

PUPILS OF COUNTY COURT HOUSE PICK-UPS ALFAFA ON COAST SOIL

IMPROVE IN SPELLING

RESULTS OF CONTEST HELD IN POLK'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, GIVEN OUT.

GREATER RESULT EXPECTED

Nearly All Grades Better Than During Preceding Month—Increased Interest Shown By Parents—List of Various Schools Placed on Roll of Honor For Unusual Merit.

Herewith is given the result of the spelling contest for the public schools of Polk county held February 9. In making the report, Superintendent H. C. Seymour has commented as follows:

"Nearly all of the grades in the county were much better this month than last and all teachers report that nearly all children in the county took part in the test.

"There has been much interest shown by the parents of the children and we are expecting great results from the spelling work this year."

Fourth Grade.

First place—Pedee, Red Prairie, Lone Star, 100 per cent.
Second place—Gooseneck, Mistletoe, 98 per cent.
Third place—Oakhurst, Hopville, 97 1/2 per cent.

Fifth Grade.

First place—Ward, Suver McTimmonds Valley, Pioneer, 100.
Second place—Polk Station, 98 2-3.
Third place—Harmony, 98.

Sixth Grade.

First place—Buell, Spring Valley, Harmony, McTimmonds Valley, 100.
Second place—Bridgeport, Cherry Grove, 98.
Third place—Smithfield, 97 1/2.

Seventh Grade.

First place—Ward, McTimmonds Valley, Lone Star, 100.
Second place—McCoy, 99.
Third place—Guthrie, 96 2-3.

Eighth Grade.

First place—Red Prairie, Ward, Elkina, Lincoln, Oak Dale, Lone Star, Oakhurst, 100.
Second place—Spring Valley, 99 1-5.
Third place—Concord, 98.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made 95 per cent or more in the test in the following grades:

Fourth grade—Pedee, Red Prairie, Gooseneck, Oak Point, Popcorn, Harmony, Fir Grove, Oak Dale, Lone Star, Oakhurst, Hopville, Mistletoe, Valley Junction.

Fifth grade—Smithfield, Polk Station, Ward, Oak Point, Buell, Harmony, Suver, McTimmonds Valley, Guthrie, Pioneer.

Sixth grade—Smithfield, Bridgeport, Polk Station, Buell, Spring Valley, Harmony, Montgomery, Enterprise, Fir Grove, Concord, Cherry Grove, Oakhurst.

Seventh grade—Ward, Spring Valley, McTimmonds Valley, Lone Star, McCoy, Guthrie, Oakhurst.

Eighth grade—Red Prairie, Ward, Elkina, Spring Valley, Montgomery, Lincoln, Concord, Oak Dale, Lone Star, Oakhurst.

Result of contest for schools of two or more rooms:

Fourth Grade.

First place—Bethel, Rieckreall, 100.
Second place—Mountain View, 99 1/2.
Third place—Airlie, 95 2-3.

Fifth Grade.

First place—Mountain View, 100.
Second place—Black Rock, 98 1-3.
Third place—West Salem, 96 2-3.

Sixth Grade.

First place—Rieckreall, 99 1/2.
Second place—Mountain View, 98 2-3.
Third place—Bethel, 95 1/2.

Seventh Grade.

First place—Black Rock, 100.
Second place—Mountain View, 98 2-3.
Third place—Falls City, 99.

Eighth Grade.

First place—Mountain View, 100.
Second place—Dallas, 97 12-28.
Third place—Rieckreall, 97 1/2.

COURT HOUSE PICK-UPS

Court Items, Real Estate Transfers, Farm Names Filed and Other News Briefly Told.

Marriage Licenses

Andrew E. Wells, of Hood River, and Lucy Birks.
Harry Marshall, of Dallas, and Mae Curtis.

