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## COUNTY TAX BUDGET CUT

**POLK COUNTY TAX LEVY INCLUDING STATE TAX IS 17 1/2 MILLS FOR 1914**

Meeting Harmonious. Judge Teal and Commissioner Wells Upheld. County Levy 2 and 9 tenths Mills Less Than Last Year.

During the past few weeks sentiment in the county seemed to have crystallized in opposition to the twenty mill tax levy first proposed by the county court.

Learning of this general sentiment, the Observer proceeded to interview the members of the county court relative to the matter that we might report to the people how the court felt about it.

Judge Teal took a decided stand for a reduction of 2 1/2 mills which seemed to be even a greater cut than was anticipated by the taxpayers.

The interviews as published by the Observer, no doubt reduced the attendance at the meeting to the minimum, as the taxpayers realized that the court would do the best that they could for the best interests of the county.

In the interview published two of the members of the board had shown that they had been busy since the first estimate was made and had already convinced themselves that there were several places where the blue pencil could be used and where the pruning shears might be applied with good effect, and the people confident in the ability of these men who had expressed themselves as of the opinion that the levy could be trimmed without injury to the interests of the county, they rested their faith in their ability and integrity to do the best that they could for them.

Representative taxpayers from every section of the county in attendance upon the meeting, seemed to have no disposition to criticize the court, but rather to assist willingly in co-operating with them in the struggle to make the levy just as low as possible and at the same time give proper attention to the best interest of the county, and continue in the good work of improving our schools and roads.

No progressive citizen wishes for the court to cut the tax to a degree where its financial standing would come into disrepute, at the same time those present wished it possible to keep the levy down to 17 1/2 mills as suggested by the Observer in its last Friday's issue that it should be done.

Prominent among those present who took part in the discussion were W. H. Cadle of Riekrall, Senator C. L. Hawley and J. S. Sears of McCoy, W. F. Nichols, banker, of Falls City, C. L. Starr of Portland, representing the Falls City Lumber Company, D. E. Keyt of Perrydale, Joe Brown of Salt Creek and others whose names we did not learn.

Judge Teal and Commissioner Wells stood fast for the proposed reduction from the first, and Commissioner Petre was finally persuaded that the taxpayers demands were just.

Good natured pleasantries were passed during the session which enlivened the discussion, making the session less tiresome and thus keeping all in a good humor.

Cuts made from the budget as published were taken from the administration expense and state tax 1 1/2 mills, and one mill from the road tax as estimated.

The court found upon taking office at the first of this year a large county debt, while at the close of the year there will be a small balance on hand. For this reason it has been possible to levy for county purposes, (exclusive of state tax) 12 and 1 tenth mills as against a 15 mill levy last year on a larger county valuation, and the school and road fund are not reduced.

The assessment roll of 1912 showed a total of \$14,800,000 in round numbers, while the roll of 1913 shows a total of \$13,900,000.

The levy in mills and the amount produced for the several funds follow:

State tax, 5.4 mills, \$75,419.81.  
General administration fund including county offices and courts, 3.5 mills, \$48,883.23.  
School, High School and Library funds, 3.6 mills, \$50,279.89.  
Road fund, 5 mills, \$69,833.19.  
Total, 17 1/2 mills, \$244,416.13.

### Notice of Annual Meeting.

On Thursday evening, January 1st, at the Christian Church will be held the annual meeting of that body. A program of unusual interest has been arranged and this promises to be a meeting that will mean much to all who attend and to the future welfare of this people.

There will be a musical program, also reports from all the departments followed by election of officers for the ensuing year.

There will be two addresses of special interest during the evening. Mr. E. V. Stivers who greatly endeared himself to the people of Dallas during his work with this people about a year ago will deliver an address upon a theme of his own choice, and those who have heard him will be pleased to have this opportunity to hear him again.

Brother T. F. Porter, who is pastor of the Christian Church at Salem will also address this session. Brother Porter is a preacher and lecturer of more than ordinary ability and all will be pleased to hear him.

This meeting is especially for the members of the congregation and their families, and it is urged that all members make it possible to attend as much depends upon the success of this meeting as to the work of the coming year.

