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THE NEW YEAR

With this issue, the Observer begins with all others, the active work of 1914.

It is our wish to be of service to Dallas and Polk County, and at all times we will be glad to meet all "boosters" and help in anything that will advance the interests of our city of county.

The resources of this part of the great Willamette Valley are only partially developed, and by united effort on the part of every line of business, a big increase is sure to be made.

Every year you can look back over the improvements around you. Have you been one who has helped?

There is on foot now several important matters of development for your consideration. If we all "push" together we will have the pleasure of seeing better things for all.

We wish to thank the people for their assistance and patronage during the portion of the past year that we have been with you, and invite you all to give us your valuable assistance in the future.

The columns of the Observer are open to you at all times and it will give us pleasure to have you come in or write us about anything of interest to Dallas and Polk County.

Wishing every person a prosperous and happy year, with the conviction that 1914 will bring us increased advantages in all our undertakings, we will begin our year's work expecting to see good results for all.

PAY YOUR DEBTS

The following from the Salem Statesman is very well said and is timely while the new year is just starting.

For many persons the happy spirit of New Year's day is turned to mourning by the flood of January 1 bills. While some people every month clean up all accounts, yet a large number of the January 1 reminders will be thrown into the waste basket, many of them with envelopes unbroken.

A habit of debt paying builds up a community. Settling the grocer's account makes him able to pay the butcher, the latter can then pay the plumber, and so on. The nimble dollar once released from the tardy hand of the debtor flies around the business section, creating hope and confidence.

With old accounts cleaned up, merchants feel like undertaking new enterprises. This means more work to do, more people to receive wages.

It is surprising to know the number of people having plenty of money who make it a practice to let bills drift along for months or years, while the struggling tradesmen whom they owe skimp and shift to keep their heads above water.

The Telegram says 9,000 dozen fresh ranch eggs were received in Portland Friday, and were immediately rushed into cold storage, while the price of eggs in the market was advanced from 40 to 43 cents. This is simply criminal, and while under our present legal system it is not punishable, the gentlemen who are doing the cold storage act and holding up the public are just as much robbers as the highwayman who holds up his victim with a gun, and they have not even the highwayman's physical bravery. To make the punishment fit the crime those guilty of grabbing that 9,000 dozen eggs should be made to eat them and be deprived of any other food until the last of the eggs were gone.—Salem Journal.

Why should not a woman clean up Copperfield? A man is not any good at cleaning up things. Here is hope for success to Miss Fern Hobbs, the governor's private secretary, who will undertake the job, and she will do the work, is the prediction of this paragraph.—Salem Statesman.

Pretty hard knock on the Governor, but here's hoping that she don't get into trouble.

It is reported that Huerta is going to turn over his Presidency of Mexico and take over his former position as General and go out to war.

The Frisco Railway have in anticipation of the telegraphers' strike, put in a system of telephones and will guard their wires against dam-

ALL AROUND

Cleanings of Interest From our Exchanges and Elsewhere.

The Supreme Court has decided the question, and says Indians and colored children must be admitted to the public schools.

Benton County boasts a modern Diana in the person of Mrs. Ben Holmes, who lives near Albany. She saw a large wild goose on the farm, and securing her husband's trusty gun, sailed out in true hunter style, outwitted and killed the wily bird like a veteran. Duck hunters and trap hunters, take notice for Mrs. Holmes will soon make you look like Mexican money if you don't speed up.—Albany Democrat.

Sam Sandry had a freak at his house the first of the week. It was a ring tailed cat. It is a wild animal but is not a wildcat. Its facial appearance is that of a coon with its white eyebrows, but his not the body of the coon. Its body is in shape more like the house cat except that it is longer. It appears to be a mixture of a house cat, wildcat and coon.—Rogue River Argus.

History repeats itself. Harper's Weekly has brought to light the fact that our pure food law labels are old and antique. In 900 B. C. the ancient Hebrews made the wholesale grocers and wine dealers of their day put such seals and labels on their wine and oil jars. They stated when the wine was deposited in the cellars and where the wine came from. On the oil jars the label "A jar of pure oil," with the name of the district producing it. Seventy-five of these records were found. They show that even in the days of King Ahab the government protected the stomachs of its citizens.

Mexico consists of 27 confederated states, and the total area is 763,000 square miles. The country has a coast line on the Atlantic of 1600 miles and on the Pacific of 4200 miles, or a total of about 6,000. In minerals, it leads all the countries of the world, and in the agricultural way produces almost everything that is grown anywhere, its varying altitudes giving it all kinds of climate. Its worst product is its people, who are mostly Indians or part Indians, and not a very high order of Indians either. As a people, they are incapable of self-government, and what is to be done with them is one of the problems that it is up to the civilized nations of the world to solve.

