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Big Cut ¹/_N Prices

Our second Annual Clearance Sale commenced

Saturday, Jan. 2.

Everything reduced in price. We will save you money on every purchase.

Yours for business

Campbell & Hollister
CASH STORE

School Report For December.

The report of the schools of Polk county for the month ending December 24 has just been completed by Superintendent H. C. Seymour, having been considerably delayed by the slowness of a number of the teachers of the county in sending in the reports for their various districts. In the 62 schools in session during December a total of 2646 are registered, 1404 of whom are boys and 1242, girls. The average daily attendance was 2432 or 91.6 percent, 1209 pupils being neither absent nor tardy during the entire month. The schools placed on the roll of honor for attendance, having made a per cent of 95 or more are: Bridgeport, Lewisville, Ballston, Salt Creek, Parker, Monmouth, Scroggins, Gooseneck, Cochrane, Riekreall, Oak Point, Elkins, Independence, Buell, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek (100 per cent.) North Dallas, Etna, Sunnyslope, Guthrie,

Liberty, Falls City, Cherry Grove, Mountain View, Rock Creek, Highland, Mistletoe. The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for having had no tardies during the month: Smithfield, Bridgeport, Valley View, Gooseneck, Riekreall, Upper Salt Creek, Enterprise, Etna, Concord, Liberty, Rock Creek, Highland, Mistletoe.

Castle's The Grocery For You.
Located one door south of the Dallas National Bank; carrying a complete line of fancy and staple groceries; affording prompt, careful and courteous service to all customers. When you are in Castle's store you can feel at home. If you are not able to come up town send in your order by either phone—he is ready to take care of it. 1-19-09

Dr. C. A. Mock went to Portland, Friday, for a few days' visit.

BUSY COUNCIL MEETING

Matter of Sewer Assessment Causes Much Discussion—Dallas Will Number Houses.

The greater part of last night's session of the City Council was spent in discussing the resolution fixing the sewer assessments in Dallas and hearing any objections brought by property holders in the various sewer districts, to the mode of assessment or the amount for which they had been assessed.

The subject is one of wide interest among the residents of Dallas and a large crowd of the property holders in the districts in which the assessment was made, were present while the matter was under discussion.

The resolution, after having been read in detail, was finally adopted, Councilman Uglov casting the only dissenting vote. Prior to its adoption, three objections were entered, one against the mode of assessment and two against the amount.

On the first point Hon. J. E. Sibley appeared, representing a number of property holders on Clay street and claiming that as all of the land on that street was residence property and the benefit would be therefore practically equal to all, requested that the assessment in that district be made on the basis of superficial area instead of property valuation. The other objections were made by D. J. Riley and Frank Kerslake, both of whom claim that the assessment on their property is out of just proportion to that on property lying in the same districts.

After the adoption of the resolution on street assessment, an ordinance to have the plumbing in the city of Dallas regularly inspected was read for the first time and the ordinance for the numbering of the houses in Dallas was passed.

The contract for the numbering of the houses has been given to Holman & Dungan. The signs bearing the street names will be furnished at 35 cents each and the prices for the numbers for the houses will be regulated by the requirements of the property owners.

J. E. Foster, of Roseburg, has purchased the Caldwell poolroom and will move the equipments into the room in the Uglov building which was formerly occupied by J. C. Shultz where he will fit up a fine up-to-date pool and billiard hall. Mr. Caldwell will soon move to Eastern Oregon for the benefit of his wife's health.

Legal blanks for sale at this office

FRESHETS FOLLOW THAW

High Water Does Not Appear Until Snow Is Practically All Gone.

In spite of prophecies of floods and destruction to follow in the path of the Chinook wind which sprung up Thursday afternoon, the thawing and disappearance of the snow gave little cause for worry in this section until this morning. Under an intermittent fall of warm rain the snow has faded away so gradually that the increase in the height of the streams was almost imperceptible.

Commercial and manufacturing industries in this city, which were almost at a standstill while the snowstorms endured, begun to swing back to the normal at the first indications of an approaching thaw. Mail routes were opened up once more and the business interchanges between town and rural districts were re-established within a few days.

The mills throughout Polk county and the logging camps from which they receive their supplies of timber, resumed operations this week, after having been shut down for a period of from six to ten days.

The self-congratulation of the people however, over the "ideal thaw" as they styled it was changed to chagrin when after the greater part of the snow had melted safely, a night of continued and heavy rain raised streams to flood height within a few hours. Reports of high water came in from all over the county this morning, although at no place has the situation become serious.

A number of cribs and break waters along the LaCreole have been swept away and several tracts of low lands have been inundated, but thus far no great damage to bridges has occurred.

Interest In Skating Revives.

