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## WEIGHT OF LOADS ON ROADS GOVERNED BY COUNTY COURT

**IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIGHWAYS DURING RAINY SEASON HEAVY HAULING IS REGULATED.**

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS CHANGED

**Maximum Imposed of 3500 Pounds on Vehicles With Tires Less Than Four Inches, 4500 Pounds on Vehicles Having Tires Between Four Inches and Six Inches.**

At one of the busiest sessions held in several months, the county commissioners met in regular session for the October term at the court house Wednesday. Numerous matters pertaining to roads, school districts, etc., were considered and acted upon. The most important order made was that restricting the use of certain of the county roads during the rainy season. A transcript of the proceedings is given herewith:

**Treasurer Credited.**  
Ordered that Tracy Staats, county treasurer, be credited as follows:  
General fund (scalp bounty) \$ 6.00  
County school fund..... 100.00  
Called warrants fund..... 398.47  
Road district warrants..... 1744.03  
General road fund warrants..... 20.87  
Total..... \$2269.37

In the matter of the change of school districts Nos. 13 and 28, prayer of petitioner granted.

In the matter of petition of S. W. Leonard, to be changed from school district 63 to 33, prayer of petitioner granted.

In the matter of petition of C. S. Marks, et al., to change boundaries of school districts Nos. 30 and 28, prayer of petitioner granted.

**Eola Street Vacation.**  
In the matter of the vacation of certain streets and parts of streets in town of Eola, Oregon, as petitioned by Thomas Holman, filed September 2, 1911; prayer of petitioner granted.

In the matter of the petition of J. J. Finn, et al., to order removal of gates in county highway known as the old Gooseneck road, maintained by J. J. Finn and J. M. Davis; ordered that the parties maintaining the gates across said road remove the same within 20 days from date of order, and unless removed as ordered, the supervisor of road district No. 22, in which district is located said road, shall proceed to open the same. The supervisor shall first notify the property owners to open same before removing obstructions.

**Road Petitions.**  
In the petition of J. Bowles et al., for county road in road districts Nos. 2, 3 and 17. B. F. Beezley, county surveyor, being absent, R. B. Winslow, deputy county surveyor, C. C. Gardner and H. D. Staats appointed board of road viewers to view, lay out, and assess damages, and to report at November term of this court; to meet at point of beginning on the twenty-third day of October, 1911, at 9 a. m.; bond required in sum of \$100.

Petition of M. S. Miller et al., to remove Harry Dewey, pauper, from care of D. G. Meador, considered and denied, and for further consideration is continued to the November term of this court.

Petition of Frank Byerly and petition of B. E. Rose continued to November term for consideration.

**Warrants Cancelled.**  
Ordered that the following numbered warrants to parties named below be cancelled, as having been ordered through mistake, to-wit: No. 1770, V. Blake; 1776, W. Wheeler; 1764, George Wanklin; 1763, J. McClay; 1759, C. McCoy; 1757, J. Swift; 1755, L. Westfall; 1761, C. VanCleve; aggregating \$228.38.

In the matter of the petition of M. D. Miller et al., for alteration in what is known as the Canyon road, district No. 15; read first time.

In the matter of the regulation of weight of loads and width of tires on improved public highways in Polk county.

**Highway Restrictions.**  
It having been made to appear to this court that certain improved pub-

### TO BUILD LOGGING ROAD.

Falls City Company Surveys Line to Siletz.

FALLS CITY, Oct. 5.—Surveys have been completed from the railroad which the Falls City Lumber company will build to bring logs from the Siletz Basin to the mill here. A Porter had charge of the surveying party and states that the road will be 12 miles in length. Work will commence immediately on the construction of the roadbed, which will include 12 trestles. The section penetrated is the richest body of standing timber in the world, and Falls City will be the central distributing point. The company's planer is equipped to cut 100,000 feet daily.

### RUNAWAY ORPHAN CAPTURED

Bright Portland Boy Wanders to Independence.