Friends who care to attend will be given a hearty welcome.

### Jokers Surprised.

An interesting story regarding the Coad-Viers wedding reached the public ear Saturday. The groom had engaged rooms at the New Scott Hotel and during the evening a party of guests went there and decorated the room and otherwise fix up a few surprises in the way of bells, etc., and then waited for the fun.

In the meantime the bride and groom went upstairs and Mr. Coad put a ladder to the window and they made their exit, taking a route by back streets the bride and groom made their way unobserved to a neighbor's home where they stayed all night.

Later in the evening the party at the hotel sent delegates to the Coad home asking why the bride and groom had not arrived at the hotel, and were told that they probably left by auto for Salem.

Of course the disappointed guests said nothing about their waste, time and labor and late hours.

### First to Publish It.

On page 4 of this issue we publish the new currency bill and as usual The Observer is the first paper in the Valley to print this important national proceeding. It will be good reading later on also when the bill has had time to be understood and also when arguments are made that it did not contain the sections that politicians claim. So file it for future use.

### Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected by the Dallas Band at their regular meeting Monday evening:

J. E. Miller, President; Lisle Rice, Secretary; William Boydston, Treasurer; Roy Fineth, Manager; Bert Downey, Director; J. R. James, Assistant Director; C. B. Williams, Public Director.

### Date of Coming Concerts.

January 1st, 1914; February 18th, 1914; March 18th, 1914; April 22nd, 1914.

### Parcel Post Dinner.

A Christmas turkey dressed and stuffed ready for the table was received by George Scott from his daughter, Mrs. Cliff Johnson of Napa, Idaho. The turkey arrived by parcel post at eleven o'clock a. m. Christmas day and after a short warming up in the oven was served at 1:30 p. m. Mr. Scott was very strong in his praise of the quality added to their Christmas dinner by mail.

### Masonic Dedication and Installation.

Last Friday evening at the regular communication of Jennings' Lodge No. 9 A. F. & A. M. of Dallas elected and installed the following officers: W. R. Ellis, W. M.; W. H. F. Manson, S. W.; L. J. Ramey, J. W.; W. G. Vassell, Treas.; Walter S. Muir, Secy.

The appointive officers were named as follows: Walter E. Ballantyne, S. D.; W. J. Kaerth, J. D.; A. B. Muir, S. S.; Ed. Biddle, J. S.; George L. Hawkins, Marshal; David S. McDonald, Tyler.

Worshipful Master Ellis surprised the boys by bring to the lodge room an abundant supply of cigars, oranges, apples, etc., which treat was highly appreciated by all present.

## CHANGES BACK TO ORIGINAL NAME

**BIG BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT DALLAS**

Willamette Valley Lumber Company Will Continue Operations.

There is to be a change at the Dallas mills in name the first of the year. With the first of the year, the name, Dallas Lumber and Logging Company, will be dropped and they will take up again the original name and the business will be combined under the name "Willamette Valley Lumber Company."

This is one of the largest Lumber companies of the valley and their output for 1913 was about twenty-three million feet of lumber. The pay roll of this company is about \$160,000.00 per year, which makes it an asset of much importance to Dallas.

Over one hundred men are regularly employed by this company in Dallas and about seventy-five at their logging camp. Thus it will be seen that Dallas and Polk County are always interested in what this company is doing. There is still a great amount of timber in this county and the people of Dallas wish this company continued success in their operations.

For the past eight years this company has operated and transacted a big business in Dallas and has done a great deal to advance the town and county's interest both financially and numerically.

### Butler Reunion at Monmouth.

The day before Christmas the relatives of Mr. J. B. V. Butler assembled at his home to attend their annual reunion and banquet. This reunion was started by J. B. V. Butler Sr., several years ago. Although there were only twelve of what is known as the old set, there were seventy-two counting all. Meeting at an early hour they listened to an enjoyable program which consisted of informal speeches and recitations by the little folks. This was followed by a general good time such as character sketches such events. The climax was reached in the last number on the program, the one thing in which all took an active part. This was the banquet, arranged by one who well knew how to please the palate of all present. Mrs. J. B. V. Butler, the one just referred to was assisted by others attending the reunion. After the banquet, everybody being good natured they had more good times until the small hours of Christmas morn warned them it was high time that everybody should cease. So Santa was called upon to deliver the gifts from the large family tree, and after wishing every body else a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, they bade Mr. and Mrs. Butler goodbye. They left the home declaring the reunion a grand success and wishing for more like it in the future.

