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COMMITTEES WORK TO MAKE FAIR A SUCCESS

NOW BELIEVED THAT FIRST ANNUAL POLK COUNTY EXHIBITION WILL BE ALL THAT'S HOPED FOR.

"POLITICAL DAYS" FAVORED

Republicans May Have Senator Jones of Washington, Bull Mossers A. E. Clark of Portland; Democrats Not Announced; Woman's Club Interested in Arts and Crafts Display.

With every member of the different committees working industriously, and with interest in the project on the increase, matters in connection with the first annual Polk County Fair which will be held in Dallas on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 3, 4 and 5, are progressing satisfactorily and with flattering prospects of success. Inquiries are coming in regarding the entries in live stock and agricultural products. Of course the school portion of the fair, which is in reality one of the principal features, is an assured success for the reason that the school children of the county have been making arrangements to exhibit, since the fair was first held in winter and there is no doubt that their showing will be second to none.

Three Political Days. The movement for three political days caused instant favor. Different county central committees at once enlisted all their efforts to secure a competent speaker for the day devoted to their particular interests, and while the matter is not fully settled in all cases, can safely be predicted that some interesting speeches will be heard. The fair committee plans to permit the chairman of the different committees to draw lots in order to determine the day that shall be devoted to them, as it is believed that in no other manner can justice to all be done.

The Republican committee will probably have United States Senator Wesley L. Jones, of Washington, and the Bull Mossers will be represented on their day by A. E. Clark, of Portland, their candidate for United States senator from Oregon. The Democratic man has not yet been selected, and will not be until the last of the present week. County Chairman Oscar Hayter is in correspondence with the state committee and has been promised a man of national reputation.

Amusement Features. Manager Arnold of the carnival company, which has the concession for the show features of the fair, announces that he will bring all of his shows here and give Dallas and Polk county a number of high grade attractions that they have never before seen under one management in the county.

The sites for the different shows has not yet been decided further than they are to be in the business section.

Another feature that has just been added will be an Indian "pow-wow" by Indians from the Siletz agency, according to announcement received yesterday by a representative from the agency who visited the city. The Indians will come in large numbers and establish a camp and give representations of their dances, accoutred in full regalia, war paint and feathers.

Space for Exhibits. The committee has leased the building on Washington street, between Main and Jefferson streets, for the display of cattle, and it is possible that arrangements will also be made to accommodate the horses at the same place. It has also been suggested that pens for the sheep, goats and swine be built on the vacant lots adjoining, rather than on the land west of the Armory as, by this arrangement, all the stock displays would be kept together which is deemed more advisable than to scatter them over the city.

Arts and Crafts Display. The Dallas Woman's Club has taken up the plan for a display of arts and crafts with a will. The following committee has been appointed to take charge of the exhibit: Mrs. D. M. Metzger, chairman; Mrs. Eugene Foster, Mrs. G. P. MacGregor, Mrs. Willis Simonson and Mrs. Lot D. Brown. Already this committee has met with a hearty response from many exhibitors, and it is expected that women skilled in needlework, painting, etc., from every part of the county will compete for the blue ribbons.

WORLD RAISE CROSSING GRADE S. F. C. & W. Railway Asks For Change in Road Grade.

For the purpose of viewing the crossing grade at West Salem over the S. F. C. & W. tracks, the Polk County Court visited that locality Monday to consider the application of the railway company for permission to raise the grade of its tracks four feet. This raise is made necessary on account of the new bridge now being built over the Willamette river. The company agrees to grade the approaches to the crossing so that where there is now an eight per cent grade, under the new plan there will be but a four per cent grade. It is probable the application will be allowed.

TO ARRANGE CAMPAIGNS

Democratic Central Committee to Meet Saturday; Republican Organization Soon Thereafter.

That the date for the general election is approaching is evidenced by the activities of the different campaign committees. Chairman Oscar Hayter of the Democratic Polk county committee has issued a call for a meeting of his committee at the Court House on Saturday, Sep. 23. Chairman Keyt of the Republican organization has not yet called a meeting of the Polk county committee but will probably do so in a few days. The Bull Mossers are also active and while they will not place a ticket in the field in this county, the leaders propose to leave no stone unturned to garner support for their national and congressional ticket.

At the Democratic meeting on Saturday plans for the campaign will be discussed and it is already evident that the Wilson men propose to organize and maintain a warm scrap from the start. What the Republicans will do is problematical but it is declared that they, too, will soon have their campaign on in full blast.