Louis Feldman, a bright 14-year old boy, who ran away from his home in East Portland recently, and finally found refuge with a farmer near Independence, was brought to this city Wednesday by Sheriff J. M. Grant, and it is expected that he will be adopted here by a family that is willing and able to give him a good home.

lic highways within Polk county hereinafter described are being greatly damaged by certain persons hauling heavy loads of cord wood, lumber, railroad ties and other heavy material during the rainy season, and that to protect such roads it is necessary that the weight of such loads be fixed by order of this court upon the following named and described public highways, to-wit:

**Roads Affected.**  
What is known as the Dallas and Lewisville road, or Guthrie road, from Armon Guthrie farm, being a part of what is known as the old Lee place, thence running southerly across the Little Luckiamute river to James Burns' residence, thence easterly to Lewisville.

Also the following named road: What is known as the Canyon or Garwood road to Oakdale and Falls City, and

Also, what is known as the Dallas and Salt Creek road, from the city limits of the city of Dallas on the north of the foot of what is called the Dunlap hill, on the north side of said hill, and

Also what is known as the Willamina and Butler road, running from the line between Yamhill and Polk counties, thence southwesterly to the Butler store.

**Loads Regulated.**  
It is therefore ordered by the court that from and after this date, to-wit, October 5, 1911, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to haul or cause to be hauled on, over, or upon any of the improved public highways herein above named and described, any load on any vehicle with tires less than four inches wide to exceed 3500 pounds at one load; and not exceeding 4500 pounds on any vehicle having tires more than four inches wide and not exceeding six inches wide. Weight of wagon will be considered part of the load.

Any person, persons, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this order between the fifth day of October, 1911, and the first day of May, 1912, after a service of a copy of this order upon the person, firm or corporation so offending, shall be punished as provided by law.

In the matter of the petition of M. D. Miller et al., to alter what is known as the Canyon road, or Garwood road, to establish the same; read second time and continued to October 10, 1911, for further consideration.

Plans for a fine new Presbyterian church at Albany are nearly completed, and it is expected that work will begin within two weeks.

Otho Williams was a business visitor in Portland yesterday.

## Observer Enlarges Size to Eight Pages

Improved in form and materially increased in size, The Observer comes to you this week in what the publishers believe will prove a more popular arrangement than formerly. In place of four large pages as heretofore, the paper now contains eight smaller pages with a greatly increased space for reading matter. This arrangement permits of a more judicious placing of news matter and a more satisfactory space for advertisers. Each page will contain something of interest in the news or reading matter columns and each page will, therefore, offer an opportunity for the placing of advertising in close proximity thereto.

Arrangements have also been made for the appearance in each issue of illustrations of news happenings throughout the world, and this feature alone will, we believe, be appreciated. As usual, The Observer will cover Polk county with its peerless system of country correspondence, and every happening of note throughout the county will be faithfully recorded in its columns weekly, the special correspondence page appearing in the Friday issue.

The Observer will also make a specialty of illustrations of home events, and scenes of interest, not only in Dallas, but throughout the county. In other words, the publishers of this paper propose to spare no expense within reason to give the people one of the best country newspapers in the state.

In order to handle the increased work which will follow the improved paper, a large amount of new equipment has been installed in the office until the plant is one of the best to be found in any city of the state of even twice the size of Dallas. Expert mechanics are in charge of the printing department, and nothing will be allowed to enter into the mechanical construction of the paper not in accord with the latest development of the art.

In the successful prosecution of the enterprise of printing a newspaper the wide-awake publisher is ever watchful of the latest improvements in the news matter and the mechanical equipment. In these strenuous times of progress it is only the wakeful business men that keep abreast of the times, and only the publisher who is up with the times can bring to his business that complete success which crowns the best endeavor in the business world. This the publishers of The Observer propose to do. Whenever it is possible to still further improve this paper, and make it an ideal in every way, no reasonable expenditure of funds will be allowed to interfere. We believe that the best is none too good for Observer readers.