### Union Meeting.

The New Year's service will be held in the Christian Church on Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Bennett of the Methodist Church. A musical program has been prepared. This service will last just one hour and there will be no watch meeting. Everybody is cordially welcomed.

### Rail Road Change.

The Observer man learned Monday that there is to be another change in the time card on the Southern Pacific at Dallas, also a change in the operation of the Airline branch which it is understood will be operated from here to Airlie and the I. & M. will operate from Independence to Monmouth.

### Polk County Well Represented.

The State Teachers' Association was held at Salem, December 22nd, 23rd and 24th, and was well attended. Polk County was represented by the following teachers: H. C. Seymour, Miss Margaret McCoskey, I. V. Maeken, F. Silsbee, R. G. Dykstra, J. B. V. Butler, L. P. Gilmore, D. M. Metzger, H. C. Ostein, Miss Olive Dawson, E. L. Keezel, M. S. Pittman, Miss Mary Tapscott, C. A. Stewart, Miss Butler, Miss Parrott, D. Chesley Bones, Miss Brenton, Miss Davis, Miss Todd, Miss Mary A. Ewing, Miss Flora Grier, Miss Elsie Grier, Mrs. Walker, Miss Arbutnotth, Mrs. Neal, W. I. Ford, H. E. Barnhart, Miss Alice McIntosh, Miss Fairy Neal, Miss Rositter, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Plank, Miss McDonald, Miss Sheridan, Miss Clark, Miss Grant, Miss Coad, Miss Lynn, Miss Savage, Miss Cooper, Miss Houk.

### In Business for Himself.

Mr. J. R. Allgood who for the past years has been in the employ of the Observer, has gone into business for himself and has opened up a very neat job office in the new bank building. Mr. Allgood is a good workman and will no doubt do well. The Observer wishes Jack well.

### Dr. C. L. Foster in New Quarters.

One of the pleasantest quarters in the new bank building will be occupied by Dr. Foster, the dentist, who was formerly in the offices with Dr. Butler. Mr. Foster has sent out a number of cards announcing his removal, but as he fears some may have been overlooked and knowing that publicity in the press is bound to reach them hence this information. The rooms are well lighted and well heated and those who need the services of a dentist will find that they will receive good treatment and good work.

### Married.

Earnest L. Burnight and Miss Florence E. Martin, both of Independence were united in marriage at the court house in this city Saturday morning. Rev. Miles performed the ceremony.

### Senator Hawley Visits Dallas.

Hon. O. L. Hawley, State Senator of Polk County was up from his farm at McCoy today to attend the meeting called by the county court to discuss the tax levy. Senator Hawley was in favor of sustaining the court in its determination to reduce the levy.

### Mrs. Amanda Keyt Dead.

Mrs. Amanda Keyt was born February 18th, 1840 and died Saturday, December 20th, 1913, aged 73 years, 10 months and 1 day.

The deceased came to Oregon in 1853. In 1859 she was married to E. C. Keyt. To this union there were born ten children, seven of whom survive her. Her husband died a few years ago. The living are—Miss Fannie Keyt, D. L. Keyt and H. G. Keyt of Perrydale, Mrs. J. M. Wise, of Boise, Idaho, E. C. Keyt of Salem, Mrs. Lena Scroggin, of Sheridan, Mr. W. H. Keyt of McMinnville and one step-daughter, Mrs. Geo. Meyers, of Dallas.

Early in life, several years before her marriage, which was at the age of nineteen she became a member of the Christian church and for more than half a century has been a faithful member.

