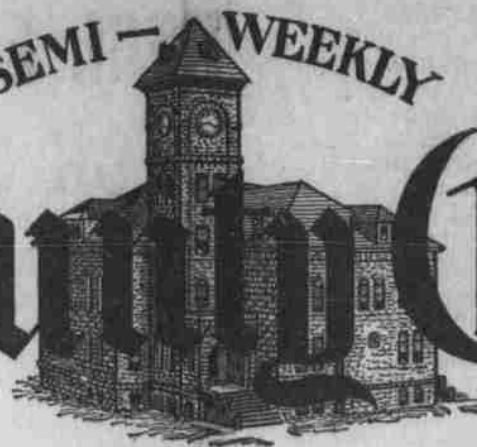


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## SILVERTON IS TO CONTEST FOR HONORS

WILL MEET DALLAS MILITIA BASKET BALL TEAM AT ARMORY HERE NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT.

### COMING AFTER A VICTORY

Year Champions of East Side Have Longing to Snatch Victory From Local Fast Five—Extra Attractions in the Way of Orchestra Music and Preliminary Bouts.

With a determination to take the measure of the Company G basket ball team of this city, greatly strengthened, and in proper shape for the hardest game of its career, the fast Silverton team of Silverton, Oregon, will journey to Dallas next Saturday evening and do battle with the strong local team upon the Armory court. The Silverton team is one of the strongest in this state, and thus far this season, it has met with but one loss when Dallas defeated them 22 to 17. In that game, the score stood 10 to 2 in favor of Dallas at the end of the first half. During the second half, Silverton came back strong, and made 15 points while Dallas was making 12.

**Result Uncertain.**  
Silverton fully expects to win, and the local team is not at all certain as to the result. However, a feeling that they should give Silverton a good beating in this next game has become imbedded in the heart of each of the Dallas boys, and they are going out to win, and forever silence any claims Silverton might otherwise make to being near champions, if not champions.

Two men on the Silverton team are acknowledged to be among the best in the state in their respective positions. Silverton does not play organization ball, and has a right to play anyone in its line-up that cares to. All members of the Dallas team are soldier boys, duly and regularly enlisted, and each and every one of them is subject to military duty. No one outside of the military company can play. With the state to pick from, and desiring most of anything to win from Dallas, Silverton will come here stronger than ever from a standpoint of players.

**Extra Attractions.**  
The game Saturday night will not be called until 9 p. m., for the benefit of the business men. However, things will not lag from 8 o'clock until the start of the big game, for Thorne's Dallas orchestra will furnish music, and there is a strong possibility of a preliminary game being arranged between Dallas college and the local High school.

Seats for this big game will be placed on sale at Fuller's Pharmacy on Wednesday. The usual prices of admission will prevail.

### PROSPECTS FAVORABLE FOR NEW CEMENT PLANT

Special Committee to Report at Adjourned Meeting of Commercial Club Tomorrow Night.

An adjourned meeting of the Dallas Commercial club will be held tomorrow night for the purpose of hearing the report of the special committee appointed to confer with the representatives of the Oregon Cement company regarding the proposition of the latter to establish a \$250,000 cement manufacturing plant near this city. Chairman George Gwinn of the committee is in Portland today, and when he appears before the club it is understood that he will have something of interest to give out.

The nature of the report to be made, it is said, is to be entirely favorable to the project. The details and conditions under which the stock is to be put on the market here are in the hands of the committee and will be made public in the report.

## The "Popular Connaughts" On Their Visit to New York



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**D**URING their brief sightseeing tour of New York on the occasion of their recent visit to the city as the guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Reid the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and their daughter, Princess Patricia, viewed the metropolitan district from the tower of the Metropolitan Life building, the tallest structure in the city. One of our photographs shows three members of the group standing on the narrow balcony of that lofty eminence. At the left is the princess, at the right her mother and between them Captain Rivers-Bulkeley, aid to the governor general and controller of his household. The other photograph is that of the duke. During their stay in New York the ducal party were entertained by the ambassador at his residence, where he gave a dinner and a small dance in their honor. When they appeared in public there was a great deal of interest on the part of the crowds, and they submitted good humoredly to all the demonstrations of curiosity which attended them wherever they went.

