

Polk County Observer

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.

INDEPENDENCE

Miss Bessie Bickley gave a party to eighteen of her girl friends on Tuesday afternoon. The occasion was her seventh birthday.

Kibler & Co., cigar manufacturers of Butte, Montana, are moving their factory to this city. They have leased the store building formerly used by the Rowe Jewelry store and expect to have everything installed and running in two weeks.

Mayor K. C. Eldredge, manager of the Independence Creamery, returned Monday from a three month's trip to the East. This was a combined business and pleasure trip.

A. M. Bingham brought in a large best this week which he raised in his garden. It weighed 11 3/4 pounds and measured 28 1/2 inches in circumference.

Mrs. J. S. Cooper went to Portland, Thursday for a few days' visit. She will attend the Schumann-Heink concert before her return.

The Linden-Kibbe Construction Co. the firm that is doing the paving in this city, have finished the concrete work and are busy putting on the top dressing. Three blocks have been finished and are open to traffic.

W. J. Clark returned last Sunday from Portland where he had been attending the session of the State Press Association. Brother Clark was elected to a directorship in the association.

Miss Dorothy Cooper went to Centralia, Wash., last Friday to attend the wedding of Miss Constance Guerrier and Robin Nelson.

J. W. Richardson who has been sick for the past few weeks was very low the first of the week.

Regular services have been started at the Presbyterian church after a rest of six months.

A number of large shipments of hops have left this city this year. The largest single shipment from a growing center on record at this time was that of the Wigan-Richardson Co., of 15 cars which contained 2058 bales. This would be 411,600 pounds and at 25 cents per pound would be \$102,900.

Two Governors of Middle West In Action as Road Builders



Photos by American Press Association.

THEY lifted Missouri out of the mud. They're going to do it again next year and keep on annually. They hope to get other states to follow their example.

by the bride's grandfather, they departed for Eugene, their future home. Mr. Stone is reporter for the Eugene Guard.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Graves drove to Salem Sunday afternoon in their Ford car.

Miss Hilah Hubbard of Gaston, is staying at the home of T. J. Graves and attending High school.

Miss Jamie Richards spent Monday night with her friend, Eulalia Davis at Spring Valley.

Mrs. Van Well and family attended a funeral at Wallon last Sunday.

Wm. Boble is having the rooms over the barber shop fixed up for a dental parlor. Dr. Clinton Foster of Dallas will occupy the place.

A number of the Boy Scouts headed by Scout Master M. A. Marcy picked up all the waste paper on our streets last Saturday.

George Conkey has gone to Southern Oregon on one more deer hunt before the season closes.

TAX LEVY TO BE FIXED BY COURT

ROLLS FOR 1913 NEAR COMPLETION-DEPUTIES BUSY.

Sheriff's Office Collects \$283,210.75 of Total-Collections Will Be Turned Over to Treasurer's Office Soon.

Of the total county tax of \$287,767.72 in the hands of the sheriff's office, \$283,210.75 has been collected, and the rolls are now practically completed.

It will be interesting to the tax payers of Polk county to know that the rebate allowed on taxes will amount to \$6,175.16, and the penalties as recorded in the sheriff's office amount to \$1,618.19.

The fact that under the new law which will go into effect the first of the year turning over the work of tax collecting to the county treasurer will relieve the sheriff's office of a large amount of work which has heretofore been mandatory upon its employees.

Owing to the fact that with the change in the system of tax collecting it will be necessary for the county treasurer to secure additional help, the matter of providing the treasurer with extra compensation has been taken up with the county court.

For reason that the tax rolls of 1912 were turned over to the sheriff's office before the new law was enforced, the deputies of that office will complete the rolls for this year.

Wants Phone Rates Changed. That other matters aside from the adjustment of water rates for Dallas will be brought before the State Railroad Commission when it meets in Dallas, November 11, is evidenced by the announcement yesterday that a complaint will be filed before the commission requesting that an investigation be made regarding local telephone rates.

Law Complied With. Following a thorough inspection of the Siletz Basin, Inspector Craig, of the Forestry Department will tender a satisfactory report to the department as to the condition of the claims in that district.

Sale Breaks Record. A sale which it is believed has established a new record, at least in Polk county was made yesterday when a two month's-old veal calf was sold for \$16.50.

Meeting is Postponed. Owing to the unavoidable absence of one of its members, it will be impossible for the State Railroad Commission to meet in Dallas next Tuesday.

Robert Pierce, of Salem, was a Monmouth visitor Friday.

M. K. Boatman, of Corvallis, made a business visit to Monmouth Saturday.

J. C. Mardock of North Yamhill, was in town over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Hedley went to West Salem Sunday to visit their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byers.

E. R. Pike of Dallas, R. F. D., was the guest of A. N. Halleck Friday and Saturday.

Bert Ferguson of Wenatchee, Washington, was in town Tuesday. He formerly lived in Monmouth.

Carl Polan is on the sick list but is improving slowly.

Say, it may be all right for one to hunt, but when it comes to going into a man's garden and killing chickens, just because a man hates to klick, we think that is going a little too far and one should show respect enough for their neighbor to ask if there are any objections, and of course there would be.

