

COUNTY WILL SUE BONDING CONCERN

BRIDGE CONTRACTOR MAY FORFEIT HIS BOND MONEY.

Failure of Portland firm to comply with contract results in trouble for his bondsmen.

Ordered by the county court to immediately begin proceedings against the bondsmen of Phil Esterday, the bridge contractor of Portland whose bid was accepted early this year by the commissioners for the erection of a steel bridge across the LaCreole river a short distance east of Dallas, prosecuting Attorney D. H. Upjohn is now empowered to proceed with one of the most important cases ever brought in the courts of Polk county.

When bids were advertised considerable interest was manifested by the farmers of that vicinity for reason that the proposed bridge would enable them to market their produce in Dallas without going over the steep grade of the Dallas-Salem road. It would also mean a shorter route to the city. The bids were duly opened and the Portland firm awarded the contract, it being the lowest bidder. The representative of the company, however, submitted without protest to the changing of the plans and specifications, it is alleged. It is now evident to the commissioners that after viewing the alterations, Mr. Esterday found that the bridge could not be constructed for the sum of \$1,614.00, the amount specified in his bid. Some time ago Esterday visited Dallas and requested the commissioners to give him more time as he said, owing to the delay of shipments of certain material, it would be impossible for him to complete the bridge by September 1, the time specified in his contract.

It is now the purpose of the commissioners in bringing suit against the bond company to secure damages of \$1,614.00 or the amount representing the bond money placed with the county as a guarantee of the faithful fulfillment of the contract.

THRONGS VISIT HOTEL.

New Scott Annex Formally Opened To Public. Enjoyable Time is Had.

Tuesday evening the New Scott hotel was formally opened in gala style after undergoing a process of reconstruction and annexation the work of which covered a large part of the summer months. The completed arrangements add very materially to its size, and the new equipment furnishes all the facilities for a modern, up-to-date hotel.

The former dining room has been transformed into a roomy lobby, the present dining room includes half of the show room previously used by the Sterling Furniture company. The new addition furnishes a commodious kitchen and two large sample rooms, while the upper floor gives 22 additional bedrooms. To keep it all warm and cosy a new steam heating plant has been installed. The appointments throughout are all first class and up-to-date, and a credit to the enterprising men who have brought it all to a successful completion.

The affair Tuesday evening was a delightful assemblage of citizens gathered to see that the proprietor got restarted right.

Throughout the evening excellent music was played by the Moose orchestra and to its pleasant strains the guests spent the earlier part of night in pleasant chat.

At 10 o'clock the doors of the banquet hall swung open, and after an elaborate series of courses had been thoroughly enjoyed, the evening closed with a few short talks expressive of good will and success to the proprietor and his enterprise. Mr. Walter L. Toole, Jr., acted as toastmaster.

LUMBERMEN TO ADVERTISE

Large Sum Appropriated By Committee at Tacoma Meeting.

George T. Gerlinger returned yesterday from Tacoma where he went to attend a meeting of the advertising committee of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturer's association. While in session the committee authorized the expenditure of \$50,000 for advertising, to offset the extensive advertising issued by manufacturers lumber substitutes.

Successful Missionary Meeting.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather on Wednesday afternoon, about 70 ladies from the various missionary societies of the town met in the pleasant parlors of the Presbyterian church as the guests of that society. After a program furnished by members from each society, pink tea was served and a pleasant social hour spent. This is the third of such social meetings held recently.

RAILROAD COMMISSION WILL HEAR GRIEVANCES

State Officials Set Date For Probe Into Water Controversy—Meeting Here Next Tuesday.

Notice was received yesterday by Attorney G. O. Holman, representing the city of Dallas in the controversy now existing between Dallas and H. V. Gates owner of the Dallas Water works system, that the State Railroad commission would be in the city Tuesday at which time a meeting would be called in the city hall.

Last week formal complaint of the city was filed by Attorney Holman with the commission, asking that an investigation be made at the earliest possible moment to adjust the present water rates which the city considered exorbitant.

