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NEW BY-LAWS FOR CLUB NOW IN FORCE

RADICAL CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT OF COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION IS PROVIDED FOR IN NEW RULES.

BOARD OF NINE DIRECTORS

To Have Charge of Club Affairs and Meet Monthly; New Committee is Named; Movement For New Road is Taken Up; Factory Site With Committee.

Adoption of a new constitution and bylaws which materially change the management of the organization, and discussion of plans for the coming year, formed the principal items of business considered at the regular meeting of the Dallas Commercial club Wednesday night. As adopted the bylaws provide for a board of nine directors elected by the club, who will have the acutal management of the affairs of the club. They will elect the officers, provide for the salaries of the secretary and the financial secretary, and outline the plans for the club to take up. They will hold monthly meetings, but the regular meetings of the club will be held as at present, on the first and third Wednesday nights of each month.

In addition to the committees already appointed, a committee on "Judiciary and Legislation" is provided for and the president announced as members of this committee: Lot D. Brown, Oscar Hayter and H. H. Belt. On motion made at the last meeting, following the adoption of the bylaws, the chairmen of the different committees were constituted the board of directors until their successors are elected and qualified at the annual meeting of the club on the first meeting night in January. This action leaves the personnel of the board as follows: Edwin Jacobson, H. G. Campbell, J. L. White, H. L. Fenton, W. V. Fuller, Tracy Staats, W. A. Ayres, W. L. Soehren, Lot D. Brown.

The committee on publicity and promotion was instructed to have the bylaws printed in pamphlet form. Also a list of the committees.

Cooper Hollow Road.

Chairman Fuller, of the committee on roads and highways reported that people living in the "Cooper Hollow" neighborhood were desirous of securing a road to Dallas and that he was looking the matter up and would report as soon as anything definite developed. This road proposition enlisted the attention of the club at once and every member present urged that something be done toward securing a road from Dallas to this neighborhood.

Secretary Tooze, the only member of the publicity committee present, said that the committee had succeeded in making arrangements to send Miss Gertrude Pollow on the Eastern

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HOLD SHORT BUSINESS SESSION

Woman's Club is Grateful for Assistance Rendered at Dinner.

Following the program Tuesday night at the Armory, the Dallas Woman's club held a short session in which resolutions of thanks were passed for the band and the girls of the May pole dance and their instructors, to those who took part in the program and to Mrs. George Gerlinger, president of the club for her labors in behalf of the club during the past year.

Band Concert Program.

Saturday, June 8, 8:00 p. m.:
March, "King of the Air" .. Johnson
"Pearl of the Pyrenees," a Spanish Intermezzo, ... Frank
"Land of Liberty," National Overture ..... Barnhouse
Two-Step, Imperial ..... King
Arcadia Overture ..... Laurens
Reverie, "The Wayside Chapel." ..... Wilson
Waltzes, "Hearts Courageous" Blanke
March, The Chancellor ... Lawrence

PARKER IS NAMED COUNTY FRUIT INSPECTOR

COUNTY COURT MAKES APPOINTMENT FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION OF FRUIT GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

IS PROMINENT ORCHARDIST

Court in Regular Session Appoints Viewers For Two Proposed Roads; Names Official Newspapers and Transacts Much Other Routine Business in Two Day Meeting.

Appointment of John H. Parker to be county fruit inspector vice B. A. Allen, resigned, the appointment of viewers for two proposed roads and the transaction of a large amount of detail matters occupied the attention of the Polk county court at their regular monthly session in this city, beginning Wednesday.

Hort C. Eakin, representing the Dallas Fruit Growers' association, appeared before the court and asked the appointment of Mr. Parker as fruit inspector. Mr. Parker is an enthusiastic orchardist, it is claimed, and one who is entirely familiar with the best interests of the fruit growers of Polk county. Mr. Eakin said that the association would stand behind Mr. Parker and desired his appointment. The request was agreed to and the appointment made.

Road Viewers Appointed.

In the matter of the petition of J. D. Holman et al for the establishment of a county road to be konwn as the "Holman road" it was ordered that, on account of the absence of Deputy County Surveyor Suver, F. H. Fawk and H. D. Staats be appointed as viewers to locate and assess damages and to report at the next term of this court.