## Dallas Guardsmen May Be Ordered to Mexican Front

**CAPTAIN WALTER L. TOOZE, JR., HAS COMPANY G IN READINESS TO MOVE ON SHORT NOTICE.**

**Militia of Oregon to be Mobilized at Clackamas if Necessary to Follow Instructions of War Department—Provision Made For Recruiting More Men For Service.**

Is the United States to intervene in the Mexican situation, and if so is the Oregon National Guard to be called on for service, are two questions that are agitating the minds of the members of Company G of this city. Recent war news has given considerable color to the belief that both questions are to be answered in the affirmative. Still further interest is added by the orders which have been sent out to every company of militia in the state, ordering them to be in readiness to move on short notice.

While no communication of any sort has been received, it is said, in Portland, bearing on the present situation on the Mexican border and the possible mobilization of 100,000 troops, yet the War Department instructions are so complete as to leave merely the final word of execution lacking.

**Details Ready.**  
A single telegram of ten words or less from Washington would suffice to throw the Third Oregon Regiment and Field Battery A into the state and mobilize them at Clackamas Station, 12 miles south of Portland. In order to be able promptly to meet such an order in the event of its receipt an order in the event of its receipt.

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## Valuable Clay Deposit Found Near City May Bring Many New Industries to Dallas

**MATERIAL FOUND IN FOOTHILLS WEST OF DALLAS PRODUCES FINE QUALITY OF PRESSED FACE BRICK.**

### SAMPLES PRONOUNCED GOOD

From the number of enterprises that are being rapidly developed in Dallas and its immediate vicinity it is soon to become the industrial center of the entire West Side. Scarcely has the news spread that an immense \$750,000 cement plant was to be established here giving employment to hundreds of men and adding a large payroll to the city, than comes the further information that lying in the foot hills to the westward of the city a distance of only three miles is a body of the finest potter's clay that can be found in the entire state of Oregon. In addition, it is learned, a substratum of a peculiar kind of clayey substance is reputed to have qualities that make it even more valuable than either the clay or the cement rock deposits that lie a mile or so west, which are now owned by the Portland Cement company of Oswego. Experts have examined both of the minerals and their opinion is that either is of incalculable value.

Another find that is expected to add much to the wealth of the city and county and to lend encouragement to the eastern capital now seeking investment here in the cement business is that of a large body of what is supposed to be first quality limestone rock, one of the much needed materials required in the manufacture of cement, and which has heretofore supposed to have been lacking in this locality.

**Samples Good.**  
The presence of the clay has been known for sometime. Samples of it have been carefully tested by experienced brick makers and they have pronounced it capable of making the finest sort of pressed or face brick. It readily produces a very fine grained brick of almost pure white, which is easily changed to many different shades by the addition of darker colored clays. A number of bricks made from it and exhibited in Dallas have been pronounced unequalled. Manager Partridge, of the Dallas Brick & Tile company, has had long experience in the business and he is convinced that the deposit of material in question is very valuable.

The clay was first discovered in the garden of the old Garwood place in Oakdale, on the Falls City road. It lies within two feet of the surface beneath a layer of beaverdam soil that is famous for its productivity. The clay is of a very fine texture and is of a bluish slate in color which turns to white on being burnt. It is as soft and as fine as putty—in fact is apparently greasy to the touch. The property is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Dennis and has been used for garden purposes for over 20 years.

**Worth Development.**  
A representative of the Oregon Portland Cement company, the concern which proposes to establish a \$750,000 cement plant here, has examined the clay and it is understood, considers it worth development. Examination of the peculiar formation lying below the clay has revealed to him, it is said, a substance that has a similarity to cement, and may be considered even of much greater importance than the cement itself. Further investigation is to be made as soon as possible, and it is confidently expected that the results will warrant still greater investment of capital sufficient to promote the property to the fullest extent.

In order to make cement from the rock found here it is necessary to add a certain percentage of limestone. The Oregon Portland Cement company has been in search of a limestone deposit, the one requisite to make its workings complete here, and it is now understood that it has found the desired mineral on the upper waters of the LaCreepe in a region that is popular with the deer hunters of this city.

**Eugene Guard:** The real activity in Lane county at the present time is only a forerunner of what is to come with the advent of spring.

### EXTRA MOTOR CAR SERVICE

Airline and Salem to be Connected.

From a reliable source, it is learned that within a short time the railroad service of this county is to be improved by the addition of a gasoline motor car to run between Airline and Salem by the way of Independence. The deal is now on between the Southern Pacific and the Independence & Monmouth railway.

The plan is to make two round trips a day from Airline to the Capital City, using the Southern Pacific tracks from Airline to Monmouth, the Independence & Monmouth to Independence, the Corvallis branch of the Southern Pacific to the crossing of that road with the Salem, Falls City & Western and thence into Salem over the latter.