At the meeting Tuesday night, Attorney Oscar Hayter, representing Mr. Gates, will present the case of the company, and a thorough investigation into the matter will be made by the commission.

POLK MAY UNITE IN GREAT EXHIBIT

W. V. FULLER ELECTED TO REPRESENT DALLAS AT ALBANY

Commercial Club Considers Representation at San Francisco in 1915—Apple Day To Be Boosted.

That the Dallas Commercial club will at least consider the urgent requests of neighboring commercial organizations in the matter of assisting in one big and general movement to provide a monster exhibit of the Willamette valley for the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, was evidenced at last night's meeting of the club when W. V. Fuller, president of the club was appointed as a delegate to attend the meeting at Albany, October 30. In attendance at this meeting will be representatives from practically every commercial organization in the valley, and Mr. Fuller was authorized to take such steps as he deemed advisable in the matter of joining with the other valley cities in preparing for the exhibit.

Boost Apple Day.

A communication from the Oregon Development league asking the club to aid in giving prominence to Apple Day, which is November 18, by having the newspapers take up a campaign of having it observed, and having the hotels and restaurants feature apples on that day, was read, and was referred to the committee on publicity.

That Dallas is to have a cannery in the near future was the glad tidings submitted to the club by Mr. J. R. Craven of the manufacturer's committee. Mr. Craven reported that a representative of the California Cannery company would be in the city next Monday to take the matter up, and a committee was appointed to join with the committee appointed by the Dallas Fruit Grower's Union, and arrange for a big public meeting of Dallas citizens and farmers living in this vicinity for next Monday. A determined effort will be made to secure this cannery.

A vote of thanks was extended to C. L. Starr, of Portland, for his efforts in boosting for the county fair.

The following bills were read and allowed:

E. V. Dalton.....	\$305.45
Polk County Observer.....	29.10
J. R. Craven.....	4.50
F. E. Kersey.....	2.40
Dallas Band.....	90.00

The president appointed the following Finance committee: E. W. Miles, Henry Serr and N. L. Guy. J. C. Hayter was appointed chairman of the committee on publicity and promotion; and H. C. Seymour was appointed on the committee on city and county affairs to fill the vacancy caused by the untimely death of Eugene Foster.

Two Ask For Divorce.

Alleging desertion, suit has been filed in circuit court by G. S. Hartmeyer against Stella Hartmeyer, both residents of Polk county. In the complaint the plaintiff alleges that they were married in 1908 and that at Boise, Idaho, the defendant deserted him and from that time on has not lived with him.

Suit has also been filed by Lois Snyder asking divorce from her husband, Wm. S. Snyder on the grounds of desertion.

Mrs. Pankhurst Due to Reach America in Middle of October



AMERICAN suffragists were keenly interested in the plans of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the famous English militant leader, to visit the United States for the purpose of lecturing on the suffragette movement. The greatest "hunger striker" of England announced that she would arrive about the middle of October on the liner La Provence and would speak in most of the big cities, provided her advance representative—yes, Mrs. Pankhurst has a press agent—advised her so to do. Mrs. Pankhurst didn't think that she would be held up at Ellis island by the immigration authorities and barred from entering the country. Her advance woman didn't think so either, although she admitted it was good advertising for the militant leader. Mrs. Pankhurst, who is out of jail under the "cat and mouse" act—that is, on sufferance, because she nearly starved herself to death in prison—will likely be banqueted by New York suffragists, led by Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont.

Growers Will Welcome Barthold

Polk Fruit Men Prepare For Visit of Big Cannery Representative; Will Make Address Here Monday.

Fruit growers in Polk county and especially in the vicinity of Dallas are interested in the visit here Monday of R. M. Barthold, vice president of the Central California canneries, and considered one of the most influential men of the West interested in the canning industry.

