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TO ADVERTISE CITY AT CARNIVAL IN SALEM

MANY AUTOMOBILES FROM DALLAS TO LINE UP IN PARADE AT THE BIG MOOSE CARNIVAL.

CITY'S BOOSTERS BACK PLAN

Banners Will Tell of Fourth of July Celebration and Chautauqua; Commercial Club Takes Up Other Matters; Securing Stock Subscriptions For Polk County Fair Association.

At least 25 automobiles from this section of Polk county will be in the Moose parade at Salem today representing Dallas on Salem-Dallas day of the Moose carnival and tonight it is expected that nearly 200 Dallas people will take advantage of the special train to go to Salem.

The special train leaves at 7:20 o'clock, leaving for Dallas returning at midnight.

These things developed at the meeting of the Dallas Commercial club last night. Walter L. Tooze, Jr., and D. H. Upjohn were named as members of a committee to make arrangements for the appearance of Dallas automobiles in the parade and owners are responding liberally so that an excellent representation is assured in event the weather continues good.

Interest was shown in the plan to exploit Dallas today at Salem. Large banners will be stretched from the automobiles calling attention to the Fourth of July celebration and the chautauqua at Dallas and smaller banners will advertise the "Prune City of the World." It is believed that through this advertising that possibly 500 extra people may be induced to attend the Fourth of July celebration and many to take advantage of the chautauqua.

Mr. Guy reported at the meeting last night that railroad officials had given assurance they will make improvements desired at the railroad station and on the grounds here.

Articles of agreement relative to stock subscriptions in the new Polk County Fair association were read and President Fuller was authorized to name a committee to solicit subscriptions throughout the county. Shares of stock will be \$1 apiece and it is believed that no difficulty will be encountered in securing a full subscription list early.

Discussions relative to band concerts, the work of the finance committee and other detail work of the club filled the rest of the time of the meeting.

IN READINESS FOR MEET

CONTEST OF POLK COUNTY ATHLETES TOMORROW.

Keen Rivalry Promises to Make This One of the Best Meets Ever Held in the County; Expect Big Crowd.

Tomorrow will be the day of the big field meet of the Polk county schools held on the campus in Dallas. Disappointed once in failing to hold the field meet last Saturday the boys who will be contestants in the meet have been getting in even finer fettle during the week and warm contests are predicted.

Crowds are expected to flock to Dallas from all sections of the county to boost their own entries who will participate in the long string of exciting events which has been arranged for.

One of the features will be the ball game between Dallas and Airline. Keen rivalry developed over the baseball championship of the county and each of the respective teams are satisfied that they will drag down the honors which will give them the undisputed title for the year.

Not only are the contestants in the various events anxious to capture places in the Polk county meet for the honor of the various schools which they represent, but they are keen for places so as to be given a chance to participate in the dual meet which will be held at McMinnville next week between the best of Polk county and of Yamhill county. Superintendent Seymour is satisfied.

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Honors for Dallas Woman



Mrs. Ora Cosper of Dallas for the seventeenth consecutive time has been named Secretary of the Assembly of Rebekahs of Oregon. This honor was again bestowed on her Wednesday at their annual state gathering. Mrs. Cosper has served in the capacity of secretary for 16 years and with her re-election will enter into her seventeenth year.

PORTLAND FIRM IS THE WINNER FOR CONTRACT

SPAN AT INDEPENDENCE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BY FIRM OF PURCELL & GALLAGHER.

INDEPENDENCE FIRM LOSES

Engineer Himes Submits Reports Showing Alleged Defects in the Bid of the Independence Firm Which Causes County Court to Reject That Company.

Purcell & Gallagher, general contractors of Portland, were awarded the contract for the new concrete bridge at Independence, over the Independence firm, the county court being advised by Edward J. Himes, engineer, to whom the plans and specifications were submitted, of numerous alleged defects in the bids of Miller, Kane and Bromberg, the Independence bidders.