Real Estate

Harry Lacey et ux to G. N. Newton 35.70 acres (9s, r6w, \$2300.
R. G. Masters et ux to T. W. Wyatt 1 1/2 acres (8s, r7w, \$1.
T. W. Wyatt to Dallas Lumber & Logging Co., same, \$10.
Jennie M. Williams and hus to Sarah E. Morris half lot in Dallas, \$180.
J. L. Hanna et al to L. R. French, land in Independence, \$10,000.
George P. Vick et ux to M. J. Bresie, lots in Falls City, \$10.
Electa L. Bancroft and hus to Aaron Walker and wife, lots in Falls City, \$1200.
Arabella Pye to Electa L. Bancroft, lots in Falls City, \$1.
Probate.
Estate of Lena T. Gilbert, deceased. Sale of real estate confirmed.
Estate of Isaac Stevens, deceased. Final discharge entered.
Estate of Willard Cooper, deceased. Final account filed and set for hearing Saturday, March 23.
Guardianship of Daniel heirs, minors. Two annual accounts of December, 1910, and 1911, filed and approved, subject to final report.
Estate of John L. Guttery, deceased. Final discharge entered.
Estate of James H. Chapin, deceased. Ordered that exempt personal property be set aside to widow.
Guardianship of Lola Pauline Perry, a minor. Petition to sell real estate allowed.
Estate of S. H. Peterson, deceased. Report of sale of real property heard and confirmed.

OREGON SYSTEM IS SAFE ACCORDING TO DECISION

United States Court Says Only Congress Can Object to Initiative and Referendum.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Only Congress and not the Supreme Court of the United States, may object to the initiative and referendum method of legislation in the states, so the Supreme Court decided today.

That tribunal held that the question of whether a state still maintained a republican form of government guaranteed by the Federal Constitution after it adopted the initiative and referendum was a problem for Congress, and not a judicial one for the courts.

The decision was based on the claim of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company that a tax upon it, imposed by the initiative and referendum method in Oregon, was unconstitutional. The initiative and referendum provisions in Missouri, California, Arkansas, Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Utah, Maine and Arizona hung in the balance. An adverse decision would have affected the proposed legislation of that character in many other states.

ACTIVE MEN AND MONEY

What Oregon Needs at Present Time Says Governor West.

Portland, Feb. 20.—(Special)—Setting aside February 22 as Colonist Day for 1912 Governor West, in his proclamation calls special attention to the sort of colonists Oregon needs. He urges people of the state to write back East to their friends and invite those who will help clean up the thousands of acres of timber and sage brush land and assist in making of it the agricultural state it should be.

The Governor says the state does not need the city man, subsisting on a daily wage, except as he may follow the institution of the factory, the workshop or the business house. The need of the state is active men with active money and efficient effort.

The colonist period this year is from March 1 to April 15. The success of the colonist day last year was most unexpected. Nearly every commercial organization in the state participated in this most unique advertising campaign and set aside its own special day for observing it. The total number of pieces of mail that went East because of the special efforts made ran up into the millions. The school children and many social organizations volunteered their services in writing letters and mailing literature. The result was probably the biggest short-time advertising campaign that any state has known.

Famous Land Mark Disappears.

Tunnel Rock, also popularly known as Elephant Rock, a picturesque spot on the ocean front about one-half mile south of Nye Creek, has disappeared. The rock has been wearing away by erosion rapidly this winter and last Friday night the overhanging ledge fell in. Passage underneath the rock has been considered dangerous for some time past and pedestrians along the beach have avoided it.—Newport Signal.

Madras is to revise the old system of public sales. March 7 has been set as the date for the first sale.

"Rooms for Rent" cards for sale at the Observer Job Office.

ALFAFA ON COAST SOIL

Director of State Experiment Station Speaks On Soiling Crops of Value in This Locality.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Feb. 20.—"Alfalfa will grow well on most of the well-drained soils along the coast, particularly the sandy-loam soils," says Dr. James Withycombe, director of the experiment station of the Oregon Agricultural college, in replying to a recent inquiry from Eugene asking whether alfalfa will grow on the bottom ground along streams of the coast range mountains where soil conditions are the same as on Lower Sluslaw river, Lake Creek, Dead Wood, Ten Mile and Yaquina.