With her husband she was identified very prominently with the history of Yamhill and Polk Counties and when the grim reaper reached forth his hand to gather his ripened sheaf, it was to take a life that had been rounded out with good deeds.

"Blessed are they who die in the Lord; they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."—Amity Standard.

### County Has New Boarder.

C. F. Norman, who skipped out of Dallas several days ago, leaving a board bill unpaid at the New Scott Hotel and taking a ticket from the S. P. depot where he had been employed was brought back to Dallas today on the eleven o'clock train by an S. P. officer and turned over to the Sheriff.

He was taken before Justice Holman charged with defrauding a boarding house keeper and also of larceny, to both of the charges a plea of guilty was entered and sentence was passed of 30 days for larceny and 10 days for defrauding.

### Annual Election at Monmouth.

The Evangelical Church held its annual business meeting on last Friday evening. The officers for 1914 are as follows:

For the Sunday School, A. W. Poole, Superintendent; C. A. Nott, Assistant Superintendent; Elmer Kohuky, Secretary; Geo. Bann, Treasurer; Charlotte Marvel, Organist; Margaret Rice, Assistant Organist; Mary Rice, Librarian.

For the Church, W. P. Fisher, Class Leader; D. M. Hewitt, Exhorter; G. W. Marvel, Trustee; Miss Read, Organist; Miss Olive Dawson, Assistant Organist.

### Rebekah Lodge.

There will be a special meeting of Almia Rebekah Lodge, No. 26, on Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock. All members visiting Rebekahs are cordially invited to attend this meeting. Ora Casper, secretary.

### Polk County Well Represented.

The following was the program: Reading by Pastor, "Christmas Morn and Christmas Eve." Recitation.....Jessie Boyd Recitation.....Angusta Gerlinger Song by the Primary Department Solo.....Miss Elva Lucas Recitation.....Evelyn Sibley Recitation.....Mary Swartz Song by the Second Primary Class Recitation.....Alfred Gerlinger, John.....Swartz, Glen Wick Recitation.....Dema Duncle, Mildred.....Stafrin, Alice Wilson Recitation.....Grace Stockwell Young Ladies' Chorus.....Fred Taylor Recitation.....Louis Wick Recitation.....Margaret Swartz Recitation.....Helen Sweeney Exercise.....First Juniors Song.....First Juniors

### Dallas Winners.

The following poultry raisers who competed at the McMinnville Poultry Show last week received the following honors: Henry Yoth, 1st, cock, 1st, cockerel, 3rd, hen, 4th and 5th, pullet. J. M. Card, 3rd, pullet. Dr. E. A. Bollman, 3rd, cockerel, 1st, cockerel, 2nd, cock, 3rd, hen. Mrs. Winnie Braden, 1st, cock, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, hen, 3rd, pullet, 1st, pen, and would have been awarded the medal if she had been a member of the American Poultry Association for the best pen in the show.

### Baptist Church.

The Sunday School program at the Baptist Church was well attended and enjoyed by all present. A handsome tree and other appropriate decorations added much to the entertainment. The program was as follows: Song....."The Xmas Story" Prayer by Sunday School Superintendent.....Helen Sweeney Responsive Reading....."The Xmas Story" Recitation....."The Xmas Story" Albert Zendt.

## CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

**THE FESTAL SEASON OBSERVED**

The Young and Old Take Part in the Programs at the Churches.

The Methodist Sunday School gave a most delightful and pleasing program Christmas eve. The following program was rendered:

Song by the People, Joy to the World  
Prayer by Pastor, Rev. Bennett  
Anthem by Choir, "Hark, Hark, My Soul"  
Primary Song, Santa Wea' Fill My Stockings with holes in their Toes.  
Recitation.....Clifford Corson  
Recitation.....Honour Ellis  
Song, Mrs. Adams and Bronson's class  
Solo.....Evelyn Martin  
Piano Solo.....Pauline Miller  
Recitation.....Nina Loveday  
Song.....Miss Ada Longrecker's class  
Exercise.....Primary Department Candles  
Piano Solo.....Ester Benforth  
Recitation.....Warren Dunn  
Class Song, Mrs. Adams and Bronson  
Miss Ada Longrecker was accompanist for the evening. After the program Santa Claus came and left candy and nuts for the little boys and girls.

