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LATE POLK COUNTY RELIEF PROMISED NEWS TOLD IN BRIEFS

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN
VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS
RELATED IN ENTERTAIN-
ING MANNER.

OBSERVER SPECIAL SERVICE

Observer Representatives Keep In
Touch With All Matters of Import-
ance in Their Part of the Famous
"Blue Ribbon" District of State of
Oregon.

OAK DALE

"The harvest time is passing by.
The summer days are ending."
Joda Rhodes, of Toledo, is visiting
her sister, Mrs. Thomas Wright.
George Sellers has been threshing in
this neighborhood, for Mr. Hamilton,
C. A. Burley, Pearl McBees, the rock
quarry people and others. In moving
the separator from Pearl McBees' to
David Hubbard's, Tuesday afternoon,
it was accidentally broken, causing a
delay of two days in the threshing
business.

The people of Oak Dale are plan-
ning an excursion to Teal's celebrated
fish ponds next Sunday afternoon.
Joe and Little Frances Dennis have
been quite ill.

Thomas Butler and T. K. Ramsey,
of Dallas, have secured the contract
for building the new school house at
Smithfield, and have gone to com-
mence work on it.

Mrs. Earl Stowe, of Portland, and
Mrs. Harry Tomlinson, of Medford,
visited their cousin, Jim Hubbard,
Sunday.

Joe Murphy moved his family to the
Smith Bros' hop yard, on the Luck-
lute, Thursday. Joe will dry hops
and his family will pick.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Frink will pick
at the Smith Bros' hop yard.

Miss Graham has been visiting
friends in Salem.

Ed Cochran has gone to the Jacob-
son and Pawk hop yards, on Salt
Creek, where he will have the position
of check boss.

David Hubbard starts picking in his
hop yards Friday.

Mrs. Dennis has a lily blossom of
the Auratum Platyphyllum variety,
that is 13 inches in diameter when
fully expanded.

Mrs. Thomas Card has returned
from a trip to Portland, where she
visited relatives and took in the city
sights.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burley and sons
have been visiting the family of Ho-
mer Gee, below Dallas.

RICKREALL

S. T. Burch's daughters, Mary, Edith
and Aurelia, returned from Tillamook,
where they have been the past two
months. Their niece, Miss Mary Lau-
cas, returned with them.

Peter Cook left for Seio Sunday.

Harry Cookingham, the popular
clerk at the Rickreall store, was in
Dallas Saturday evening.

A lady from Portland visited Mrs.
Grove Beeler for a few days last
week.

Grove Beeler was in Dallas Mon-
day on business.

Mrs. Arthur Jones is ill with mus-
cular rheumatism.

Willis Simonton and wife, of Dallas,
visited with Mr. and Mrs. Burch Sun-
day.

B. F. Lunt and wife went to Port-
land Saturday, returning Sunday eve-
ning.

L. C. Koser came up from Perry-
dale and spent a few hours with his
daughter Mattie, returning Wednes-
day.

Charles Whaley will dry hops at the
Ziellach yard.

A heavy downpour of rain stopped
the threshing here Tuesday.

An altercation took place at the
Middleton thresher between two young
men. Both came out with some few
bruises and black eyes.

Acetylene lights have been installed
in the Masonic and Artisan hall, which
will be very convenient.

FALLS CITY

John Hatch, of Lafayette, after vis-
iting relatives a week in our city, re-
turned home Friday.

M. L. Thompson and family, Mrs.
George Hale and daughter, were pas-
sengers to Portland Wednesday, tak-
ing the trip in Mr. Thompson's auto.
Dewey James, who has been visiting
in Eugene for the past two months,
returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nichols have
gone to Newport for two weeks.

Fred Belcher, of Portland, was in
our city the last of the week, looking
after business affairs.

Mrs. Sam Wiest, of Black Rock, is
enjoying an outing at Newport.

William Grayum is working on the
S. P. bridge galle.

J. M. Glass, of Portland, will re-
open the Walker Hotel September 1.
Jesse Beesley was a passenger to
Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. Clara Emmett, of Portland,
has been visiting relatives in this city
for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Grier went to
Newport by auto Thursday.