The cost for the bridge under the contract as awarded is a shade less than \$5000.

In explaining to the county court the reason why the Independence bid should not be accepted and why the other is preferable, Engineer Himes submitted the following report:

"We herein submit to you our report as to the plans and specifications received by you for the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge at Independence Oregon.

"Consider first the design submitted by Messrs. Miller, Kane & Bromberg of Independence:

"The keynote of our objections to these plans is that the bidders are unacquainted with the details of the plans and specifications submitted by them.

"Further the plans are very incomplete and neither the plans nor the specifications cover many important details. For instance:

"No shear steel in column base or caps.

"No steel in wing walls.

"Shear not sufficiently protected in girders.

"No steel in beams.

"Half of dead load and practically all of live load is carried on the center column without extra reinforcing.

"The outer columns carry an excessive load unprotected. Guard rail loading unprotected.

"Considerable extra reinforcing rails are too heavy for reinforcing as shown. No expansion joints are provided for the guard rail.

"The specifications as submitted allow the contractors to grant an opportunity to change their minds regarding details. Because of the above noted facts we would respectfully recommend that your honorably recommend that your honorably do not accept the design as submitted by the above mentioned

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POLK COUNTY GOES AS LEADER IN STATE

N. C. MARIS GIVES IT BANNER POSITION FOR RESOURCES AND BEAUTY IN STATE OF OREGON.

NEEDS OF OREGON NAMED

Field Worker for Industrial Fairs Visits all Sections of the County; His Plea for School Children to Make Living By Work As Well As By Wits.

Polk county is the banner county of the state. This is the declaration of N. C. Maris, field worker for the state industrial fairs, who has been visiting the schools of the county this week. Mr. Maris has, for two years, traveled over the entire state visiting schools in every section in the interest of these fairs and his declaration as to Polk county carries more than the ordinary weight.

Tuesday evening Mr. Maris was at Falls City with the Dallas delegation of boosters and gave one of his characteristic talks in promotion of the agricultural interests of the state. Wednesday he was at Smithfield, Ballston and Perrydale schools addressing the children and in the evening addressed the adults at the Perrydale school. Thursday he was at the Dallas and Falls City schools during the day and at Airline at night. Today he will speak at the Monmouth, Independence and Guthrie schools.

Mr. Maris is particularly anxious to see agricultural and live stock interests developed through the school children of the state. His work is a part of the broad general educational idea which would teach children to work with their hands in conjunction with their heads.

In his address Mr. Maris explained the plan and object of the movement and tells something of the splendid results obtained through it in other states in the East and South and of the excellent start made in Oregon last year.

He gives figures to show the great need of more producers, saying that Oregon, though naturally a great dairy state, last year imported \$12,000,000 worth of butter, and though there is no better place for poultry production, \$1,000,000 worth of eggs were shipped into Portland last year. He states for several years we have been sending from seventeen to twenty million dollars out of the state annually for meat animals and meat products that should be produced here. This he claims was largely on account of the exodus from the farm to the city and too much speculation and not enough production. He says if we would prosper we must raise something else besides big red apples and the price of real estate.

He states our educational system is responsible in a large degree for present conditions, the tendency of

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BOWERSVILLE GETS NEW BRIDGE

FINAL DECISION REACHED BY COUNTY COURT.

Contract is Awarded to W. W. Monson to Build the Structure; Other Location May Get Bridge Later.

Final decision was reached by the county court before it adjourned to locate the disputed bridge over the LaCreole at Bowersville as originally planned. The contract for the bridge was awarded to W. W. Monson.

The location of this bridge has caused discussion and discussion for many months culminating recently in a final hearing before the county court at which the question was thoroughly threshed out by both sides. At that time the court decided to adhere to its original decision and place the bridge at Bowersville.

A few days later it was again decided to reopen the question and a part of the court—the two commissioners—visited the scene of the two proposed locations.

No change was made from the original plan following this visit. It is possible that the other bridge may be built at a later date.

