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DALLAS, OREGON, JUNE 9, 1911.

The way to build up Dallas is to pa-
tronize Dallas people.



While opposed to an occupation tax on general principles, the Observer is rather inclined to commend the Dallas council for passing an ordinance that will compel every business man to contribute to the night watchman and street sprinkling fund and thus equalize the burden of expense among those directly benefited. Heretofore, a few enterprising merchants have been obliged to carry the whole load. The only reasonable criticism of the new tax measure that can be offered is that it does not sufficiently discriminate between the small business houses, carrying light stocks of goods and receiving a comparatively limited patronage, and the larger concerns, with their enormously valuable stocks and enjoying a business amounting to thousands of dollars each month.

This objection, however, might be urged against any form of taxation, for we think all will agree that an absolutely just and equitable assessment of property for taxable purposes has never yet been made. Realizing, therefore, that the council must deal with conditions and not with theories, it is probable that the business men of Dallas will abide by the new law without complaint so long as the revenue derived therefrom is sacredly used for the purpose for which they were given to understand the ordinance was being passed.

The Dallas business men who are patrons of the Observer's job printing department are getting a class of printing equal to that produced by the best offices in the large cities. The merchant who sends his orders and his money to Portland or Seattle does so because he prefers to do business with the foreign concerns, and not because it is necessary. Happily, such business men are few in number here in this live valley town, where the slogan is "Build up Dallas by patronizing Dallas people."

A Lin County poet, writing to the Albany Herald in jocular vein, attempts to describe typical residents of various Oregon towns by naming characteristics peculiar to each. Getting down the line to the man from Salem, he says:

"You can tell the man from Salem
By the cherries in his hat,
Which were shipped from lovely
Dallas,
Where the cherries first grew at."

COURT HOUSE NOTES

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

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
William C. Hill, of Rickreall, and
Hazel D. Vaughan.
FARM NAMES REGISTERED.
Hill Crest—F. J. Coad, Dallas.
Twin Oaks—J. R. Chapman, West
Salem.
Springdale—W. R. Savery, Dallas.
Spring Brook Orchard—L. E. Viers,
Dallas.

PROBATE.
In the estate of Harriet Orchard,
deceased—administrator authorized to
sell certain personal property at pri-
vate sale.

Estate of Catharine McReynolds.
Inventory and appraisement filed and approved.

REAL ESTATE.
James Hunter to Florence E. Hunt-
er, lots in Monmouth, \$1.

Nancy E. Ifenry and husband to Virgil
L. Gibson, 55.80 acres, t. 7 s. r. 3 w.,
\$4000.

SECOND OPEN AIR CONCERT

Dallas Band to Play on Court House
Plaza Tomorrow Night.

TOMORROW. Saturday, evening, Dallas' peerless band will give its second weekly open-air concert on the court house plaza. Through the efforts of the Commercial Club sufficient subscriptions have been pledged to pay for the services of the band throughout the summer season, and the popular musical entertainments will be made a regular feature.

The concert will begin at 7:30 to-
morrow evening and will continue until 9 o'clock. Owing to lack of time
Director U. S. Grant was unable to
prepare a formal program. All who
wish to enjoy the music in comfort
should bring along their camp chairs.

ON-THE-OFF-A-THEY

Gleanings.
All schools acknowledge Nature as
the real physician and we know that
the uncertainty of life is a handicap to
her workmen. At times the fortunate selection and administration
of some drug may save life, but
what of the thousands and thousands
who are hurried to their graves by
the unfortunate selection and adminis-
tration of drugs that proved to be
contra-indicated?—Herald of Orthop-

Satisfaction of Mortgages.
The Observer has added Satisfaction
of Mortgages to its stock of legal
blanks. Notaries and attorneys may
now secure them in any quantity de-
sired. Phone orders for legal blanks
given prompt attention.

Legal blanks for sale at this office.

