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HEALTH OFFICER PROBES REPORTS

State Officer Makes Investigation of Local Conditions

SEEKS SOURCE OF TYPHOID

Strain Relieved by Advice That Dallas Sufferers Are Improving—Manager of Water Works Also Here to Investigate Rumors—White to Make Reports.

No Danger of Epidemic.

Just before leaving the city, Dr. Alvin White, of the state board of health, made the following statement to the Observer:

"After a careful investigation we are convinced that the few cases of typhoid fever are not caused from either the city water or the ice used in the city. We find that the city water is free from typhoid germs and certainly the ice is not contaminated.

Asked as to what was determined as the cause of the present cases and from what source the typhoid fever could be attributed, Mr. White said:

"We are not fully determined on this question, and will not be prepared to make a definite statement until after the samples of certain well water have been analyzed. The present cases are confined to one district in the city, and we are of the belief that the typhoid can be traced to two wells in that locality. However we are not sure of this. A complete report will be compiled and sent to the city council.

"The people of Dallas should fear no typhoid epidemic. This we want them to thoroughly understand."

During the week no new cases of typhoid fever have been reported to the county health physician, there is no general feeling of alarm, the typhoid patients are gradually recovering and there is today a general feeling of satisfaction with conditions regarding the health of the city. This feeling was heightened yesterday by the arrival of H. V. Gates, superintendent of the city water works, who is accompanied by Alvin White the state health officer, whose mission it is to make a thorough examination of the city's water supply.

As the management of the water works has volunteered to have this work done by the only authority of the state, it is evident that the report given out by the state authorities will be awaited with general interest. So far there has been no authentic information that the city water supply had been contaminated, but floating rumors and suspicions aroused the interest of Mr. Gates and he took immediate action.

RICKREALL WOMEN HURT

Buggy Collides with Rig Driven by Airlie Man—No One Seriously Injured.

Mrs. Dan McCann and Mrs. Hugh Birch, both of Rickreall, were thrown from their buggy in Salem Tuesday afternoon, and both were painfully though not seriously injured, sustaining several cuts and bruises as the result of the contact with another rig.

The following account of the accident is taken from the Salem Statesman:

The grade at this section of Union street is torn up during the paving construction, and the horse driven by Mrs. McCann became frightened at a pile of old boards and dirt and whirled around the corner on North Winter street. A buggy driven by a man from Airlie who did not see the McCann vehicle, was coming up North Winter street and the two crashed together. Mrs. Birch was thrown to the pavement and is said to have been unconscious for some time. Mrs. McCann was badly bruised from being pressed against the dashboard.

The Airlie man was unhurt, but his buggy was practically demolished. Joe Ludwig, of the Capital Feed Barn, took Mrs. McCann and Mrs. Burch to Dallas.

Remodels Store.

P A. Finseth, of the Bee Hive Store, is making a decided improvement to the building by adding a large room which will be used as a suit and cloak department. The work which has been under progress for several weeks is nearly completed.

How 17,000 Gymnasts Appeared On Germany's New Athletic Field

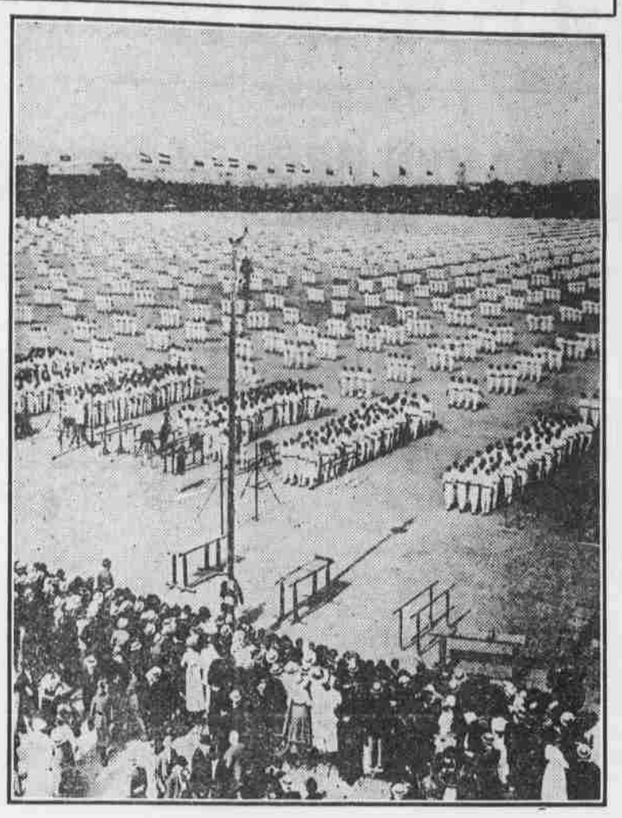

Photo by American Press Association.

