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Taxpayers Candidates Make Clean Winning in Dallas City Election on Monday

G. VAN ORSDEL IS CHOSEN FOR OFFICE OF MAYOR
e Cast by Women and Remarkable Vote Polled by Mark Hayter Are Features of Contest; Gregory Wins For City Auditor Over Fred W. Zeller; All Amendments Snowed Under; Largest Vote in History of City is Cast.

THE SUCCESSFUL TICKET.

Mayor..... J. G. VanOrsdel
Councilman at Large..... Mark Hayter
Councilman First Ward..... Henry Gohrke
Councilman Second Ward..... W. L. Barber
Councilman Third Ward..... A. J. Barham
City Auditor..... Charles E. Gregory

DALLAS' NEXT MAYOR.



J. G. VanOrsdel, elected Mayor on Monday; the above likeness was taken several years ago, when Mr. VanOrsdel filled the office of Sheriff of Polk county.

pleasant, which proved an inspiration to the tired and jaded masculinity which has heretofore enjoyed a monopoly of the election business.

Amendments Defeated.
Every amendment was snowed under by large majorities, No. 1, providing for increasing the city's indebtedness to not exceed \$15,000, suffered the worst defeat of the three, which again demonstrates that the voters are not partial to proposed charter changes.

For Mayor J. G. VanOrsdel defeated R. L. Chapman by 64 votes, and carried every ward in the city. Gregory was elected by 83 majority over Zeller, who ran second. Snyder received a total of 176 and Ashbaugh 108.

The Result by Wards.

	Ward 1.	Ward 2.	Ward 3.
For Mayor—			
J. G. VanOrsdel	171	166	87
R. L. Chapman	143	131	86
For Councilman at Large—			
Mark Hayter	206	215	106
L. Guy	98	84	65
For Auditor—			
Charles Gregory	132	91	59
F. W. Zeller	70	82	47
V. R. Snyder	66	73	37
S. Ashbaugh	35	45	28

For Councilman—Ward 1.

	Yes.	No.
Henry Gohrke	183	101
Will Somonten	122	89

Ward 2.

	Yes.	No.
W. L. Barber	221	88
E. Holmes	78	68

Ward 3.

	Yes.	No.
J. Barham	89	104
E. Miller	82	184

The result on the amendments in the different wards was as follows:

	Yes.	No.
Ward 1.	90	196
Ward 2.	98	183
Ward 3.	114	165

Ward 2.

	Yes.	No.
Ward 2.	93	184
Ward 3.	110	160
Ward 4.	97	165

BOLD BANDITS BOTHER BOOTS.

Amateur thieves on Saturday night stole about \$150 worth of pipes, and tobacco from "Boots" Kersey's store, breaking entrance through the rear window and going out by way of the front door, it is thought by the proprietor. The reason for supposing that the robber or robbers were of the amateur kind was the fact that some cash was left undisturbed in the cash register and that the cheaper sort of cigars and candy were taken in preference to the better grades of goods, that would not have been overlooked by a professional.

COUNCIL REPEALS OCCUPATION TAX LAW

OBNOXIOUS MEASURE FINALLY GOES TO SCRAP HEAP; FLAT SALARY FOR AUDITOR IS KILLED.

COMMITTEES GET MORE TIME

Junketers to Grants Pass and Medford Not Ready to Report; Matter of New Fire Hydrants Goes Over; Big Batch of Salary and Labor Bills Allowed.

After a tempestuous existence of several years, the occupation tax ordinance, which has been the cause of much trouble and dissension on the part of those who had to pay it, was finally repealed at the regular meeting of the city council held in the room of the city auditor on Monday night, the regular council chamber being in use by the election board for ward No. 2. Another ordinance which repeals the ordinance recently passed, fixing a flat salary for the office of police judge, was also passed. Councilman McBee alone voting against it.

Not much business of importance was transacted at the meeting, other than the passage of these ordinances and the allowing of the regular monthly batch of bills. Reports of committees went over to the next meeting, which will be held on Monday night, April 14.

More Time Given.

The fire and water committee was given further time in which to make a report on the matter of additional fire hydrants. Councilman Coad, from the committee appointed to inspect paving in other cities reported that the committee had performed that duty, but was not yet ready to submit a formal report.

In the matter of widening of the sidewalk on Court street between Main and Jefferson, which the property owners had previously been ordered to complete, it was reported that the city must do the work at its expense, inasmuch as a former contractor had cut down the walk to its present size. The city marshal was accordingly instructed to have the work done.

Bills Allowed.

The following bills were audited and allowed:
A. Rissler, trip to Grants Pass \$30.50
P. J. Coad, same 31.25
H. L. Fenton, same 31.95
Staats, to McMinnville 2.00
Ed F. Coad, salary 20.00
Flagg, city engineer 117.92
Starr Transfer Co. 6.25
Hartman Transfer Co. 1.75
Oregon Power Co. 184.75
Guy Bros. 9.40
Dallas Fire Department 40.00
Itemizer, printing 37.44
John Embree, labor 6.00
P. Greenwood, salary 50.00
P. D. Phillips 1.10
Wm. Tatom 3.00
J. B. Harris 10.00
D. J. Grant, night police 65.00
C. E. Gregory, salary and exp. 55.85

DALLAS POOL WAS INDICATOR

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FAILURE OF SALE CAUSES SENSATION.