IRRIGATION OF VALLEY

**FIRST PROJECT NOW IN CON-
STRUCTION AT WEST STANTON.**

**State Engineer Says Day Is Near
When Entire District Will
Use Water.**

The following is an address recently delivered before the students of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis by John H. Lewis, state engineer:

"Actual construction work is now in progress on the first irrigation project of any magnitude to be undertaken in the Willamette Valley, at West Stanton, and the day is not far distant when each stream which enters this valley will be diverted for irrigation purposes.

"That irrigation is necessary and will pay, has been demonstrated beyond any possibility of doubt, and the fear that the soil will bake and refuse to yield readily under the new treatment is rapidly disappearing.

"There is approximately eight million acres in the Willamette Valley watershed and three million acres in the floor of the valley, including adjacent low foothills. To say that one million acres in this valley will be under irrigation in the next 20 years is not an extravagant statement. The project under construction contemplates the irrigation of 20,000 acres in Marion County, and there are five other projects in contemplation which will be undertaken if the first attempt is successful. Knowing many of the men behind the enterprise, and being acquainted with the lands, I have no fear as to a successful outcome.

Increase of Water.

"Accepting the above figures as a correct index as to what can be accomplished in the Willamette Valley through irrigation, it is easy to figure how the farmer could well afford to borrow, even at 10 per cent interest, all the money to install an irrigation system. The increase in land values would more than offset such cost. As much information accumulates, and with a few successful projects constructed, it is easy to conceive such a boom in irrigated lands in the Willamette Valley that its population will be increased ten fold in the near future.

"It seems to me that the commercial organizations of the state could take up no line of promotion which would yield greater returns in increased population, than by promoting the idea of irrigation in this beautiful valley. It has no greater popularity per square mile than many dry farming communities of the arid region. Irrigation will therefore do as much for us as it will in such communities.

"With our low elevation, mild winters, long, dry growing season, convenience of rail and water transportation and accessibility to the markets of the world, I predict a most rapid development for this valley through the adoption of this new method of agriculture."

Logger Injured.

Clarence O'Brien, a logger working in Powell's camp, was very seriously injured Wednesday morning by being struck by a cable. He was seriously injured internally, and was in an extremely weak condition when taken to Dallas Hospital. Dr. A. B. Starbuck performed the necessary surgical operation in the hope of saving his life.

Presbyterian Church.

Services, Sunday, June 11:
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Morning union service at Evangelical church.

Christian Endeavor meeting, 7 p. m.
Evening service, 8 p. m.; topic of sermon, "The Symbolism of Sacred Mountains."

Midweek prayer meeting Thursday evening, 7 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to worship with us.

and distribution of water, estimated at \$2.50 per acre.

Comparative Results.

"From three cuttings of irrigated clover 10.2 tons were secured, as compared with 4.8 tons from two cuttings of unirrigated clover, or a gain of 5.3 tons. This is an increase of 133 per cent, due to the application of 9.9 acre inches of water, at a total annual cost of \$10 per acre. The clover was weighed when partly cured. At \$4.00 per ton the net profit due to this increase of yield would amount to \$13.55 per acre, or 135 per cent of the annual cost. By gravity canal the net profit due to irrigation could be increased to \$18.55 per acre, or 371 per cent of the annual cost.

"By applying 5.5 acre inches of water to a potato crop, 140 bushels of potatoes were secured, as compared with 60 bushels per acre from similarly situated unirrigated field. This gain of 84 bushels per acre, or 150 per cent, was secured at a total annual cost for irrigation of \$.56. At 60 cents per bushel the net profit due to irrigation amounted to \$38.45, or 655 per cent of the cost of producing such results.

Increase of Land Values.

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For Sale.

Twenty-five Indian Runner ducks.
Inquire S. D. Steffy, Dallas. Phone
255.

Wanted.

All kinds of iron, rubber, brass, cop-
per, zinc and hide. Highest cash
prices paid. A. N. Hallieck, Monmouth,
Oregon. 3-12-tf.

For Sale.

Weight 900, age 4 years. Phone
1594.

For Sale.

Oak and Cedar posts. Soehren
Warehouse Company. 11-18-tf.

Wanted.

Elderly lady to take care of a five-
months' old child for the summer.
Party to live with us. Phone Mon-
mouth 129.

For Sale.

