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## SCHOOL PATRONS' MEETINGS TO RESUME

OF INTERESTING SERIES  
BE CONDUCTED SATUR-  
DAY, JANUARY 6, AT  
SPRING VALLEY.

## DISCUSSIONS FOR EVERYONE

List of Sections, Districts,  
and Names of Chairmen who  
Preside—Association Officers  
Large Attendance and Hearty  
Participation.

series of school officers', par-  
ent and teachers' meetings which  
heretofore created such univer-  
sity of education in this county,  
be resumed and the first one  
be held at Spring Valley, Sat-  
urday, January 6, starting at 10  
in the morning. T. W. Sey-  
mour, president, and H. C. Sey-  
mour, secretary, of the Polk County  
School Officers' association, under  
whose auspices the meetings are con-  
ducted, have issued the following  
bulletin in announcing the sched-  
ule of the gatherings:

These meetings have in the past  
been very interesting and now for  
the coming school year, if all will  
co-operate and take whatever part they  
wish in the discussions, we will be  
able to make the meetings for this  
year the best ever.

hoping that we may have the  
co-operation of every school  
parent, teacher, and patron  
in the county who is interested in  
schools, we are, etc."

## Schedule of Dates.

With is given a list of the ses-  
sions, place of meeting, time and  
of presiding officer:

Spring Valley section: Brush  
College, Lincoln, Zena, Spring Val-  
ley and Lone Star. Meeting held at  
Spring Valley Saturday, January 6,  
J. E. Hart, chairman.

Perrydale section: Bethel, McCoy,  
Perrydale; meeting at McCoy  
Saturday, January 13, M. A. Lynne,  
chairman.

La section: Eola, West Salem,  
Main View, Popeo; meeting  
at West Salem Saturday, January  
13, S. Ruge, chairman.

Skreall section: Rieckreall, Oak  
Point, Crowley, Smithfield, Green-  
wood, Polk Station; meeting at Oak  
Point Saturday, February 3, J. E.  
Hart, chairman.

Well section: Buell, Harmony,  
Greenek, Butler, Valley Junction,  
de Ronde, Pleasant Valley;  
meeting at Harmony Saturday, Feb-  
ruary 10, Alfred Hall, chairman.

Antioch section: Antioch, Mistle-  
toe, Cochran, Elkins; meeting at  
Antioch Saturday, February 17, C.  
Hart, chairman.

Bridgeport section: Bridgeport,  
Oakdale, Oakhurst, Powell,  
Rock Creek, Guthrie; meeting  
at Guthrie Saturday, February 24,  
W. H. Mack, chairman.

Salt Creek section: Salt Creek,  
Salt Creek, Concord, District  
No. 15, North Dallas, Pioneer; meet-  
ing at Salt Creek Saturday, May  
1, E. Hart, chairman.

Airle section: Airle, Ward, Val-  
ley View, Fairview, Lewisville; meet-  
ing at Airle Saturday, March 16,  
J. E. Hart, chairman.

Red Prairie section: Red Prairie,  
Scroggins; meeting at  
Ballston Saturday, March 30,  
J. E. Hart, chairman.

Boona Vista section: Boona Vis-  
ta, Parker, Highland, Hopville, So-  
ber; meeting at Parker Saturday,  
April 6, P. T. Peterson, chairman.

## Patrons of Salt Creek Rural Route Remember Carrier in Generous Way

## ATTENDANCE BEST FOR PUPILS ON RECORD

SPRING VALLEY RETAINS EN-  
VIABLE LEAD AS THE ONLY  
STANDARD SCHOOL IN  
POLK COUNTY.

## IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE

Many Others Striving Hard to Add  
Remaining Points to Certificate—  
Long List of Roll of Honor Dis-  
tricts for Attendance and Absence  
of Abhorred Tardy Marks.

The regular monthly statistical re-  
port of the public schools of Polk  
county for the month ending Decem-  
ber 1, has been compiled by Super-  
intendent H. C. Seymour and is pre-  
sented herewith. In commenting up-  
on the results shown, the superin-  
tendent says:

"While we still have only one  
school in the county that has won  
all the eleven points for a Standard  
School—Spring Valley—we have  
many schools that have won many  
more points than they had last  
month and many now have nine and  
ten points, which means that before  
long we will have many Standard  
schools."

"The attendance for this month  
is the best ever reported and all  
schools show a great improvement  
in attendance."

"Nearly every school officer in the  
county is working to make his school  
a Standard school."

## Results in Figures.

Number of schools reporting cor-  
rectly and on time, 56.

Names of schools not reporting  
correctly and on time—Salt Creek,  
Airle, Brush College, Harmony, Fir  
Grove, Greenwood, Oakdale, Lone  
Star.

