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DALLAS, OREGON, JAN. 24, 1911.

The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.



Oregon's two political "yellow kids"—Jay and Allen.

The bill intended to compel railroad companies to issue free passes to public officers in Oregon should be buried too deep for resurrection.

The Observer will have nothing to say about street improvements this week. The council's frenzied attempt to get rid of the mud on Court street is furnishing better argument in favor of smooth-surface pavement than any words we could write.

The rejection by the State Senate of the resolution commending the "Oregon system" may prove an eye-opener to Eastern people who may have gained the idea, from the flood of circulars that has cluttered up the mails and the magazine articles that smelled suspiciously, even if not marked "adv.," that the so-called system was "a thing of beauty and a joy forever," sarcastically comments the Hillsboro Independent.

Editor Frank Davey, of the Harney County News, does not favor 20-day sessions of the Oregon Legislature. He says forty days are all too short for sound, well-considered legislation, and cities in support of his contention the fact that bundling laws, hurriedly slipped through past sessions, have failed to stand the test of the courts, and that in some instances it has been found necessary to call special sessions to correct or repeal them. He says but few men in each session are experienced legislators, and "a good part of the forty days expires before they get the run of things." Editor Davey is correct. But how does he reconcile this argument with his claim that the people are competent to make their own laws, under the Bourne system, when copies of the proposed measures are placed in their hands only a week or ten days before election? Are the people, as a mass, more experienced and more competent than the men they choose to represent them in the Legislature? Is it not a fact that Oregon's greatest credit to-day is its hastily-considered, half-baked laws and constitutional amendments?

An Indiana man asks for information of the most interesting object in Oregon, where the wicked Observer man at Dallas suggests he cultivate the acquaintance of W. S. U'Ren. As two of a kind go together, our own Jonathan should be included, provided he be caught in Oregon long enough to make him an Oregon object.—Sheridan Sun.

OUTLOOK FAVORABLE. The Polk County Observer favors the building of an asylum in Dallas, to serve the double purpose of militia headquarters and convention hall, the cost to be borne by the state, county and city. The News believes that the people of this county will act favorably upon the proposition when it is presented for their decision.—Falls City News.

SITUATION FAIRLY STATED. (Salem Journal.) The attacks on the administration at the state insane asylum are political in their nature. On behalf of Superintendent Steiner, it must be said his honor and integrity as a man or official has not been questioned. Those who have interested themselves in the administration of the asylum know he has been a model official.

He has treated all the patients from the standpoint of the highest consideration of humanity. From a medical standpoint he has probably applied more advanced medical science than any of his predecessors.

He has improved the sanitary conditions and the food and care of the patients. He has not been afraid to recommend necessary sums for needed improvements, and then has spent the money.

Dr. Steiner has not pretended that the per capita expense for keeping patients was being kept down by him. He has believed in raising the standards of living, and the cost of living has gone up as elsewhere.

The political system, under which all the state institutions are managed, is wrong, in our opinion. The state asylum is practically a catch-all for people of unsound mind and unfit to be at large, as the old statute has it.

This permits any county to unload on the state all kinds of troublesome persons, aged people and dope fiends. A rigid examination would disclose that a large percentage of the people committed to the Oregon insane asylum are not strictly speaking, insane at all.

Insanity is a disease in various forms, more or less subject to treatment and cure. But victims of appetite, dyspepsia, mania, patent medicine slavers, whisky, tobacco, morphine, chloral cranks and hypo victims are not insane.

All these are unloaded on the state institution, and the law governing commitment should be changed, if the state is ever to get out from under its load.

It is discreditable to the state of Oregon to have so large a showing of alleged insane for so small a population.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

Court Items, Real Estate Transfers, And Other News Briefly Told.

PROBATE. In the guardianship of Glen Whalen, a minor—first semi-annual account filed and approved.

In the guardianship of the minor heirs of Gust Peterson et ux, deceased—ninth annual account, with vouchers, filed; guardian released as to Emma Peterson and Amelia Peterson.

In regard to Cyrus Jones' estate—final discharge entered.

In the estate of Matilda Peterson, deceased—final discharge entered.

In the estate of Eva Peterson, deceased—final discharge entered.

In the estate of John P. Leach, deceased—ordered, that bond be approved; T. H. Stone, Thomas J. Merrick and E. Hills appointed appraisers.

REAL ESTATE. Mary A. Winn et ux to J. W. Hays, 10 acres, T. S. R. 5 W. 10.

