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## POLK 8TH GRADERS MAKE HIGH AVERAGE

LARGEST CLASS IN HISTORY OF COUNTY PASSES EXAMINATIONS WITH FINAL PERCENTAGE OF 87.9.

ONLY 29 OUT OF 241 FAIL

Not a Single Failure in Spelling in County; Monmouth Pupil Has the Highest Average; Educators Pleased With Showing; Exercises at Rickreall on Saturday.

With a percentage of 87.9, and with only 29 failures out of a total of 241 pupils of the county who wrote in the tests, the report of the eighth grade examinations for the school year 1912-13, just issued by County Superintendent H. C. Seymour, shows a very encouraging condition of the schools of the county and one in which every citizen and friend of the schools may take a pardonable pride. Of the 29 pupils that failed, a few moved out of the county during the interim between the first and the final examinations, and it is probable that the majority would have passed had they remained here. Forty-one schools had pupils in the examinations of which there were no failures in 26 schools, every pupil passing.

Not a failure was recorded in the county in spelling and 94 pupils made a perfect score of 100 in agriculture. Thus, the eighth grade graduating class for Polk county for 1913 will be the largest in the history of the county.

**Miss Hawley Ranks Highest.**  
Miss Frances Hawley, of the Monmouth school, daughter of Senator C. L. Hawley, has the honor of making the highest percentage in the county and is credited with the remarkable record of 99.5.

The Monmouth eighth grade class of 12 passed with the highest average in the county, having a class average of 95.8; the Bethel class of five pupils made an average of 94.5, while the Falls City class of 21 pupils made an average of 93.7. The Bridgeport class of two, passed with an average of 94.5.

"I am very much pleased with the result of the examinations," declared Superintendent Seymour yesterday. "It shows that the teachers and the pupils have been doing some good work and that Polk county's school system is still at the head. This result has been accomplished because of the faithful and conscientious labors of our corps of teachers and the interest taken in the work by the pupils themselves and I am proud of both teachers and pupils."

**Graduation Exercises Saturday.**  
What will be the largest eighth grade graduation class in the history

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## BATTERS BAFFLED BY "BARNEY'S" BENDERS

HOPEWELL HITTERS CAN'T SOLVE DELIVERY AND DALLAS WINS SUNDAY SESSION 5 TO 1.

20 IS STRIKE OUT RECORD

Fenton Helps at Bat and His Timely Bingles Are Feature of Matinee; Hopewell Bunch Good Ball Team But One Bad Inning is Disastrous; Notes of Game.

To the accompaniment of the singing of the little birds in the grand stand, and their cheerful "tweet, tweet," the bunch of hopeful aspirants for diamond honors from Hopewell, went down to defeat last Sunday afternoon in the Dallas base ball lot to the decidedly decisive score of 5 to 1. "Barney's" was about all there was to it for Dallas, and Fenton and Clarke were about all that was needed at the bat. Dallas' slabster was at his best and had the visitors swinging their heads off before the session was well under way. The further it progressed, the more they swung, until the last man went down in one-two-three order in the first of the ninth, and a total of 20 strikeouts was credited to this young gentleman who recently graduated from the high school team.

**One Bad Inning.**  
Even at that, things didn't look very rosy for Dallas until along about the middle of the game. The Hopewell aggregation had succeeded in pushing one over in the first on two hits, a passed ball and an error of Geo. Cooper at second and it was one, two, three for the locals until the sixth when the fireworks began. Wayne Barham was given a life at first when Dennis let the ball get away from him and he kept right on to second without trouble. A free pass to first, two singles, and more boots, resulted in a total of three scores for Dallas to which two more were added in the eighth on singles by Walt Barham and Fenton, a boot by Dennis and a wild pitch.

Cleve Woods who starred on the mound for the visitors, did a good stunt in the flinging department until the sixth, when he had his troubles, and poor support which lost him the matinee. While his strike out record is not unusual, nevertheless he kept the hits well scattered and only three of the locals were able to solve his delivery safely. He fielded his position like a veteran, accepting 12 chances with but two bobbles.

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COMING TO CHAUTAUQUA.



Carl Frederic Steckelberg, noted violinist, who will appear at the Dallas Chautauqua in connection with the Artists' Trio, for two concerts on the second day.

## COURT LETS ROCK CONTRACTS

McVEIGH AND THARP SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS.

Lee Crusher Not to be Operated; Gravel From Independence Bankers at 25 Cents per Yard.

Contract for the operation of the county rock crusher near Willamina for the season was awarded by the county court on Saturday to Sam McVeigh on his bid for 87 cents per cubic yard, and the hauling contract for the same quarry was awarded to A. G. Tharp whose bid ranged in price from two cents per cubic yard for the first quarter mile to 55 cents for three miles.

Bids for crushing rock at the Lee quarry were also opened. A free pass to first, two singles, and more boots, resulted in a total of three scores for Dallas to which two more were added in the eighth on singles by Walt Barham and Fenton, a boot by Dennis and a wild pitch.

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## SALEM COMES SUNDAY

Watt Shipp's Team to Meet Dallas; Final Game Between Salem and McMinnville May Come Here.