"The great trouble is that it comes at a time when it is ready for hay before the season is favorable for cutting," Dr. Withycombe continued. "Again, in the coast region it is somewhat dangerous to feed alfalfa green on account of so much moisture. I think clover would be the better forage crop, for pasture and hay, in this section. Alfalfa would be excellent in this section for a soiling crop, cutting it and, after it has slightly wilted, feeding it to the cows. It will furnish green succulent feed from May until November."

Soiling Pays.

In response to further query as to the advisability of keeping the cows in a lot and feeding them kale and mangles when there is plenty of good pasture, Mr. Withycombe says "where one has plenty of available pasture, soiling would not pay; but where pasture is limited and land values high, soiling certainly pays. Even where the pasture is fairly good it will pay to establish a partial soiling system, feeding some green cut clover or alfalfa night and morning as a supplement to the pasture."

TO HAVE HELP OF EXPERT

Government Officials Will Assist Oregon Agriculturists.

Portland, Feb. 20.—The United States Department of Agriculture offered to detail a thoroughly competent man to devote all his time to expert assistance in agricultural matters in the various Oregon communities if they would stand one-half of the necessary expense. Because of the necessity of taking immediate action, R. B. Miller, traffic manager of the O-W. R. & N. company offered to assume the expense and Secretary Wilson has stated that the man detailed to Oregon would begin his work about July 1.

This will give Oregon the services of two men doing this kind of work. The O-W. R. & N. company has already had its own expert in the field for several weeks instructing the farmers, fruit growers and gardeners in the subjects of crop rotation, stock raising and diversified farming. The work of two such experts, supplemented by the operation of demonstration trains and the efforts of the Oregon Agricultural college, it is asserted will result in great and permanent development of the agricultural interests of the state.

MANY OFFICIALS WILL HELP

Movement to Enlarge Scope of School Work Arouses Interest.

Portland, Feb. 20.—The state-wide movement to interest pupils of the public schools in gardening and poultry raising is to receive the support and encouragement of the leading officials of the Portland school system and of thirty-five principals of city schools. In addition, President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college, has pledged the support of that institution. It will have bulletins distributed to the principals, teachers and pupils of the schools. Officials of the local Y. M. C. A. reported that last season more than 300 gardens were planted by the school children of Portland, most of them in the back yards of the thickly settled sections of the city. The interest in the movement this year will result in a great increase over the number of gardens planted in 1911.

FAVORS CRATER LAKE ROADS

Portland, Feb. 20.—A large appropriation by the United States government for the construction and maintenance of roads in Crater Lake national park has been recommended by Major Morrow, of the corps of army engineers, who has recently made a survey of that region. He states that the park contains a large amount of ripe timber, the sale of which would go far toward supplying the funds necessary for the improvements recommended, but he also insists that it will be necessary to do much of the road before this timber can be made accessible.

Yakima Hop Contracts.

North Yakima, Wash., Feb. 20.—Five hop contracts for the sale of 1912, 1913 and 1914 hops from H. J. Knox and J. T. Parker to T. A. Livesley & company, of Salem, Or., have been recorded for consideration aggregating over \$20,000. The price paid for this year's crop is 25 cents a pound under both contracts, while that paid for 1913 is 26 and 1914 is 15 cents.

Asthma

Is a distressing disease. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey relieves almost instantly. We guarantee it to give satisfaction. Sold by Conrad Stafrin.

MORE CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

Aspirants File Declaration To Run For Office.

Three new political aspirants have entered the local field within the past few days as shown by the records of the county clerk's office as follows:

For State Representative—J. W. Finn, of McCoy, republican.
For County Commissioner—S. H. McElmurry, Independence, democrat.
County Surveyor—F. M. Suver, Dallas, democrat.

Game Licenses Issued.

A total of 144 game licenses have been issued by County Clerk Smith since the beginning of the year. The ages of the applicants range all the way from 15 years to 70 years, the oldest being H. P. Shriver, of Dallas, and C. Gross, of Airlie, both of whom are registered in the book as being three score and ten.

Help Wanted

For that cough. Get a bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. It is the best. Sold by Conrad Stafrin.

Engineers at Redmond are figuring the cost of installing an electrical plant on the unit system.

