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"HOW DRY I AMS" MAY IRRIGATE BY CONSENT

COUNCIL PROPOSES UNIQUE METHOD OF RESTORING PEACE TO DALLAS WAYWARD SONS.

NEW JAIL SPACE IS SOUGHT

City Attorney Resigns; Lights Ordered Installed at Lyle and Maple; Card Table Ordinance Defeated; 1912 Improvement Bonds Ordered Issued; New Fire Proof Vault.

The thirsty fellows whose names adorn the walls of the Dallas liquor institutions are to be granted relief, according to an amendment proposed to Ordinace No. 149 of the City of Dallas, at the regular meeting of the city council last night. Names attached to the "black list" may be removed in legal manner, should the measure pass, and there will be rejoicing in the arid districts, it is said. The measure itself was not the most important of the night's meeting but is considered unique in its nature.

The light and water committee had previously asked for permission to install an incandescent light at the intersection of Lyle and Maple streets and last night changed their request and asked permission to erect either two incandescent or one arc light at this point. Permission was granted.

The bill for furniture and fixtures for the Carnegie library was presented, bearing the endorsement of the committee and the library board and the amount allowed as asked.

City Attorney Resigns.

Attorney Tooze tendered his resignation as city attorney, his recent appointment as deputy prosecuting attorney preventing his continuance in this position, and the matter of appointment of his successor was deferred.

Relief For the Drys.

It was sought by amendment to Ordinance No. 149, "an ordinance providing for licensing and regulating barrooms and liquor saloons," to relieve "black-list" members and the ordinance reached its first reading without objection. The amendment provides that the council shall have the right to remove such names upon its own motion. Or the city attorney, auditor and police judge or marshal may remove the same upon application of persons who caused names to so appear on the "black list," such application to be made to the police judge and all costs of removal paid by applicant.

$5,254.93 for Street Improvement.

The ordinance for the issuance of bonds for $5,254.93 for 1912 street improvement bonds was passed, having been read for the second time.

The card table ordinance for pool halls met its doom on the second reading.

Councilman Coad asked for a 90-day leave of absence which was granted.

The city attorney was authorized to prepare a resolution giving the street committee power to construct a fire-proof vault for the preservation of the city's records and documents, the vault to be built upon the city hall property.

The blockade established by the jury on Court and Hayter streets when street improvements were in progress last fall was ordered removed.

The matter of a new city jail was left to the police committee with authority to deal with the county authorities in an effort to make arrangements for confining city prisoners in the county jail.

The ordinance committee was authorized to bring in an ordinance extending the fire limits.

POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW GAIN

Monmouth Shows Healthy Growth For Last Month of Year.

Monmouth, Jan. 7.—(Special)—That Monmouth is growing and enjoying a substantial increase in business is shown by the postal receipts for December as compiled by Postmaster Wolverton, in comparison with December, 1911. For December, 1912, the total receipts of the office were $400.92, while in December, 1911, the receipts were $355.24, a gain of $45.15 for the month.

Plans Complete.

Plans are complete for the Oregon irrigation congress, to be held in Portland January 9, 10 and 11, which will be attended by many from all parts of the state. Not only has there been an excellent program arranged, but there will be plenty of entertainment for the delgates. Two banquets are scheduled.

POLK COURT HOUSE NOW IS IN NEW HANDS

OFFICIAL TURNOVER COMES MONDAY MORNING

COUNTY CLERK, ASA ROBINSON TAKES OATH AND IN TURN SWEARS IN NEW OFFICERS.

NEW COURT OPENS BUSINESS

Little Business Transacted First Day; Big Crowd Present and Many Want Road Supervisor Jobs; Former Court Finishes Up Its Business Saturday and Adjourns.

Change in the county officials of Polk county took place quietly on Monday morning and there was nothing to ruffle the serene surface of the court house atmosphere except a prevalence of democrats who are now declared to be somewhat "chesty" and inclined to smile occasionally. County Clerk Asa B. Robinson Jr., was sworn in by E. M. Smith, the former clerk, and Robinson in turn administered the oath to the other incoming officials. County Assessor Meyer was at his desk early and took to his duties like the proverbial duck to the moisture, in fact the assessor's office is no new thing to him, as he has already served several years in that capacity on former occasions. Former Clerk Smith and his deputy Walter Ballantyne will remain with Mr. Robinson for some time and assist him and his deputy, Ned Shaw, in getting acquainted with the duties of the office in order that the public may not be inconvenienced and the new officials get a thorough insight into their work.