H. T. Cartmell et ux to J. A. Haines and wife, lots in Monmouth, \$2500.

C. E. Barney et al to Grant E. Barney, 46 acres, T. 3 S. R. 6 W. \$4000.

Grant E. Barney et ux to Joseph H. Nelson, same, \$1600.

Frank E. Murdoch to J. H. and Maud Chapin, 80 acres, T. 9 S. R. 4 W. \$5000.

J. L. Murdoch et ux to J. H. and Maud Chapin, 68.73 acres, in T. 9 S. R. 4 W. \$4500.

Seth A. Mills et ux to A. E. Chenoweth, 115 acres, T. 6 S. R. 2 W. \$9775.

Andrew H. Holmes et ux to L. H. Dornhecker, land in Dallas, \$365.

H. G. Hastings et ux to Owen Beam, 362.50 acres, T. 6 S. R. 6 W. \$9662.50.

Owen Beam et al to West & Wheeler, same, \$10.

C. A. Clark et ux to H. J. Adams, 8.24 acres, T. 7 S. R. 2 W. \$686.65.

BAND BOYS MAKE PROGRESS

Organization Will Be In Good Trim When Season Opens.

The members of the recently organized brass band in this city have been taking great interest in their musical studies, and the practice meetings are well attended. Instructor U. S. Grant, who is drilling them regularly, is well pleased with their progress, and says he will have a thoroughly good band by the time the summer season opens.

Some changes have been made in the personnel of the band since it first met, so that the list of members is now as follows: Cornets—E. Duncan, William Boydston, R. Fisher, Guy Martin, John Reddekopp.

Charities—Elbert Farnham, Walter Mule, Norman Ramsey, Robert Van Orsdol, August Riser.

Saxophones—Richard Webster, Roy Finseth.

Piccolo—Clifford Smith.

Alton—George Stewart, Ray Boydston, Harold Weaver.

Trombones—Thomas Magors, C. Cleaver, Lewis Hallantyne, D. F. Harris, Vera Compton.

Tenor—Fred Boydston.

Baritone—L. Shaw, Harold Rich, Basses—Charles Boydston, John Miller.

Drums—Earl Shultz, Clark Van Orsdol.

Falls City Valuations.

The estimated actual value of all taxable property in Falls City is \$590,000, and the assessed valuation for 1910 is \$250,000, reports the News. The population, according to government census, was 1091, while the present estimate is placed at 1150. The official financial statement of the city shows the following: Outstanding city warrants, \$1690; contract for purchase of rock crusher and road roller, \$1750; street improvement bonds, \$3600. For the purpose of installing a gravity system of water works, \$25,000 worth of bonds, in denominations of \$1000, will be sold February 7. There has never been any default in the payment of any of the city's obligations. There is no controversy or litigation pending, or threatened, concerning the validity of these bonds.

Company Orders.

Headquarters Company H, Fourth Infantry, O. N. G., Dallas, Or., Jan. 1, 1911. Special Order No. 1. Company H will not drill next Thursday evening. Instead, all members are hereby commanded to report at the Armory next Sunday evening, January 26, at 7 p. m., when the company will march in a body to the M. E. Church, to listen to a military sermon to be preached by the Reverend Mr. Hopkins, pastor of the M. E. Church of Dallas.

By order of CAPTAIN WALTER L. TOOZE, JR., Commanding the Company.

Free Text Book Bill.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—Representative Clyde has introduced a substitute for his free text book bill. In the substitute it is provided that a petition of one-fourth of the qualified school voters in a district may be placed before the Board and an election called to determine whether free text-books shall be furnished the school children. The bill passed the House this morning.

Polk Parishes Two.

In Monday's issue of the Oregonian a picture is published of the University of Oregon Basketball Squad, and among the members shown is Carl Pitman, of Dallas, who is well known in local basketball circles. Another one of the group is Dean Walker, of Independence. It is the general impression in Eugene that this lot of players will develop into the greatest team in the history of the University.

Injury Not Serious.

The injury to John McCoy, who was brought to the Dallas Hospital Saturday night, was not as serious as was reported, and he was able to return to his home this morning. While on the road near Black Rock, he fell from a Shay engine, and it was thought for a time that his back was broken.

Plaintiff Wins Case. The case of C. L. Fulton versus E. M. H. White, involving possession of a store at Black Rock, was tried before Justice of the Peace Hardy Holman, Monday afternoon, and judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, granting him restitution of his property and costs of suit.