PLEASE imagine 17,000 trained gymnasts, all clothed alike, in action at one time on an immense field. To the strains of music they go through their calesthenic movements with perfect rhythm and practically as one man. Such an inspiring sight was witnessed recently at Leipzig, Germany, when more than 100,000 athletes took part in games and contests there. The picture shows a section of the 17,000 as they appeared on the field. A gigantic stadium was built to seat the spectators, which was four times as large as that at the Olympic games at Stockholm. This stadium is permanent. The Olympic games in 1916 will be held there.

TOTS WILL ENJOY POLK'S CHARMS

FIFTEEN PORTLAND CHILDREN REACH DALLAS SAFELY.

Number Small Because Five Failed to Pass Medical Examination—Crowd Meets Them at Depot.

Fifteen bright-eyed, happy children with anticipation of a jolly, good time glowing in their little faces were welcomed at the depot yesterday morning by the Dallas Women's club under whose auspices the fresh air delegation from Portland will be entertained.

There was joy unbounded when the little folk welcomed their temporary "fathers and mothers," but there was a bit of human interest unlooked for when one of the little girls stoutly refused to leave her two brothers and Joe G. Brown was induced to take all three of them. Then there was little Earl Wilkins, who, when informed that he was chosen for "city" life in Dallas wept so pitifully that the kind heart of Mrs. Frank Stiles was deeply touched, and the little fellow will spend the 10 days outing at the Stiles ranch.

Several who gathered at the station to welcome the little ones and who were looking forward with pleasure to their visit, were disappointed when informed that there were not "enough to go around." It was explained that 20 had planned to go but five of them failed to pass the rigid medical examination in Portland. While disappointing this is positive proof that the children are in good physical condition. They were all neatly dressed and each carried sufficient clean clothing to last during the vacation.

The names of the children together with the names of persons accepting them follow:

Herman Olson, Esther Olson and Godfrey Olson, Joe G. Brown; Jennie Allori and Iday Jones, Mrs. J. E. Miller; Ernestine Taylor, Mrs. E. C. Day; Mary Allori, Mrs. J. H. Black; George Steele, Mrs. Hughes; Cyrel Ball, Mrs. E. Evans; Edgar McNeal, Mrs. C. B. Sundberg; Albert Allori, Mrs. Joseph Goetz; Earl Wilkins, Mrs. Frank Stiles; Mrs. Donovan and baby, Mrs. W. Ullery.

Commission Holds Session.

Yesterday afternoon a session of the state railroad commission board was called in Dallas to decide upon the complaint made by E. Zumalt, a rancher residing between Dallas and Perrydale. Mr. Zumalt complains that the Southern Pacific company has closed two of his gates, and thereby damaged his property to a certain extent. After hearing the case the commission took the matter under advisement, and is expected to render a decision shortly. Attorney Day of Portland represented the road and Attorney Oscar Hayter of Dallas represented the land owner.

FALLS CITY LOSES IMPORTANT CASE

COURT HOLDS ASSESSMENT ON CITY PROPERTY VOID

City May Continue to Improve County Roads and Assess Cost to Abutting Property.

Holding the assessment levied against William Ellis et al by the city of Falls City for the improvement of what was formerly a county road, void on the grounds that the improvement was not constructed in accordance with the terms of Ordinance No. 105 of Falls City by which the improvement was ordered, and on the further ground that the marshal's levy upon the premises prior to the attempted sale of same for the delinquent assessment was void because it had not been recorded in the county clerk's office, Judge Holmes today found in favor of the plaintiffs in the suit for an injunction brought by William Ellis et al against Falls City et al.

Judge Holmes did not pass upon the question as to whether the city would have the power to improve these former county roads and assess the cost to abutting property owners.

William Ellis, Elmer Ellis, Thomas Allen and Clay Miler of Falls City testified that the improvement had not been constructed even substantially in accordance with Ordinance No. 105. They testified that the street was not properly rolled or sprinkled with water. The court accepted as true their statements with reference to this matter, and decided that by reason thereof, the city had no right to levy an assesment for the cost of the improvement.

Owing to this finding of fact on the part of the court, it is not likely that the defendant city will appeal, for it was admitted by the defendants' attorney that if the improvement was not legally constructed according to ordinance that no valid assessment could be levied upon abutting property for the cost thereof.