To boost continually for Dallas and Polk county is the aim of The Observer. It wants to see 10,000 more people residing within the limits of this county and, with the proper amount of publication to the world of the unrivalled opportunities here existing, we believe that such an outcome is not improbable. The large areas of scrub oak hillsides should bear immense crops of fruit, bringing wealth to their owners and to the county, rather than be allowed to remain unproductive and valuable only as a medium of taxation. The fertile stretches of valley lands should also be made to produce remunerative crops of fruit and produce; in short the fertile acres of Polk county should be brought into a higher state of cultivation, until its hillsides and its fields shall blossom like the rose and from them a steady stream of wealth shall flow into the marts of trade, enriching the land owners and bringing an enlarged and substantial prosperity to the people generally. To this end this paper will labor, asking no favors or remuneration except such as will come in the knowledge of a duty well performed.

Thanking the people of Dallas and of Polk county for the favors bestowed upon them, the publishers with confidence submit this, the first issue of the new and enlarged Observer.

How do you like it?

## Again Chosen Head of State Hospital for Insane Patients

**SERVICES OF DR. STEINER IS APPRECIATED BY BOARD.**

**Reelected For Another Four Years—Will Also Have Charge of Branch Asylum in Eastern Oregon.**

SALEM, Or., Oct. 4.—R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the Oregon State Asylum for the Insane and formerly a resident of Dallas, was reelected to that position for another four years by the board of asylum trustees today, his present term expiring January 1, 1912, and his second four-year-term starting at that date.

Dr. Steiner was appointed when Governor Chamberlain, Secretary of State Benson, and State Treasurer Steel, formed the board. It was understood that Dr. Steiner was the personal choice of Secretary Benson, as they were close friends.

During troubles which arose during the last Legislature, in which Dr. Steiner was attacked, the members of the State Board, including Governor West, State Treasurer Kay and Sec-

retary Benson, warmly espoused the cause of Steiner, and were not backward in declaring that Steiner was being attacked purely through political motives.

**Services Appreciated.**  
This appreciation which was shown Dr. Steiner by the members of the board, made it a foregone conclusion that he would be returned as superintendent of the largest institution controlled by the state. He will, in addition to his duties as superintendent of the central asylum, have much to say in the development of the Eastern Oregon Branch Insane Hospital. A superintendent probably will not be named for that institution inside of a year at least, and Dr. Steiner, will have the principal dictation as to the apparatus and furnishings for the buildings.

### GARBAGE QUESTION SETTLED

**Council Arranges To Have It Hauled Away.**

The City Council has settled the garbage question by entering into a contract with Ed. Plaster to have all refuse hauled to his place on the Oakdale road and there disposed of.

## POLK TEACHERS TO STUDY THREE DAYS HERE

**PARTIAL LIST OF PROMINENT INSTITUTE WORKERS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM.**

### TO EXCELL PAST MEETINGS

**Bright Prospects For Successful Meetings to Be Held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 16, 17 and 18—All County Pedagogues Expected to Attend.**

One of the largest and best teachers' institutes ever held in the state is to be in progress here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 16, 17 and 18. The annual three-days' school for public instructors is always an event of great significance in the educational world, but this year the one in Polk county is to surpass anything here in the past. A glance at the preliminary program shows the leading educators of the Northwest have been induced to be present and take part. Such prominent speakers as Ackerman, Alderman and Adrian are on the list and will make the event a notable one. Many others less known, but of experience and ability in their various lines of work, have consented to come. County Superintendent H. C. Seymour has been busy for some time in outlining the features for each day, and is elated over the prospect for a more than usually successful meeting.

**Meetings in High School.**  
The auditorium of the high school building will be used for the sessions, which are to begin at 9 a. m. and end at 4:30 p. m., with the customary intermission for luncheon.

Every teacher in Polk county is expected to attend. The law requires it, and unless they are present throughout the full 16 hours, or can render a satisfactory excuse therefor, the loss of their certificates will be the penalty imposed. They are allowed their regular wages for the three days and during that time, of course, every school will be dismissed, much to the annoyance of several hundred youngsters, who will have to spend the time helping dad get in the crops.