Old buggy and harness, and set of
double work harness; cheap. A. H.
Harris, jeweler. Phone 453.

To Rent.

Five-room house, barn, garden,
nearly all planted; from June 15 to
April 1, 1912, or longer, to right person.
Inquire at 312 Church street.
253tf523

Sweet Cream For Sale.

Get cream for your strawberries of
W. P. Miller, delivered anywhere on
Holman's milk route at 29¢ per pint
for 30 per cent cream. W. P. Miller,
Phone 1554.

To Rent.

Five-room house, barn, garden,
nearly all planted; from June 15 to
April 1, 1912, or longer, to right person.
Inquire at 116 Main Street.
253tf523

For Sale.

Fir Vista farm, 307 acres, John L.
Riggs, owner. Excellent for farming,
dairying, hops and fruit. Will divide.
Also, other North Polk County farms,
and a sawmill. Barton Z. Riggs, Real
Estate, Amity, Oregon. Route 2.
Phone Dallas 525.

For Sale.

Services will be held at St. Philip's Catholic church, Trinity Sunday,
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Proposal for Bids.

Sealed bids will be received at the
office of the Auditor and Police Judge of
the City of Dallas, Oregon, until 8
o'clock on Monday, the 19th day of June,
1911, for sub-grading and macadamizing
five (5) blocks and street intersections
in said City. Said work must be done in accordance with
the plans and specifications outlined in
Ordinance No. 160 of said city.

Each bid must be accompanied by a
certified check, payable to the City of
Dallas, for ten (10) per cent of the
amount of the bid, to be forfeited to
said City in case the bidder fails to
give a bond and execute a contract for
the faithful performance of said work.

The envelope containing the bid
must be directed to the undersigned
Auditor and Police Judge, and marked
"Bid on Street Improvement."

A bond in amount equal to the
contract price will be required for the
faithful performance of the contract.

The City reserves the right to reject
any and all bids.

Done by order of the City Council
of the City of Dallas, Oregon, made on
the 5th day of June, 1911.

(Seal.) CHAS. GREGORY,
Auditor and Police Judge of Dallas,
Oregon.

Buying Wool.

Farmers having wool to sell will
find it to their interest to see H. L.
Fenton, Dallas, Oregon.

Legal Blanks for Sale at this Office.

* BUSINESS LOCALS *

(Advertisements under this head
are charged at the rate of 1 cent per
word. The insertion of 1 cent word
for each insertion thereafter: 10
words or less, 11 per month. No ad-
vertisement inserted for less than 15
cents.)

Lost.

Lost, in Dallas, lady's neck fur;
also girl's white sweater with green
trimmings. Return to this office.
253tf63

For Rent.

House, corner Lytle and Maple; \$2
per month. Enquire W. A. Griffin, 429
Levens. 273tf63

Room and Board.

Room and board, \$15 a month;
close in. 813 Shelton street, Dallas.
273tf63

Dairy Cows Wanted.

Wanted, good dairy cows. R. A.
Campbell, Sheridan, Or. 86f

Home For Sale.

T. J. Cherrington's beautiful home
in Dallas is for sale. Call at Photo
Studio. 273tf63

Help Wanted.

Help wanted at the Dallas Steam
Laundry. Phone 1052. 283-88

Mare For Sale

Mare, six years old, weight 1050
pounds. Phone 3 Blue. 270tf62

Sale or Trade.

Big house and seven lots, for sale
or trade on a good farm. Albert
Pennell, Dallas. 262tf62

Notice to Patrons.

Prices on horseshoeing will be as
follows: 6s down, \$2.00; 7s and 8s,
\$2.50. Special work, prices accord-
ingly. J. P. Kramer. 267-9

Sale or Rent.

Five-room house on Oak street,
near mill race, for sale or rent, by
owner. Call 1122 Washington street.
269-tf62

Horses For Sale.

Some fine young horses and colts for
sale at the C. N. McArthur farm, one
mile east of Rickreall. 254tf519

Wanted.

Middle-aged woman to take care of
a five-months' old child, for the sum-
mer. Phone Monmouth 129.
266tf530