

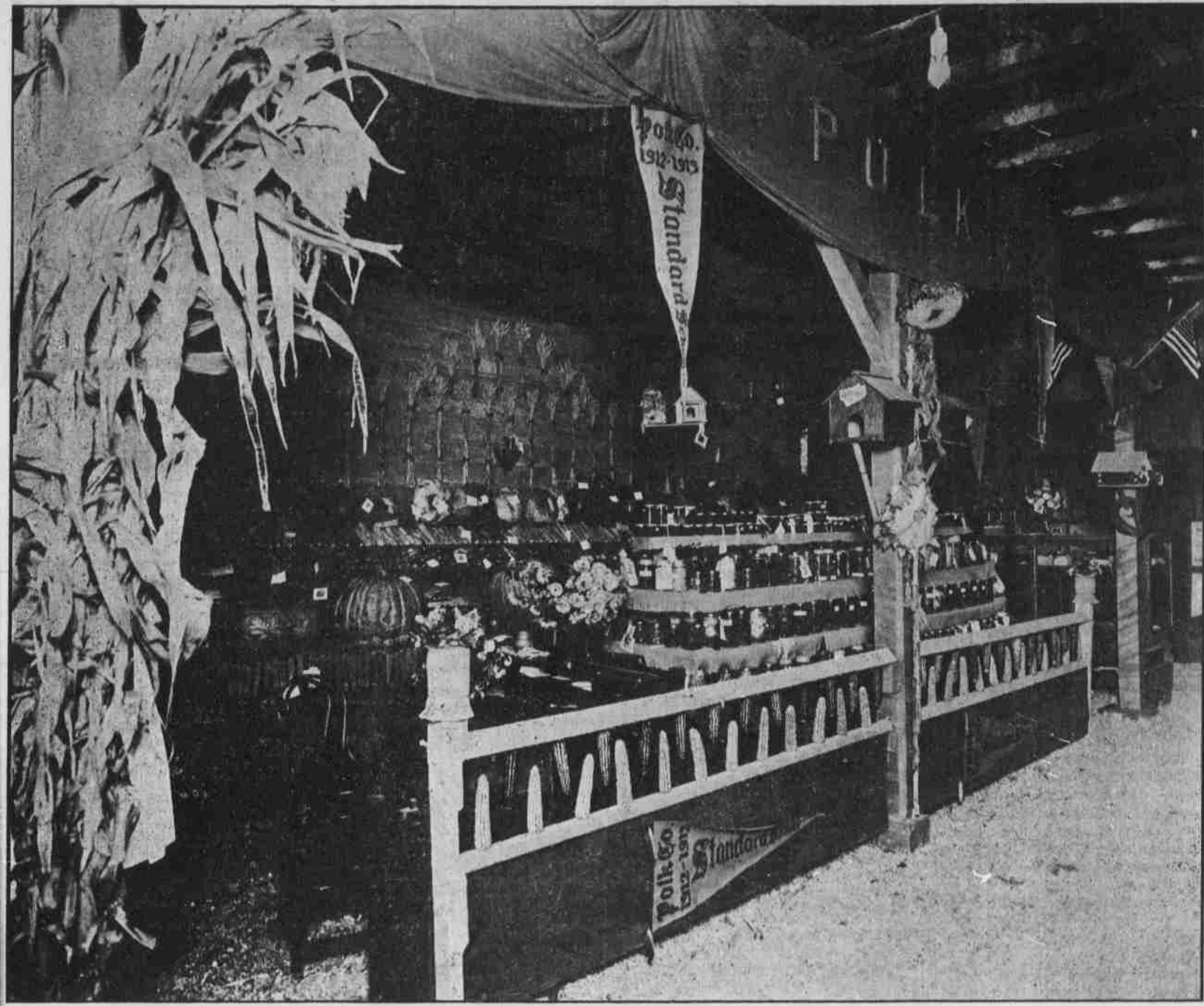
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WOMEN TAKE SLIGHT INTEREST IN ELECTION.

Voter Must Register on or Before April 14, in Order to Vote at General Election Next Year.

Registration in Polk county for the coming state election in November, seems to have awakened but little interest yet, according to County Clerk Robinson, books from the outlying voting precincts are coming in regularly.

The fact that it is unnecessary for voters who registered at the last general election, to again register in order to vote at the November election is largely responsible for the seeming inactivity in registering. There are a number of new county residents, however, who are taking interest in the work.

The number of women registered so far, are few.

Notice has been given through the secretary of state's office, that every man or woman of legal age who have resided the required time in his or her precinct, must register on or before April 14, 1914, in order to be entitled to vote at the general election in 1914. The registration books are now open continuously and registrations can be made by the county clerk, or his duly appointed deputies.