**Noted Speakers.**  
Among the leading instructors who are to appear on the program are the following:

L. R. Alderman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.  
J. H. Ackerman, President of the Oregon State Normal school at Monmouth.

A. B. Cordley, M. S., dean of the Oregon Agricultural College and professor of zoology and entomology, of Corvallis.

H. A. Adrian, of Santa Barbara, Calif., an institute lecturer of national reputation. He was in attendance at the institute here last year and will be remembered by many for his public illustrated lecture on "Burbank and His Wonders," which created great interest here at the time. Polk and Marion counties are the only ones in the state to get his services this year, although he was in demand at many other places.

Arrangements have been made to have him deliver a public lecture on some popular subject Tuesday night, October 17.

**Normal Instructors.**  
Miss Montana Hastings, of the department of education of the University of Oregon, of Eugene.

Thomas H. Gentle, principal of the training school and professor of pedagogy in the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth.

Mrs. Karen Miller Jacobson, librarian of the Monmouth Normal.

E. S. Evenden, of the department of education of the Monmouth Normal.

Miss Alabama Brenton, head of the department of art of the Normal school.

Miss Ruby Shearer, critic of grades one and two, normal training school department.  
Miss Olive Louise Davis, critic of grades five and six.  
Miss Grace M. Davis, critic of grades three and four.

## SALEM PLANS FOR PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION

**CAPITAL CITY TO EXERT ITSELF TO PAY PROPER HOMAGE TO DISTINGUISHED GUEST.**

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO SPEAK

**Practically Entire Forenoon of Wednesday, October 12, to Be Taken Up By Speeches and Parade—Secret Service Men to Guard Against Assassins.**

The committee arranging the program for Taft day in Salem, which is October 12, met last night at the board of trade rooms to complete arrangements, says the Statesman.

The president and his party will be met at 8 a. m. by the local reception committee and escorted from his private car at Trade and Commercial to the Hotel Marion, where Congressman W. C. Hawley has been chosen to preside at the Taft breakfast. He will introduce the president and his party to Governor West, the mayor and other guests, and members of the local committee.

**Details Announced.**  
Arrangements have been completed for every detail of the president's visit, including parade and program. The program is as follows:

Breakfast, 8 a. m.; parade, 9:30 to 10 a. m.; speech by Governor Oswald West, introduction by Mayor Louis Lachmund, address by President William H. Taft.

Special arrangements are being made to provide seats for the members of the G. A. R., so that they may see and hear the president.

**Arrangements Careful.**  
A secret service man was here recently, going over the city with Congressman Hawley. Careful arrangements were made for police regulations against cranks or assassins.

Mr. Taft will make fifteen minute stops to speak at the leading Willamette valley cities south of Salem, including Albany, Eugene, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland. Congressman Hawley will board the Taft special at Vancouver, Wash.

## WILL OPEN HOTEL SOON

**Manager George A. Berry Arrives and Begins Furnishing the New Scott, Corner Mill and Jefferson.**

George A. Berry, proprietor of the New Scott Hotel, which has been in process of erection on the corner of Mill and Jefferson streets, arrived in the city Monday, accompanied by his family, and set actively to work preparing for the opening of the new house. Several carloads of furniture and fittings brought from his hotel in Portland are being moved in. The bus and team to be used in transferring passengers from the depot has already arrived.

Mr. Berry hopes to be able to open ready for business about the middle of the month.

## COLLEGE ASSOCIATIONS WILL HOLD RECEPTION

**New Students to Be Welcomed at Informal Social Tonight by Faculty and Others.**

An informal reception is to be held tonight in the dormitory for the purpose of welcoming the new students just entering Dallas College. It is one of the important annual social events of the institution, and will be under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association and the Young Women's Christian association.

Beginning at 8 o'clock, brief talks, games and music will entertain the guests, comprising the members of the faculty, present and former students, and friends of the college.