### Christian Church.

Wednesday afternoon at the Christian Church was a merry scene when close to two hundred children gathered in the beautifully decorated lower assembly room of the church for their Christmas festivities. A short and interesting program was rendered after which Santa Claus delivered the presents and candy to the youngsters. Every one voted it one of their best Christmases.

The musical Christmas eve entertainment was well attended and the different numbers presented were well rendered. The decorations were very pretty and appropriate. The solos were especially well rendered. The instrumental music was very pleasing and Mr. Curtis deserves much credit for his part in superintending and preparing of this musical treat.

The following program was rendered: Orchestra.....Prayer.....Chorus....."Awakening Chorus" Solo and Quartet, "Jesus I My Cross Have Taken"  
Orchestra.....Solo.....Miss Florence Barham Anthem....."The Radiant Morn"  
Piano Duet, Misses Velma Ray and Campbell  
Solo.....Miss Pearl Owing Double Quartet....."Praise Him"  
Cello Solo.....Mr. J. C. Uglov  
Reading.....Mrs. Frank Brown Chorus....."King of All Kings"  
Ochestra.....Solo.....Miss Alice Grant Duet and Chorus....."Calvary"

### Presbyterian Church.

The Presbyterian Christmas entertainment Wednesday evening was a success. The church was handsomely decorated and those present enjoyed the feast of music and Christmas cheer.

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### Exercise....."The Xmas Candles"

Primary Class..... Song....."Xmas Joy Bells"  
Exercise, "Good Tidings of Great Joy"  
Recitation....."Praises to Jesus"  
Everette Arnold.  
Song....."O'er a Quiet Pasture"  
Recitation....."Thanks Be To God"  
Susie Colson.  
Exercise, "Like the Wise Men of Long Ago"  
Boys Recitation "The Postmaster's Story"  
Hazel McBee  
Solo.....Mr. Owen Day  
Recitation, "Xmas Story and Xmas Star"  
Lloyd Perkins  
Recitation, "Holly Wreath and Evergreen"  
Parchina Standard  
Exercise....."God's Blessings"  
Boys Recitation.....Grace Forette  
Song....."Wise Men"  
All Exercise....."The Prince of Peace"  
Little Girls.  
Recitation....."Selected"  
Effie McBee  
Song....."The Song of Songs"  
All Dialogue....."Selected"  
Young Ladies Song....."Good Tidings of Great Joy"  
Distribution of gifts by Brownies  
Anthem....."Praise His Name"

### A Shepard's Christmas Reverie.

The following story was written by Lala Peterson of Airlie High School. It was in Humboldt County, California in the lonely pastorage regions, that a bright camp fire might have been blazing cheerily, casting its ruddy glow against the dark back ground of the redwood forest. With the kindly warmth of the fire a shepherd was lying, gazing at the silvery stars blinking at him from the bleak December sky, while near at hand were his seven patient dogs, feeling confident of the safety of his sheep, he gave himself up to the thought of home and then came the realization that it was the twenty-fourth of the month and back in old New York they were having a grand celebration. It was customary at the Peor home for all the children and relatives to gather for the Christmas festivities, and to think that this is the first year I've been away from all the Christmas fun and jollities", George mused aloud.

"Are they thinking there of me tonight? Do they miss me and wish I were at home, as much as I long to be there?"

Yes, there is mother, she always remembers me and how I've neglected her. I remember when I was a small boy how she told me the Christmas story of the Christ child and the bright star of Bethlehem as seen by the shepherds, and she still tells it to all the grand children that come to the old home for Christmas.

I guess I will write her a letter that will make her happy. Yes, and I feel better myself already for that is one of those duties that have been so long neglected." With this he fell asleep.

The next morning George Peor went about his herding with alight heart and a lesson learned.—That in making others happy, we gain our own happiness.

### Moose Have Big Time.

Thursday evening the Moose of Dallas, Oregon, had a Christmas tree and program for all the Moose children.