Prices Hinged on Dallas Offerings; Future Pools Doubtful; Mohair Men Oppose Cut in Tariff Schedules.

Publication in The Observer of the fact that there would be no mohair pool in Dallas this year, created something of a sensation among the mohair dealers at large, inasmuch as the Dallas pool has heretofore proved a sort of barometer of the market conditions, and quotations were based on the prices at which it sold. The allegation that the pool had proved unsatisfactory to many growers is taken as an indication that its future is extremely doubtful, especially if the growers succeed in disposing of their fleeces in a satisfactory manner. It is declared that they will be able to do this, with the possible exception of the careless producer, who will not have the protection of the number one fleeces and must sell his hair upon its merits. This, it is believed, will cause him to take more pains

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Kaiser's Newest Grandchild And the Tot's Fond Parents



Photo by American Press Association.

MOTHERS will be especially interested in this picture. It shows Prince August Wilhelm, third son of Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, and his wife bending in love and pride over their new baby, now four months old. He's a cute little mite of humanity, and it is said he is in a roundabout way responsible for healing the breach between the kaiser and the crown prince. The emperor's heart was said to be greatly softened by the arrival of his new grandson.

All Pictures Are of High Class

Observer's Prize Distribution Offer Includes Some of the World's Most Famous Masterpieces.

The Observer wishes to impress upon those who are working for the prize distribution offered by this paper, that the pictures which it is proposed to distribute are not cheap affairs, but genuine photographic prints of some of the world's famous artists, comprising faithful reproductions of such famous masterpieces as

Sir Galahad—Watts; The Gleaners—Millet; End of Day—Aden; Age of Innocence—Reynolds; The Windmill—Van Ruyssdal; Nearing Home—Dicksee; The Wave—Mabiusen; Dance of the Nymphs—Corot; The Horse Fair—Bonheur; Aurora—Reni; A Reading From Homer—Alma Tadema; Circus Maximus—Wagner; George Washington—Stuart; Boy Christ—Hoffman; and many others, which may be seen at Hayter's book store in Dallas.

All Are Framed.

These pictures range in size from 12x16 to 18x25 inches and are framed in neat and tasty patterns in keeping with the subjects treated. Remember they are free to the school or club or individual that turns in to this office the required number of subscriptions. Many are working all over the county—why not you? It's easy to secure one of these beautiful pictures—try it and see.

As fast as subscriptions are secured, they should be sent in, in order that the subscriber may begin receiving his paper. Each school will be credited with the name and the amount so that when the required number shall have been secured, the picture may be selected without further delay.

HUBBARD IS RE-NAMED

Falls City Selects Present Incumbent to Fill Mayoralty Chair; Many Women Vote in Annual Election.

Falls City, April 8.—(Special.)—F. H. Hubbard was re-elected mayor at the municipal election held here yesterday, by the vote of 129 to 98 east for N. A. Lund. C. W. Lee was re-elected city auditor and police judge, and Wilbur Lewis was chosen as marshal. The amendment to the city charter was defeated, 130 to 77. There were 232 votes cast, of which 66 were deposited by women. The following councilmen were elected: T. D. Hollowell, C. L. Hopkins, A. Sampson and Albert Teal.

To Talk Navigation.

Pendleton will be the scene of an important convention on April 14 and 15, when the Columbia and Snake Rivers Waterway association will meet there. Navigation matters will occupy the time of the delegates, the object of the meeting being to improve the channels of these two great rivers.

FINE LEGAL POINT IN FALLS CITY LAW SUIT

RIGHT OF DOMAIN OF CITY OVER COUNTY ROADS INSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS CALLED IN QUESTION.

COURT ISSUES INJUNCTION

Suit Begun in Circuit Court to Resist Payment of Street Assessment Levied by City Council; Plaintiffs Arrest Proceedings by Injunction From County Court.

Resisting the payment of assessments made against their property for street assessments, William Ellis, Mary E. Miller and J. Rhodabarger, of Falls City, have begun suit in department No. 2, of the Polk county circuit court against the city of Falls City and its marshal, B. M. Webb, restraining them from attempting to collect any portion of the assessment. Papers in the case were filed on Friday by Attorney Oscar Hayter, of this city, attorney for plaintiffs, and an application made to County Judge Teal for an injunction restraining the city marshal from selling any portion of the property to satisfy the assessment, said sale having been set for Saturday, at the Polk county court house, and due advertisement having been made. Judge Teal granted the injunction and the case will now be heard in court on its merits.

Says Streets Are Roads.