Dr. Lowe will be in Independence, Friday and Saturday, to noon, February 2 and 4; in Dallas, February 1 and 2. This is Dr. Lowe's nineteenth year to visit old Polk County.

FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB

BUSINESS MEN TAKE PRELIMINARY STEPS TO FORMATION.

Occupation Tax Proposed—Farmers' Institute Planned For Dallas at Early Date.

Dallas will soon blossom forth with an active commercial club, and thereby be enabled to take her rightful place among the progressive, up-to-date towns of Oregon. The first steps toward supplying this long-needed want were taken last Monday night, at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Merchants' Protective Association, when Walter L. Tooze, Jr., secretary, was appointed a committee of one to start the preliminary work of organization and report to the association. The association strongly advocates the formation of such a club, and, as that means the endorsement of practically every business man in the city, it will not be long until the projected institution will be a reality. The meeting was harmonious and enthusiastic, and was one of the most successful ever held.

Occupation Tax Urged. Another subject of vital interest to the city was brought up by Frank Kerslake, who urged the adoption of an occupation tax on all lawful business pursuits in the city, for the purpose of raising funds with which to pay for a night watchman and to cover the cost of street sprinkling during the summer months. The present system is considered inadequate and unequal. The association decided to put the matter up to the city council, and a petition for an ordinance to that effect will be prepared and circulated among the taxpayers of the city.

A communication was received from R. H. Flynn & Company, of Portland, in which they expressed their willingness to establish a tile factory near Dallas, and asking what assistance would be given them should they decide to locate here. The matter was referred to a committee consisting of W. L. Soehren, J. E. Shibley and Louis Gerlinger, who will canvass the situation and report to the association at the next regular meeting.

For Farmers' Institute.

A matter of more than usual importance to Dallas and the surrounding country, was the consideration of a request asking the association to tender an invitation to Doctor James Withycombe, Director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station, and his assistants, to hold a horticultural institute in Dallas within the next few weeks. The matter has already been taken up with the Experiment Station, but it was thought best to extend a formal invitation on behalf of the city. N. L. Guy was appointed a committee of one with power to select his associate committee-men from among the business men. This committee will be entrusted with the work of preparing for the institute, securing a suitable place of meeting, and such other details as may have to be worked out later. So far as known, none of the West Side towns have ever been honored by a regular farmers' institute, and it will be an important event in the commercial history of Dallas, situated, as it is, in the heart of one of the best, but undeveloped, fruit regions in the whole state.

WILL DEBATE SINGLE TAX

Dallas High School Teams Will Meet Independence and Monmouth.

The affirmative team of the Dallas High School Debating Society will meet the negative team of the Independence High School of the latter place next Friday night, January 27. The subject of debate is "Resolved, That the single tax should be adopted." The Dallas team will be composed of Miss Pearl Phillips, Miss Carolyn Ghorke and Miss Ruth Campbell, with Herman Hawkins as substitute. On Saturday night a debate on the same subject will be held at 8:15, in the College chapel in Dallas, between the negative team here and the affirmative team of the Monmouth High School. The local High School will be represented by Miss Anna Garner, Miss Roberta Ballard and Harold Miller.

Falls City Debaters.

FALLS CITY, Or., Jan. 23.—The Falls City High School debating teams will debate with Perrydale and Independence on January 27. The negative team, consisting of Cecil Dodd, leader; R. G. White and Roy Bowden, will debate with the affirmative team of Independence in the evening in this city. The members of the latter team are Bessie Hartman, Ernest Williams and Marion Butler. The Falls City affirmative team, consisting of L. S. Dodd, leader; Mac Johnson and Edith Harris, will contest with the Perrydale High School debating team at Perrydale.

Sermon For Militia.

Company H, O. N. G., of this city, under command of Captain Walter L. Tooze, Jr., uniformed and in military order, will attend the evening service to be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, next Sunday evening. The Reverend George F. Hopkins, pastor, will deliver a sermon appropriate to the occasion, the subject of which will be "Quit You Like Me."

Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Polk County will hold the regular examination for applicants for State and County papers at the County Court House in Dallas, Oregon, as follows:

For State Papers. Commencing Wednesday, February 8, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 11, at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, History, Spelling, Physical Geography, Reading, Psychology.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Book-keeping, Physics, Civil Government.

Friday—Algebra, Geography, Composition, Physiology, English Literature, School Law.

Saturday—Botany, Plane Geometry, General History.

For County Papers. Commencing Wednesday, February 8, at 9 a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 10, at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, History, Orthography, Reading, Physical Geography.