The first thing on the program was the welcome address by Mr. Jerry Driscoll. Pauline Lynder played two very pleasing piano solos.

Dr. McCallon gave a fine talk, subject, "There is a Santa Claus." Mr. Longrecker and Miss Longrecker sang two very pretty duets with the cello obligato played by John Uglov.

Little Lena Morrison sang a very pretty solo, "If All the Stars were Angels." Miss Vica Post gave a very pretty reading.

Miss Ada Longrecker acted as accompanist for the evening, which was very pleasing. This completed the program for the evening. After which old Santa Claus came in and gave all the children candy, pop corn and oranges and what was left they gave to the employees. After this was all done, Mr. Driscoll read for the winter of 1913 the Moose story, then came the story of what year left he gave to all the young ladies.

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### Other principal towns in Polk County are Independence, Monmouth and Falls City. In the vicinity of all these places the home seeker will find opportunities today that afford as great possibilities for industry and capital as ever. Many who thought Polk County was exhausted 20 years ago now realize how mistaken they were.

The secretary of the Dallas Commercial club is working for the development of the entire county. Any inquiry will be cheerfully and truthfully answered, whether it be concerning opening for business, manufacturing, walnuts, hops, clover, goats, sheep, cattle, dairying, or lumbering.

## ADVERTISING POLK COUNTY

**PORLAND JOURNAL GIVES POLK COUNTY A GOOD SEND OFF**

Correspondent Says A Great Opportunity is Offered to Farmers.

A. D. Cridge says Polk County is an old section of Oregon, and yet, it is within the memory of men now living when it was an unbroken wilderness. In 1847, an Indian known as "George" sold to the father of Judge James L. Collins, a section of land close to Dallas, then a town of perhaps 50 people. The consideration was a suit of clothes with brass buttons, a sack of white flour, a side of bacon and a plug of tobacco. The sale was made by declaration before a number of white and Indian witnesses, after a conference lasting nearly two days. Judge Collins, then a boy of 14, drew up the deed as his father dictated it, word by word. It is believed that this was the first deed in Oregon, which was then under an independent government of its own, George Abernathy, governor.

While this may be regarded as a very low price to pay for a section of land, Indian George and his tribe were very well satisfied with it. They had more land than industry, and liked their white neighbors.

### Was Trading Post.

For many years Dallas remained a trading point of small size, notwithstanding it was first settled in 1844 and made a county seat in 1845. The beautiful stretch of almost level land for miles east to the Willamette river attracted settlers slowly, and not until the completion of the western railroads did the county, named after one of the presidents, begin to assume the agricultural importance its fertility and mildness of climate deserved. Now the great output and its diversity of products make Polk County one of the banner counties of Oregon. Its western part is heavily timbered and extends to the Coast range. On these hills and in the rolling little valleys the hardy settler of recent times is rearing flocks of the best that Angus goats the world has ever seen. The vast timber resources support many sawmills and the money that is distributed throughout the county by the checks of the payrolls from the different camps of loggers and mills does much to create a market right at home for the product of field, factory, orchard and garden.

### Proud of Sheep.

Polk County has reason to be proud of its fine sheep. The finest English Cotswold sheep here find a home that exceeds in every way their native heath. Its dairy products rank among the highest in the west. Its cattle are becoming widely known for purity of breed and health. Diversified farming is becoming more appreciated in Polk County every year, but still it has its large and profitable hop fields. Its spreading grain fields, its flourishing prune orchards and its large cattle farms.

Polk County needs more farmers, and offers them some wonderful opportunities. Some small farms have paid for themselves with a single crop of clover seed. Tenant farmers have purchased the land they rented with the crops they raised in two years. There are no sacks of gold to be picked up at the foot of any tree in Polk County, but whoever has the means to buy a few acres of Polk County land, the industry to apply himself and the wit to learn of the "booster" rather than of the "knocker," will find nature turning a kindly face toward him, and the land is rich with possibilities of future development.

Dallas is a lively up-to-date prosperous city of homes, wide streets, many hard surfaced, electric lights, splendid schools and well-stocked stores.

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