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## LAND VALUES HALT NEW ROAD IN VALLEY

### COURT FAILS TO REACH AGREEMENT REGARDING PLAN TO AVOID "EDWARDS HILL" IN KINGS VALLEY.

### OPEN ROCK CRUSHING BIDS

Some Favorable Estimates on Work Expected; Project for Re-grade of Hill in Eola District Waits; New Route Along Luckiamute Proposed; County News.

Bids for the crushing of rock at the Lee and Willamina quarries in Polk county will be opened by the County Court on Saturday. Several bids are already in and more are expected before the date of opening. Some of the bids are from persons outside the county and some favorable quotations are expected. As stated in Tuesday's Observer it is possible that no provision will be made by the court for the operation of the Lee crusher this summer, as it is expected that gravel for the roads in that vicinity may be secured at a much lower price.

### Mission Unsuccessful.

The trip of the court to Kings Valley on Tuesday for the purpose of arranging for a new road around the base of the "Edwards hill" was not a success so far as the project under contemplation at that time was concerned. It would have been necessary to secure some right of way which would have left a small portion of the Edwards farm to one side and the court offered to purchase this tract, if what they believed would be a reasonable figure would be accepted and, in turn, disposed of to a neighbor whose land joined it. But the price of \$75 per acre asked by Mr. Edwards was considerably more than the neighbor would agree to pay so, rather than saddle the expense upon the taxpayers, the court agreed to drop the plan of eliminating the hill at this time.

### New Route Suggested.

But the idea of a more favorable grade for the main thoroughfare through Kings Valley is by no means abandoned and it is possible that another route may be selected calculated to eliminate all the hills and provide a water grade through the Luckiamute valley. The present railroad survey runs up the south side of the creek and it is thought that it may be possible to lay out a county road along the north side which would offer a comparatively easy problem in construction and would make a much more direct route to Newport and the coast, at the same time affording much better ac-

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## SCHOOL ASPIRANTS SHY AT JOB

### ONLY ONE NAME SO FAR MENTIONED FOR DIRECTOR.

### Woman's Club Endorses Candidate

But Opposition Develops; Woman May Also Try for Clerkship.

Candidates for director at the annual school election to be held on Monday afternoon, June 16, at 2 o'clock, have not yet announced themselves to any numerous extent. R. L. Chapman who was elected last year following the resignation of U. S. Loughary, is the outgoing member. All members are elected for three years. There is also a clerk to elect, this official being chosen yearly.

So far, the only name publicly proposed for school director is that of Mrs. C. L. Bennett who was endorsed at the last meeting of the Dallas Woman's club for the position. It is declared, however, that the club is not a unit for Mrs. Bennett and it is possible that some other candidate may appear. At the present time there seems to be a wide-spread idea that the office should go to a woman. It is understood that Mr. Chapman will not be a candidate to succeed himself.

It is also reported that an effort is being made to induce some one of the fair sex to become a candidate for the clerkship of the board.

## TO REGULATE BOOZE SHIPMENTS, AIM OF NEW LAW

### DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAILS NOTICES AND COPIES OF MEASURE TO LIQUOR DEALERS.

### PACKAGES MUST BE LABELED

New Statute Aimed at "Blind Piggers;" 1913 Laws Contain Acts Affecting Polk County; Eastern Part of County Now in State Game Reserve.

Notices are being sent to all of the saloon keepers in the Twelfth judicial district, including Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook counties, by District Attorney Upjohn, calling attention to the provisions of the new law regulating the shipment of intoxicating liquors into dry territory. Copies of the law are accompanying these notices.

Under the provisions of this act it is required that with each shipment of intoxicating liquor to territory where the sale of liquor is prohibited by law, must go a label stating the name of the consignee, the consignor, the name and address of the person ordering such liquors, the kind and quality of intoxicating liquors in the package and the name of the place from and the place to which such package is being shipped.

### To Stop "Blind Pigging."

The law grew out of the move started some time ago by Governor West to stop shipments of liquor to "blind pigs" and other unlicensed and illegal places for the sale of intoxicating liquor. Under the law it is easy for a peace officer to determine whether such shipments are being made for legal or illegal purposes.

Notices are also being sent by District Attorney Upjohn, with copies of the new law, to sheriffs, marshals and chiefs of police in the district relating to the abatement of disorderly houses as nuisances.

The new general laws of Oregon for 1913 contain a few acts which particularly refer to Polk County, according to the District Attorney.

### Polk in Game Preserve.

In the new game code Polk county is placed in district No. 1, with those counties lying west of the Cascade mountains.