Mrs. F. A. Lucas, of Portland, is
visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.
S. Calkins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Servey, who have

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CHANGE IN SCHEDULE MAY AVOID DELAY AT PORTLAND.

Commercial Club Committee Gets
Promise of Relief Which May
Bring Portland Train on Time.

That a new time card will go into
effect soon on the Southern Pacific,
whereby arrangements will probably
be made to avoid the delay incident
to the departure of the night train
from the Union station, Portland, for
Dallas, is the information received by
local S. P. Agent I. N. Woods the first
of the week. The letter came in re-
sponse to a communication from the
railway committee of the Dallas Com-
mercial club, under instructions given
at the last meeting of the club to do
what was possible to remedy condi-
tions.

As the train schedules now exist,
the Dallas train is the last of
three which leave the Union station,
about 4 o'clock, and all of them are
generally held there until the arrival
of the northbound Roseburg local on
the main line, which is usually from
10 minutes to a half hour late, there-
by causing the Dallas train to reach
the city considerably behind its regu-
lar schedule. This results in delay in
receiving night mail, and in incon-
venience to people who make the re-
turn trip. It had been suggested that
the night train leave the Jefferson
street station rather than the Union
depot, in order to avoid the delay, but
the promised change in schedule may
remedy the difficulty.

POLK POINTS THE WAY

Lane County Schools Will Adopt Pro-
gressive Features That Have Orig-
inated in This County.

Lane county schools will adopt
some of the methods in force in this
county, and which have resulted in
placing the schools at the head of
all others in Oregon, according to a
letter received by Superintendent H.



H. C. Seymour, Polk County's hus-
band superintendent of public in-
struction, who has made this the
blue ribbon school county of Ore-
gon, and whose methods are being
adopted by other and larger coun-
ties.

C. Seymour from A. I. O'Reilly, rural
school supervisor for Lane county.
Mr. O'Reilly taught in the celebrated
Spring Valley district last year, and
consequently knows of the methods
employed here and he writes Mr.
Seymour asking for one of the stand-
ard school certificates originated by
the Polk county superintendent, with
the idea of using the plan there.

CHIEF S. P. SURGEON COMES.

Dallas Included in Trip of San Fran-
cisco Official in Private Car.

Traveling his private car, Chief
Surgeon Dr. F. K. Alsworth, of San
Francisco, accompanied by H. C.
Pearce, general storekeeper, also of
San Francisco, made an official visit
to Dallas on Wednesday. This was
the first visit of either of the officials
to this vicinity. While here Dr. Al-
sworth appointed Dr. A. B. Starbuck
Southern Pacific surgeon, on the
strength of strong backing he received
as surgeon for the Salem, Falls
City & Western railway, which has
been absorbed by the Harriman
line.

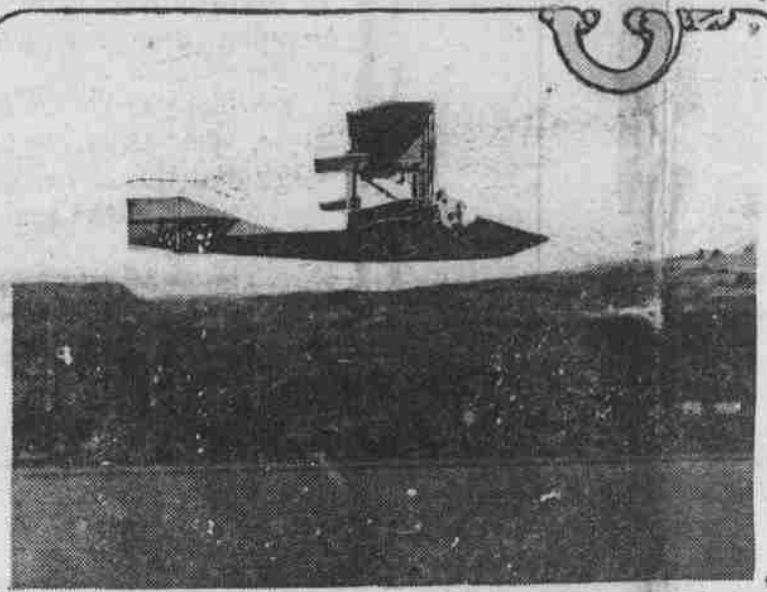
New Church Advertisement.