Jack London Buys Polk Goat With John Barleycorn Money

"Oregon Lad" to be Sent to Valley of Moon Ranch at Glen Ellen Home of Famous Author.

One of Polk county's finest goats will become the property of Jack London on his Valley of the Moon ranch as a result of his story "John Barleycorn" which was printed recently in the Saturday Evening Post. Jack London said in regard to this story that from its proceeds he intended to stock the Valley of the Moon with the finest Angora goats in the country. As a result he sent to Polk county to get the best breed there is.

U. S. Grant will furnish London with "Oregon Lad," sired by the famous South African buck "Sanford." "Sanford" is now in Texas. His sire was imported from South Africa and Sanford was born on the trip to this country.

"Oregon Lad" will be one of the finest bucks on the coast. Mr. Grant is taking a keen interest in London's experiment to make his Glen Ellen ranch another goat paradise.

It is a peculiarly strong compliment for Polk county at the same time. London has spent much of his life rambling over the world and he is familiar with practically all of its nooks and corners. As a result when he wanted the best goats he knew where to look for them.

In writing to Mr. Grant from his Valley of the Moon ranch at Glen Ellen, Sonoma county, California, London says:

"In reply to yours of May 5, 1913, please find my check for amount. I want you to ship me one of your angora bucks. Please do your best by me and give me a good one. I am farming 1500 acres here and I am going to do some things with angora goats and for say yourself.

"I imagine there is nothing

against immediate shipment of the buck you selected for me; keep me informed of time of shipment and when to expect, etc.

"I have over 300 grade angoras now. I should like to breed them up with bucks like yours. For instance I will take a portion of the best of the does and breed them with the buck I get from you. Now if I keep selecting and breeding in this fashion can I manage later on in some succeeding generation to register the descendants?"



"SANFORD" Sire of Polk County Goat to be sent to Jack London.

"I am a new man at this game although for some time I have been breeding pigs, horses and cows, all registered stock. What bothers me is this, I do not understand the situation with angora goats at the present time as far as registration is concerned. (signed) Jack London.

In response to London's question relative to the interbreeding to secure goats that would be proper to register Mr. Grant answered in the negative.

"Oregon Lad" will not be sent until September as Mr. Grant believes that London will be more successful with him if he is sent at that time.

Fate of College Is Undecided

Whether Institution Will Remain Here Up to Commissioners; Meet in Portland on June 2.

Whether Dallas college is retained for this city will be decided at a conference of the commissioners of the three churches, United Brethren, United Evangelical and Evangelical association which will meet in Portland, June 2. According to present indications the chances for the college to be retained here seems doubtful. Some discussion of establishing a school in southwestern Washington has been heard and it is possible the commissioners will take an action in that direction.

If Dallas can make a proper presentation to the commissioners with the required inducements it is possible for the school to remain here. With the question of uniting the col-

lege with Philomath practically settled in the negative considerable interest attaches as to just what action will be taken.

Two plans are in view—one for an affiliated college and one for an entirely new location as suggested for Washington and the latter solution seems to be as probable as any just at the present time.

Some talk has been had of affiliating Philomath with Willamette University, or rather a federated school with that school. Should that be done the federated school would be a college of applied Christianity without the liberal arts department and the affiliation would allow the liberal arts education at Willamette.

Apparently, as far as is known now, Dallas may lose the college inside of a year at the latest and it seems, from expressions of those connected with the college that an attractive proposition would be necessary to save it for this city.

"Millerst" Name for New Tract

Portland Party Makes Selection; Not Entitled to Prize and Another Plan is Decided On.

"Millerst" is the name which will be given to the beautiful Miller tract which has been placed on the market as an addition to Dallas by the Federal Trust company. After considerable pondering and weighing of the large number of names received this was the final decision.

By a strange twist of fate this name was suggested by a Portland

party and inasmuch as the contest was limited exclusively to Polk county people, who wins the grand prize will be decided in another manner as indicated by the advertisement of the company in another section of The Observer today.