Number of pupils remaining at  
time of last report, 3520.

Number of pupils registered new  
during month, 108.

Number of pupils registered sec-  
ondary during month, 32.

Number of pupils readmitted dur-  
ing month, 150.

Total number of pupils on regis-  
ter during month, 2810.

Number of pupils dropped during  
month, 251.

Number of pupils remaining at  
time of this report, 2559.

Number of days taught during  
month, 18.1.

Whole number of days attendance,  
44,495.

Whole number of days absence,  
1531.

Whole number of times late, 513.

Number of pupils neither absent  
nor tardy, 1621.

Average number of pupils belong-  
ing, 2557.

Average daily attendance, 2471.9.

Per cent. of attendance, 96.6.

Number of visits by parents, 143.

Number of visits by school boards,  
39.

The following schools have been  
placed on the roll of honor for the  
county for having made a per cent.  
of attendance of 95 or more: Dal-  
las, Smithfield, Pedee, Red Prairie,  
Lewisville, Ballston, Salt Creek, Oak  
Grove, Monmouth, District No. 15,  
Airle, Bethel, Ward, Goosecreek,  
Rieckreall, Oak Point, Elkins, Inde-  
pendence.

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F. J. MORRISON RETURNS FROM  
TRIP WITH MORE CHRIST-  
MAS PRESENTS THAN  
HE TOOK OUT.

Remarkable Example of Apprecia-  
tion of Year's Work of One of  
Uncle Sam's Faithful Workers—  
List Includes Everything From  
Cash to Good, Wholesome Eatables

How would you like to be the post-  
man?

With a mental picture of driving  
rain, biting snow, frostbitten fingers,  
cold feet, and mud, mud, mud, and  
more mud—mud, miles of mud—the  
responses come few and far between,  
for such are a few of the things  
that go to make Uncle Sam's rural  
mail carriers realize that they are  
earning their salaries by the sweat  
of their brows. In the gladsome  
summer time, when the humming-  
bird is on the honeysuckle and the  
hired man is on the bum, and all  
nature is gay and frolicsome, and  
the grass is green and the sky is  
blue, and the weeds are in the garden  
and the beautiful wildflowers rear  
their tiny tokens of creation's  
matchless imagery, and the price of  
eggs goes down, and the roads are  
smooth and dusty—oh, then, then,  
indeed, is the postman's lot a happy  
one, and he goeth forth and trilleth  
a song of gladness from the first  
rosy streaks of dawn until the west-  
ern horizon separates the day from  
the night. But in the winter—that's  
another story.

Hooryay!!!—

But, even in winter, there are re-  
compenses even in the work of a rural  
route carrier. There are times when  
the way seems not so long nor the  
mud so deep—when the knowledge  
that he is doing his duty in a way  
that's appreciated shortens the coldest  
hours and smooths the roughest  
trail.

Christmas time is when the rural  
route man is at once the most bur-  
dened and the most remembered.  
It is then, if at all during the year,  
that the patrons of the route bestow  
upon him various practical ways  
their recognition of his courtesy and  
accommodation.

The most astonishing example of  
generosity on the part of the patrons  
of a rural route in this county, and  
perhaps in the state, occurred on  
the Salt Creek route last Saturday,  
when Rural Carrier F. J. Morrison,  
made his last trip before Christmas.

At practically every home he was  
stopped to partake of some remind-  
er of the grateful thanks of those  
whom he had served so faithfully  
and diligently throughout the past  
12 months. For four years Mr. Mor-  
rison has been delivering the mail  
in the district that comprises Salt  
Creek, Perrydale, Ballston, Smith-  
field and Polk Station, and he has  
made many friends by his obliging  
ways. The result was that when he  
returned from his trip he brought  
back more Christmas packages than  
he took out. As evidence of this,  
a list of the presents he received  
is given herewith:

One Day's Receipts.  
One box of fancy pack apples,  
from J. S. Parker.  
One box fancy pack apples, Ew-  
ing Brothers.  
Twenty-five pounds of veal, F. J.  
Bissell.  
Five pounds of pork, John Crip-  
pen.