FINE DAYS HELP HARVEST

HOP PICKING OVER; PRUNE HARVEST WELL UNDER WAY.

Latter Crop Shows Better Yield than Expected and of Fine Quality; Threshing About Completed.

Hopping was finished last week and since that time the prune harvest has been on in full blast with the probability that most of the orchards will be finished this week, although some of the larger ones will not complete the harvest until next week. Generally reports from the prune growers are to the effect that the yield is larger than was expected and, in every instance, the quality is declared to be better than last year.

Threshing machines have been busy since the rain ceased and by the end of the present week it is likely that the work will be over. In this connection also, it is said that not nearly so much grain was destroyed as was expected. Some of it is colored, it is true, but there is also a large amount of it that is suitable for sale. Altogether conditions are not nearly so bad as it was first believed and Polk county as usual ends the year with a good crop and generally satisfied farmers.

NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT FORMED

Granting the petition of residents of Broadmead for the formation of a new school district in Northeastern Polk the county boundary board at a session held in Dallas on Monday issued a formal order to that effect. Patrons of the district will meet at Broadmead on Thursday night and take the necessary steps looking to the organization of the district by the election of officers and other preliminaries. It is the intention of the board to erect a new school house at once.

GUILD PLANS MEETING

Arrangements for Annual Exhibition and Reception Made at Friday's Gathering.

A business meeting of the officers and directors of the Needlework Guild was held at the home of the president, Mrs. M. M. Ellis, on Friday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting was to arrange for the annual exhibition and reception. The date, October 24, was decided upon, and the exhibition will be held at the home of Mrs. M. M. Ellis on Oak street. The following committees were appointed to assist the president:

Reception: Mrs. George Gerlinger, Mrs. S. R. Taylor, Mrs. B. Casey, Mrs. H. C. Eakin, Mrs. Oscar Hayter. Refreshing and arranging: Mrs. W. J. Knerr, Mrs. W. V. Fuller, Mrs. J. R. Allgood, Mrs. I. N. Woods, Mrs. Theo. Farrington, Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. I. F. Yoakum. Decoration: Mrs. D. M. Metzger, Mrs. H. R. Cooper, Mrs. C. G. Coad, Mrs. U. S. Loughary, Mrs. Charles Bennett, Mrs. Ed. F. Coad, Mrs. W. H. Manston.

Refreshments: Mrs. J. K. Van Orsdel, Mrs. E. Hayter, Mrs. Willis Simonson, Mrs. R. L. Chapman, Mrs. L. D. Brown, Mrs. G. P. MacGregor. Besides the distribution of the new garments collected last year nearly as many more second hand articles have been given out and much good has been accomplished in this way more than 20 families having been assisted.

It is the policy of the National Guild that each town branch should strive to make some donation to assist their nearest large city charities but there has been a local demand for all the available garments this year and as these rails are always answered first, no outside donations have been made. As usual the committee will gladly receive any second hand garments in good repair and these may be brought to the annual meeting on October 24, or left with the janitor at the court house, where the Guild garments will be stored after the collection is made.

