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DALLAS COMMERCIAL CLUB PROSPEROUS

Thousands of Dollars Spent to Advertise Polk County

Live Dallas Organization Ends Third Year of Successful Endeavor—New Directors Elected

The Dallas Commercial Club has now finished its third year of existence, with a record of achievements that it can well be proud of. Organized to meet a growing demand among the progressive business men of Dallas for the purpose of placing Dallas and Polk County upon the map, this club has met with success in all its ventures. Most of the progress in the city of Dallas in the way of public improvements during the past three years can well be laid at the door of the live Commercial Organization.

The building of the handsome armory building; the construction of the Carnegie library building; the laying of several blocks of hard surface pavement; the securing of the great packing plant of the Arnsby Packing Company; and many other improvements are the product of hard work upon the part of the Dallas Commercial Club. And not only has this club cast its influence over the affairs of the City of Dallas, but it has branched out, and the whole of Polk County has received much benefit from its work of development. In the three years of its existence, this club has spent approximately \$7,500 in advertising Polk County.

The County Fair was resurrected, and in 1911 and 1912, the Dallas Commercial Club carried on these fairs at its own expense. Using the Fair organization of 1912 as a nucleus, the Dallas Commercial Club took steps to perfect a permanent County Fair Association, one which will in time give to Polk County one of the best County Fairs of the State.

Since its organization, the Dallas Commercial Club has taken an active interest in the advertising of Polk County to the outside world. Tons of literature have been sent all over the world telling interested people about the wonderful resources of Polk County. This literature has not been confined to accounts of Dallas, but has been devoted to the County as a whole. In addition to this, thousands of personal letters have been written in answer to inquiries concerning Polk County. Oregonian Correspondents in Polk County, and correspondents for the other big daily papers, have done much to keep Polk County ever before the readers of the big newspapers of the metropolis.

Early in its organization, the Dallas Commercial Club cast aside the idea that it was organized solely to boost Dallas, and has at all times, been a consistent worker for Polk County as a whole. Owing to its general work of development, it has become one of the leading organizations in the Oregon Development League. It is also one, among the very few commercial clubs of the State, that belongs to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America.

During the summer months of 1913, this Club started a movement that created much favorable comment in all the newspapers of the State. A so-called "Kerosine Circuit" was formed and carrying with them the Dallas Orchestra, (and upon one or two occasions, the Dallas Band) together with considerable home talent in the way of entertainers, visits were made to all sections of the County. Matters tending to the benefit of the County as a whole were discussed; the County Fair advertised; and much good was done toward bringing the people of the whole county into closer touch with each other. A feeling was created among the people over the County that they should unite to build up Polk County as a whole. The spirit of development; the spirit of unity; the spirit of progress that was created as a result of these meetings was the greatest thing that ever happened in Polk County for Polk County's good.

During the past year, much of the time of the Dallas Commercial Club was devoted to working up a feeling of unity among the different sections

of Polk County. In addition to this, however, the Club took up the matter of hard surface pavement in Dallas, and carried the issue through to a successful ending. The County Court was prevailed upon by the Club to improve several roads in which many people were interested. The advertising campaign of the Club was carried on extensively. Steps were taken to secure a big cannery for this city, the Club spending considerable money in sending a representative to all sections of Polk County to secure data concerning the amount of produce a cannery could figure upon in case it located here.

The annual meeting of the Club was held in the County Court room on Wednesday evening. Several communications were read and appropriate action taken. The annual report of the Financial Secretary and of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Finance Committee. The report of these officers showed that over \$3,000 had been spent in advancing the interest of Dallas and Polk County, a balance on hand of \$1140. The Secretary read a general report concerning the work of the Club since organization, his report being embodied in the statement printed above.

J. M. Card and Sam J. Gibson were admitted to membership in the Club. The total membership of the Club now amounts to 140, and in this membership list there are the names of several of the farmers living in the surrounding territory.

The following bills were read and allowed:

Tracy Staats	\$36.00
Finley Whitney	4.00
Secretary	37.35
Chamber of Commerce U. S. A.	10.00
Observer	6.75

The election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year was proceeded with by ballot, and the following were duly elected: N. L. Guy; W. L. Soehren; J. R. Craven; H. H. Belt; A. B. Muir; H. A. Woods; Henry Serr; E. W. Miles; and W. G. Vassal. The Board of Directors have full charge of the affairs of the Club, and elect the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Financial Secretary. The Board will hold its first meeting next Tuesday night at which time officers will be elected.