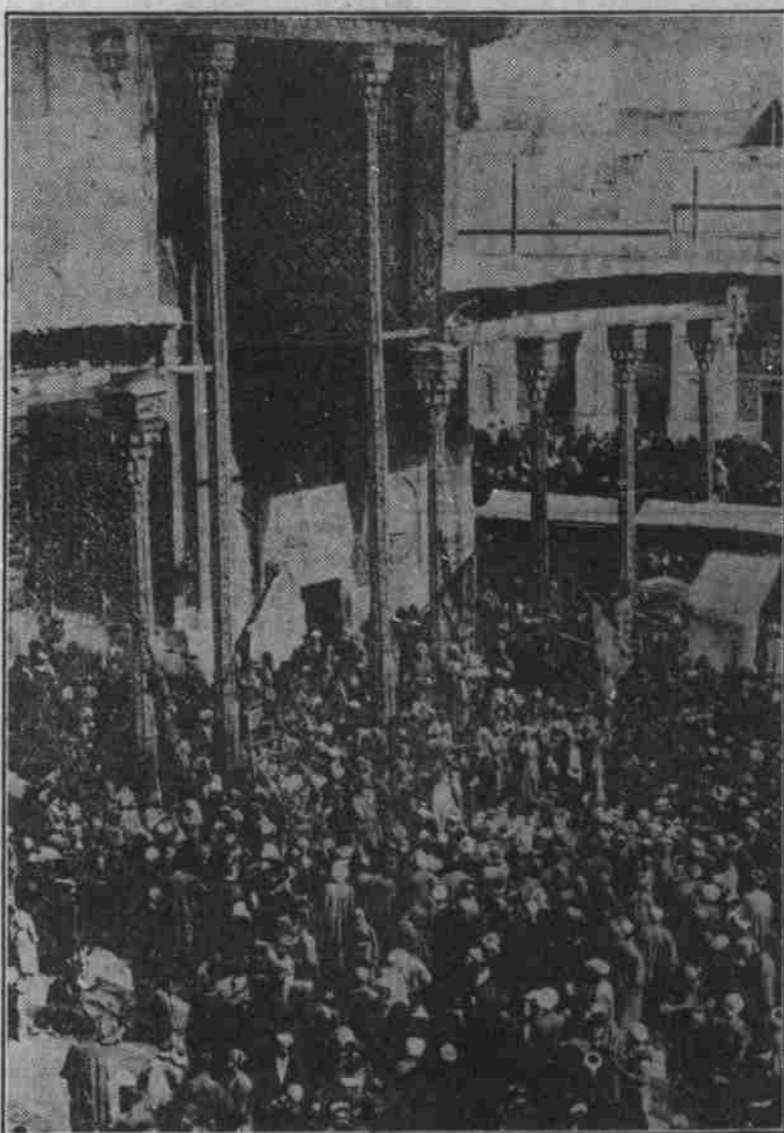
Ten pounds of pork and sausage,  
James E. Hill.  
A \$5 check, J. E. Goetz.  
Cash, W. J. Garner.

Five pounds of smoked sausage,  
Frank Friesen.  
Two chickens, G. Beck.

One gallon jar mince-meat, J.  
Bowles.

How would you like to be the  
postman?

## Parliament Buildings, Teheran, Where Persians Defied Russia



ALTHOUGH the average American knows little more about Persia than  
that it is "the place where the rugs come from," the recent news  
dispatches from Teheran detailing the plucky if not altogether tactful  
opposition made by W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer gen-  
eral, to the dictatorial demands of Russia have been read with intense in-  
terest, nor can Americans fail to sympathize strongly with the Persians them-  
selves, who, having expelled their dissolute and autocratic shah, are trying to  
conduct a constitutional government and apparently look upon the young  
American who has worked wonders with their revenue system as their finan-  
cial savior. Russia at first peremptorily ordered the dismissal of Shuster,  
and the national assembly refused thus to renounce its independence. This  
action was taken at a special session while thousands of patriots thronged  
the precincts of the parliament buildings. Later, however, the Russian foreign  
office manifested a more conciliatory spirit, possibly on account of the spirited  
interpellations of the government in the British parliament, many of whose  
members are hostile to the partition of Persia even if England gets a slice.

## NEW MASONIC OFFICERS

Jennings Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A.  
M., Holds Annual Election and In-  
stallation.

The regular annual election of  
Jennings Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A.  
M., of Dallas, was held in Masonic  
Hall last Friday night and was fol-  
lowed by the ceremonies of instal-  
lation. A noteworthy feature of the  
occasion was the retirement of Sec-  
retary J. C. Hayter, whose business  
interests made it necessary to give  
up the exacting and numerous du-  
ties that are a part of that impor-  
tant office. In recognition of Mr.  
Hayter's long and valuable service  
in that capacity, the lodge voted to  
present him with a costly Masonic  
emblem. The list of newly installed  
officers follow:

Worshipful Master—W. L. Soeh-  
ren.  
Senior Warden—E. A. Hamilton.  
Junior Warden—U. S. Grant.  
Treasurer—W. G. Vassal.  
Secretary—Walter S. Muir.  
Senior Deacon—Carl B. Williams.  
Junior Deacon—J. R. Mills.  
Marshal—George L. Hawkins.  
Senior Steward—A. B. Muir.  
Junior Steward—Edward Biddle.  
Tyler—D. S. McDonald.