World's Biggest Steamship Overtops Tallest Skyscraper

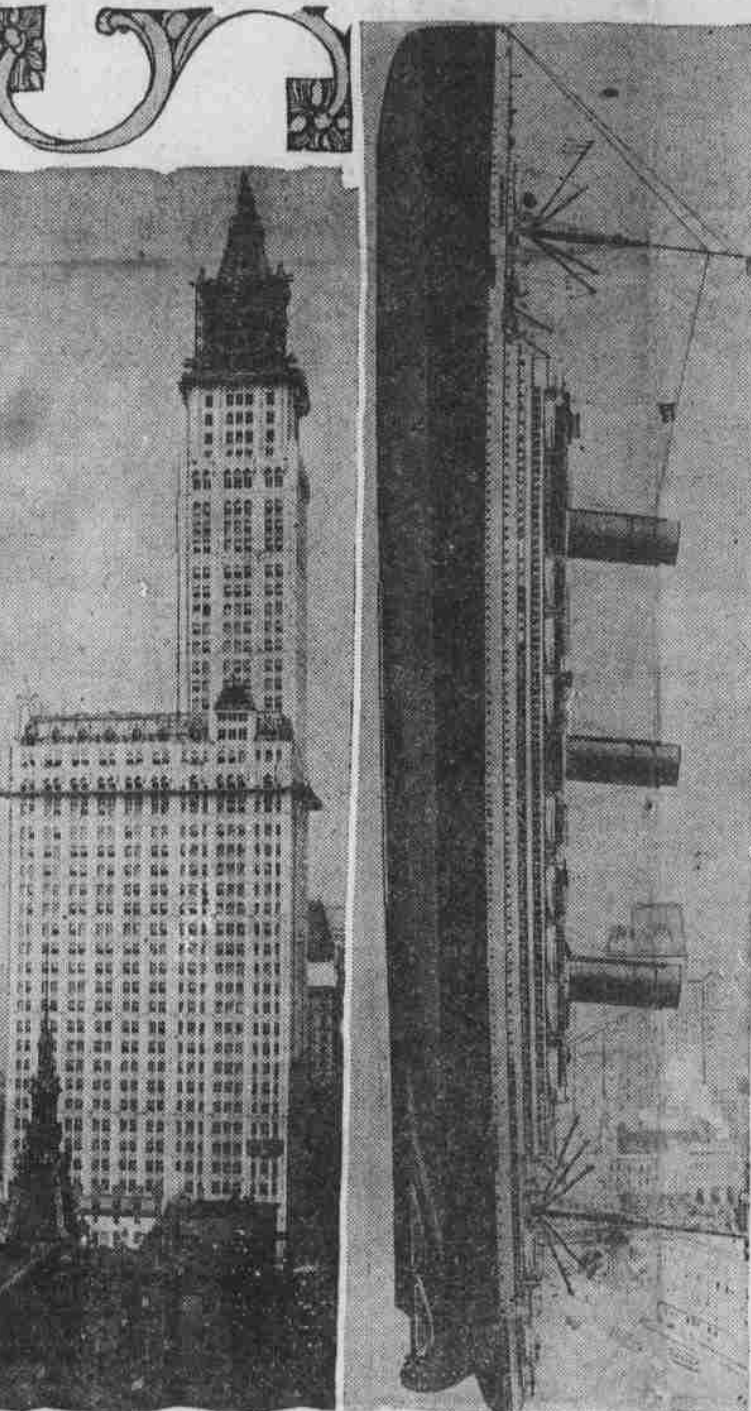


Photo copyright, 1912, by American Press Association. FOR the present at least the giants of the sea lead those of the land in one dimension. The Imperator, the longest ship afloat, if set up on end alongside the Woolworth building in New York would overtop it by 150 feet. That is to say, the building is 750 feet high, and the Hamburg-American liner, recently launched, is 900 feet long. But even the Imperator is dwarfed by the White Star liner Gigantic, which will be 1,000 feet long. And there may be others.

URGE POULTRYMEN TO EXHIBIT AT FAIR

SECRETARY OF POLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION ISSUES CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS ADVISING CO-OPERATION.

ADVANTAGE TO BREEDERS

Attention is Called to Probable Beneficial Results of Exhibit; No Entry Fee Charged and Services of Competent Judge Assured; Would Create Interest.

The outlining of plans for the proposed poultry exhibit at the first annual Polk County Fair, and urging breeders to assist in making the poultry feature a success, is information contained in a circular letter just issued to the members of the Polk County Poultry association by Mrs. Winnie Braden, secretary. The text of the circular is as follows: "Dear Sir: Our first County Fair will be held in Dallas Oct. 3, 4 and 5. Prospects are bright for a large entry in every class. Let us all come out with our birds and make the poultry division second to none.

"Entry blanks will be furnished all prospective exhibitors upon application to me at the Wells Fargo office. All entries must be sent in before Oct. 1, and all birds must be on exhibition by 7 o'clock a. m., Oct. 3. No entry fee will be charged and awards will consist of ribbons. Blue to be awarded on first, red on second and yellow on thirds in every class.

"Let each member of Polk County Poultry association appoint himself a committee of one to advertise this fair among his friends, and help to secure a large exhibit of poultry. It will be a good opportunity for us to prove our appreciation for the support the Dallas Commercial club has given us, also to create a greater interest in our association and secure new members.

"Hoping to see each of our members out with a strong line of birds, I am, sincerely, Winnie Braden, secretary-treasurer."