POLK CO. GOOD RECORD

Buena Vista Correspondent Tells Some of Its Agricultural Interests.

Dairying, logging, horticulture, grain and clover farming, hog raising and livestock raising are the leading industries in which Polk County has enjoyed a season of prosperity. Owing to increased profits on the farms in this, the southern section of the county, the farmers and dairymen have made more purchases than usual this fall. Machinery has been improved and better stock has taken the place of common breeds. At present a good many dairymen are receiving monthly cream checks of \$150, while it is now common throughout the county for dairymen to draw checks amounting to at least \$100 each month.

Kale, vetch hay, corn and pumpkins were raised this season and, aside from this feed, not a great deal of expense is incurred. Ever since the first creamery was put up in Polk County the dairy industry has grown. Two new creameries are to be built soon for districts just taking up the industry. Polk County is the home of the famous Jersey Island cows and has stock which wins wherever exhibited.

Not only has the dairying proven to be profitable in this district, but grain farming has been engaged in for years here and found remunerative. Some record yields were obtained here this year.

Clover furnishes one good crop of hay each year, builds up the soil by its fibrous roots, gives excellent pasture to sheep and produces a valuable seed crop in September. Worn out land in various places has been improved and built up to its normal richness.

As a result of experience recently conducted to find which was the most profitable in the horticultural branch it was found prunes cannot be excelled in this county. Land good for no other crop in the hills is made to bear heavy crops of this fruit. The fruit crop, not including prunes, amounted to over 2,000 tons this season.

A few acres of loganberries are all that can well be cared for by one grower and are paying good returns. Loganberry raising is increasing as its advantages are learned. At the present time large farms are run by one man and it is a well-known fact that in some cases as many as ten men with families can each make as large profits as the one man now the owner. The industries, however, are increasing gradually, but the demand for more people to develop the agricultural and horticultural lines is urgent.

\$117,592 FEES BY SPORTSMEN

NON-RESIDENT FEES INCREASE

Finley's Report Shows Hunting Licenses in 1913 Netted \$48,020.

Hunters and anglers of the State of Oregon paid \$117,592 for the privilege of getting game from the woods and fish from the streams of Oregon in 1913, according to the figures issued yesterday by William L. Finley, State Game Warden.

Of this sum, \$48,020 was for hunting licenses alone, \$44,748 for angling licenses and \$24,824 for the combination licenses at \$2 each.

In addition hunters from outside the state paid \$1520 as non-resident fees. Another big item was \$6775 for fines imposed by the various courts for violations of the game laws.

Of the last item, half in each case went to the general fund of the county and the other half was turned over to the Fish and Game Commission.

This, in a measure, explains why hunters say that 1913 was the poorest hunting season they ever had, for there were almost 25 per cent more hunters in the field in 1913 than in any previous season.

Non-Residents Set Record.
The number of non-residents who enjoyed fishing and hunting privileges of Oregon in the year is a new mark and means that Oregon is coming to the front as a tourist resort, for the majority of the persons took the non-resident licenses out in the Summer, which is taken to indicate that they were transients.

An additional item on the credit side was \$1236 brought in by trappers' and taxidermists' licenses. Trapping is something which the average person considers a thing of the past in Oregon, but the report of the game warden shows the trapper still to be a part of the life of the state.

Multnomah County was the largest individual purchaser of licenses. While the state showed more hunting than fishing tags, the county showed 8191 hunters' rights and 11,152 tags issued to anglers, and in addition, 16 combination hunting and fishing, bringing in a total of \$21,193.

Multnomah's illegal hunters and fishermen paid \$1380.

8,807,000 Fish Liberated.
In 1913 the Fish and Game Commission liberated 8,807,000 game fish in different parts of the state. This number probably will be increased in 1914, as the department's plans call for a much greater supply.

The woods and fields also were supplied with 3500 game birds, of which the majority were pheasant, both China and Reeves, and the rest—about 500 pairs of Hungarian partridges.