Attention of Observer readers is
called to the advertisement of the
First Presbyterian church appearing
in another column of today's issue.
This progressive religious organiza-
tion will use a liberal amount of the
Observer's advertising space during
the coming year, and that it will re-
sult in good for the society is the be-
lief of Rev. E. W. Miles, its enterpris-
ing pastor. The Observer has carried
advertising for the Christian church
of this city for more than a year,
which has attracted much attention
to the church, not only from local
people but from the state at large.

Woods' Surprised.

A surprise was given to Mr. and
Mrs. J. A. Wood and Mrs. S. G. Wood,
at the home of H. E. Bessett, last
Monday evening. There were about
25 invited guests. It was held in the
barn, and the trees were beauti-
fully decorated in Japanese lanterns
and asters. Music was furnished by
John Orr and Mrs. H. E. Bessett. Miss
Daisy Stamm, of Walla Walla, Wash.,
rendered the instrumental music. At
the close of the evening a dainty
luncheon was served.

A New and Very Swift Craft For Air and Water Travel



VIATORS may soon be able to outdo the swiftest denizens of the deep,
as they already fly faster than the birds of the air. Glenn H. Cur-
tiss has built what he calls the "flying boat," which is a combination
of the aeroplane and hydroplane motor speed boat. It has a light
hull, which is surmounted by the standard biplane structure. An eighty
horsepower motor drives it along the surface of the water at fifty miles an
hour, while the speed attained in flight is sixty miles. It is said to be
handled easily in either element. The boat is so strongly built that it can
be beached with safety, even through a high surf. The hull is twenty-six feet
long, three feet wide and three feet deep. The illustrations show it in full
light and just as it is rising from the water.

LOCAL CAR SHOPS PLEDGE FUNDS FOR ARE BUSY NEW MILL SITE

CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT OF S. FALLS CITY WILL ASSIST COM-
F. C. & W. BRINGS MORE WORK. PANY IN REBUILDING MILL 1.

Southern Pacific Rolling Stock Sent to Dallas For Repairs; Trainmaster Jones Has New Office.

Change in ownership and operation
of the Salem, Falls City & Western
railway and its absorption by the
Portland, Eugene & Eastern com-
pany, has not resulted in any cessation
of work at the local car shops in this
city, according to reports from that
busy institution. In fact, as was pre-
dicted in these columns several
weeks ago, the opposite effect may be
noted, as the Dallas shops are the only
ones the company owns on the west
side of the river. A large force of
men are constantly employed and
there is plenty of work to keep them
busy. Two or three Southern Pacific
engines are now in the shops under-
going repairs of various kinds, aside
from the regular work originating on
the S. F. C. & W. branch. In the
yards an emergency engine is con-
stantly kept with steam up ready to
take the place of any disabled engine
on the Yamhill division in the vicinity
of Dallas.

Jones Has New Office.
Trainmaster S. Taylor Jones now
occupies handsome and comfortable
office in the storekeeper's building,
near the car shops, and is the mon-
arch of all he surveys. He has much
more desirable quarters than in his
former location, although his duties
keep him close to his desk. He han-
dles all the trains on the S. F. C. &
W., the dispatching being done, as
formerly, by telephone. There is also
a telephone line in his office.

AGED LADY CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Kilpatrick Dies at the Home of
Her Son on Levens Street.
Mrs. Catherine Kilpatrick died at
the home of her son, John R. Canoy,
on Levens street, on Wednesday, Au-
gust 29, at the age of 82 years, 11
months, 25 days.

The funeral will be held at Chap-
man's chapel, August 29, at 10 a. m.
Rev. L. R. Fields officiating, and in-
terment will take place at the Dallas
cemetery.
Mrs. Kilpatrick has lived with her
son, J. R. Canoy, in Dallas, for several
years, and has been ill practically all
of the time. The Canoy family occu-
pied the old dormitory on Robbins
street until the past few months.