Another law provides for a state game reservation, to be known as the "Capital Game reservation," which is situated in the eastern part of Polk county and the western part of Marion county.

The law has also been changed relative to the terms of court in Polk county; under the new law terms of court here to be on the

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## FOR PUBLIC'S BENEFIT

### Outer Doors of Library Building to Be Open During Day; Board to Complete Finish of Details.

In order to make the new library building as useful to as many people as possible, the board has agreed to leave the outer doors unlocked from nine a. m. to nine p. m. This makes the toilet facilities and drinking fountain available throughout the day.

The Library Board met in regular monthly session last Monday night and transacted considerable business. Mr. Soehren reported that the concrete walk from the street to the basement door had been completed, thus greatly enhancing the appearance of the building. The building committee was instructed to see that the leak in the roof was repaired and that the final touches of paint should speedily be put upon the basement walls and lamp posts. As soon as that is done the Civic Improvement section of the Woman's club will promptly redeem its promise of beautifying the grounds.

## STORY HOUR FOR CHILDREN

### Miss Nellie Collins to Conduct One at Library Building.

The Dallas Public Library takes pleasure in announcing that beginning with next Wednesday afternoon, June 18, at 3 o'clock, Miss Nellie Collins will conduct a story-hour for all the children of town in the lecture room at the library. If the attendance is large enough, Miss Collins has generously offered to give two story-hours each week, and will divide the children according to ages.

## STREET WORK PROGRESSES

### Dallas Thoroughfares Present Busy Scene; Water Pipes Now in Position.

Streets of Dallas are in a badly torn up condition at the present time, owing to the hard surfacing work and the relaying of the mains by the water company. The latter company has however, practically finished its labors and is now engaged in filling the trenches and building man holes. The big engine and the scarifier have been busy tearing up the macadam preparatory to hauling it away, and the curb construction crew under the direction of the Clark & Henry company have been going ahead rapidly with their work. Everybody who wants work can get it just now, it is stated and everywhere a general air of prosperity and bustle is apparent.

## ESPEE SPENDS BIG SUM ON SHOPS

### NEW MACHINERY AT LOCAL PLANT TO COST \$6,000.

### All Improvements of Permanent Character; Steam Heating Plant Now Being Installed.

That the Southern Pacific company contemplates other and permanent improvements at the local shops in this city is amply evidenced by the many large expenditures either in progress now or under contemplation. At the present time a system of steam heat is being installed at the shops, including the store room, oil house and other buildings and when the present expenditure of new and heavy machinery shall be accomplished the company will have spent more than \$6,000.

### Night Crew Employed.

Work is still rushing, more repair work is piling up and it has been found necessary to put on a night crew to handle the increased business. All the new machinery, which includes a heavy wheel press, is being installed on large concrete foundations and everything about the shops indicates its permanent character. This institution is one of the most important in the city and, at the present time, employs upwards of 50 men, some of whom are skilled mechanics and receive handsome wages for their work.

## City Property Attracts New York Investor

### NEW YORK MAN PLEASED WITH OUTLOOK AT MILLERST.

That investments in Dallas realty appears attractive to outside people was emphasized this week when E. L. May, of New York, purchased four lots in Millerst and has taken an option on an entire block. Mr. May came to the Coast looking for investments and inspected suburban property in Portland and several beach propositions, then came to Dallas attracted by the advertising of the Dallas Development company and the Federal Trust company. He was so favorably impressed with the outlook that he lost no time in investing as above stated. The company has also disposed of a number of lots to local people.

In connection with Millerst, the company desires to say to local carpenters and builders that they will learn something to their advantage by consulting the company's representatives at the Hotel Gail.

### Pleased Wit Guthrie.

A company of Minneapolis men who were in Dallas during the week have invested in Guthrie Acres and express themselves as pleased with their buy. After an inspection of other propositions they declared that Guthrie Acres offered the most attractive opportunity for investment of any acre property they had seen.

All of which serves to show that Dallas realty is attracting the attention of people outside the city who are quick to realize the advantages that are offered for investments and future development. The Minneapolis party were enthusiastic in the praise of the entire Williamette valley, declaring that no where in their travels had they been so pleased a panorama of fertile fields and thrifty young orchards.

## SALOON SUIT STILL DEFIES EFFORTS TO SETTLE

### JUDGE HOLMES HEARS ARGUMENTS ON MOTION TO DISMISS INJUNCTION BUT MAKES NO DECISION.

### JUDGE GALLOWAY FIGURES

### Has Defendant's Demurrer Under Consideration; Holmes Makes Trip to Dallas Under Misapprehension; Possible Happenings in Case Cited; Ordinance May be Referred.