Quite a fire scare started Saturday.

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Poultry Fanciers Planning Show

Meeting of Association Called Next Monday-Promises To Be Better Than Ever.

Poultry fanciers throughout Polk county and in fact throughout Western Oregon are laying preparations for the annual Polk County Poultry show, which according to every indication will be held in Dallas during the month of December.

The poultry show last year will long be remembered as one of the best in the history of the county and raisers from every part of the state brought exhibits to Dallas at that time. A large number of prizes were

awarded and many of the birds won first prize at the state fair this year. "The pronounced success of last year's show is evidence that the occasion this year would be even better," said a member of the association yesterday.

The meeting next Monday, called by Secretary Winnie Braden and President H. A. Woods should be largely attended as there are a number of important matters to be brought up then.

WILL GO TO NEWBERG

Local Football Team to Play First Game out of City Saturday Afternoon.

In preparation for the first out-of-town game of the season, members of the local high school football team are undergoing rigid practice work and every member of the team has been given special drill work to be in readiness for the game Saturday with the Newberg high school.

While this is the first year for football for the Dallas high school, the outlook for a good season is encouraging, as the team has thus far developed in good shape, and the individual playing has been exceptionally good.

IS BOOSTER FOR POLK

Canadian Pacific Representative Says Road Keeps Watchful Eye on Local Shipments.

"The Canadian Pacific never overlooks Polk county, remember that. It is the big hop and prune shipments handled by our road and loaded aboard our steamers on the Atlantic coast direct to their destination, that counts, and counts big."

The above remark was made yesterday by E. L. Cardle, general agent of the freight department of the Canadian Pacific railway who is spending several days on business in the city.

As the result of Mr. Cardle's visit to Dallas arrangements were completed for the shipment of the greater portion of the export hops of Polk county via the Canadian Pacific.

Automobile Accident. A party of Falls City residents, consisting of S. R. Skeels, Mrs. Emmett, Mrs. Seymour and Floyd Seymour, met with an accident last evening as they were returning in a car from a trip to the State Normal at Monmouth.

Stagnation in the hop market while in no wise startling the local growers, seems to have caused a flurry of excitement in the vicinity of Independence, and as a result a number of small sales were reported yesterday and today.

Ex-Commissioner Seriously Hurt. Ex-county commissioner, Noah E. Gregg, of Ballston, was seriously injured last Tuesday afternoon. While engaged in feeding timbers to a circular saw he was struck by a piece of wood that fell into the fly wheel.

Leaves Sunday for Paris. Mrs. C. C. Cardle will leave Sunday for New York, and following a short visit with friends and relatives in that city will leave for Paris, where she will remain during the winter months. She will be accompanied on the trip by her sister.

The young women's section of the Women's club gathered at the library last Tuesday evening for a social supper and business meeting.

Game Warden Finley Relates How They First Came to Oregon. "Referring to our conversation with you in our office a few days ago, relative to the history of the Chinese pheasants, I desire to state that the first shipment of these birds was made in the year 1880, by the late Judge Denny, then consul general to Shanghai.

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Mrs. J. Seiver, director of 'The Doll Shop,' to be at Armory October 29 and 30.

OVER MILLION POUNDS OF PRUNES RECEIVED

Receipts At Packing Plank Breaks Record-Yesterday Was Busiest Day of Year.

One million and a half pounds of prunes have been received so far this season by the Armsby Packing company in Dallas, judging from the enormous quantities of fruit arriving at the plant daily, the output this year will break all records.

LOCAL INDUSTRY FOUNDED IN 1883

DALLAS PLANING MILL STARTED 30 YEARS AGO

From Small Mill Establishment Has Grown to Be One of City's Leading Enterprises-Run by Electricity.

Thirty years ago this week the Dallas planing mill started out on its eventful career. At that time a partnership was formed between E. J. Coad and D. J. Riley, who purchased an improvised mill consisting of six antiquated hand made machines from J. M. Campbell. This primitive industry was housed in a shed at the end of Mill street, near where the Harry Butz prune drier now stands.

BUENA VISTA STANDARD

First School in County to Win Coveted Honors for 1913-1914-Football Team Organized.

The students of the Buena Vista school have the honor of winning out in their united effort to make their school the best in the county.

Not only has the district carried off first honors at the county fair but also takes its place at the head of the list of Standard schools for 1913-14. The school board has taken an active interest in the general welfare of the school and deserve much credit for its success.

A football team has been lately organized and they have begun practicing in earnest. Although handicapped in not having sufficient play ground the boys are hopeful in making a fair team.

To Gather Information. Following the suggestion of Mr. Barthold, of the Central California Cannery Co., the Commercial club is planning to send out a man to obtain exact information relative to the amount of fruit and vegetables that would be available for the proposed cannery. This is the initial step to be taken, and when that data is gathered, it will be known whether or not there is sufficient material to supply a cannery at present.

Rev. George Mitchell who will be installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian church next Wednesday evening.

BETHEL

Arthur Stone of Eugene, Oregon, and Nellie Mulkey of Bethel, were married at the home of I. N. Mulkey at Bethel October 15. Immediately after the ceremony, which was said