Committed Suicide.  
A report received in Dallas today  
conveyed the information that Bert  
Miller, a young man about 25 years  
old who had been employed on the  
farm of J. O. Graves, in Yamhill  
county, near Sheridan, had commit-  
ted suicide by shooting. No details  
were obtainable here.

## Tax Voted Down.

At a special election held in road  
district No. 12, in Bridgeport vicin-  
ity last Saturday, the efforts to vote  
a district tax for the improvement  
of roads met defeat by a ballot of  
14 to 12.

## CENSUS SHOWS INCREASE

Many More City Pupils Than  
Last Year.

As a result of the annual  
school census made of this city  
by Tracy Staats, clerk of the  
School Board, it is shown that  
the increase in the number of  
children of school age, during  
the past year amounted to 142,  
an unusual growth for a place  
of this size. A remarkable fact  
in connection with the figures  
given is that there is a differ-  
ence of only four in the number  
of boys and girls.

The census for this and the  
preceding year is as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total
1911	447	443	890
1910	391	357	748
Increase	56	86	142

## DALLAS WINS BOTH GAMES

Defeats Philomath and Silverton  
Ball Teams.

In a contest which was notable  
for its excitement, especially in the  
first half, the basket ball team of  
company H. N. G. O., defeated Phil-  
omath college at the armory in this  
city last Friday night 34 to 12.  
Neither team scored during the first  
six minutes of play and Philomath  
scored the first goal. Dallas came  
back with a goal and Philomath ad-  
ded another placing her in the lead.  
The Dallas team finally got down to  
hard work, however, and began pil-  
ling up the scores, running the tal-  
lies up to 18 to 6 at the end of the  
first half. Gates for Dallas scored  
six of the 34 goals, although Bal-  
lantine, Shaw and Boydston figured  
materially in the goal throwing.

In the Christmas night game, played  
at Silverton, Dallas defeated the  
team of that place by the score of  
22 to 17.

## MYSTERY SHROUDS LIFELESS BODY AT BRIDGE

REMAINS OF INDEPENDENCE  
MAN FOUND NEAR BRIDGE  
IN THAT CITY; NO CLUE  
TO DEED.

## MURDER THEORY ADVANCED

Footprints in Mud Lead Form Scene  
Beneath Bridge; Two Men Seen  
in Converse Near Bridge at Mid-  
night; Coroner Chapman Investi-  
gates.

The town of Independence was  
thrown into excitement this morning  
by the discovery of the body of Mike  
Cassidy, a laborer, who had met  
death during the night, while on his  
way home from celebrating Christ-  
mas. The discovery was made about  
daylight near the end of the steel  
bridge on the Salem road, and the  
corpse was so badly covered with  
mud that it was some time before  
it could be identified. When it was  
recognized by his wife, she broke  
down completely.

## Cause Unknown.

The cause of the death is a mys-  
tery. So far, it has been impossible  
to determine whether it was a case of  
murder or suicide. Cassidy, it is  
said, had been drinking Christmas  
night. One report says that he start-  
ed home about 10 o'clock, while  
another gives it as midnight. Will  
H. Block, a member of the Indepen-  
dence men's company, passed the  
bridge about midnight, and says that  
he saw two men standing talking  
about where the body was found.

Tracks were noticed in the vicinity  
of the body this morning, it is said.  
They were traced from the body to  
the slough and also from the body  
to the bridge. As far as could be  
discerned there were no marks of  
violence on the body.

Coroner R. L. Chapman left for  
Independence today to conduct an  
inquest.

Cassidy was a laborer and had  
lived in Independence about two  
years. He leaves a wife and a large  
number of children.

## FACES FORGERY CHARGE

Stranger Pays For Christmas Pur-  
chases in Dallas With Worthless  
Bank Checks.

Sheriff Grant is in Portland today  
where he went to bring back a man  
wanted here for passing alleged  
forged checks on Dallas merchants  
last Friday, while making Christmas  
purchases. The stranger bought an  
overcoat at the Bee Hive store and  
gave a check for \$16, signed by "W.  
H. Walker," and drawn on the Mc-  
Minnville National bank, introduc-  
ing himself as the owner of a 400  
acre ranch between here and the  
Yamhill county seat. Within a few  
moments later he bought a couple of  
rings at Shepherd's jewelry store  
and tendered in payment a check on  
the same bank but bearing the sig-  
nature of "W. H. Snyder." Mr.  
Shepherd was suspicious of the man  
and lost no time in forwarding the  
check to the bank upon which it was  
drawn, shortly after receiving the  
information that it was of no value.

Sheriff Grant was notified and  
discovered the check artist in Port-  
land where he had been arrested on  
a similar charge. He will be brought  
back here for trial.

County Assessor C. S. Graves was  
a visitor in Monmouth this morn-  
ing.