In the matter of the proposed county road in districts 4 and 5, to be known as the "Clark road" it was ordered that the county surveyor, or, in his absence, the deputy county surveyor, H. D. Staats, and F. H. Fawk be appointed as viewers to make an investigation and report to the next meeting of this court.

County Official Newspapers.

Ordered that the Polk County Observer and the Polk County Itemizer be designated as the county official newspapers for the publication of all county official notices and other matters required by law to be published.

Ordered that the Sheriff give credit and rebate to W. R. Allen the sum of $54.23 taxes wrongfully assessed.

Ordered that bills numbered 1 to 61, both inclusive, aggregating $2,983.75 on special road fund in road district No. 1, be allowed.

TWO POLKITES PINCHED

One Larceny Case to be Tried; Steele Pays Fine For Assault and Battery; New Case in Department 2.

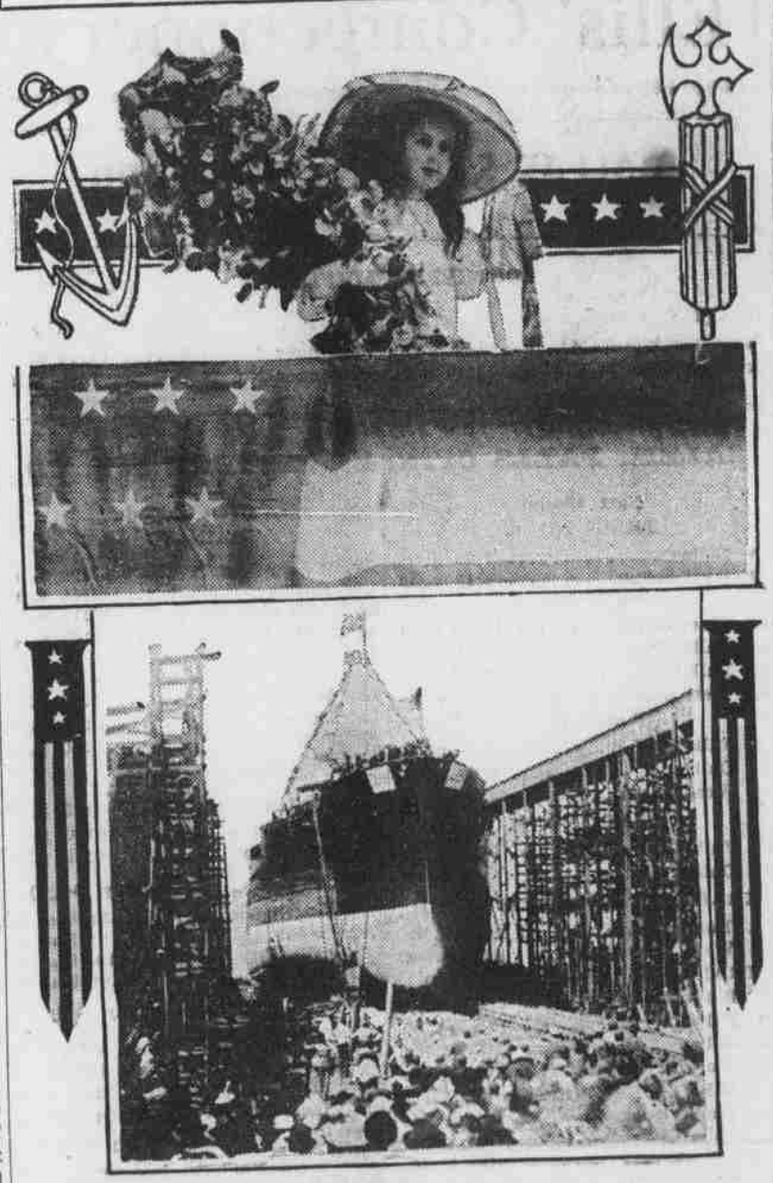
H. R. Winslow, a former resident of Polk county was arrested by Sheriff Minto, of Marion county, in Salem Tuesday, upon information from Sheriff Grant of Polk county, charged with the theft of a plow. He was brought to Dallas Wednesday and arraigned before Esquire Holman. Winslow pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for June 17. He was released on his recognizance to appear at that time.

Robert Steele was arrested at Buena Vista Tuesday by Sheriff Grant upon a warrant charging assault and battery upon the person of J. H. Feagle of Independence. Steele pleaded guilty before Justice Wilson at Independence and was fined $25.00 and costs.

New Case Filed.