FIELDS RETURNED TO DALLAS

Methodist Conference Sends Popular Clergyman Here Another Year.

One result of the Methodist conference which concluded its labors at Ashland on Saturday, which meets with general commendation in Dallas, both from the members of the church and with laymen also, was the return of Rev. D. Lester Fields to the pastorate here for another year. Rev. George F. Hopkins, who formerly occupied the Dallas pulpit, has been transferred from Gresham in Multnomah county to Patton. Other Polk county appointments are: Ballston, to be supplied by J. M. Hixon.

Palms City to be supplied by L. T. Prose. West Salem to be supplied by M. L. Bullock. Independence, F. N. Sandifur. F. M. Washie has been transferred from Falls City to Dilley.

Sign is Carefully Guarded. Evidently fearful that their spotless sign announcing the location of headquarters for the "Progressive Party of Polk County" will prove a shining mark for marauders of the night, the "party" removes the sign when darkness falls and carefully stores it away in somebody's fireproof vault until next morning's sun kisses away the mist from the valley. It surely is a wonderful sign and ordinary caution demands that it be safeguarded.

Released From Jail. Completing his 40 day sentence in the Polk county jail, William Wright, familiarly known as "Billy Horseshoesh," was released from custody this noon by Sheriff Grant. He was sentenced in Justice Holman's court for assault with a dangerous weapon and for carrying concealed weapons, being given 30 days on the first charge and 10 days on the latter.

To Advertise Polk Fair. W. V. Fuller, Tracy Slaats, Mayor J. R. Craven and Wilson A. Ayres left this noon on an advertising trip for the Polk County Fair. They will visit several points in Northern Polk and will reach McMinnville tonight. They expect to return during the night.

Confer With Independence Club. Representatives of the Dallas Commercial club will visit Independence tonight where they will meet the members of the commercial organization of that city in a "get-together" meeting to urge unity on the county fair plan.

Court Views Roads. The Polk county Court, composed of County Judge Ed. F. Coad and Commissioners Riddell and Petre left this morning for a trip to Northern Polk on a general tour of inspection of roads and other county business.

PRUNE PLANT COMPLETED

Big Packing House of The J. K. Armsby Company in Dallas Now Ready to Run.

Contractor McIntire finished the Armsby prune packing plant in Dallas on Saturday and formally turned the building over to the company, complete in every detail and ready for operation. It is declared to be one of the most modern and complete plants in existence. Mr. McIntire left the first of the week for his home in Roseburg.

CONTRACTORS GET FIRST COIN

\$2,000 OF CARNEGIE MONEY PAID TO HOLMES & GRANT.

Council Issues Order in Special Session: To Meet Again Monday on Special Fair Business.

Meeting in special session last night at the council chambers in the city hall the Dallas city council took up the matter of street improvements and an extension of time thereon, it being the understanding that the time limit expired September 23. Investigation disclosed, however, that the contractors have until October 23 to finish, so nothing was done further in this matter.

An order was issued transferring the Carnegie funds on hand, amounting to \$2,000, to Holmes & Grant, contractors on the new library building, after which the council adjourned.

Following adjournment the members of the council association, who will have charge of the placing of the Arnold concessions at the County Fair, informally talked over the matter of locations for the shows and it is probable that the council will be called to meet in special session on Monday night to settle this matter and also to take other action regarding details for the fair. Among the propositions will be special arrangements for policing the city.

It is the desire of the fair committee to place the Arnold shows in the most advantageous locations and it is probable that they will be located on Main street. It is pointed out that not more than half of the street will be required and that traffic will not be interfered with to any great extent.

HUNTING TRIP IS SUCCESSFUL

Party of Four Sportsmen Bag Five Bucks on Headwaters of Yamhill.

Five bucks were the result of a trip of a hunting party which left Dallas late Saturday for the headwaters of the Yamhill in special session on Monday night. The party consisted of Glen Butler, of Dallas; Fred Auer, of Rickreall; Thomas Caulfield, of Salem and Dell Ellis, of Oregon City. They reached the hunting ground on Saturday night and returned to Dallas on Monday bringing with them five bucks as the result of one day's hunt. They reported that the fishing was excellent and that a fine catch was made. This is one of the most successful hunting trips so far recorded this season.