The various cities that have been watching with interest this case, will be disappointed in that the question as to the improvement of county roads by the city and assessing the cost of the improvement upon the abutting property was not passed upon by this court. This question is one that is worrying many cities in this state.

At the time this improvement was being constructed, and the proceedings with reference to the same were being taken, Falls City was working entirely without competent legal assistance. The proceedings with reference to improving streets and assessing the cost upon abutting property, and the collection of the same, are laid down in the charter, and are technical, and the law requires a strict and literal compliance with the charter requirements.

NEWBERG MAN IS CONTEST WINNER

Portland, Eugene & Eastern Adopts Nickname For Road

"WILLAMETTE VALLEY LINE"

New Name Considered an Appropriate One; Nearly Three Thousand Persons Take Part in Contest and Much Interest Is Shown; President Strahorn forwards Check.

The Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway will be known as the "Willamette Valley Line," and the winner of the nickname contest conducted by the company has been determined to be Wiliam Bell, a hotel man of Newberg. President Robert E. Strahorn has forwarded his check to Mr. Bell.

Appropriate Name.

In selecting "Willamette Valley Line," the company has secured a nickname that will be easily remembered and is a reminder that the 350-mile system will reach every district in the 75x100 mile territory when finally completed.

Gives Valley Great Ad.

The contest just closed attracted tremendous interest all over the United States. More than 100 columns of matter were printed concerning it. Railroad newspapers, magazines and journals of all descriptions printed stories which called attention to the fact that the Willamette country was being given electric transportation and that the markets would be "30 minutes from the farm." The number of entries numbered 2,765 persons, some of them containing as many as 40 proposed nicknames, while dozens of drawings were offered in illustration of the ideas sent in. After listing and eliminating most of the names, the committee and officers of the road got together on the final selection, which has received the approval of most of the eastern officials of the company.

3-Year-Old Oregonian.

Wiliam Bell, the winner of the contest, has been a resident of Oregon for three years. He came from Racine county, Wisconsin, where he was county clerk for eight years, and had a prominent part in state politics.

Many of the entries in the novel contest made use of combinations using the word Willamette, but Mr. Bell was found to be the only one who hit upon the exact combination selected for the nickname.

"MACK" PRICE IS HIGH

McMinnville-Dallas Game Called off —Winterbotham Seeks Recreation.

Owing to the seemingly absurd conditions demanded by the McMinnville baseball team, Manager Ted Serr today canceled the proposed game with the Yamhill champions, and therefore the big championship game scheduled to take place Sunday afternoon has been indefinitely postponed.

When Manager Serr went out yesterday to "round up" his players, it was found that Winterbotham, the crack pitcher, and upon whom Dallas depended to win Sunday's game, had left town, and it would therefore be necessary to engage a player from Portland. After making a canvass of the local fans, it was determined that it would be impossible to raise sufficient money to engage any outside players.

GOATS FOR WASHINGTON

Neighboring State Makes Requisition for Choice Polk County Stock; Shipment Goes Forward Today.

350 choice Angoras from Polk county are to be shipped today over the line of the Southern Pacific to Chehalis, Washington, where they will enter the field of uncleared land and be distributed among the breeders of that section. The consignor is W. P. McBee of this place and the names of the numerous ranchmen who will use the Polk county product are unknown. The steady demand for Polk goats is too well understood to require special mention by The Observer and this consignment is perhaps as large as any made in the past.

Small Blaze at Airlie.

Airlie, Aug. 20.—Special. Between 10 and 11 o'clock tonight fire threatened to consume the confectionery store of Delmar Hedgepath. Prompt efforts of the manager and others prevented serious damage to the store and spread of the fire. The principal damage it is thought, will be due to smoke and fire.

One is Dead, Another Injured In Fatal Automobile Accident

Charles Black Killed and Mike Wall Crushed When Big Machine Turns on Salem Road, Cause of Accident Not Clear, Driver Running Under Speed Limit When Turn in Road is Attempted

Charles Black was almost instantly killed and Mike Wall was painfully yet not dangerously injured as the result of an automobile accident which occured on the Salem road seven miles from Dallas late Wednesday night. The other occupants of the car were Charles Bilyeu, owner and driver of the machine, Carl Williams, and I. H. Hamlin. Bilyeu sustained slight injuries.

Conflicting opinions are held by the occupants of the car as to the cause of the accident. The sharp turn in the road at the point where the accident occurred is considered one of the most dangerous places on the road, but the big machine slowed down on approaching the turn. All agree that the car was not running faster than 10 miles an hour, but it seems to be the prevailing opinion that Bilyeu became confused and thinking the turn was some distance ahead did not realize the danger until too late. A sharp turn of the steering wheel just as the front right hand wheel struck the side of the road threw the big machine off its balance, turning it almost completely over and righting it several yards to the right of the road almost in the same position as it would have been had the car stopped before the crash came. The party was returning from Salem at an early hour yesterday morning.