In department No. 2, of the Polk County Circuit court, Adam Mueller has begun an action against Thos. E. Dwier et al, to secure the payment of a note and mortgage. He asks judgment for $3255 and $750 for attorney's fees and $181 taxes paid. Stapleton & Sleight, of Portland, appear for plaintiff.

Launching of the Texas and Portrait of Her Sponsor



Photos by American Press Association.

CLAUDIA, the ten-year-old daughter of Colonel Cecil Lyon, Republican national committeeman from the Lone Star State, had the coveted distinction of christening the battleship Texas at the recent launching of the navy's biggest man-of-war at Newport News. The ceremonies of the launching were successfully carried out in spite of the fact that there were some heartburnings over the choice of a sponsor, and the flaxen haired, blue eyed miss whose portrait is reproduced above broke the bottle of champagne across the prow as accurately as if she had been of twice her age and experience. The Texas is the superior of any other warship yet built. She cost $14,000,000, has a full load displacement of 30,000 tons, a length of 573 feet, a speed of twenty-one knots and 30,000 indicated horsepower. She carries ten fourteen-inch breechloading rifles of the latest and most improved design. Her sister ship, not yet built, will be called the New York.

COAST TRIP ENDS IN DALLAS

PORTLAND BOY PICKED UP BY SHERIFF GRANT.

Left Home With Pony to See the World; With Home Made Tent and Box of Crackers, on Way to Coast.

The 11 year old son of J. A. Ramsdell, of Portland, but formerly a resident of Dallas, was picked up in this city Wednesday morning by Sheriff Grant after reading a story in a Portland newspaper detailing how the boy had suddenly left home without permission to go out into the world and fight Indians. He left his home in Portland Tuesday morning astride a pony, with a home made tent strapped to his saddle and started for the Coast. He told his father he was going, but the latter believed that he was only joking until his absence convinced him that the lad was in earnest. Sheriff Grant communicated with Ramsdell in Portland and was instructed to send the boy home. He willingly agreed to return but expressed disappointment that his trip to the Coast had been interrupted. He declared that his parents were coming to the Coast later and that until they arrived, he would picket his pony on the grass and live himself by eating clams and shell fish which he would pick up on the beach.

The adventurer had a five-cent package of crackers when found but seemed not to be discouraged by the absence of regular meals. After Sheriff Grant had told him that he would be arrested and placed in jail, if he did not return, the boy offered to go back to Portland and left yesterday morning on his return journey.

S., F. C. & W. GETS FRANCHISE

DIFFICULTIES OVER EASTERN APPROACH SETTLED.

Company May Now Proceed With Work on East Side; Must Pay Damages Assessed by Court.

After several weeks of insistent labor and the expenditure of much time, the Salem, Falls City & Western railway finally succeeded in getting their franchise for construction of their railway line from the East side approach of their proposed Willamette river bridge which is now building, through the streets of the city, through the city council at Salem on Monday night. Although failure to secure this franchise sooner has not delayed work on the bridge as it was felt that some arrangements could be made to enter the city, the company has been handicapped to a great extent and could not proceed with necessary arrangements for the extension of the road east of Salem, or the building of the line through the city.

The franchise committee of the Salem council were unable to agree upon the matter and it was submitted to the entire council. Under the terms of the agreement, the company will be permitted to build their Eastern approach to the bridge on Union street. Here the grade will be a few feet above the surface of the street, and the company must pay damages to the property owners as adjudged by the courts.

Miss Almeda Fuller is home for the summer after spending the winter as a teacher in the public schools at Harrisburg, Oregon.

STANDARD LIST OF POLK SCHOOLS NOW 28

MONTHLY REPORT BY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SEYMOUR SHOWS ENCOURAGING CONDITIONS.

YEARS' ATTENDANCE IS .95

Schools Make Best Record in History and Pass Mark Aimed at in Beginning; Complete List of Standard Schools Shows Substantial Increase For Month.

Showing 28 Polk county schools on the standard list and showing an attendance of more than 95 per cent., the monthly school report for the county schools for the month ending May 17 has just been issued by County Superintendent H. C. Seymour. The report declares that, for the first time in history, the county schools have made a record for attendance greater than 95 per cent. As this is the mark aimed at at the beginning of the year, its attainment is cause for congratulation on the part of the Superintendent and the other school officials.

Eighth Grade Exams.