Youngest Holder of a Governor's Chair Serves the Shortest Term



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ACTING GOVERNOR LEON R. TAYLOR of New Jersey was Woodrow Wilson's second successor within a year to the executive chair of the state. When Governor Wilson resigned to become president of the United States the office of acting governor of the state devolved upon the president of the state senate, James Fairman Fielder. A few weeks before the recent election on Nov. 4 Fielder resigned as state senator and thus of necessity as acting governor, because he was running for governor on the Democratic ticket and wished to avoid any technicality in the event of his election, the New Jersey constitution forbidding the occupant of the governor's chair to succeed himself. Mr. Taylor, as the speaker of the house, automatically succeeded Mr. Fielder as acting governor. The new executive is only thirty-one years old. His term expires the second Tuesday in January, 1914. He is the youngest governor in the country with the shortest term.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR BUSINESS TRANSACTED

Bills Allowed and Two New Ordinances Presented.

The City Council met in regular session Monday evening with Mayor Van Orsdel presiding. The chairman of the committee having in charge getting back the City Sewer plant, asked further time which was granted.

Report by Engineer Himes was read relative to rock used in city improvement during 1913, and the finance committee was instructed to make settlement with property owners.

The committee appointed to select a site for the city septic tank, composed of Messrs. Sibley, Barber and Hayter, made their report, selecting a location near the outlet of the present sewer system, and the City Attorney was instructed to proceed with condemnation proceedings to obtain said location.

Motion was made and carried that in future the payment of money to the Fire Department members be made in one warrant to the Fire Chief who in turn should disburse the same.

A petition was presented asking the council to repeal the present dog ordinance, which requires all dogs to be kept in leash and to pass another ordinance regulating and taxing the same, was referred to the proper committee.

Oral objections made by property owners in the matter of certain sidewalk improvements were heard, and on motion the matter was referred to the sidewalk committee for investigation.

An ordinance to provide for the construction of certain sewers and laterals in Dallas was introduced and read first time.

An ordinance revising the "black list" saloon ordinance was read and referred to the ordinance committee for correction.

The City Engineer was instructed to correspond with and secure the services of the Professor of Sanitary Engineering of the State University, in connection with the construction of the septic tank in this city.

and patients taken there have not been able to receive the service which should be afforded, and the nurses and management have been hampered in their work.

With all these difficulties facing them, the management have done excellent work and expect to care for all who may need hospital service, looking forward to the new and up-to-date building which will facilitate their labor.

The following are the newly elected officers for the coming year:

Officers:—Frank J. Coad, President; B. H. McCallon, Vice-President; Edith Starbuck, Secretary-Treasurer. Directors:—Dr. B. H. McCallon; Dr. A. B. Starbuck; Dr. W. S. Cary; Dr. L. A. Bollman; Dr. V. C. Staats; Mr. Frank Coad; Mr. Oscar Hayter.

Morton-Mashburn
B. G. Mashburn of Umatilla and Miss Emma Morton of this city, were united in marriage, Tuesday noon, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Viola Morton, Edgar W. Miles, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn left for Portland on the afternoon train and will make their future home in Eckels, Oregon.

PLANING MILL CHANGES HANDS

F. J. COAD RETIRES AFTER OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AC- TIVE BUSINESS

F. J. Chapman Takes Over the Dallas Planing Mills and Will Continue the Business.

This week F. C. Coad retires from business after completing a longer period of continuous business activity in one line than any other resident of Dallas, and there are but few men anywhere that can show any better record than Mr. Coad.

In 1883, F. J. Coad in company with D. J. Riley formed a partnership and established The Dallas Planing Mills, the machinery was meagre and six horse water power was used, being quite ample for their wants.

In 1895 they purchased a one-half interest in the Waymire Water Power Company, built large buildings and added more machinery to keep in pace with the increase of business.

In 1907 the partnership was dissolved by Mr. Coad purchasing his partner's interest and thereby becoming the full owner.

*During the same year he sold his interest in the water power and buildings, moving his machinery to new and larger buildings, which he had constructed just across the road, putting in steam power of 35 horse capacity, adding at the same time much new machinery.

