowered their opponents' score to 23 and raised their own to 19. The telegram from Manager B. A. Teats, Wednesday night, announced their second defeat in Fon Du Lac in the following brief wording: "Dallas 19, Fon Du Lac 23—Dallas boys can't play slick floor."

In spite of the recent losses, the following list of the scores made by The Oregons since leaving Dallas, still shows an enormous lead for the westerners over their opponents:

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	Anacosta, 16
Oregons, 37	Billings, 8
Oregons, 50	" Y M C A 15
Oregons, 39	" Co K 15
Oregons, 60	Dickinson 10
Oregons, 36	Jamestown, 15
Oregons, 29	Minneapolis 29
Oregons, 33	" Co. B 18
Oregons, 14	Stillwater 29
Oregons, 23	Redwing 16
Oregons, 27	" 9
Oregons, 31	LaCrosse 23
Oregons, 31	Portage 21
Oregons, 39	" 15
Oregons, 27	Neenah 24
Oregons, 14	Fon Du Lac 24
Oregons, 19	" 23

Totals 856 368
Total number of games played, 23.
Oregons lost 3; tied 1 and won 19.

Literary Societies Elect Officers.

The two literary societies of Dallas College have elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Philadelphia Society—Stephen Gurney, president; Harry Critchlow, vice-president; Frank Hollister, secretary; Elbert Farnham, treasurer; Lew Ballantyne, critic, and Norval Gates, editor. Utopian Society—Pauline Van Orsdel, president; Frieda Grant, vice-president; Bobbie McCallon, secretary; Helen Gurney, treasurer; Vera Corser, critic; Etta Phillips, editor; Emma Ridgeway and Alice Grant, censors, and Winnie Kelly, conductress.

Dies After Long Illness.

Mrs. May West, wife of William West, of Kings Valley, died at the home of O. E. Ramsdell near Dallas, Wednesday night, after a severe illness of two weeks. She had been in poor health for a long time but her condition was not considered critical until only a short time before her death. She was about 26 years of age. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Ramsdell home and the remains will be taken for burial to the Montgomery cemetery near Airlie.

Born, Sunday, January 10, to Mr. and Mrs. John Holman, of Antloch, a son.

Carl Perelval, of Independence, has been appointed as one of the clerks in the House for the present term of Legislature.

The members of the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church were entertained Wednesday night at the home of their pastor, the Rev. N. S. Reeves. The evening was pleasantly spent with various social amusements and an excellent luncheon was served.

Hon. H. V. Gates, owner of the Dallas waterworks, has made an offer to Mayor A. B. Muir to sell the plant to the city of Dallas, naming his price at \$40,000. Mr. Muir will probably bring the matter up for definite consideration at the regular meeting of the city council Monday night.

Sheriff J. M. Grant reported yesterday morning that there remained only about \$574.38 in delinquent taxes, \$360 of which was on personal property and \$214.33 on real property. During the day the whole of the delinquency on real estate was taken up by C. W. Irvine, of Independence. Beside Mr. Irvine, there are about 11 other parties who have taken up property on which the taxes have become delinquent during the past year.

The members of the Utopian Literary Society will give their open program for the second term in the College Chapel, Tuesday night, January 19. The program has been prepared in celebration of Edgar Allen Poe's centennial anniversary and will be composed of readings and essays dealing with his life and writings and a number of selections from his best works. All friends and patrons of Dallas College are cordially invited to be present.

Reed Rocker Free.

To the person who will write "Adams & Brobst Banquet Range" the greatest number of times on a 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inch postal card. The writing must be legible to the naked eye. On the address side state what make of stove or range you have if you have one and how long it has been in use. This contest is open to all and will close February 1, 1909. Mail cards to Adams & Brobst Co., Banquet Range Agents, Dallas, Oregon. 1-5-09

LIBRARY GROWS RAPIDLY

Sphere of Its Influence And Usefulness Extends Far Beyond City Limits.

Figures and tables of figures, with which we are confronted at every turn, are shunned by the average reader with as great diligence as the Kentucky "colonel" shuns a dry town—and for much the same reason. Yet figures frequently prove to be the most potent medium available, by which the growth of an industry or an institution can be gauged and, frequently, when the institution whose growth we are gauging is one in which the people are interested, the figures lose their qualities of dryness and are read with pleasure.

This should be the case with the following figures concerning the Dallas Free Library, which were obligingly furnished by Miss Jennie Muscott, the librarian. One is inclined to imagine, at first thought, that the influence of the Library in our community is comparatively slight, but the records show that its influence is not confined to Dallas alone but that it extends far out into the suburbs of the city.

Each year since its founding it has grown astonishingly in every branch. The total number of new borrowers' cards issued in 1907, amounting to 230 was considerably surpassed in the year just closed, the records showing that 293 cards were issued during that period. This means 523 new patrons secured to the Free Library in two years' time and it means, moreover (although a portion of those 523 cards may have been issued to members of the same families) that the Dallas Free Library has extended its sphere of influence, into practically that many new homes.

The total number of cards now held by regular patrons of the Library is 3064, considerably more than the actual total of the population within corporate limits of this city. It is of course not possible that every resident of Dallas holds a borrower's card, and that fact indicates that a very large percentage of those living in the rural districts, enjoy the benefits to be derived from it.

And the patrons of the library have not been slow to profit by the advantages it had to offer. During 1907, 6570 books were loaned and in 1908, the circulation rose to 8599.

The record of the book circulation however, gives only a part of the real story of the Library's work. The reading table, with its long list of popular periodicals, is a factor that deserves fully as much consideration.

The amount of its influence is a trifle more difficult to determine, no record of the number of visitors being available excepting for those hours of the day during which the librarian was on duty and that record being only partial. It is estimated, however that during 1907, the number of transient visitors to the library (and those are the ones whom the reading table most benefits) averaged fully 1200 a month. During 1908 the average per month is given at 1500 and it is probable that if the actual facts could be secured, they would show an even greater number. Thus during 1907, fully 14,400 visitors called at the Library and during 1908, 18,000 visitors passed through its door. Those facts alone, give a truly enlightening glimpse into what the Free Library is doing and an excellent idea of how important a position it has acquired in Dallas.

A library of only 1082 volumes, supplemented each year by the traveling libraries of about 100 volumes from the State Commission, and the list of periodicals on its reading tables, the Dallas Free Library has proven itself a force of undeniable importance in the upbuilding of the city and its development during the past two years will be a source of surprise and gratification to the citizens of Dallas.

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