Sheriff Grant, Treasurer Staats, and Superintendent Seymour, who were reelected, did not grow excited over the stir, but conducted themselves as usual. Up in the surveyor's office the new official, F. M. Suver, took up his duties regularly and things will go on there without a hitch inasmuch as Mr. Suver has practically acted as surveyor for many months.

New Court Meets.

The new county court, headed by John B. Teal, assembled during the morning. It is composed of Judge Teal, and Commissioners George Wells and Herman Petre, the latter being a hold-over. Soon after meeting the first business which confronted the court, and it is a big job, was the appointment of road supervisors in the different districts. For nearly every position in the county there were one or more applicants—mostly more—and with their friends who came to urge their appointment, provided a good sized crowd about the court house. Although the court was in session informally throughout the day, nothing was done on Monday regarding the appointments.

Bonds Approved.

About the only official action of the new board was the approval of the bonds of the various county officers as follows:

Asa B. Robinson, Jr., clerk, $10,000.
Tracy Staats, treasurer, $20,000.
J. M. Grant, sheriff, $10,000.
J. M. Grant, tax collector, $10,000.
H. C. Seymour, superintendent, $2,000.
Frank E. Meyer, assessor, $5,000.
Fred M. Suver, surveyor, $5,000.
R. L. Chapman, coroner, $3,000.
J. H. Flower, justice of the peace, $1,000.
F. L. Wood, justice of the peace, $1,000.
J. D. Winn, justice of the peace, $1,000.
H. Holman, justice of the peace, $1,000.

Old Court Proceedings.

The old county court concluded its business Saturday and adjourned sine die. Among the orders promulgated are found the following

The official bond of G. T. McMurphy, as constable in district No. 4, was approved.

Ordered that the quit claim deed from R. M. Fowle, to Polk county for road be accepted.

In the matter of the settlement with the county sheriff, it appearing that an error had been made in the amount of tax unpaid which was stated to be $1528.97, when it should have been $1295.62, leaving unpaid taxes amounting to $1252.16, it was ordered that the correction be made as above.

Ordered that the clerk draw a warrant in favor of County Treasurer Staats in the sum of $5,022.78, and

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Turkish Fanatic Murderers Strung Up by Bulgarians

Photos by American Press Association.

ONE of the grewsome sides of the Balkan war was the murderous attacks of Turkish fanatics on innocent noncombatant Christians. Terrible excesses of brutality were reported from the Gallipoli district. Swift vengeance was wreaked upon the guilty murderers wherever caught. An instance of this is here illustrated. Two fanatics were nabbed redhanded by the Bulgarians. They were quickly courtmartialed, found guilty and hanged to a tree in the village where they had committed their atrocious crimes. The upper picture shows the two slayers, with their arms bound behind their backs, listening to the death warrant. Beneath shows the pair strung up to a tree in the village of their crimes.

POLK SHEEP STILL WIN

Display of Cotswolds Reared in Polk County Take Many Prizes at International Live Stock Exposition.

Additional information from Chicago where the International Live Stock exposition was held December 2 to 9 inclusive, shows that Polk county sheep once more proved their superiority in competition with other classes from all over the United States and other countries. The sheep were the property of F. W. Harding, of Waukesha, Wis., and were purchased from William Riddell and L. C. Koser last August. Besides winning championships and first, second and third prizes in all classes in which they were exhibited, with one exception, the lambs were given first on get of sire and the bunch took first on flock. The only class lost was on yearling ewes in which Canadian exhibitors carried off the honors.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS ON MEND

Institution Well Filled With Convalescent Patients.