Croup

Causes uneasy nights but if you will use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey it will relieve in a few minutes. There is nothing better. Guaranteed by all dealers. Sold by Conrad Stafrin.

A Cough

Is a danger signal and should not be neglected. Take Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey at once. It allays inflammation, stops the cough and heals the membranes. For sale by Conrad Stafrin.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

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

LODGE DIRECTORY

- REBEKAHS—Almira Lodge No. 26 meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Odd Fellows' Hall. NOLA COAD, Noble Grand. ORA COSPER, Secretary.
- WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—Dallas Camp No. 209 meets in W. O. W. Hall on Tuesday evening of each week. TRACY STAATS, Consul Com. W. G. VASSAL, Clerk.
- WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT—Mistletoe Circle, No. 33, Women of Woodcraft, meets in Woodman Hall second and fourth Wednesday nights in each month. MARY STARR, Guardian Neighbor. SADIE LYNN, Clerk.
- A. F. & A. M.—Jennings Lodge, No. 9, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month, in Masonic hall on Main street. Visiting brethren welcome. W. L. SOEHREN, W. M. WALTER S. MUIR, Secretary.
- UNITED ARTISANS—Dallas Assembly, No. 46, meets on first and third Mondays of each month at Woodman hall. Visiting members made welcome. F. G. WING, M. A. WILLIS SIMONTON, Secretary.

Myrtle Point Enterprise: The good old stirring plow now at work on many of the ranches certainly looks much more inviting than the rotary snow plow that follows up the blizzards now raging in many of the central states, and the croaking of the frogs in the meadows to be preferred to the creak and crack of the icicles.

All Skin Troubles

Are overcome by using Dr. Bell's Antiseptic Salve. It is as pleasant to use as pure cream and is guaranteed to give satisfaction. 25c a box at Conrad Stafrin's.

OFFICIAL STATE OFFICERS.

- United States Senator—Jonathan Bourne, Jr. George E. Chamberlain
- Congressmen—First District... Willis C. Hawley Second District... A. W. Lafferty Governor... Oswald West Secretary of State... Ben W. Olcott State Treasurer... Thomas B. Kay Attorney General... A. M. Crawford Superintendent of Public Instruction... L. R. Alderman State Printer... Willis S. Duniway Supreme Court—Chief Justice, Robert Eakin; Associate Justices, Thomas A. McBride, George H. Burnett, Frank A. Moore, Henry J. Blain.
- COUNTY OFFICERS. State Senator... C. L. Hawley Representatives—Ira C. Powell F. W. Chambers County Judge... Ed. F. Coad County Commissioners—William Riddell S. H. Petre County Clerk... E. M. Smith Sheriff... J. M. Grant Treasurer... Tracy Staats Assessor... C. S. Graves School Superintendent... H. C. Seymour Surveyor... B. F. Beezley Coroner... R. L. Chapman

CITY OFFICERS.

- Mayor... J. R. Craven Councilman-at-Large... W. A. Ayres Councilmen—Ward No. 1—H. L. Fenton, H. G. Campbell. Ward No. 2—Tracy Staats, W. V. Fuller. Ward No. 3—F. J. Coad, H. B. Cosper. Auditor and Police Judge—Charles Gregory City Attorney... W. L. Toozee, Jr. City Treasurer... W. G. Vassall City Engineer... F. H. Morrison Street Commis'er... P. S. Greenwood City Marshal... T. A. Odom Night Policeman... D. J. Grant

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Houses and lots on installment plan.

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Modern Store Fronts

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MODERN PLANT—SKILLED WORKMEN—UP-TO-DATE IDEAS. Shop Work of All Kinds at Reasonable Prices.

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It is a Powerful Preventive, as Well as a Speedy Cure

Cold, damp weather is bad for those subject to Rheumatism. It chills the blood and brings on an attack. Use

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It is a Powerful Preventive, as Well as a Speedy Cure

Rub it in on the parts affected whenever the conditions seem to indicate a spell of this painful ailment; it will warm the joints and ward off the trouble. If the disorder has already commenced, the treatment is the same, the rubbing helps the liniment to penetrate to the seat of pain. The relief is prompt and very satisfactory; the aching joints are relieved, the muscles relaxed so that the sufferer feels again the strength and suppleness of youth.