Mexican Rebel Leader Weds.

General Villa, rebel leader, seems to be a firm believer in the old saying about faint hearts and fair ladies. Thereby hangs the story of how an American girl is in line to become the "first lady" of Mexico if the constitutionalists are successful in their efforts to unseat Huerta and elect or appoint or proclaim Francisco Villa head of the republic.

The girl was cashier in the American Clothing Company's store at Torreon, when the town was captured by General Villa and his rebel forces. It was a case of love at first sight on the part of the General. Fearing the young woman might refuse his offer of marriage, General Villa ordered soldiers to surround the store in which she was employed. The rebel leader then sent for a priest and ordered the American proprietor of the store to bring forth the fair one.

A marriage ceremony was performed on the spot.

The young woman did not appear to regret her "capture". In fact, she seemed to like it and went through the ceremony smiling.

When General Villa left Torreon to capture Juarez and Chihuahua he carried the bride away in the grandest carriage he could obtain. The vehicle was surrounded by mounted soldiers and a guard sat on the box beside the coachman. The bride was smiling.

Agriculture Increasing.

Ten billion dollars' worth of products, \$5,000,000,000 of cash income, a bumper crop in spite of a drought and other setbacks, is the 1913 record for 6,000,000 American farms.

The most successful yield of husbandry in the United States brought forth \$61,000,000,000 worth of crop, of which \$2,800,000,000 were represented by cereals alone and \$3,650,000,000 worth of animals sold and slaughtered and animal products.

The value of the 1913 crop is twice as great as that of 1899; more than a billion dollars over 1909 and substantially greater than 1912.

Of all the crops, however, it is estimated that 52 per cent will remain on farms where they were produced and that 20 per cent of the animal production will remain. On that basis the cash income is estimated by the department of agriculture at \$5,847,000,000.

But despite a record year of crop value, although the record of production has fallen, and the fact that the number of farms has increased 11 per cent since 1910 until there are estimated to be 6,600,000 farms in the country, the department in a discussion of the subject made public today, does not take the view that a lower cost of living will follow as a consequence.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

The Observer has added Satisfaction of Mortgage to its stock of legal blanks. Notaries and Attorneys may now secure them in any quantity desired. Phone orders for legal blanks given prompt attention.

A WOMAN IN COMMAND

GOVERNOR WEST TO SEND MISS HOBBS TO COPPERFIELD

Executive Advises People to Watch the Results, But Refuses to Give Plans.

The Salem Journal gives the following interview with Governor West.

"The District Attorney and the Sheriff of the county having reported to me that they cannot do it, I shall send my private secretary, Miss Fern Hobbs to Copperfield to close the saloons," declared Governor West Tuesday.

"If these men who are sworn to enforce the law and have the great arm of the law back of them cannot close the saloons, we shall see what a woman can do.

"Miss Hobbs will go as a representative of this office and I shall leave the whole matter to her. It will be up to her to close the saloon, and, judging from her past work, I have not the slightest doubt that she will be successful. There will be no political side to her work, like might have been with certain persons who expect to be candidates for office."

Asked if it would not be dangerous for a woman to order the saloon owners to close their places and if there were not a possibility, her order would be ignored, the Governor said:

"You just watch Miss Hobbs and keep your eye on Copperfield after she arrives."

"Will Miss Hobbs enter the saloons and direct the men in charge to close?" was asked.

"I don't know. It will be up to her, and, as I have said before, she will close the town."

Asked if Miss Hobbs would stop at Baker, assemble a company of soldiers, and, as a second John of Arre, march upon Copperfield, the Governor replied:

"I have said it would all be up to Miss Hobbs and for you to keep your eye on Copperfield when she arrives. She will show the men who couldn't close the saloon there what a woman can do. She is now in West Woodburn trying to find out if the town is legally incorporated in connection with the saloon problem there, and when she returns tomorrow, she will be sent to Copperfield at once."

While Governor West declined absolutely to give any further details of his plan to close the saloons in the Baker County town it is regarded as certain that Miss Hobbs will be provided with all the protection which might be necessary.

"And suppose your private secretary's order to close the saloons is disobeyed?" was a final question.

"It won't be. But should it—you just watch Copperfield."

From Amity Standard.

Ted and Tom Laurence of Buena Vista, visited at the home on Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Buflum Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cras, Nael of Dallas spent the week end in this city at the home of Mrs. Neal's aunt, Mrs. M. J. Stow.

Misses Ata and Genevieve Gillispie of Independence arrived Wednesday afternoon to spend the holidays at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Edith Jones.

POLK COUNTY TAX LEVY

COUNTY COURT FIGURES AND FIGURES AGAIN

Court Finds Places Where Reductions in Estimates Could Be Made.

There will be no value to the public in giving the full budget which has already been published, but we will give you the items where the reductions were made.