Mr. Barthold, who is making a tour of this section of the state, will arrive in Dallas early Monday morning from Salem. Arrangements have been made by members of the Commercial club and the Polk County Fruit Growers' association to meet him at the depot, and at 10 o'clock a mass meeting will be called at the court house.

"The meeting Monday morning will be of special interest to fruit growers of this vicinity," said a member of the association yesterday. "Mr. Barthold is making a careful study of conditions here and his remarks as the results of his investigation will be of untold value."

As soon as Mr. Barthold arrives it has been planned to take him for an automobile trip through the surrounding fruit country, returning in time for him to meet the fruit growers of Dallas at 10 o'clock. Notices have been sent out by the association calling for every member to be present Monday morning.

Because of the efforts now being made through the association and members of the Commercial club to interest outside capital in the establishment and operation of a cannery here, there will, no doubt, a large representation of Polk county growers.

Registration to End October 18

COUNTY BOOKS SHOW VOTERS TAKE BUT LITTLE INTEREST

Clerk Advises Voters To Take Advantage of Opportunity and Register Before Books Close.

Saturday, October 18, at five o'clock in the afternoon the registration books on which should be recorded the names of every resident voter in Polk county, will be closed.

"Books from the various county precincts show only a fair registration," said County Clerk Asa B. Robinson last night. "I expect there will be a general rush for this office at the last moment."

Last week unlooked for interest was manifested by the women voters of Polk county and especially in Dallas. Wednesday night following a session of a certain women's club, a stampede occurred in the clerk's office just before closing up time, with the result that the clerks were forced to work a few minutes overtime.

Yesterday a larger number of women voters registered and during the day both Mr. Robinson and his deputy were kept busy.

"It is a pleasure for myself and deputy to look after the registration work," said Clerk Robinson. "I am deeply gratified with the enthusiasm shown by the women of Dallas regarding the coming election, and any assistance I can give in this direction will be given freely."

Big Fruit Man Here.

Hon. A. M. LaFollette, of Gervais, was in the city on business yesterday. He is known as one of the Valley's most extensive fruit growers. While here he expressed himself as highly pleased with the season's fruit industry.

Jack Now Regular.

John R. Sibley, of the firm of Brown & Sibley, passed a successful examination before the examining board in Salem last week and is now a full-fledged attorney-at-law.

DESTITUTE PARENT ASKS COURT'S AID

MOTHER OF SEVEN CHILDREN MAKES PITIFUL PLEA.

Declares Husband Deserted her and Camps With Family at City Park; Case is Being Investigated Here.

Appealing for financial assistance for herself and seven children, recent arrivals in Polk county and recently from Benton county, Mrs. H. Watson gave a pathetic story to Hon. Judge John Teal yesterday, and the result will probably be that a thorough investigation into the case, and the rendering of assistance if deemed advisable.

According to Mrs. Watson's story, she came to Dallas several months ago. Having no place to stay she established a temporary home in the city park providing only a small tent for the shelter of herself and little ones. Several days ago when appealing for aid, she said that her husband deserted her and left her penniless. Investigation on the part of the court, however, revealed the fact that Watson left his wife while they were residents of Benton county, and at the time of his departure said that he was going to the eastern part of the state to locate on timber claim. Later Mrs. Watson came to Polk county for the purpose of securing employment in the hop fields and later in the prune orchards.

BIG CAST IN PANTOMIME

Local Talent to Appear in "The Doll Shop," Quaint Musical Pantomime Under Civic Improvement Club.

"The Doll Shop," a musical pantomime from the German "Die Puppentheater" music by J. Bayer, the celebrated German composer, is to be given at the Armory October 29 and 30. The production is to be staged by local talent under the auspices of the Civic Improvement department of the Woman's club. The play is to be directed by Mme. J. Sziver, the Hungarian danseuse of Budapest. Eighty of Dallas well-known young ladies and gentlemen will take part and already those chosen are rehearsing for this very unique entertainment.