Although Judge Holmes on Wednesday heard arguments upon the merits of the injunction suit brought against the city and City Recorder Gregory, by Walter J. Coy to prevent the issuance of a third saloon license, he rendered no decision, and the matter appears far from final solution at this time. Although it was understood by the defendant's attorneys that Judge Galloway had withdrawn from further consideration of the case, it appeared, upon closer investigation, that he had not done so.

On Monday, June 2, when Judge Galloway heard the case just previous to the going into effect of the new law creating the twelfth judicial district, the state was then a party to the action, and the defendants entered a demurrer to the complaint. Arguments were heard on this demurrer and the same was taken under advisement by the court. Later, when District Attorney Upjohn filed his motion for non-suit so far as the state was concerned, it was reported that Judge Galloway had turned all matters over to Judge Holmes claiming that he had no further jurisdiction. It appears, however, that he referred only to the motion for non-suit, and declared that the demurrer was still before him and that he would render a decision thereon in a few days.

### Judge Makes Special Trip.

Not understanding the matter fully Judge Holmes made a special trip to Dallas and on Wednesday called up Judge Galloway over the telephone and then learned for the first time, that he still had the demurrer under consideration. Following the receipt of this information, Judge Holmes informed the attorneys that he would take no action on the demurrer and that there was really nothing further to do until Judge Galloway had passed upon the question now before him. However he expressed a willingness to hear arguments upon the motion to dissolve the injunction. Therefore a large portion of the forenoon, Monday, was taken up with these arguments, but no decision was made.

### What Might Happen.

Should Judge Galloway overrule the demurrer, it will then be up to the defendants to answer to the complaint; this in turn will require more time, and in the meantime, it is declared that those opposing the third saloon idea, will refer the new ordinance, which permits the issuance of a license, to a vote of the people as the law provides that they may do, within 30 days from the passage of the measure. Should the Court sustain the demurrer such decision would act as a dissolution of the injunction and nothing would then remain in the way of the opening of the Chitty saloon.

The whole case appears to be in a muddled condition so far as the layman can determine, and if the attorneys engaged in the proceedings are entirely familiar with its ramifications, they are an exceedingly wise bunch of legal lights.

## TO SPEND VACATION AT HOME

### Carl Fenton to Have Charge of Clark & Henry Offices.

Carl Fenton arrived in the city yesterday for his annual vacation and will have charge of the office work for the Clark & Henry construction company, paving contractors. It is also probable that he will play first base for the Dallas baseball club which will strengthen the organization to a great extent.

## Buys Real Estate Business.

Mose Manston has purchased the real estate business heretofore conducted by A. J. Barham on Court street, and taken possession of the same. Mr. Barham found his other interests too insistent to permit of his remaining in the business longer. He has a fine fruit ranch at Kennebec, Washington, which requires his personal supervision at this season of the year. He left yesterday for that section to manage the harvesting and marketing of a huge crop of strawberries.

## Bryan at the Panama-Pacific Exposition Site; Machinery Hall



SECRETARY OF STATE BRYAN while in California on his mission for President Wilson in connection with the anti-alien land matter spoke at the Panama-Pacific international exposition site. He outlined his peace plans and congratulated the management of the great show upon the advancement of its undertaking. The exposition buildings are gradually taking shape. The one most advanced is the great machinery hall, which will be the largest structure of the fair group. Each of its arches rises 125 feet above the ground and is seventy-five feet wide. More than 8,000,000 feet of lumber will be used in its construction. The hall will be 967 feet long and 367 feet wide.

## RETAIL MERCHANTS ELECTRIC TRAINS TO ORGANIZE SALEM SOON

### FINAL WORK IN FORMING ASSOCIATION COMPLETED.

### Secretary and Attorney and Two Additional Members of Managers Selected Wednesday Night.

Completion of the organization of the Dallas Retail Merchants association was perfected at a meeting held in the county court room at the courthouse on Wednesday night at which there was a good attendance of local business men. H. H. Belt was elected as secretary and attorney for the association and the personnel of the board of managers was completed by the selection of C. L. Crider and S. M. Ray, the full membership of the board being: J. R. Craven, E. V. Dalton, P. A. Finseth, U. S. Loughary, Conrad Stafrin, C. L. Crider and S. M. Ray.

The aim and objects of the association are the same as those outlined by the state association and identical with the hundreds of other local associations throughout the state. While one of the prime ideas is the protection of the members against bad debtors, the promotion of the best interests of the merchants and all movements calculated to harmonize closer relations between the members is one of the objects of the organization. The retail merchants association is essentially a "booster" body and will exert itself to improve the general welfare and betterment of the community. There are now about 15 members but it is expected that eventually every merchant in the city will have affiliated with it. The admission fee is 50 cents and the dues are 50 cents per month.