Gets \$4,000 Insurance. Insurance Adjuster Nelson, of the Oregon Fire Relief association, which carried the risk on S. H. Petre's hop house and crop destroyed by fire on Thursday afternoon, was in the city Friday and, after investigating the matter decided to recommend that Petre receive the full amount of his policy which is \$4,000. While the amount will "help some" it will fall considerably short of equalling his loss.

INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Former Dallas Resident Seriously Hurt in Portland Sunday.

Martin Elliott, a former resident of Dallas vicinity was seriously and perhaps fatally injured in an auto accident in Portland Sunday afternoon when a big machine driven by a 17 year old boy crashed into him at the corner of Second and Burnside streets. A portion of Elliott's face was torn away and he suffered other injuries of a serious nature. He was hurried to a hospital where but slight hopes are held out for his recovery. Mrs. Milton Grant, of Dallas, who was visiting friends in Portland, witnessed the accident.

SEASON IS PROFITABLE

Hop Pickers Make Great Record in Graves' Yard; Perfect Weather and Fine Crop Puts Cash in Purses.

Bethel, Ore., Sept. 24.—(Special)—More hops were picked in one day this year in T. G. Graves' yard than all the picking put together last year. The hops were large and certainly billing. A few days of rainy weather put the picking back, but most of it was fine, ideal hop picking weather. The picking was finished Thursday morning about 10 (not lasting longer as the last of the hops were becoming moldy). The choicest were crushed after the noon hour and the pickers left for home with their pockets and purses filled to the brim with money and a happy smile on their faces, probably thinking of the nice things they are going to buy.

TERM OPENS WITH ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS

DALLAS COLLEGE STARTS ITS ANNUAL COURSE TOMORROW; MORE OUTSIDE STUDENTS THAN LAST YEAR.

FEW ENROLL FROM DALLAS

President Winter's Annual Address at 10 O'clock to Open Regular Term; Dallas Citizen Urges Immediate Co-operation in Order to Secure College Location.

With good prospects for the new term, which will be the last year of Dallas college in its present location, unless the people of this city rally to the support of the institution, and provide the increased endowment asked for to assure the location here of the proposed federated college, Dallas college will open tomorrow, following exercises at the administration building at 10 o'clock where President A. A. Winter will deliver the annual address.

During the first of the week a number of new students have arrived in Dallas from outside points and according to President Winter, it is probable that the college will have a larger attendance from outside than last year. This is considered an en-



President A. A. Winter, of Dallas College, who will take an active work in the institution this year.

couraging sign, especially as they have been secured in the face of the uncertainty of the future location of the institution. In Dallas, however, it is stated that the response to invitation for students has not been as fruitful of results as could have been desired. Several of last year's students, from this city will continue their courses and it is possible that others will enroll. Altogether it is believed that the college will show as great an attendance as last year.

Prompt Action Needed. "If Dallas is to retain this institution it will be necessary to take action within a short time," said a prominent Dallas citizen yesterday in discussing the affair. "I understand that the uncertainty of the permanent location of the college operated to a certain extent against the securing of students, and that more would have come if the matter had been definitely decided. Again, I understand that had Dallas been decided upon as the permanent place, several new families would have moved here to make their homes in order that their children might have the advantage of the college. This being true, I believe that the city should do something toward securing it permanently."

The benefits to be derived from such an institution are well-known and do not require repeating. Under the proposed plan for federation it assures a much larger college, with an endowment sufficient to permit it to become standardized, and placed upon an equal footing with every other educational institution of the state. With this result attained it will be at once apparent that its importance would be increased and a correspondingly greater number of students would be enrolled each term. This is certainly worth going after, and I certainly hope that a movement to retain it will be undertaken at once. The amount asked for is not great, the terms under which it was wanted are favorable, and certainly Dallas should be able to do as well, and even better than other towns which I understand have become active bidders for its location."

MANY MEDICS MEET AT "MAC" Tri-County Association Holds Semi-Monthly Session.

Regular semi-monthly meeting of the Yamhill-Polk-Marion Medical association was held in McMinnville Monday night with representatives in attendance from all portions of the three counties. Some interesting papers were read and the social features were not neglected. The next meeting will be held in Salem on October 7. The following attended from Dallas: Dr. and Mrs. E. H. McCallion, Dr. and Mrs. V. C. Staats, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Holliman and Dr. A. R. Starbuck. Dr. and Mrs. Holliman, of Falls City, were among the party which made the trip from here by auto.

Joseph E. Sibley was called to Portland Monday on business.