Williams was the first to recover from the shock of the fall. A quick investigation proved that Bilyeu was thrown several feet from the machine Black was found groaning under one of the rear wheels, while Wall was lying between the road and the car. All attention was paid to Black for even at that time it was realized that he was dangerously hurt.

"I'm all right fellows, look after the rest," were the first words of the dying man. He then asked to be turned on his right side so he could rest more easily.

Assistance from Dallas was immediately called and in a short time Dr. B. H. McCallon arrived. Black by that time was breathing heavily. Examination by the physician proved that he was beyond medical aid as it was impossible then to find his pulse. He died only a few minutes after McCallon arrived. The cause of his death was from internal injuries, his chest being crushed by the machine.

To those who viewed the wrecked car yesterday it was apparent that the machine could not have "turned turtle" as was at first reported and believed by the occupants of the car. It was evident that the driver either lost control of the car at the sharp turning point to the left in the road or had believed that he was at another point and had been mistaken as to location. The car had, according to the outword marks of the wheels, kept a course some distance to the right from the main track, had tipped to the right, found the ditch, careened to the left and spent its momentum as it struck the opposite side of the ditch, perhaps landing upon the driver's side of the car, half upturned. Both right wheels show the pressure that was brought to bear upon the spokes and hubs. The left side suffered but little, the left headlight and one fender showing but little injury. The glass hood was demolished and the steering wheel showed evidence of being struck, and it was thought this might have been put out of position by Mr. Bilyeu in his plunge from the driver's seat.

Yesterday many went by auto and otherwise to the scene which cost a human life and will remain as a lasting memory to those whose escape from death was nothing less than miraculous. As the distance was midway between Dallas and Salem there were also a large number of interested people from the capital city and the road way was blocked a large portion of the day by autos and other vehicles.

Frank Fawk one of the several who visited the scene of the wreck yesterday morning said: "I can demonstrate very easily with my own car just how the accident could have occurred while the car was going at a speed of less than 5 miles an hour. It is evident that the driver either misjudged the distance to the curve, or thought he was on a long stretch of road. With the light shining straight ahead and the road turning sharply to the left, he evidently threw off the brakes and turned the wheel sharply to the right. This threw the car to the side. It seems to me that the shock threw the occupants of the car out, but while in motion it righted itself, and in so doing caught Black beneath the wheels. The same accident might have happened with the most careful driver."

Black Was Popular.

Charles Black was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Black of this city. He had lived in Dallas for the past 14 years and was ever known as an upright, hardworking young man. He was about 35 years of age at the time of his untimely death.

No arrangements have as yet been completed for his funeral. The body was taken to the Chapman Undertaking parlors following the fatal tragedy last night.

SEALERS' TESTS BEGIN

Standard Weights Are Received from Washington; to Be Uniform Throughout State.

Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—That all weights and measures in the state must be made absolutely correct as soon as possible, was an announcement Tuesday by F. W. Buchtel, deputy sealer of weights and measures, who has opened an office in the state house. Mr. Buchtel received today from S. W. Stratton, director of the Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C., standard weights which have been adopted by this state.

All standard weights and measures of county sealers of weights and measures must correspond to the ones in Mr. Buchtel's office. Mr. Buchtel said that more than two-thirds of the counties had appointed sealers of weights and measures as provided by a law passed at the last session of the Legislature.

"A majority of the weights and measures that are correct," said Mr. Buchtel, "work to the disadvantage of the consumer. This probably is not the result of wilful intent, but long use tends to make them so. It is the intention of this department to exercise general supervisory control over weights and measures throughout the state and see that the people get what they pay for. It will take a little time, however, to put the law into general effect."

Eastern Lumberman Here.

In company with W. T. Greer, of the Falls City Logging company, M. Macey, lumberman of Michigan and owner of, a large tract of timber in the Siletz basin, left for the upper country Wednesday afternoon. This is Mr. Macey's first visit to the timbered districts of Oregon and he expresses himself as pleased with the conditions.

Back from Vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Driscoll, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith and Jennie Morris returned Wednesday from a vacation at Newport.

PROBLEMS PUZZLE CLUB

Cooper Hollow Road and Depot Matter Bother Commercial Body; Bills and Report Presented.