By registering now, voters may assure themselves that they are entitled to vote at all subsequent elections without further annoyance or ceremony. The books will remain open until 30 days prior to the election.

### WATER PLANT OWNER HERE

H. V. Gates Visits City; Willing to Have Case Taken to Commission.

For the purpose of looking over his interests in Dallas, H. V. Gates, owner of the Dallas water works system was a visitor in the city Tuesday, and made a careful investigation regarding the condition of the plant and the reduction of rates asked by the city.

While refraining from expressing a direct opinion as to the water rate controversy, Mr. Gates intimated that he was perfectly willing that the city should take up the matter with the State Railway commission, inferring that if necessary he would carry the case to the supreme court, should the ruling of the court be against him.

## VALLEY DOCTORS MEET IN DALLAS

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOLD SESSION TUESDAY.

Interesting Talks Given and Papers Read on Medical and Surgical Treatment of Goiter; 15 Present.

Physicians to the number of 15 representing members of a medical association formed some time ago and which include physicians from Polk, Yamhill and Marion counties, gathered about the banquet board at the New Scott hotel Tuesday night.

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Dallas friends of Miss Mamie Kellogg of Independence were shocked to learn of her tragic death Monday night in the waters of the Willamette river near her home.

According to advice received here the following day, Miss Kellogg visited Independence Monday and visited a physician of that city, telling him she was in poor health. After leaving the office she made her way in the direction of her home. She was last seen approaching the river. As she did not return for supper, an inquiry was started with the result that part of her clothes were found on the bank of the river. Her body was later found in the stream. Temporary arrangements were made for her burial.

### CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

In the presence of two hundred people among whom were numbered their children, grand children, relatives and friends, the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Elliott was held at the Elliott home south of Dallas Tuesday.

The beautiful home was artistically decorated for the occasion, the main living room being decorated with yellow dahlias and sunflowers and the dining room a mass of yellow chrysanthemums and yellow and white ribbons draped from table to ceiling.

The anniversary dinner was served at noon after which a picture was taken of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott and

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ENGINEERS NEAR DALLAS AT WORK ON BIG PROJECT.

Investigations Being Made of Water Resources; Maps Will Show Surface Relief of Country.

So much interest has been attached to the sudden appearance of a large party of United States engineers in the vicinity of Independence, that a number of inquiries have reached the Observer office recently concerning the nature of their work. The following letter from the United States Geographical Survey of Washington, D. C., fully explains the work being undertaken by Uncle Sam in the Willamette valley:

**Six New Maps in Progress.**  
In cooperation with the state engineer of Oregon, the topographic branch of the survey is this season engaged in making maps of the areas known as the Salem, Albany, Aumsville and Corvallis quadrangles, in the Willamette valley. These are 15 minute quadrangles, each covering an area of approximately 212 square miles. Mapping of the Condon 30 minute quadrangle, in Gilliam and Sherman counties, with an approximate area of 842 square miles, is also in progress. A large amount of triangulation work, to establish the control of other areas to be surveyed is also in progress.

The work will include the detailed surveys necessary to prepare a map which will show all rivers, towns, roads and railroads, as well as the surface relief of the country by means of five and 100 foot contour lines. The completed maps will be engraved on scales of one and two miles to one inch, and the river profiles will be reproduced on the scale of half a mile to one inch. The maps will probably not be ready for distribution until about two years after the completion of the field work, but the river profiles, reproduced by the photolithographic process, will be available next spring.

**Investigate Water Resources.**  
The water resources branch of the Geological Survey, in cooperation with the state and others, is investigating the water resources in the various portions of Oregon. For this purpose 110 gaging stations are maintained in the state, ten of which are on the Great Basin, eight in Pacific coast and California drainage basins and 92 in the Columbia river basin.

The Federal survey alone, 25 in cooperation with the state of Oregon, and the rest in cooperation with other Federal bureaus, municipalities, and private persons. At these gaging stations the height or stage of the stream is determined each day by local

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## Local Prunes to Foreign Lands

London and Stockholm To Receive First Shipment—Car Goes Today to France and Russia.

The first export shipment of Polk county prunes left the Arnsby packing company's plant Wednesday destined to London and Stockholm, one car to each of the two cities. The shipment consisted of 1,500 twenty-five pound boxes to each car.

Today the first shipment of prunes to France will leave Dallas. Half of this shipment will be sent to St.

Petersburg, Russia, and the consignment consists of an especially fine lot of fruit.