Eighth grade examinations are being held today in the different schools. The county examining board will meet Monday in the County Superintendent's office to pass upon the papers and it is predicted that all grades will be out by Tuesday. Promptness is necessary in this matter as all grade graduates must be notified in time to take part in the big picnic at Rickreall on Saturday, June 15.

County School Report.

Number of schools reporting cor- and on time 55
Number and names of schools not reporting on time—Mistletoe.
Number of pupils remaining at time of last report 2474
Numbers of pupils registered new during month 6
Number of pupils registered secondary during month 17
Number of readmitted pupils during month 170
Total number of pupils registered during month 2667
Number of pupils dropped during month 372
Number of pupils remaining at time of this report 2295
Number of days taught during month 18
Whole number of days attendance 3016
Whole number days absence .. 1968
Whole number times late 376
Number of pupils neither absent or tardy 1352
Average number of pupils belonging 2499
Average daily attendance ... 2389.8
Per cent of attendance 95.5
Number of visits by parents ... 117
Number of visits by members of school boards 38

Roll of Honor.

That the roll of honor has materially increased for the month is shown. The report says, further:

"The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for the county for having made an attendance of 95 per cent or more: Zena, Dallas, Pedee (100), Red Prairie, Lewisville, Balliston, Parker, Monmouth, Bethel, Perrydale, Fairview, Oak Point, Elkins, Independence,

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No Celebration.

Dallas will not celebrate the Fourth of July this year. That much was decided or rather went by default, when the mass meeting called by Mayor Craven for Tuesday night at the county court room, failed to materialize. One or two patriots were all that turned out and it was evident that the business men didn't want a celebration. Those promoting the affair have, consequently, dropped all negotiations and the matter is off. The sentiment among the business men appeared to be that every effort should be made to make the fall fair a success and permit the celebration idea to go by default.

RICKREALL PICNIC AWAKENS MUCH INTEREST

ANNUAL SCHOOL AFFAIR ON JUNE 15 PROMISES INTERESTING PROGRAM IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

SINGING TO BE FEATURE

One Thousand Children to Unite in Well Drilled Vocalizations; Base Ball Game Between Dallas and Sheridan For Two-County Championship in Afternoon.

The annual school picnic to be held at Rickreall on Saturday, June 15, is arousing much interest throughout the county and, from present indications, it is certain that a large crowd from all portions of the county will be in attendance. Those who have atended like occasions heretofore, know that they have been successes and believe that the coming event will be no exception to the rule.

Favorable rates on the railroads and special train accommodations offered are such that it is comparatively easy matter for persons in all parts of the county to go.

Arrangements for the affair are progressing favorably and the different committees are said to have their work well in hand and are confident of success.

Singing Will Be Feature.

A feature of the occasion will be singing by the school children of the county. Several songs suggested by State Superintendent Alderman have been practiced by the students during the winter months and these will be heard. Among them is the stirring patriotic piece, "My Own United States" which it is hoped to eventually make the national song. Those who have heard it know that it is eminently fitted for such a purpose and to hear 1,000 children singing it in unison will certainly prove an inspiration.

Nor has the sports program been neglected. Interesting events are promised in this line, prominent among them being a baseball game for the championship of Yamhill and Polk counties between the Sheridan and Dallas high schools. These teams have met once before this season and on that occasion, Dallas won, but the Sheridan boys have been practicing consistently since that time and have also played several games and are in much better condition than during the first of the season. This will make the contest interesting and is evidence of the fact that it is anybody's contest.

In connection with the musical and literary program the Monmouth Public School orchestra and the Normal Glee club will prove features of the day which none should miss. Both these organizations have been especially drilled for this picnic and promise a rare treat.

The picnic grove at Rickreall is pleasant and ample to accommodate the crowds. All sorts of stands will be in readiness to serve lunches and cold drinks to the crowds. Everything needful for the comfort of those who attend the picnic will be provided.

Surveyors in Northern Polk.

A crew of ten men arrived in Northern Polk county last week and have established a camp at Bentley. They are making preliminary surveys for a railway line from the Coast to McMinnville, according to well authenticated reports and it is believed that they are representatives of the Oregon Electric or the Hill interests. It is claimed that the company's engineers have discovered a route from McMinnville to the Coast that will shorten the time more than two hours and provide a much better grade through the mountains than that now used by the Harriman lines.