Several patients who have undergone operations at the Dallas Hospital during the week are reported as recovering from the effects and on the way to recovery. Among these are Mrs. F. J. Craven who was hurriedly brought from Sheridan in a dangerous condition. James Fryer, foreman of the planing mills of the Dallas Lumber and Logging company, is gaining rapidly after an operation for appendicitis. Geo. Carroll, of Rickreall, is also recovering from an operation for the same ailment. Mrs. Phillips, of Independence is also passing through the results of an operation in an encouraging way.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS INSTALL

Local Lodge In Prosperous Condition.

At the regular meeting of Marmion lodge No. 96, Knights of Pythias, on Friday night installation of officers was made by Past Chancellor J. T. Ford. The officers for the ensuing term are as follows: V. F. Compton, C. C.; H. H. Belt, V. C.; H. A. Forrette, M. A.; Doc P. Patterson, M. E.; J. T. Ford, K. R. S.; Hugh G. Black, P.; Thos. Maygers, M. W.; Ed. Lehrman, I. G.; Frank Bethel, O. G.

The affairs of the local lodge are reported in an excellent condition and the membership is steadily on the increase.

FILES DIVORCE ACTION

Agatha Quiring Wants Decree Annulling Marriage Relation With Henry; Cruelty Alleged.

Declaring that defendant is of a quarrelsone disposition, that he has treated her cruelly, and citing several and divers specific acts of cruel and inhuman treatment as just cause for her complaint, Agatha Quiring, through her attorney, Walter L. Tooze, Jr., has filed action for divorce from Henry Quiring in department No. 2, of the Polk county circuit court. The complaint sets forth the fact that the couple were married in Dallas, on March 31, 1909, and alleges that soon thereafter defendant began to abuse plaintiff and render her life burdensome. It is related that there are two minor children and considerable property rights involved in the suit, wherefore plaintiff asks the court for a decree annulling the marriage contract existing between the couple, the care and custody of the children, Anna aged three years, and Agatha, aged 11 months, judment for $150 as temporary alimony, and the further sum of $150 as attorney's fees and suit money, that plaintiff be awarded sole title and possession of certain real estate in Dallas, and the further sum of $20 per month to aid her in the care and custody of the children during their minority, for the costs and disbursements of the suit and for such other relief as to the court may seem just and equitable.

DALLAS BOY WINS HONOR

Earl Cooper, Auto Racer, Defeats Barney Oldfield.

Recent press dispatches announce the defeat of Barney Oldfield, the world's famous auto driver, at Tanforan track, San Francisco, by Earl Cooper, in a Stutz machine, and the older residents of Dallas remember that Earl is a Dallas product, having been born here. As U. S. Grant and others remember it, he is the son of Enoch Cooper, whose home was on Mill street, in the building two doors west of the Coad Sash and Door factory. Enoch Cooper was a brick mason and plasterer by trade but what became of the family after moving from this place was not generally known. Dallas people feel a pardonable pride in the success of the young man.

Operations Await Receipt of Delayed Machinery Shipment

Adjustable Electric Socket Company Now Ready to Begin Manufacture of Flat Irons But Big Die Press Fails to Come From Salem Dealers

First Annual Meeting of Stockholders Monday; Seven Directors Elected and Officers For Ensuing Year Are Chosen; Affairs of Concern in Encouraging Condition.

Reports of officers including the business already done and a comprehensive review of the transactions of the company in the sale of stock and investments in machinery, equipment and materials and the election of a board of seven directors for the ensuing year, the approval of the action of the board in selecting officers and other minor matters occupied the attention of the stockholders at the first annual meeting of the Adjustable Electric Socket company held at the company's factory in Dallas on Monday afternoon, January 6, as per due notice mailed to every stockholder a few days ago.

There was a good attendance of stockholders and much interest was manifested in the meeting and in the inspection of the factory and its equipment. Several stockholders were present from Portland, Salem, Independence and other points outside of Dallas and all took an active interest in the deliberations.

Seven Directors Authorized.

On motion the number of directors was increased from three to seven and those selected to serve in this capacity were C. W. Minnich, Edward H. Smith, Eugene Foster, Walter Williams and Walter L. Tooze, Jr., of Dallas, and W. A. Sloper and Dr. Butler, of Independence.

The meeting took a short recess while the directors met and selected the officers of the company for the ensuing year, as follows: President, Edward H. Smith; manager, Charles W. Minnich; secretary, Walter L. Tooze, Jr.