The first act is entirely pantomime, not a word being spoken. The curtain discloses an old fashioned German toyshop at the opening of the day's business. The old shopkeeper and his daughter Katy are busy dusting the dolls and arranging them invitingly, while several workmen are seen repairing dolls. All the dolls are living subjects but still and inanimate. The dolls represented by local people are the broken doll, baby doll, Chinese dolls, Parisian dolls, paper dolls, Dutch dolls, Colonial dolls and Topsy and Limpy the famous rag doll. Several visitors enter the shop to purchase or admire the dolls. The old shopkeeper exhibits his dollies and the doing some remarkable things. Finally the old toy maker falls asleep and Fairy lays a beautiful dream over the old man.

Act two pictures the old man's dream. During this act 14 singing and dancing specialties will be introduced under colored calcium, the dollies come to life and hold a high carnival in the old dollshop. As the clock strikes 12 the Fairy reappears, lifts the old man's dream, after which the old shopkeeper wakens, fully expecting his shop in wild confusion, but is surprised—all in perfect order—after all it was just a beautiful dream.

GOOD YEAR EXPECTED

Buena Vista School Opens With Good Attendance—County Prize Winners Optimistic.

Buena Vista, Oct. 17.—(Special)—With one month's school work completed the people of Buena Vista feel that they are going to have a very successful school year. The enrollment at present is 76. The high school, which now has an enrollment of 16, will be increased in number within the coming week. The per cent of attendance thus far is 98 per cent with no tardies.

The success of the school in winning first place at the county fair has been an incentive to the children to re-enter the contest and begin preparations for a greater and better exhibit for the coming year.

Home credit work which has been worked out successfully here during the past year, has been adopted for the present school year. A few changes has been made in the rules governing this plan and some of these are here mentioned. "No cash prizes are offered. Reasonable credit is allowed pupils who live far from the school house and many new items of credit are added to the list. High school pupils are required to earn \$90 to entitle them to one holiday in any month.

The entire school is working to make its school the first on the standard list and its efforts will make some of the schools of Polk county sit up and take notice. New sidewalks have lately been built and other improvements made on the school ground. A new base drum will be supplied the school in a few days. The farmers are all anxious for the new milk testers to be installed in the school. This, it is believed, will encourage the dairy industry.

KURRE-EVANS' NUPTIALS

Popular Dallas Girl Wedded to Portland Man Wednesday—Many Friends Witness Ceremony.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was solemnized at the suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Evans of this city at high noon Wednesday, October 15, when their older daughter, Margaret became the bride of George H. Kurre, of Portland.

To the strains of "Mendelssohn Wedding march" played by Miss Genevieve Tilley, the bridal party descended the stairway to the spacious living room, where underneath a wedding bell suspended from an arch of white clematis, Rev. C. P. Gates of the Evangelical church read the impressive ring ceremony which made them man and wife.

The bride was attended by her only sister, Miss Carrie Evans. Mr. Oscar Williamson acted as best man. The ring bearer, little Loren Smith, cousin of the bride, daintily attired in white, carried the ring in a full bloomed rose.

The bride was charming in a gown of white Crepe de Chine over white silk. The veil reaching the full length of the train was held in place by dainty white flowers. She carried an arm bouquet of white roses. The bride's maid was attired in a becoming gown of pink and white silk voile over pink.

The groom and best man wore the conventional black.

Mrs. Evans, mother of the bride was attired in a black silk gown. The rooms were tastefully decorated in autumn leaves and cut flowers. Luncheon was served by Mrs. W. D. Collins, Mrs. V. A. Ballantyne, Mrs. R. F. Holman and Miss Florence Cauthorn. Miss Genevieve Tilley presided at the punch bowl.

The bride's bouquet which was thrown from the stairway was caught by Miss Florence Cauthorn.

The bride departed in a smartly tailored suit of dark blue.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurre left by auto for Salem where they took the train for Portland where their newly furnished home awaits them.