Gets New Position.
Ray Howe writes The Observer
from Chase, Kansas, ordering his pa-
per changed to that address, and
mentioning the fact that he has ac-
quired the position of railroad police-
man there. He says the town is in the
center of the wheat belt and "bums
and bohems are numerous."

Growing Interest in County Points to Success of Annual Festival and School Fair

SUPERINTENDENT SEYMOUR
FINDS PEOPLE ENTHUSIASTIC
AND PREDICTS SUCCESS
FOR COMING EXHIBIT.

Great Majority of Schools to Be Rep-
resented by Displays; Farmers Want
to Exhibit Stock, and Arrangements
to Accommodate This Feature Are
Now Under Way.

That there is a widespread and
growing interest in the coming Polk
County Harvest Festival and School
Fair throughout the county, is the
declaration of County Superintendent
H. C. Seymour, who returned
Wednesday night from a week's swing
around the circle, in an endeavor to
interest the children and parents in a
Polk county exhibit at the coming
state fair. While he found that the
county would probably make a credit-
able exhibit at Salem, he found inter-
est in the county fair very pronounced
and is of the opinion that practically
every school in the county will have
exhibits on hand.

Visited All Districts.
Superintendent Seymour's itinerary
took him into nearly every district in
the county, and the meetings at the
different school houses were so ar-
ranged that other districts met there
and thus he was enabled to see people
from every separate district. The
meetings were held in response to
circulars sent out by the Superintendent,
and were primarily for the pur-
pose of explaining matters in connec-
tion with the state fair. In every dis-
trict where Mr. Seymour called, he
was met by parents and children in-
terested in the schools, and in matters
connected therewith, and, aside from
the boost for the fairs, it is believed
that much good will result. All who
had questions to ask regarding school
matters made it a point to attend the
meetings, and confer with the super-
intendent, thus saving them a trip
to the county seat, and consequent loss
of time.

Will Exhibit at Fair.
It was found that school after
school was preparing an exhibit for
the Polk county fair in October. Gen-
erally the schools reported that they
could not get their exhibits ready in
time to make a showing at the state
fair. It was the practically unani-
mous opinion that the early date for
the Salem show prevented the best
showing possible, and the later date
for the Polk county fair seemed to be
people much better. Superintendent
Seymour is confident that the coming
fair will be the best ever held in the
county, judging by the questions
asked regarding it, and the wide-
spread interest manifested.

Want to Show Stock.
In matters aside from the school
exhibit, Mr. Seymour found that
farmers generally were interested in
exhibiting products from their farms,
and the best specimens of their stock,
and he is firmly of the belief that ar-
rangements should be made to provide
for a stock exhibit. The general
committee on arrangements has never
before now been so interested in the
matter, it is said, and a movement is now
on foot to provide space for such an
exhibit. The school exhibit and the
display of farm products will be made
in the same building, and it has been
suggested that the vacant land adjoining
the vacant land adjoining on the west
be utilized for a stock exhibit. The
committee has under consideration a
plan for building temporary sheds for
this purpose, and it is probable that some
such arrangement will be made.

Entertainment Committee Busy.
While the entertainment committee
has not yet announced its list of at-
tractions for the fair, it is practically
assured that the Arnold Carnival
company will again be on hand with
a list of shows and free acts. In addi-
tion to this, it has been suggested
that arrangements be made with some
of the numerous aviation companies
on the coast to give at least two aero-
plane flights during the three days of
the fair. Aviation is now attracting
much attention throughout the country,
and it is probable that no one from
the coast would bring as many people
as the certainty of at least two flights
by a competent bird-man. There are
a great many people who have never
seen anything of the kind and to those
who have, the spectacle is a never-fail-
ing source of attraction.