After a temporary lapse, the interest of the people of Dallas in the recreation of roller skating seems to have returned with renewed vigor. The Colosseum rink was closed during the greater part of last week and the week preceding and when its doors were reopened Saturday night the floor was quickly filled with a larger throng of skaters than had been assembled for months. During the present week Mr. Kerslake, the manager, intends to open the rink on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

Three nights this week at the Colosseum rink—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Don't miss one of them.

DEATH CALLS PIONEER

Ira F. M. Butler Passes Away At His Home In Monmouth Aged 96 Years.

Ira F. M. Butler, one of the most widely known of the pioneers of Polk county, died at his home in Monmouth, Saturday, January 16, at the age of 96 years and 8 months.

Mr. Butler was born in Kentucky in 1812, when his father was a private in the American army serving under Wayne in the last war with Great Britain. At the age of 17 he moved to Illinois with his parents, settling in the city of Monmouth, where he resided until 1853, when he crossed the plains to Oregon.

In 1835 Mr. Butler married Mary A. Davidson, eight children being born to the union, three of whom survive him: Misses Maggie and Allie Butler, of Monmouth, and S. A. D. Butler, a fruit raiser of Napa, California. While in Illinois he served as deputy sheriff of Warren county under his father and in 1838 he was elected sheriff. For seven years he was circuit clerk under the famous Stephen A. Douglas.

When he came to Oregon he secured a donation land claim of 320 acres situated on the Luckiamute river, which he held until 1856 when he disposed of it and moved to the site of the present city of Monmouth, where with a number of others he laid out a town, which, in compliment to him, was named after his home city in Illinois.

From that time until about 1882, when he virtually retired from public life, Mr. Butler was one of the leading men in the political and civil life of Polk county. In his political affiliations, he was a Democrat and in Oregon, as in Illinois, he proved himself a leader in his party. He served in the legislature in 1856, '58 and '62, acting as Speaker of the House in 1858. From 1878 to '82 he was Judge of Polk county and during a large part of his public career, he served as Justice of the Peace in his district.

He was one of the founders of the Polk County Bank in Monmouth, and one of the founders of the Christian College, being a member of its board of trustees until it was finally merged with the State Normal School, when he resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler celebrated their golden wedding in 1885 and only three years after, death called his faithful wife from his side.

The funeral services were held in Monmouth, Sunday afternoon, and

the remains were buried in the Davidson cemetery near that city.

In his home town, the citizens revere him as a patriarch and his birthday was the occasion of annual celebration, during which scores of friends visited him and extended their good wishes. Throughout his life, he was one of the highest and perfect types of a strong, positive and progressive citizen and the record of achievement which he leaves behind him, is one of which his children may well be proud.

Oregons Defeat Neenah.

The Oregons defeated Neenah, Wisconsin, in a hard basketball game Thursday night by a score of 19 to 11, and thus recovered their prestige in that state, which had received a severe blow on the two preceding nights, when they suffered defeat at the hands of the team in Lon Du Lac, Friday, Saturday and Sunday the team played no game, but was scheduled to meet Detroit last night. The report of that game was held up until about 10 o'clock this morning, when a telegram was received announcing a forfeited game awarded to Dallas by a score of 2 to 0. The two teams did not appear on the floor owing to a dispute over the selection of officials for the game and Dallas was afterward obliged to secure a lawyer to get the amount of their playing contract covered. The Oregons will line up against the Buffalo Germans, the champion team of the world, Wednesday night, and the resulting struggle will probably be one of the hardest and most scientific in the history of the game.

Elmer Beard at Star Theater.

Elmer Beard, the contortionist who appeared at the Star Theater last night in the first of his series of entertainments which will be given here this week, proved himself a performer of more than ordinary ability and his act was greeted with hearty applause from the audience. He appears to be practically jointless, sliding and writhing back upon himself, absolutely tying himself in a knot and twisting his body into positions which seem almost impossible of accomplishment for a man built in human form. His act reminds one of the graceful coiling of a serpent.

Mrs. Walter Williams, of Falls City, left Sunday for a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. F. J. Chapman in California. She was accompanied as far as Portland by Mr. Williams.

MONROE MILLER IS DEAD

Venerable Citizen of Dallas and Oregon Pioneer Claimed By The Grim Reaper.

A. Monroe Miller died at his home in this city Sunday night, after a brief illness, aged 81 years and 10 months. A fall received by slipping on the icy porch of his home last Thursday, was directly responsible for his death, his age and enfeebled condition making it impossible for him to rally from the shock.

Mr. Miller was born in Cole county, Missouri, November 9, 1827. He was a son of Richard Miller, whose ancestors had emigrated to America from Scotland. Mr. Miller lived in Missouri until he was 19 years of age, when he started with his parents, on April 12, 1847, on the long trip across the plains.