The meeting was reconvened and the report of the board of directors was submitted to it and unanimously ratified. President Smith appointed a committee consisting of W. W. Black, Ed Biddle and M. Ingermanson to audit the books of the secretary and manager for the past year. This committee performed their duty and subsequently reported finding the books in good shape and the report as made to the stockholders complete and true in every way.

Only Wait on Machinery.

All of the machinery for the manufacture of the improved electric flatiron is now in position and there is a large amount of material on hand, but much remains to be done before the company begins turning out the irons. The arrival of the big press which is to be used in stamping out the flatirons is expected daily. Delivery was promised on January 1 but delays have ensued from time to time. The company will also employ a competent plater from the East who will have charge of the plating of the irons and his arrival is expected daily. Every effort is being made to get the plant in operation at the earliest possible moment.

POULTRY BREEDERS ENTHUSIASTIC

MEMBERSHIP IS INCREASED BY ADDITION OF THIRTEEN.

Society Asks Permission to Act With Commercial Club and County Fair Association.

The annual business meeting of the Polk County Poultry association held at the court house on last Friday developed the fact that the association is still in a prosperous condition, has money in the treasury, and is anxious to act with the Commercial club and fair association in the effort totake charge of the poultry department at the next county fair. Thirteen new members were admitted to the association and the enthusiasm of the old members was such that there can be no doubt as to the future of the poultry industry in this part of the valley.

All of the old officers were reelected to serve for the coming year with the exception of vice- president, E. N. Keeney being elected to succeed Arthur Moore. H. A. Woods was elected president and Winnie Braden, secretary-treasurer. The executive board will be composed of A. G. Rempel, C. S. Graves and B. I. Ferguson.

No show date for 1913 was selected. H. A. Woods was chosen a committee to confer with the Commercial club and fair management in the endeavor to allow the association to have charge of the poultry exhibit at the second annual Polk county fair. For the second time in the history of the association the report of the treasurer showed that the funds were not exhausted and a comfortable balance was in the hands of the treasurer.

The association passed a resolution thanking all members of the Dallas band for "entertainment so generously furnished at our recent poultry show."

The following new members were admitted to the association: J. C. Connoy, R. 2, Salem; J. F. Kliever, Dallas; Tom Bowman, Rickreall; D. D. Miller, Dallas; F. M. Shuck, Airlie; Geo. T. Graves, Black Rock; H. C. McCammon, Sheridan; L. A. Bollman, Dallas; C. I. Ballard, Rickreall; T. C. Rateliff, Salem; J. B. Starr, Rickreall; I. W. McAdams, Salem; E. Loop, Monmouth.

W. L. TOOZE GETS DEPUTYSHIP

Gale Hill Selects Dallas Man as His Polk County Assistant.

Announcement made late last week of the selection of deputy prosecuting attorneys for the different counties in the district, by Gale S. Hill, the new prosecuting attorney, contains the information that Walter L. Tooze, Jr., of this city has been appointed to the position formerly held by Joseph E. Sibley under District Attorney McNary, of Salem.

BREATH OF BOREAS HITS VALLEY

MERCURY REGISTERS 18 DEGREES ABOVE ZERO.

Unprotected Water Pipes Suffer and Outdoor Plant Life Succumbs to Chilly Atmosphere.

Old Boreas paid his respects to this portion of the valley on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, distributing a small amount of snow, a large amount of cold, according to the native's manner of looking at it, and other appurtenances thereto belonging to what is termed by the easterner, "durned fine weather." The mercury reached the lowest point at 18 degrees above zero. This mark was reached Sunday night and is said to be lower than at any time last winter, the maximum of the same day being 32.

Roses and Water Pipes Suffer.

Many of the large roses in bloom in unsheltered places which had been awaiting the sun's rays after the warm rains of a week ago were shorn of their fragrance and in place of the perfume appeared the ultramarine blue atmosphere that always follows the "busting" of water pipes that occurs on an average of once in two or three years. Overcoats were hastily hustled from obscure places, dusted and fumigated, and these protected a number of tender folks from the "chilly" atmosphere.