In giving these figures we give the amount as it now stands on the county budget as corrected by the court. You can take these figures and by comparing them find how much was cut from these items.

All items not given below remain the same as in the published budget.

Advertising \$2565.00
County buildings.
Expense, including lights, water, fuel, furniture, insurance, repairs, etc..... \$3,000.00
Jail expenses, including board of prisoners, repairs, etc..... \$540.00
Assessor's office, total..... \$4464.00
Clerk's office, total..... \$4000.00
Coroner's office, total..... \$300.00
Fruit inspector, total..... \$630.00
Sheriff's office, total..... \$3780.00
Treasurer's office, total..... \$3500.00
Courts, Circuit, County, Juvenile and Justice Courts, general expenses, including bailiffs, jurors, reporters, special council, witnesses, fees, mileage and other expenses..... \$3150.00
Juvenile Court, total..... \$6550.00

Justice Court, total.....	\$500.00
Election and Registration, total.....	\$4500.00
Care of Poor.....	\$5765.00
Roads, Highways, Bridges, and Ferry.....	\$69,833.19
State Tax.....	\$74,670.00
Recapitulation.	
State tax, 5 1/2 mills.....	\$75,419.84
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.....	\$244,416.15

Black Rock Christmas Entertainment

On account of the teachers spending Christmas out of town our Christmas tree and exercises were held on Tuesday night the 23rd at the school house, which was well attended.

A basket social and dance was given in the Red Store Hall on the 13th, the proceeds amounting to \$53.00, was expended in buying candy, nuts, and tree decorations.

The Jananese of Spaulding Logging Company gave \$22 and the Japanese at the D. L. & L. Co., gave \$11, the same being used in buying presents for every child in town.

G. Somekawa, a Japanese merchant of Portland, Oregon, gave a present to each teacher also a present to each scholar in school, all amounting to over \$25.

Many useful and beautiful presents adorned the tree also 276 stockings of candy and nuts, each weighing a pound which was given to every one present.

Poultry Association Meeting.

The Polk County Poultry Association will hold their annual meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and other business at the court house in Dallas, Saturday, January 3rd, at one o'clock p. m.

J. M. Card, President.

Christian Science.

Christian Science services held at 10 National Bank Building at 11 a. m.

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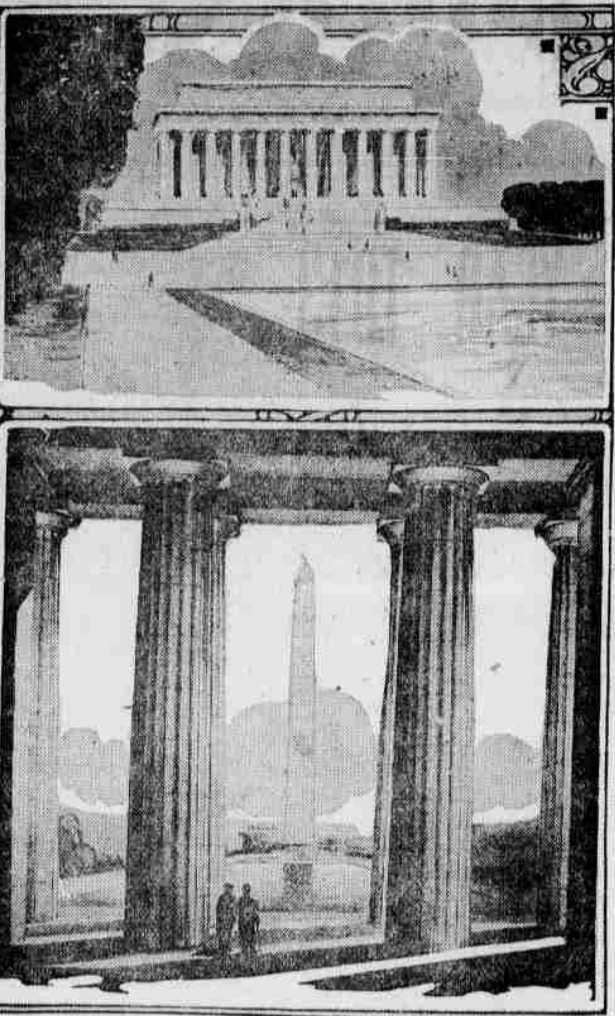


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Photos by American Press Association.

GROUND will be broken shortly for the erection of the national memorial to Abraham Lincoln at Washington. The great marble structure will cost nearly \$2,000,000. It was authorized by congress. The memorial will resemble the ancient Greek Parthenon in style. A feature will be the \$50,000 statue of Lincoln, which will stand in the front portico. The building will be erected in Potomac park, and one side will face the famous Washington monument, as is shown in the lower picture.

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