After being six months on the road they reached Oregon and settled near McMinnville, where his father took up a donation land claim. In 1849 his father moved to California and in the following year, the deceased and his brother followed to that state where he remained until 1851 when he returned to Oregon and settled on a donation claim near Riekreall. Afterward, 1851-2 he made several trips with pack horses to the Florence mines.

Mr. Miller remained on his farm near Riekreall until about 1884, when he moved to Dallas where he resided until the time of his death.

He was twice married his first wife being Margaret Crowley, who died only a few months after their wedding. Afterward he married Mrs. Lucinda V. (Fulkerson) Logan, a pioneer of 1852, who died January 5, 1887. Three children were born to them, only one of whom survives him—Nellie E., the wife of U. S. Grant, of this city.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at 2 o'clock this afternoon and the remains were laid to rest in the old cemetery.

A man of sterling character and fine social qualities, Mr. Miller included in the number of his friends all with whom he became acquainted during his residence in Dallas, and with his departure from among us, is taken away a character and an influence that has wrought long and effectively for the welfare of this community. He was a true Christian and had been a member of the Baptist church since early manhood.

Adams & Brobst will send you a plumber to mend those pipes which were broken in the freezing weather.

ANNUAL JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

This sale means a mercantile event that borders on the marvelous. A regular price cutting outrage. A sweeping reduction throughout this entire store. Reduced prices that will undoubtedly create a sensation. All broken lines and odds and ends go at a mere fraction of their former value. Prices have been cut as never before. We are going to make this sale a record breaker in the history of this house. The only original and genuine clearance sale is now on at THE BEE HIVE STORE

Mammoth Reduction Sale on Men's Winter Suits

This gigantic clearance sale which started here Saturday morning, January 2nd, carries an important message to every man woman and child in this community.

Clearance Sale of Men's Shirts Men's Golf Shirts, broken line, Values from 50c to \$1.00. Sale 35c "Monarch" Shirts \$1. to \$1.25. Sale 75c	Clearance Sale Suspenders Heavy Web Suspenders, 25c and 35c values 19c	Clearance Sale of Comforters Special lot, full size White Cotton. Sale \$1.45	Clearance Sale Embroidery. One lot 8 and 10c values at 5c yd	Clearance Sale Boys Caps All 50c caps, all styles. Sale 35c
Clearance Sale Underwear Men's Cotton Ribbed Underwear, regular 50c grade 37 1-2c. Men's Wool Ribbed \$1.00 grade 75c	Clearance Sale Shoes One lot Children's Shoes, values up to 1.25. Sale 69c	Clearance Sale of Ladies' Shoes One lot Ladies' 3.00 and 3.50 shoes, all good makes. Sale \$2.50.	Clearance Sale Petticoats Sateen and Heatherbloom. Sale from \$1.65 to \$3.45	Lot 1—Boys Knee Pants Suits, 3.00 to 3.50 values. Sale \$1.98.
Clearance Sale Men's Pants A line of Fancy Worsted Pants, values to 3.50. Sale \$2.40.	Clearance Sale of Towels Our large 25c Linen Towels, white and fancy border. Sale 18c.	Clearance Sale of Linen 66-inch Table Damask, 75c grade, at 59c	Clearance Sale Bed Spreads A large, heavy Marseilles spread, 1.25 value. Sale 93c	Lot 2—Boys Knee Pants Suits, regular 4.00 to 4.50 values. Sale \$2.79
Clearance Sale Hosiery One lot Children's Black Hose, regular value 25c. Sale 12 1-2c.	Clearance Sale Underwear Children's and Misses Union Suits, values to one dollar. One lot. Sale 48c	Clearance Sale of Outing Best quality Outing, fancy and plain colors. Sale 8c	Clearance Sale Blankets All wool Blankets, white and colors, values to 7.50. Sale \$4.95.	Lot 3—Boys 5.00 to 6.50 Knee Pants Suits, all late cuts. Sale \$4.39
		Clearance Sale of Muslin Heavy Brown Muslin. Sale 6c "Lonsdale" Bleach Muslin. Sale 9c		Lot 4—A broken line of Men's Suits, regular 8.00 and 10.00 values, Sale \$4.75
				Lot 5—Men's Navy Blue Serge, Fancy Worsted and mixed effects, regular 12.50 to 15.00 Sale \$9.85
				Lot 6—Men's Hand Tailored Suits, values from 16.50 to 20. Sale \$13.85

There will be no reductions on the following lines: W. L. Douglas Shoes, Queen Quality shoes, Gordon Hats, Butterick Patterns
Prices on these goods are controlled by the manufacturer and must be sold regularly.

This Sale Positively Closes Saturday, January 30th, 1909

Dallas **The Bee Hive Store** Oregon