Throughout the county there ap-
pears to be a growing sentiment for
the formation of a county fair associa-
tion," said Superintendent Sey-
mour. "During my trip I found
many prominent farmers who advo-
cated this idea. They want a perma-
nent association to form and the
holding of an annual exhibition of the
products of the soil and the schools
assured. Polk county can produce as
creditable a display of this nature as
any county in the state, and I believe
that the matter should be taken up
and the organization perfected in
time to handle next year's exhibition.
Every section of the county appears
to be willing to enter enthusiastically
into the plan and I see no reason why
it should not be a success from the
start. I saw a number of the men
who have been placed on the commit-
tee from different sections of the
county, and I found them all inter-
ested, and they promised to attend the
meeting called for Saturday night at
the court house in Dallas. This senti-
ment points to the success of the fair,
and indicates that all portions of the
county are united in the desire to see
a creditable display and to make the
second annual exhibition a success."

TO ARRANGE SCHOOL EXHIBIT
Superintendent Seymour Leaves For
Salem to Have Charge of Display.

In order to be present and person-
ally superintend the arranging of the
Polk County school exhibit at the
state fair, Superintendent H. C. Sey-
mour left yesterday afternoon for
Salem, where the former will take up
his duties at the Polk county booth,
ready to receive the school exhibit
and place it in position. He will re-
turn to Dallas Saturday night for the
fair committee meeting and to spend
Sunday.

Ed Plaster on Thursday received a
new Advance steam engine to use
with his thrasher. He tried a gaso-
line engine, but found the power un-
equal to the demands made upon it,
hence the change.

RAIN HINDERS THRESHERS
Copious Downpour Scars Farm-
ers and Will Postpone Thresh-
ing For Some Weeks.
Probably the only damage
done so far by the rains which
began on Tuesday, has been to
the farmers whose grain is still
in the shock, but with clearing
weather it is probable that no
permanent loss will result. The
dampness has not injured the
hop fields except to postpone
picking for a day or so. An ad-
ded feature which the thresh-
men will have to meet will be
the difficulty in securing crews to
man their machines, owing to
the fact that the carriers are thus
enabled to utilize one day on which they
are not working, and the day follow-
ing being "Labor Day," they thus
have two holidays in succession, which
tends to increase the attendance and
thereby enhance the interest of the
yearly meetings. The session will con-
tinue through Sunday night, Monday
morning and Monday afternoon. The
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dication points to a well attended and
successful gathering.

70,000 FISH FOR POLK STREAMS

TROUT FRY PLANTED IN WATER-
WAYS OF COUNTY YESTERDAY.

Carlson Comes From State Hatchery
at Bonneville; Waiting Conveyances
Hurry to New Homes.

Seventy thousand trout fry from the
state hatchery at Bonneville, arrived
in Dallas yesterday, in charge of five
men from the state fish and game
warden's office, and are now peace-
fully foraging for sustenance in the
principal streams of Polk county.
There were 153 cans in the carload, of
which 103 cans contained rainbow
trout and 50 cans of Eastern brook
trout. Twelve cans of rainbow trout
were deposited in Salt Creek, 40 cans,
including the brook trout, were sent
to Falls City, and the balance were
liberated in the LaCroix and its
tributaries.

The fish arrived in very good con-
dition and were met at the Dallas sta-
tion by P. A. Turner and H. B. Cooper,
who superintended their removal to
their new homes. A number of con-
veyances that had been engaged in
advance were on hand and the fry
were transported to the different
creeks with as little delay as possi-
ble.

Soliciting Without Authority.
It was reported yesterday that two
solicitors for Portland lots were so-
liciting sales in Dallas without the
permission of the Commercial club
committee. Whether they were suc-
cessful or not, it is impossible to learn,
but it is a cinch they never will be.
The Commercial club committee have
been granted permission by the mat-
ter, it is said, and a movement is now
on foot to provide space for such an
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in the same building, and it has been
suggested that the vacant land adjoining
the vacant land adjoining on the west
be utilized for a stock exhibit. The
committee has under consideration a
plan for building temporary sheds for
this purpose, and it is probable that some
such arrangement will be made.