Between 50 and 60 women and 25 men are now engaged in the packing department of the plant and while it will be the first of the week before the plant will be working in full blast, daily consignments of prunes keep the help busy. Only a small portion of the immense prune crop has reached the plant from the driers but it is expected that the quantity will be sufficient to keep the plant in full operation from now until the first of the year.

## Washington Widow Scores Teal

Remonstrance Against Widow's Extravagance Heard From—Terms County Officers Spendthrifts

When County Judge John B. Teal went on record as strenuously opposed to the extravagance of certain widows of Polk county when they so far abused the generosity of the county tax payers by purchasing peanuts by the pound and buying fur muffs and colars for their children, he did not reckon with interested persons residing outside the bounds of Oregon state.

Up in eastern Washington in the town of \_\_\_\_\_, in the county of Grant, there lives a woman whose recent years has evidently been spent in fathoming the depth of sincerity existing in the hearts of the ordinary county official. She writes the following letter to Judge Teal:

Dear Sir:—On September 26, 1913 I notice an article in your daily paper that you accuse the Oregon widows of spending state's money foolishly, that some of them widders had

**Mrs. Wm. W. Dodge Buried.**  
The funeral of Mrs. Wm. W. Dodge was held at the Methodist church yesterday afternoon. The service was conducted by Prof. D. M. Metzger of Dallas College, assisted by Rev. C. P. Gates, pastor of the Evangelical church.

Mrs. Dodge was born in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, about 53 years ago. The past four years were spent with her family in Oregon, mostly in Dallas and in the vicinity of Salem. Her illness which continued through most of the past year was attended with intense suffering that was borne with great patience. In this she was sustained by a cheerful disposition that made her a favorite with her acquaintances. In her death her husband loses a faithful companion, her son and daughter a devoted mother, a goodly circle of young people and other acquaintances a cheerful friend. Interment was made in the Old Fellows cemetery at Dallas, Oregon.

John Sibley is attending the state bar examination in Salem this week.

**Foot Ball In Earnest.**  
After years of successful basket ball playing in Dallas, athletics in the local high school has taken a sudden turn for more strenuous sport, and as a result Dallas is expected to be represented on the gridiron with one of the fastest and best football teams in the Willamette valley. During the past week a large number of aspirants for positions on the team have been trying out and a number of the "old heads" are confident that the school team will make a good showing during the coming fall season. Next week a captain and manager will be chosen and actual field practice will begin.

**Boy Breaks Leg.**  
Howard Emmerson, son of I. C. Emmerson, 216 Church street was painfully injured Wednesday when he fell from a plank bridge which spans the LaCrosse river near the Levens street bridge. As the result of the fall his right leg was broken.

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## WATERS OF GREAT OCEANS TO JOIN

DESTRUCTION OF DIKE TODAY UNITES TWO OCEANS

Incident Means Completion of Greatest Engineering Feat—Dallas To Join Celebrators.

While efforts are being made through the Portland Chamber of Commerce to change the hour of the blowing up of the dike in the Panama canal which will unite the Pacific and Atlantic oceans Dallas is prepared to greet the incident with due ceremony. Should the urgent request of the Portland people be considered, the destruction of the dike will take place at 11 o'clock instead of 9 o'clock. As there is a difference of three hours in the time between Portland and Panama, this would mean that it would be 6 o'clock here should the dike be blown at 9 o'clock.

The pupils of the Dallas schools will be dismissed in case the whistles blow and they will be given full privilege to make as much noise as they wish for five minutes.

Although the flooding of Culebra cut will be an event of great importance as it will mean the supplying of the last link connecting the Atlantic with the Pacific, the blowing up of the Gamboa dike will not be made the occasion of any extensive celebration at Panama.

Colonel Goethals, the building genius of the canal, clad in white uniform which has made him a conspicuous figure during the work on the canal, will be accompanied by a small staff of officers and citizens. When the explosion comes, after all is in readiness, there will be a tremendous upheaval followed by a mighty rush of waters from Gatun Lake carrying the enormous mass of rock, soil, trees and other tropical vegetables into Culebra cut. This will be all and the following day the work of removing the mass and clearing the canal will be taken up by the dredges which have been held in readiness for some time.

Topography of the canal zone is difficult to estimate in words. It is to be remembered the canal will run more north and south than east and west, and the Pacific coast entrance paradoxical as it seems, will be a shade farther to the east than the entrance of the canal on the Atlantic side. Gatun locks are located at the extreme Atlantic side. Miraflores and Pedro Miguel locks are on the extreme Pacific coast end of the canal. In between is Gatun lake on the east end of the Atlantic side of which has been erected a huge dam known as Gatun dam. Toward the Pacific entrance from Gatun Lake is the Culebra cut, the cut on which immense sums of money have been spent and great engineering skill expended.

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