## SHIP CARLOAD CONSIGNMENTS

### Growers of Gooseberries in Salem Show Advantage of Fruit Union.

While growers of gooseberries in Dallas and vicinity, are dumping their fruit in the creek because of no market, the producers elsewhere, where fruit unions have been formed are making their fruit yield handsome returns, as instance the following from the Salem Statesman:

"A carload of gooseberries left the fruit union yesterday for Chicago, being shipped by Wells-Fargo express. The berries were packed in crates such as the trade requires and the car contained 450 of the 24-box crates and 270 of the 15-box crates."

## JOHN S. PARKER IS DEAD

### Passes Away Yesterday at the Home of Sister in Falls City.

Falls City, June 12.—(Special)—John S. Parker died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Wonderly, in this city today, of pneumonia, after an illness of about four weeks. Funeral services have not yet been arranged but it is probable that the remains will be shipped to Michigan for interment. Deceased was born in Ingham county, Michigan, March 25, 1841, and came to Oregon about 21 years ago. Since that time, however, he has lived in Alaska and British Columbia and also upon a timber claim on the Sitka where he lived about two years. He is survived by a son and daughter who reside in Ithaca, Michigan; and by four brothers and one sister, Mrs. C. M. Wonderly, of this city.

## AIRLIE

Art Miller of Albany, was in town this week coming over in his new auto.

Our eighth grade class took the May examinations and 70 per cent passed. It speaks well for our teachers.

Miss Elsie Cowley went to Portland for a few days visit.

Howard Bush and wife were in town Saturday on their way home from Washington state.

Mrs. Hadley was a caller in Independence Saturday.

Mrs. W. D. Rose, our hotel landlady, was calling in Independence Saturday.

A number from here attended the picnic at Bidder's Grove and report light attendance.

C. S. Collins of Montgomery, was a caller here Sunday.

Crop prospects look well in this part of the county.

One of T. P. Ferris' children has

## LATE POLK COUNTY NEWS TOLD IN BRIEFS

### HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS RELATED IN ENTERTAINING MANNER.

### OBSERVER SPECIAL SERVICE

### Observer Representatives Keep in Touch With All Matters of Importance in Their Part of the Famous "Blue Ribbon" District of the State of Oregon.

## FALLS CITY

C. O. Johnson went to Medford Thursday to get some mill machinery for the Hoskins mill which the Falls City Lumber company are about to build.

Mrs. W. F. Nichols is in Portland attending the rose festival. The first ball game of the season was played Sunday afternoon between the home team and Airle, the score being 18 to 7 in favor of Falls City.

Basil Hartung of Oklahoma, arrived in the city Sunday to visit his brother Charles for a short time.

R. E. Williams and E. C. Kirkpatrick were business visitors in the city Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meyer have moved to Hoskins where Charles is employed as mill carpenter; J. C. Talbot will occupy the Meyer house during their absence.

H. E. Barnhart was a business caller in Dallas Saturday. C. D. Anderson of Black Rock, and Hazel Webb, of this city, were married at the home of the bride's parents last Sunday. They left the same day for Portland to spend a short honeymoon.

B. C. Miles of the Spaulding Logging company of Salem, was in the city last Monday.

The semi-annual election of officers of the Epworth League was held in the league room Friday night. The following were elected: President, Mrs. Mae Wright; first vice president, Miss Hammond; second vice president, Edith Montgomery; third vice president, Ella Mehring; fourth vice president, Alma Huseby; secretary, Lavon Gottfried; treasurer, Gordon Sammons; organist, Helen Treat. After the business meeting a social time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. G. O. Clement returned home this week from an extended visit with her parents who reside at Rainier.

Mrs. A. L. Raines and her mother Mrs. Chapin, are in Portland this week taking in the sights of the rose show.

The water mains in the southeast part of town are being extended so as to accommodate several more families.

W. F. Nichols was a passenger to Dallas Sunday.

The new train schedule which went into effect Sunday is a great help to those who travel in and out of Falls City. We can now go and come as we please.

Miss Ella Mehring is working in the postoffice learning the tricks of the trade.

C. F. Vick was a passenger to Dallas Tuesday.

Mrs. B. W. Brown came out from the survey camp Friday and is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Seymour.

J. J. Sammons, N. Selig and H. C. Brown are in Portland attending a meeting of the Masonic grand lodge and incidentally taking in the festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tice have moved to Hoskins.

P. J. Shepherd is seriously ill.

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