Some Hop Check Printing.
The Observer, ordinarily, is not
given to "blowing its own horn," but
the ability of the office to turn out
rapid work, and in a first-class man-
ner, was never more conspicuously
demonstrated than during this past
week. Upwards of 200,000 hop tick-
ets have been printed at this office
during the last two weeks, and in ex-
cess of one hundred orders have been
filled for delivery within 24 hours from
the time ordered. This applies only to
large orders. On orders of from 1000
to 5000, deliveries have been made in
from two to three hours, and yester-
day an order of 700 tickets was ready
for a customer in exactly 20 minutes
after his copy was left at the business
office. This is surely "printing while
you wait," and it is this sort of
promptness which has placed The
Observer's modern printing office in
the lead of all others, and kept it
there.

Eighth Grade Examinations.
County Superintendent H. C. Sey-
mour announces that a special exam-
ination in the eighth grade will be
held at his offices in the court house
on Thursday and Friday, September
5 and 6, at which time all those who
failed in one of two subjects at the
June examinations may again write,
and thus possibly qualify for the high
school courses at the beginning of the
fall term.

State Pamphlet Issued.
Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott
has issued the regular election pam-
phlet containing a "copy of all meas-
ures referred to the people by the leg-
islative assembly, referendum ordered
by petition of the people and proposed
by initiative petition, to be submitted
to the legal voters of the state of Ore-
gon at the general election to be held
Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1912." There are 254
pages in the book and more than 40
propositions are included.

LARGE ATTENDANCE OF CARRIERS EXPECTED

COMING MEETING OF OREGON
RURAL LETTER CARRIERS AS-
SOCIATION IN DALLAS
PROMISES SUCCESS.

ENTERTAIN AT LUNCHEON

Delegates to Be Given Noon-Day Ban-
quet; Auto Trip Through Valley Is
Prospect; Aim and Objects of Asso-
ciation, Which Numbers More Than
43,000 Members.

With upward of 100 delegates pres-
ent, the annual convention of the
Oregon Rural Letter Carriers' associa-
tion will meet in Dallas on Sunday
afternoon at the National Guard ar-
mory. The meetings of the associa-
tion always open on Sunday, for the
reason that the carriers are thus en-
abled to utilize one day on which they
are not working, and the day follow-
ing being "Labor Day," they thus
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Luncheon at New Scott.
The committee of the Commercial
club, to whom was intrusted the duty
of arranging for a luncheon for the
delegates, have selected The New
Scott hotel, and the function will be
held there on Monday noon, Septem-
ber 2. After the discussion of an
elaborate menu, there will be toasts
by the delegates, their officers and by
local men. This luncheon will be open
to all members of the club, and the
committee urges that a large number
turn out and thus assist in entertain-
ing the city's visitors.

Auto Trip in Prospect.
The committee on entertainment
appointed at the last meeting of the
Commercial club, consisting of Doc P.
Batterson, chairman, Edwin Jaco-
bson and N. L. Guy, have conferred re-
garding modes of furnishing enter-
tainment for the visitors. In this con-
nection they will work with members
of the local association and the com-
mittee on arrangements, and formulate
a program which it is believed will be
enjoyed. An automobile trip through
the valley in the vicinity of Dallas,
has been suggested and, if the weath-
er is favorable, it is probable that the
suggestion will be utilized. Several
auto owners have been interviewed,
and all have signified their willingness
to assist in every way possible and
will gladly furnish their machines for
the use of the delegates. It is pro-
posed to take them out the Salem or
Salt Creek roads, and back to town
over some other route, in order that
they may gain a good idea of the
country surrounding Dallas. It is pos-
sible that a trip to Black Rock may
be arranged, although this portion of
the program is still undecided.

Aims of Association.
The Oregon Letter Carriers' asso-
ciation is a branch of the National
organization, which is well organized
and has branches in every state in the
union. There are about 43,000 of the
rural letter carriers in the United
States who are members, and of this
number Oregon has approximately
200. The objects are for mutual pro-
tection and the betterment of the
service. Among the tenets of the or-
ganization is working for improved
highways, the letter carriers always
being found enthusiastically support-
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the national association are selected
from each state and the battle for this
plum is one of the important incidents
of the annual gatherings. There is
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