Boreas Stubborn.

Boreas refused to arbitrate although the sun's rays were bright all day Sunday and the "Sunday Strollers" and the "He-Saids" were satisfied with the usual wet weather costume worn in winter and summer, the only addition to the costume being a more natural ruddiness to the complexion which outshone the drug store brand in many instances.

Last night another slight fall of snow assisted in covering the ground completely, and this was followed today by rain, the wind shifting to the south.

COOK STOVE BLOWS UP

Frozen Water Pipes Result in Damage at Loughary Home.

When a fire was built in the range at the U. S. Loughary home north of the city on Monday afternoon, following an absence of the family from the house of a day and a half, the steam generated in the hot water back of the stove finding no way to escape owing to ice in the pipes back of the stove, promptly proceeded to make a way of its own with the result that the stove lierally "blew up" scattering lids and portions of it in all directions. Mrs. Loughary who happened to be standing near luckily escaped without serious injury and about the only damage was the wrecking of the stove and the water pipes.

COMPANY G TEAM WINS BURLESQUE BASKET BATTLE

UNDEFEATED SALEM BASKET BALL ARTISTS VIE WITH CO. G IN GIVING POOR EXHIBITION.

LUCK SAVES HOME PLAYERS

Anybody's Game at Any Stage of Contest; Ballantyne Plays Steady Game on Foul Line; Dallas Makes But Four Baskets From Field; Defeat Chemawa Team Easily.

Multnomahs Coming Saturday

Manager Shaw received word yesterday from the famous Multnomahs, assuring him that the team would do battle here on Saturday night promptly at nine o'clock, with Co. G.

The Multnomahs claim to have the strongest team in the history of the organization. Keck, the famous football player, will be at center for the visitors. The line-up of the visitors will be nearly the same as that of last year when they lost to Co. G by the score of 17 to 22. Boydston will be back in the game for the home team on this occasion and Co. G will have its full strength. The first whistle will blow promptly at nine.

With both teams in a semi-comatose state and unable to find the basket at any time whether obstructed or not, the All-Stars of Salem, and Co. G team of this place furnished excitement galore at the Armory on Saturday night, winding up with the blood-curdling score of 18 to 20 in favor of the home team. Dallas was able to make but four baskets from field throws while the visitors were allowed a total of seven.

The game belonged to either team at all times, and the first half ended with the score largely in favor of the Stars, every Dallas point at this time having been made on fouls. The latter half was much the same, but Dallas was more fortunate in shooting from the foul line, Ballantyne being at his best and making almost a clean record.

Play Becomes Rough.

The game developed into a genuine football game with neither side having in the best of the roughness of play. The big visiting center started a wrestling game with Center Shaw, at one time getting a half Nelson and strangle hold on "Pebo" with the result that the Dallas lad broke the hold and deposited the big rough fellow on the floor with a force that shook the rafters and brought the excited crowd to its feet. Later a scrapper from Salem retaliated by planting a left swing upon "Pebo's" jugular and kicking him into a bunch of reserved seats. The crowd was of good size and all agreed that each one had his money's worth.

Wagers were freely offered during the day with odds of two to one and three to one that Dallas would win and other bets were made by the "dopesters" that Dallas would win two to one or better. It is understood that quite a sum of money changed hands on the result.

Dissatisfaction was freely expressed by the spectators at having the game called a half hour later than advertised, the room being very cold, making the long wait a disagreeable feature of the evening.

Chemawa 17, Co. G 31.

There was no trouble in defeating the Chemawa Indian team at Chemawa on Friday night, the Dallas boys making baskets at will and might have made the defeat worse had they not been reserving "ginger" for the Salem fellows on the following night. The Indian team recently defeated the college team of this place and the report went out that it was the Dallas team which had lost. This victory materially changes the aspect of matters in the basket ball field.

Dinner at New Scott.

Owing to a misunderstanding announcement was made last week regarding the dinner tonight of the board of directors and members of the Commercial club which was advertised to be held at the Hotel Gail when it should have been the New Scott. All who intend to be present at the dinner are requested to make note of the change.

Visits at McMinnville.

Ralph Adams was a McMinnville visitor yesterday on business.