Watt Shipp's base ball team of Salem, will meet the Dallas aggregation at the local park on Sunday, June 22, according to the announcement of Manager Serr. The team is a fast one and a spirited contest should result.

An effort is being made to secure the final game between the Salem and the McMinnville teams for this city. Both teams have won one game each and the third contest, which must be played at some neutral point, should be a hummer. It is understood that McMinnville has agreed to come to Dallas and negotiations are now in progress with the Salem team. The game is to be played on June 29.

## PULL OIL WELL CASING

Operations at Whiteaker Oil Prospect Now confined to Removal of Six-Inch Pipe to Permit Drilling.

After finding it impossible to remove the damaged six-inch casing from the bottom of the Whiteaker well by ordinary means, a number of sticks of dynamite were exploded at the bottom of the hole and the casing shattered; the work and the raising of the balance is now under way. As soon as this labor is completed, the hole will be cleaned, a new casing installed and the well freed from water after which drilling will be resumed.

## SCHOOL DAYS END FOR CLASS OF THIRTEEN

SECOND ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL ATTRACTS BIG CROWD.

PROGRAM IS INTERESTING

Address to Class by President Homan is Feature of Evening; Salutatory by Lena Skeries and Valedictory by Loren Butler Win Applause.

Class of 1913.  
The class of 1913 is the second one to graduate from the Dallas High school. Its personnel is as follows:  
Alice Miles, Ruth Marie Shaw, Minnie Pearl Phillips, Carolyn Anna Gohrke, Josephine Wilhelmina Laebke, Ethel Claudia Brown, Ruth Virginia Campbell, Lena Gertrude Skeries, Loren Gardner Butler, Frank Hill Campbell, Julius Allen Herzog, Victor Ray Boydston, Frank Harold Willson.

(By E. F.)

Amidst a bewildering array of fragrant rose blossoms that made the air heavy with their perfume, banked by an artistic frame work of evergreen boughs with the figures "13" interwoven in white roses, and witnessed by an enthusiastic and interested audience of their friends and neighbors, the graduating class of 1913 of the Dallas High school enjoyed a most auspicious commencement at the assembly room of the high school building on Friday night. The class of 1913, consisting of 13 graduates, and holding its exercises on Friday the thirteenth, is worthy of the splendid institution in which it has completed the course of study; and a credit to the corps of instructors whose ability has been instrumental in making this result possible.

Every number on the program was carried out as published and every one was interesting and instructive. Especially so was the splendid address delivered to the class by President Homan, of the Willamette University, of Salem. Scarcely has a graduating class in any institution been so fortunate in the selection of its final adviser and certainly no audience was ever more interestingly

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## BUYS CANNING PLANT

Strawberry Growers Invest in Plant to Save Their Fruit When Case Quotations Decline.

When the price of strawberries decline to less than \$1.00 per crate, the public will not find fruit from the H-fine crates on the market hereafter, according to the declaration of the growers. While in Portland last week, W. V. Fuller purchased a small canning plant which has arrived and is being made ready for service. The capacity is something like 1,000 to 1,500 cans daily and a special effort will be made to put up fruit of excellent quality that will find a ready market.

## PAVING PLANT IS HERE

Machinery for Clark & Henery Company Arrives But Unfinished Spur Track Prevents its Installation.

The new paving plant ordered by the Clark & Henery company for the manufacture of the top dressing for the Dallas paving has arrived from California, but, as the Southern Pacific company has not completed the connection with the spur to the old Spaulding Mill company's plant in North Dallas, it cannot be unloaded. This will not delay the work, however, for the present, and it is thought that the spreading of the concrete base may be started by Thursday.

**First to File Report.**  
A. W. Fink, clerk of Orehab school district No. 15, was the first to file his report for the present year. A. G. Rempel, who has held that honor for several years, was second and he declares he would have been first, had not Fink lured up several gallons of gasoline beating him to it. Rempel believes that a fellow without an auto is at a disadvantage in a race of this kind.

## MAY EMPLOY MEN MORE THAN 8 HOURS

NEW LAW DOES NOT APPLY TO CONTRACT MADE PRIOR TO JUNE 2, SAYS ATTORNEY GENERAL.

PAVING CONTRACT MODIFIED

City Council Adopts Resolution in Conformity With Decision; New Ordinances Passed; Disposal of Surplus Rock is Problem For Property Owners.

Resolution authorizing the modification of the contract entered into by the city with the Clark & Henery construction company, relating to the hours of labor of the men in its employment, was passed by the city council at its regular meeting on Monday night. When the contract was entered into, it was thought that the new state law requiring that laborers on all city contracts should not work more than eight hours daily, would apply, but, according to a recent decision of the Attorney General, as explained by Attorney Oscar Hayer, who appeared for the Clark & Henery company, it had been held that the law did not apply to contracts entered into before June 2, the date the new law went into effect. The resolution, therefore, provided that the company might employ their men for longer than the eight hours per day mentioned in the first contract. In the passage of the resolution, Councilman McEbee was the only vote cast against it. Later, on motion of Councilman Fenton, the city attorney was instructed to bring in a resolution at the next meeting, extending the same concession to the contractors for hauling rock for the city, which agreement had also been made prior to the going into effect of the new state law.