The action hinges on the claim put forward by the plaintiffs that the alleged "street" which was improved by order of the city council of Falls City, is in reality a county road, and that the city has no power or authority over it and may not improve it as recognized streets are improved. The complaint in the action sets forth that the plaintiffs are the owners of the premises described and that the total assessment against it is \$345.15. In the legislative session of 1911 a special act was passed for the benefit of Falls City, giving that municipality control over all thoroughfares within its corporate limits, and it was under the provisions of this act that the improvement work was undertaken, it is said. But here arises a complicated legal question which has been the excuse for the present action. Although the act above specified purported to give the city control over the streets, it is alleged that the constitution does not permit legislative enactment to interfere with a city charter and, in order to make the law effective, the city, by a vote of its citizens, must adopt it. This the city of Falls City did not do, although, after the law became effective, a separate road district including the roads, within the corporate limits, was formed and the county treasurer paid over to the district its share of the road funds, after an action at law had resulted in the district's favor. This money was placed in the general fund, and was used to improve the roads and streets, and the additional assessment which these plaintiffs now seek to abrogate, was made to finish the work.

Recent Legislation Passes Bill.

At the recent session of the legislature another bill, similarly worded, was introduced in the senate by Wood and passed both houses and was signed by the governor. This law also provides that county roads shall be streets within incorporated cities.

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TO MEET HERE IN 1914

Dallas Selected as Place for Annual Conference of United Evangelical Church; Appointments Announced.

Dallas will next year entertain the annual sessions of the Oregon Conference of the United Evangelical church, according to action taken at the recent meeting of the organization held at Eugene. Three other cities—Corvallis, Portland and St. Johns applied for the honor, but the invitation sent by the Dallas church was accepted.

In the placing of pastors for the coming year, Rev. Chester P. Gates is returned to Dallas for the third successive year; F. E. Brickley, Lewisville; M. J. Ballantyne to supply Riekrell; G. E. Erskine, Kings Valley; George Steiglitz, Adna, Wash.; A. A. Winter to supply Salem on Sundays.

Those who attended from Dallas were: A. A. Winter, D. M. Metzger, M. J. Ballantyne and H. H. Dunkelberger, the latter going as a lay delegate from the local church.

NEW BRIDGES MAY BE BUILT OF CONCRETE

COUNTY COURT TO CALL FOR BIDS FOR FOUR NEW STRUCTURES; ALLOWING THE BUILDERS TO SPECIFY.

INDEPENDENCE GETS BRIDGE

Citizens Agree to Build Foundations and Court to Furnish Steel; May Operate Rock Crusher Under Contract; Recent Orders Made by the Court; No Gravel Bar Yet.

Bids for the four new bridges authorized at the recent session of the county court, the locations of which have heretofore been mentioned in these columns, will be asked for in a few days by advertisement, according to the statement of County Judge John Teal. The call will not specify any particular material, permitting the bidders to submit estimates on wood, steel or concrete, and the contract will be awarded to the lowest and best bid for the particular material which shall be decided on for each bridge. Judge Teal is in receipt of a letter from a California contractor inquiring for specifications, in which it is stated that, under certain conditions, concrete bridges can be constructed at a less expense than steel, and it may be possible that the proposed structures may all be built of this material. If so, it will be the first concrete bridge construction in this county; but the fact that this material is being more largely used every year in work of this kind leads to the belief that it gives universal satisfaction, at a cost considerably lower than steel.

New Bridge at Independence.

The county court will construct a new steel bridge at Independence, leading from the Main street to the river ferry, according to an agreement reached yesterday between the court and the citizens of Independence. It is stated that a new bridge has long been needed at the point indicated, and a large delegation of taxpayers from that city conferred with the court at their January meeting, urging the construction of the bridge. While the petition was not specifically denied at the time, it was felt that the expense would be more than the court felt justified in making. On Monday County Commissioners Wells and Petre visited Independence and, after a conference with citizens,

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SETTLEMENT MADE WITH DISTRICT

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS AFFECTED BY NEW NO. 72.

Under Law New District Is Entitled to Share of Property of Old Districts; Will Get About \$300 From 41.

Representatives from District No. 72.

The new school district which has been recently created east of Dallas, met with the Dallas school board on Saturday to adjust the division of monies and indebtedness, as this district takes in a part of the Dallas districts Nos. 2 and 41, and, under the law, is entitled to a portion of the property included in the latter districts. They also must assume their share of the indebtedness of the old districts. In effecting a settlement it was shown that No. 2 was carrying a large bonded indebtedness and, while the new district would be entitled to its share of the property, or money equivalent, they expressed a willingness to forego their claims in that regard if freed from shouldering any portion of the debt. This was agreed to by the school board in No. 2, and the matter adjusted along that line.

In district No. 41, however, the North Dallas district, which is out of debt, it is claimed that the new district will be entitled to something like \$300 in cash, representing its share of the property of the entire district. This will only be for the present year, however, the new district receiving its support from its own taxation in the future. This change will probably have the effect of increasing the taxes somewhat in both the old districts, although it is thought that the increase will be so small as not to be noticeable.