About two years ago he took out his steam fixtures, replacing them with electric motors of the latest pattern with about fifty horse power, and more up-to-date machinery, making this plant one of the best in the Valley for its size, and they are ready to compete with any as to grade of work and prompt service.

The Dallas Planing Mill is doing approximately \$18,000 worth of business per annum, and has a pay roll of about \$5,000, making it one of the best business properties of Dallas.

F. J. Chapman of Salem, who is well and favorably known by all old residents of Dallas, as he has lived many years in this city, two and one-half years of that time being with the Dallas Planing Mills, this week takes over the plant and management.

Mr. Chapman informs us that all the old employees in the mill will be retained, and that the management and policy of Mr. Coad in business will be adhered to and continued.

A new blower system costing between five and six hundred dollars is now being added to the plant.

Mr. Coad has the best wishes of many friends who unite in wishing him many more years of life in which to enjoy the fruits of a well spent business life.

We hope that Mr. Chapman will be able to make more friends, more money, and that he will be able by the increase in business to make the mill grow as much in the future as it has in the past. Dallas is growing, so why not have every business grow right along with it.

The old hospital now in use was large enough at one time, but for the past year it has been over crowded.

FIREMEN'S BANQUET

ANNUAL FEAST ENJOYED AT THE GAIL

A Pleasant Evening Spent With Short Talks to Enliven The Hours.

The Dallas Firemen gave their Annual Banquet Tuesday evening at the Gail Hotel. Invitations were sent to all the city officials and the attendance was good.

Short addresses were made by Mayor Van Orsdel, Captain Staffin, Chief Risser and Messrs. Soehren and Barber, which were timely and brought forth much applause.

The tables were decorated with carnations, ferns, and handsome plants and the "eats" were displayed in a manner suitable for the occasion.

Thirty firemen were present, besides the invited guests, and all present unite in saying that the event was one long to be remembered as one of the most pleasant of the Annual feasts.

The citizens of Dallas are proud of this department of the city and the fireman have the best wishes of all for many more pleasant entertaining evenings.

CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT

H. I. Price Has Moved to Dallas and Will Take Charge of the Price Bro's. Store Here.

Mr. H. I. Price formerly manager of the Price Bros. store at Seaside, Oregon, has assumed the management of Price Bros. clothes shop in this city. The firm recently disposed of the Seaside store.

Price Bros. are extensive operators on the Pacific Coast, having stores in Oregon, Washington and California.

The aim of the firm is to operate a chain of exclusive high grade men's stores, and they have had Dallas in view for some time but only recently were they able to secure a desirable location in this city, by the purchase of the Herzog store.

Their nineteen years of successful merchandising has brought them a splendid reputation for fair dealing, and this will be their policy in Dallas. Several improvements are contemplated in the interior of the store, whereby every facility for the convenience of their patrons will be installed.

Mr. Price has a wide range of experience in the management of men's stores, having been a member of the firm for over 10 years, and we have no doubt as to the success of their Dallas store.

Mr. J. N. Justin will be assistant to Mr. Price, while Mr. A. D. Suehle has been transferred to the Oregon City store.

One On The Reporter.

A newspaper man, not over 100 miles from Dallas hearing that a certain citizen of his town, was going to get married, visited his place of business and not being personally acquainted with the gentleman, approached the occupant of the office, thinking he was one of the clerks, engaged in conversation with him. He told the supposed clerk that he understood Mr. — was going to get married soon and if he could furnish him with a photograph of the would be groom and his fair lady he would have a cut made and have some new-ly-wed pictures printed and freely distribute them and help play a practical joke on his boss. What was his surprise when the man he was talking to replied I am that individual and you can bet your boots that I will not help you have fun at my expense.

Evangelistic Meeting Begins Monday Evening.

The Evangelistic meetings at the Presbyterian Church begin on Monday evening. The Rev. Dr. Hutchison of the Third Presbyterian Church, Portland, will speak every evening. Dr. Hutchison is an eloquent and convincing speaker, and no one should fail to hear him. Let everyone come out on Monday evening and give him a good welcome, and then you will come every evening after that of course and tell your friends about him. Remember the date on January 12th at 7.30 o'clock and at the Presbyterian Church.

Legal blanks for sale at this office.