Mrs. Kurre is a most charming young lady and will be much missed by her host of friends in this city.

Mr. Kurre is a son of Peter Kurre, of Independence and is well known in this section. He now holds a position as mail clerk on the Portland-Pendleton train.

Many beautiful and useful gifts were received.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Evan Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCann, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Holman, Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Ballantyne, Gaston; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. E. Evans, Monmouth; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cauthorn, Wells; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cauthorn, Independence; Mr. and Mrs. Judson Smith, Corvallis; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kurre, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kurre, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Kurre, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Whitcomb, Independence; Mr. Oscar Williamson, Wells; Raymond Evans, Junction City; Miss Florence Cauthorn, Salem; Misses Nellie and Susie Kurre, Independence; Miss Genevieve Tilley, Independence; Misses Maud Stinnet and Carrie Evans and Mr. Fred Stimmet, Dallas.

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.

MONMOUTH

James Goodman and George Sullivan went to the Siletz on a fishing trip last week and report the roads bad, but still they had a good time. Elmer Rake is building a wood shed.

Monmouth celebrated the big day on the opening of the big ditch. That is they said it would be opened.

Mrs. T. R. Chaney, of Pendleton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hampton last week.

Mrs. Pernie Johnson of Portland, was visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hampton last week. After spending a couple of weeks visiting friends, Miss Pearl Davidson of Grants Pass left for Portland Monday to visit an uncle from there. She was formerly deputy postmistress in Monmouth.

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Mrs. Ruby Baker, of Willamette, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Fream this week.

L. A. Smith, of Newberg, was the guest of the Monmouth hotel Monday.

Antone Scherer, of Portland, was in town on business Monday.

The Monmouth evaporator finished drying prunes Monday. They dried about three thousand bushels. They are said to be first class prunes.

Work on the new brick and the concrete block building is going right along.

A. N. Poole and Lloyd Mason put in a new glass front in the drug store last week.

The Christian church has a new pastor, Mr. Jones from Washington, who will fill the pulpit the coming year.

C. E. Herren had about 13000 pounds of hops and they were fine, being dried in good shape. He has not sold yet but is waiting for the raise. The one that gets them will get a good grade of hops.

A. F. Huber had about 16000 pounds of hops which he has not sold yet, but thinks he will soon. He has a good grade of hops.

The ladies are registering in town for the special election.

M. M. Jones and son William, have rented the Cass Gibson farm near Rieckreal and will farm the same next year.

S. Hinkle made a trip to Goldendale, Washington, on business last week, returning home Monday.

Last Sunday night we had the heaviest thunder we have had for a good many years. No damage was done by lightning.

FALLS CITY

Anon Meyers was elected by the city council at its last session to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councilman G. W. Hubbard.

Miss Ella Mehlring left Saturday for Pioneer where she has been engaged to teach a term of school.

C. J. Pugh has completed a new cement sidewalk in front of the Gem theater. Let the good work go on.

D. D. Bell is working in the 'Mix' saloon as bar tender.

Mrs. Mary A. McCarty died last Thursday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. Selig, where she had made her home for a number of years. She was 84 years of age at the time of her death. Short funeral services were held at the house Friday. B. Lee Sadler of the Christian church conducted the services. The body was taken to Myrtle Creek for burial, that being her old home.

Zimri and Will Hinchshaw have purchased the Teat feed store and have taken charge of the business. The Henschaws are well known here and no doubt will make the business one of the best in town.

Frank Horn and family have moved into the Courter house in East Falls City.

Work on the logging road of the Falls City Lumber Co., is now being rushed with all speed. A night crew is now working at the grading end of the business. A new brick boiler room is being added to the plant here.

The Epworth League "experience" social was held in the church Saturday night. About \$25 was realized.

C. W. Davis was a business visitor at Philomath last week.

The Art club met with Mrs. Mary E. Halsey, Tuesday of this week.

Several Falls City lusters have been taken to Dallas to answer to a charge of trespassing. They got the

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