The Cooper Hollow road matter and the betterment of the Dallas train service are still matters holding the attention of the Dallas Commercial Club but remain unsolved problems by the committees in charge, according to reports received from these standing committees made at the regular meeting of the Club Wednesday night.

The Cooper Hollow Road matter was left in the hands of the present committee with full power to act to the best interests of all concerned. The question of obtaining better train service indicated that no substantial encouragement had been met. The same committee had been unable to receive more than passing encouragement from the railway company regarding the clamor of the residents for a better depot, and the committee was continued, by order of the president.

The following bills were allowed and orders made for the issuance of warrants for payment:

Lee Smith	$ 8.00
H. W. Stump	3.00
Mrs. D. M. Metzger	7.65
Dallas Mercantile Co.	24.80
Polk County Itemizer	15.95
H. L. Fenton	83.50
Tracy Staats	7.50
Chas. R. Bennett	9.50

The financial secretary made the following report for the period beginning July 2 and ending July 20:

Bal. on hand July 2	$1493.15
Collections	150.40
Warrants issued	948.10
On hand August 20	$695.45

Leave for Seattle.

Prof. and Mrs. I. M. Glen and children, Philip and Juliet, who have been spending their summer vacation at the Lyle farm, will leave for their home in Seattle this afternoon where Prof. Glen is an instructor in the state university.

NEWS OF COUNTY TOLD IN BRIEFS

Items of Interest in Country Districts Interestingly Told

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

Mrs. May Sires, of Portland, is here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown and Miss Mildred returned this week from Newport where they have been spending a short vacation.

B. W. Vick, of Salem, spent Sunday visiting in this city.

Mrs. Susan C. Bryantleft Friday for her home in Portland, after spending the summer months in Falls City.

L. W. Riggs and family of Creswell, have been visiting at the Geo. Hubbard home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lowe and Ira Lowe of Portland, are in the city this week owing to the illness of their mother, Mrs. Jonah Lowe.

Hugh Travis left this week for his home in Idaho, making the trip on his motorcycle.

C. J. Moyer and wife came in from Hoskins to spend Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Violet Pfandhoefer, of Salem is spending a two weeks' vacation in this city.

J. C. Talbott has bought the stock of Hardware from the Davis Hardware Co. and will move it into his present store-room where he will set up a first-class establishment. Mr. Davis has not decided what he will go into in the future.

A large number of Boy Scouts of Dallas passed through the city Monday on their way to Newport.

The Epworth League held a business and social meeting in the League room Tuesday night. About 30 were present.

A grand Gold Medal contest was held in the Methodist Church Monday evening. This completes the contest work for this year, sufficient money was also raised to finish paying for the drinking fountain. The five contestants were Edith Johnson, Edna Brown, Jess Griffin, Tennie Russell and Florence Cochran. All of the orations were of the first class. The judges, Rev. Miles and Miss Serr of Dallas, and Prof. W. I. Reynolds, of this city, decided in favor of Mrs. Edna Brown. C. W. Lee presented the medal. The winner of the contest Mrs. Brown, will go to Corvallis next month and enter the state contest for a diamond medal. Musical numbers and readings were given during the program.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ford, of Eugene, are in the city visiting at the homes of Wm. Ford and D. F. Courter.

MONMOUTH

We are home once more, at our post, and will give to the readers of the Polk County Observer the best news we can from Monmouth, and while we lost both of our horses on our trip to Newport we had a good time, and stll live.

The Monmouth Hotel has changed hands again, and the former proprietor, Mr. Shuer, has sold and gone to Portland. Mr. Heiten, of Oregon City, the new proprietor, has taken charge of the hotel. We welcome him to town.

Professor P Mulkey and wife, after spending their vacation with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Force, left for their home in Arlington, Tuesday, where they are teaching. The Professor is principal of the high school, and his wife is one if the under teachers. They have been teaching there for several years with a raise in wages each year. They are both normal graduates.

Uncle George Ebbert is quite poorly and there are doubts entertained of his recovery.

Threshing in and around Monmouth is in full blast and grain is turning out fine. The farmers are well pleased.

Health in Monmouth is good, no bad cases of sickness in town.

The Lemoti Club returned from their annual hunting expedition last week and it would do one good to hear their chief rehearse his experiences with the wild animals of the forests of the Pacific coast.

E. Nash and family, of Southern Oregon, have rented the Gus Westfall property and moved into the same.

W. Boman and Oscar Zook left for Newport Wednesday, for an outing.

Mrs. W. Griffin and children, of Dallas, are the guests of Mrs. A. F. Hubbard of this city, this week.

Work on the new depot building is progressing nicely and the laying the

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