FOR BENEFIT OF MISSIONS

Newly Appointed Organizer Will Speak at M. E. Church.

Mrs. S. W. Eddy, a returned missionary, who has been secured as organizer of the Columbia River Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, will speak in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Thursday evening, January 26, at 7:30 o'clock. Admission is free, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to listen to her.

Mrs. Eddy has twice been in India. On her first visit she went as a missionary and remained there three and a half years. During her second stay she remained five years as superintendent of a high school for girls in Poona, a semi-hill station near Bombay. This will be Mrs. Eddy's first official visit to this city, having lately come from Illinois, where she was engaged in similar work.

If you have head and eye aches, don't fail to consult Dr. Lowe. He will be at Hotel Gail, February 1 and 2.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

(Advertisements under this head are charged at the rate of 1 cent per word, first insertion; 1/2 cent per word for each insertion thereafter; 30 words or less, \$1 per week. No advertisement inserted for less than 15 cents.)

For Sale. Onk and Cedar posts. Soehren Warehouse Company. 11-18-11.

Hay For Sale. Vetch and out hay for sale. W. O. Morrow, Rickersall, Oregon. 1-10-11.

Wanted. 20 or 30 good, fresh dairy cows. R. A. Campbell, Sheridan, Oregon. 12-6-11.

For Sale. Out and hay for sale at my residence, Dallas, Oregon. U. S. Grant. 1-10-11.

For Sale. Four fine S. C. White Leghorn cockerels. Phone Green 35, or address Mrs. Anna Brock, Dallas. 1-13-11.

Room With Board. Choice board and room for refined people; close in. Have only the best to offer. Inquire at Observer office. 1-6-11.

For Rent. For rent, the Francis Wrightson place of 240 acres, in Pedee precinct. Oscar Hayter, Agent, Dallas, Oregon. 9-23-11.

Wanted. All kinds of iron, rubber, brass, copper, zinc and blides. Highest cash prices paid. A. N. Hallock, Monmouth, Oregon. 3-12-11.

For Sale. General merchandise store; invoices about \$5000. Would take some real estate or trade. Address Box 143, Independence, Oregon. 11-25-11.

Lost. In Dallas, a gold initial pin, with letters "N. L. S." Finder will please leave at Simon & Scott's grocery store. 1-17-11.

House Wanted. Wanted to rent, a seven or eight-room house in North part of town, by fifteenth of January. Telephone Dallas Steam Laundry. 1-2-11.

House Wanted. Wanted to rent, furnished house or rooms in a desirable location. Address Doctor H. P. Rand, care Doctor Hayter's office. 1-17-11.

Horses Trained. How about those colts you want trained this Spring? I will train all colts either single or double, or both ways. Most scientific methods used. Terms reasonable. Cecil L. Riegg, Rickersall, Oregon. Phone S. F. No. 2—54. 12-23-11.

Your Winter's Wood. Order your slab wood now and be sure of having a good dry supply for Winter. I can sell you either slabs, blocks, or trimmings. Can furnish any other kind of wood desired. Plenty of good oak and fir. Send in your orders by either phone, Mutual, 1126 Bell, 443. AUGUST BOMAN.

Registration of Land Title. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.

In the matter of the application of H. E. Schoenfeld, to register the title to the following described premises, to-wit:

Being lots 8 and 9 in the division of the road property in the estate of J. B. Syron, deceased, and more particularly described as beginning at a post set 29.12 chains East and 5.24 chains South from the South East corner of section 14 in township 6 South Range 6 West, said post being 3.29 chains South of the South East corner of the Westey Lynch D. L. and running thence East 26 chains to a post, thence North 22.50 chains to a post from which an oak 12 inches in diameter, ten feet South 27 1/2 degrees West 224 links, thence West 20 chains to a stake from which an oak 6 inches in diameter bears North 35 1/2 degrees West 30 links, thence South 22.50 chains to the place of beginning, containing 62 acres, said land being in Polk County, Oregon.

Ass W. Patco, versus L. Baker, Frederick H. Baker, et al. All to whom it may concern, defendants.

Application for judgment on the 4th day of January, 1911, H. E. Schoenfeld filed his application in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, for initial registration of the above described land:

Now unless you appear on or before the 18th day of February, 1911, and show cause why the said application should not be granted the same will be taken as confessed, and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the said petition, and you will be forever barred and estopped from disputing the same.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court this 4th day of January, 1911.

(SEAL) E. M. SMITH, Clerk.

W. O. Sims, Attorney for the Applicant.

Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed

OSCAR HAYTER, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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