For fresh wounds of all kinds, it is a wonderful remedy. Try it for cuts, burns, bruises, sores, galls, chafed spots, barbed wire cuts, sprains, swellings, frost bites. It cures quickly and completely.

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FOR SALE—Baled Cheat and Vetch Hay, Raymond Grand piano with splendid tone. Barton Z. Blinn, phone Pink 525. P. O. Amity, R. 485-3-5-15

FOR SALE—Selected New American Wonder potato seed; 2 cents per pound. A. G. Rempel, Dallas. Phone Dixie 515. 485-3-5-15

FOR SALE CHEAP—One 2 1/2 inch tire heavy farm wagon used only three years; one double seated buggy nearly new, at my residence 1 1/2 miles northeast of Dallas. A. B. Ratzlaff, Dallas. 485-3-5-15

FOR SALE—One horse Bain wagon used for short time. Apply corner of Court and Lytle streets. A. G. Reed. 484-2-5-15

FOR SALE—New Empire cream separator; 450 pounds capacity; never used; cost \$75; first \$50 takes it. Come quick. Emmerson & Nash. 482-2-10-15

FOR SALE—Eggs for hatching. Rose Comb R. I. Reds, Anconas and White Plymouth Rocks, at \$2.00 for 15 eggs. Moore's Poultry Plant, Independence. 483-2-15

FOR SALE—Good two seated covered surrey. Ewing Brothers, Polk Station. Phone 15, Smithfield No. 1. 481-2-15

FOR SALE—Second hand church seats; fine condition; seating 200 or 250; snap for some church. Address Box 304, Dallas. 478-2-10-15

FOR SALE—Good second hand buggy cheap. C. L. Crider, Phone 4, Dallas. 478-2-10-15

FOR SALE—1000 prune trees and general line of Nursery Stock. L. Fosnot, Dallas, Route 1. 477-1m

FOR SALE—Eggs from Indiana Runner Ducks, \$1 per setting. J. L. Cattie, Dallas. Phone 1143-2. 473-1-1

FOR SALE—Indian Runner Duck Eggs. F. D. Thielen, Phone Rieckreall Milling Company. 472-1-1

FOR SALE—White Leghorn, Rhode Island Red, Barred Rock eggs \$1 per setting of 15; stock for sale, 4 or four months' old Jersey bull calf. T. D. Phillips, Phone South. 470M-2-7

FOR SALE—Full blooded Poland China boar, two years old; eligible for registry; cheap. F. D. Thielen, Rieckreall. Phone. 468-1-15M

FOR SALE—Modern 5-room cottage two blocks from Main street, on Mill. William Tatom. 461039

FOR SALE—Oak and Cedar Posts. Soehren Warehouse Co. 1121H

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Nice housekeeping rooms on second floor. 619 Washington street 480-1-11-15

WANTED.

WANTED—Use of riding horse in return for keep; good care, light work. O. E. Dennis, Dallas. Phone Black 515. 484-2-13

WANTED—All kinds of iron, rubber, brass, copper, zinc, and hides. Highest cash prices paid. A. N. Halleck, Monmouth, Oregon. 482-2-15

MISCELLANEOUS.

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EGGS FOR HATCHING—R. I. Reds that are red, the kind that lay at five months of age; eggs from pen one, no bird scoring less than 90 points. \$2.00 per 15; pen two, all fine birds, \$1.50 per 15. J. S. Macomber, Dallas. Phone Black 25. 471-3-15

STRAYED—Bay mare two years old; weight about 1000, has small white star in forehead and lump on right jaw; left January 29. C. F. Bruce, Phone Black 251. 475-1-1-15

COWS BOUGHT AND SOLD—Wanted, good dairy cows; also cows for sale at all times. R. A. Campbell, Sheridan, Ore. 482074

VIOLIN INSTRUCTION—And piano tuning. Reasonable rates. Satisfaction assured. Leonard Thorne, Dallas. 1202; 619 Washington street. Dallas. 450-11-15

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