## PYTHIANS ENJOY BIG MEET

FRIDAY NIGHT RED LETTER PERIOD FOR LOCAL LODGE.

With visiting members present from Salem, Independence and Falls City to the number of about 100, in addition to the members of the local lodge, Marmion lodge Knights of Pythias, of Dallas, was the recipient last Friday night of the greatest boost in its history. The spacious lodge room at Woodman hall was crowded to its capacity until a late hour, and the following banquet, spread in the banquet room on the first floor, was an occasion long to be remembered. Grand Chancellor Wrightman, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Stinson, of Salem, came over with the Salem brethren and were interested spectators of the work. One candidate was conducted through the rank of Page, four were taken through the rank of Esquire while seven investigated the mysteries of the rank of Knight and were received into full membership.

**Falls City Does Work.**  
The brothers from Cascade lodge, of Falls City, had charge of the work in the three ranks and were ably assisted by members from the other lodges. It was well after midnight before the initiatory ceremonies were concluded when all were summoned to the banquet room where an appetizing spread consisting of chicken pie, mashed potatoes, salads, and the usual things that go with them, were temptingly arrayed, these courses being followed by ice cream, cake and fragrant coffee. The tables were decorated with carnations in the colors of the order, the room being arrayed in streamers of blue, yellow and red, making a very entrancing picture. During the dinner Thorne's orchestra of 19 pieces rendered several choice selections in an adjoining room. Following the banquet lodge was again opened and the work completed.

The affair, taken in its entirety was voted by all participating to have been one of the most successful lodge evenings ever held in Dallas and each and every visitor declared that he had "had the time of his life."

Special trains on the Salem, Falls City & Western and the Independence & Monmouth railways conveyed the crowds home after the festivities but it was well along toward the "wee, wee" hours before slumber claimed them. Members of Marmion lodge acquitted themselves nobly as hosts and all declare that last Friday night's affair has done much to create interest in the order. Several applications for membership have been received and it appears that the local Pythians are in a fair way to increase the membership of the order in this city to a substantial extent.

## JANUARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WAS GOOD

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SEYMOUR COMPILES MONTHLY REPORT OF POLK EDUCATIONAL WORK.

### TARDIES ARE TOO NUMEROUS

Standard Requirements Being Met in Many Districts and Coveted Distinction Spurs Others On—Unusual Awakening of Interest Among Directors Throughout County.

The report of the schools of Polk county for the month ending January 26 has just been compiled in the office of the county superintendent. In commenting upon the results shown, Superintendent Seymour says:

"When we consider the condition of the weather during the past month, we know that an attendance of the entire county of 95.4 is mighty good and with the same interest the rest of the year we will more than make the 95 per cent we are after. There are too many tardies and we must do something to try and have all children in on time if possible. As I said in the last report, nearly all tardies come from a few families, and if these will work a little harder to get the children in on time we will reduce the number. More schools are becoming standard, as we now have Spring Valley, Lincoln, Buena Vista, and North Dallas, with several others to become standard within a few days, so that by next month we will report at least ten standard schools in the county. With continued interest in the standard school work, such as we have been having, we will have at least thirty schools standard before the school year ends.

"Notice the great increase in number of school board members who have visited the schools this month—seventy—and last month only forty. This indicates interest on the part of the school boards."

**Statistical Report.**

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time	65
Number of pupils remaining at time of last report	2872
Number of pupils registered new during month	39
Number of pupils registered secondary during month	52
Number of pupils readmitted during month	215
Total number of pupils registered during month	3180
Number of pupils dropped during month	287
Number of pupils remaining at time of this report	2893
Number of days taught during month	17.8
Whole number of days attendance	49700
Whole number of days absence	2639
Whole number of times late	542
Number of pupils neither absent or tardy	1541
Average number of pupils belonging	2940
Average daily attendance	2863
Per cent of attendance	95.4
Number of visits by parents	95
Number of visits by members of school boards	70

**Honor List.**  
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: Dallas, Smithfield, Pedee, Ballston, Parkers, Monmouth, No. 15, Bethel, Polk Station, Oak Dale, McCoy, Guthrie, Powell's Camp, Falls City, Black Rock, Pioneer, Cherry Grove, Oakhurst, Rock Creek, Mistletoe.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for the county for not having made any tardies during the month: Smithfield, Ward, Gooseneck, Rickrell, Spring Valley, Lincoln, Crowley, Guthrie, Powell's Camp, Oakhurst, Mountain View, Highland, Mistletoe.