Mrs. Grace Miller won the second prize, a draft for \$50, with the name "Millerd Park." Mrs. Homer Calkins, submitting the name "Millermead" won the third prize of \$25 and Mrs. John Lockman the fourth prize of \$15.

A long list of contestants went out after the various prizes, their names being given elsewhere in this issue of The Observer.

WATER COMPANY BUSY

Work of Excavating Streets Where Pavement Will Be Laid Started for New Mains; Paving Work Soon

Work of excavating the streets for the laying of new water mains was started Wednesday morning. H. V. Gates of the Dallas Water company appeared before a semi-official private session of the council Tuesday evening and discussed the water situation at length. Satisfactory plans for the work of the water company in connection with the new mains were outlined.

The company promises that the work will be done in an expeditious manner and that it will keep well enough ahead of the paving company so that work on the pavement will not be delayed.

Paving company representatives state that they expect to start by the work of placing the new curbing by

FALLS CITY GIVES WELCOME TO DALLAS

OVER 200 DALLAS MEN TAKE TRIP TO THAT CITY TUESDAY NIGHT ON SPECIAL TRAIN.

LEAGUE NUCLEUS IS FORMED

Development League to Be For the Whole of Polk County; Temporary Delegates Named for Falls City and Dallas; To Meet Here Tomorrow to Formulate Plans.

With over 200 Dallas boosters participating the nucleus was formed Tuesday night at Falls City for the Polk County Development league which it is anticipated, will be one of the ruling factors in developing those projects which are for the benefit of the people of the county as a whole.

Falls City outdid herself in entertaining the visiting delegation from this city. Arriving on a special train at 8 o'clock the delegation from here marched through the streets headed by the Dallas band and disbanded at the center of the city. At 8:30 o'clock the meeting was called in Wagner's hall and the seating capacity was strained. Several fine sections by the band preceded the actual work of the business meeting.

President Mahr of the Greater Falls City Commercial club opened the meeting with a few appropriate remarks as to the necessity of community building and of home building and offered a token of appreciation for the interest which was shown by Dallas in so liberally responding to the invitation for meeting to co-operate for the benefit of all Polk county.

Secretary Tooze of the Dallas Commercial club also spoke, pointing out some of the opportunities which are offered in the line of the development of Polk county which he termed "the garden spot of the world." During the course of his speech he offered the suggestion that the Polk County Development league be an offspring of the meeting.

This plan was heartily concurred in by short talks from Mayor Hubbard, W. F. Nichols, of Falls City, W. V. Fuller, president of the Dallas Commercial club and others.

It was decided to take preliminary steps toward the formation of the league at once and President Mahr was named to select five temporary delegates from the Falls City club and President Fuller to select five from the Dallas Commercial club.

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WE SHOULD WORRY SAYS CLASS

FEARLESS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES SMASH 13 HOODOO.

Will Graduate Friday the 13th in 1913; Mystical Number Holds No Terrors.

"We should worry."

This would be an appropriate motto for the graduating class of the Dallas high school this year. In the face of the fates and shattering all superstitious precedents the class will graduate on Friday, June 13, 1913.

Just to top it all off there are 13 members in the class. Inasmuch as practically every fortunate occurrence in history has either happened on a Friday or on the 13th day of some month or in some manner has had the mystical 13 connected with it there are many that believe this class will start out in the serious business of life under the most propitious circumstances.

Anyway all of the graduates are happy over the prospect and are having no fears about the 13 hoodoo.

These are the 13 fearless ones: Josephine W. Laska, M. Pearl Phillips, Ethel Claudia Brown, Lena G. Skerries, Miss Carolyn A. Gohrke, Miss Alice Miles, Miss Ruth M. Shaw, V. Ray Boydston, Loren G. Butler, Frank H. Wilson, Frank H. Campbell, Julius A. Herzog.