**New Ordinances Passed.**  
An ordinance to license billiard and pool tables was read the second time and passed with the following vote: Voting "yes," Councilmen Barber, Hayer, Gohrke and McEbee; voting "no," Barham, Fenton and Risser.

An ordinance placing the city marshal on a flat salary of \$50 per month and requiring him to turn all fees and other emoluments which he now receives into the city treasury, was passed unanimously.

Resolutions appropriating the sum of \$100 to pay the premium on indemnity insurance for city employees at the rock crusher and one appropriating \$61.80 to pay for the purchase of a screen jacket for the crusher, were passed.

## DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS ROCK.

The question of the disposal of the surplus rock, that must be removed from the surface of the streets in the proposed hard surface district, provoked considerable discussion. Councilman Gohrke, reported that he had interviewed the property owners and, while some of them didn't care what was done with it, others wanted to use it, but "didn't know what to do with it." Some wanted the city to store it somewhere to be used at some future time, and all sorts of ideas were advanced as to its disposal. He thought, however, that it would be possible to secure enough rock to complete the proposed improvement of Miller avenue. It was also reported that the county court had under contemplation the construction of a concrete walk around the jail property on Court and Jefferson streets, and that Sibley & Eakin, Hayer Bros. and Abel Uglow would do likewise in front of their property on Court street, thus giving a concrete walk from the Main street corner to the Dallas garage. It was suggested that other property owners who had an interest in the rock in front of their premises might take advantage of the opportunity to place the rock and build concrete walks at this time.

## NO MORE PAVING.

Mayor VanOrsdel again brought up the matter of paving the additional four blocks heretofore mentioned, but Councilman Hayer, from the finance committee, declared that the city did not have sufficient finances to undertake the expense of paving the intersections, and the matter will probably be dropped.

The city auditor was instructed to notify the railway company to repair its crossing on Main street.

## BILLS ALLOWED.

The following claims against the city were audited and allowed:  
Holman & Grant, labor on rock crusher ..... \$17.00  
Dallas Lumber & Logging Co. 66.15  
J. C. Hayer, merchandise .. 7.40  
U. S. Loughary, merchandise .. 1.55  
Smith & Ellison, lamps ..... .45

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## Beautiful Southern Belle Is One of June's Pretty Brides



WHEN invitations were sent out for the wedding of Miss Ethel McCormick, one of the prettiest daughters of the south, to Francis H. McAdoo, son of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, on June 21 a buzz of interest was manifested among society circles in Washington, Baltimore and New York. Miss McCormick's beauty is of the pronounced southern type. She is as talented as she is vivacious and charming. She is the daughter of Mrs. Isaac E. Emerson and stepdaughter of Captain Emerson, who live at Brooklandwood, a fine country estate twenty miles from Baltimore. The wedding was scheduled to take place there.

## Music By Three Bands to Be a Celebration Feature

Dallas, Rickreall and Perrydale "Hornblowers" to Participate in Big Program at Dallas on Fourth.

At a meeting of the committees that have charge of the coming Fourth of July celebration, held on Friday night, further arrangements for the affair were discussed and plans were made to see that Dallas

## NEW ORDINANCE TO OLD OFFICERS ARE BE HELD UP? RE-ELECTED

PETITIONS AIMED AT SALOON MEASURE IN CIRCULATION. CHAPMAN FOR DIRECTOR AND STAATS FOR SCHOOL CLERK.

Would Hold Matter Up Until City Election in Spring of 1914; Lawyers Differ as to Methods to Pursue. No Contest Develops and Elections Are Unanimous; Proposed Improvements in Schools Are Cited.

The prediction made by The Observer last week, that the new saloon ordinance which provides for the issuance of three licenses by the council, would be referred to a vote of the people, was realized this week, when petitions were placed in circulation. According to the voting strength of the city it is stated that 80 names will be sufficient to refer the measure. The petition directed to the city auditor and the city council places the date of voting upon the ordinance at the city election to be held April 6, 1914.

There is some difference of opinion, however, among the attorneys of the city as to whether it is not within the power of the council to order a special election at an earlier date. Friends of the petition, nevertheless, declare that there can be no special election called, for the reason that the city charter does not provide for contingencies of this kind, and, in the absence of some other provision, the state laws must govern.

Judge Galloway still has the demurrer to the complaint of the injunction-applicant under consideration and has given no indication as to when he will decide it. He is at present out of the state attending a reunion of pioneers in Idaho and will be away for several days.

In making a report on behalf of the directors, Chairman McCallon stated that the board had a number of improvements under consideration for the good of the schools. He said that a department of manual training and one for domestic art would probably be installed at the high school during the year.

It was also planned to grade the high school grounds, and the formation of a teachers' association for the mutual benefit of the instructors and the good of the school. The annual report by Clerk Tracy Staats showed that the balance on hand in the treasury at the end of the last year was nearly \$3,000 in excess of the previous year, notwithstanding the fact that the board had been obliged to spend considerable for the new department of domestic science installed during the term.