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## POLK COUNTY WOULD LOSE

### MOVEMENT ON FOOT FOR A PART TO JOIN MARION

### A Pipe Dream No Doubt, But Who Can Tell?

The following pipe dream in the Salem Journal last week is so silly that we apologize for reproducing it. "According to Attorney Earnest Blue, the well-known local booster, who resides across the river in West Salem, a move is now on foot to annex the prosperous little community over the steel bridge with the capital city proper. Attorney Blue addressed members of the commercial club at the meeting held last night and placed a proposition before them, which, if carried out, will eventually result in West Salem being made a part of this city.

Attorney Blue said that all that is needed now is an up-to-date bridge across the Willamette to connect West Salem with Salem permanently. He declared that the people of West Salem are desirous of joining hands with the city and that in the event a decent bridge is erected between the two points that they will take steps to annex themselves with their big sister across the river. The speaker condemned the wagon bridge in terms not at all uncertain. He said that the bridge is nothing more than a trembling, tottering mass of steel and that unless the two counties get busy within a comparatively short time, the structure will be lying in the river and ferry boats will have to be placed in commission in order to keep the west side of the city in communication with the east."

Who is the Hon. Earnest Blue? The poor old bridge has caused so much worry, and still it is as good as ever, regardless of the wise acres who so often predicted its falling into the Willamette river. No doubt those who want the Pacific highway to come across the river from Salem would like to see a modern bridge not for use, as much, as to add to the beauty of the surroundings. We question if the Hon. Earnest Blue will reach the age of Methuselah, and he will have to before his pipe dream comes to realization.

### PLAY BALL

What kind of a base ball team will Dallas have this season? This question was asked in a crowd of fans that were getting uneasy to hear the command PLAY BALL. The Observer understands that steps have been made to organize a winning team. The following gentlemen have been selected as a committee to start the ball a-rolling.—Tom Stockwell, President, Clarence Shultz, Treasurer; Walter A. Toozie Jr., Secretary; Arthur Serr, Manager. It will take some money to put the grounds in condition and also to have the same fenced and then comes the suits. There is no better advertisement for a city than a good ball team and it has always proved a good drawing card to any town. The commercial club can not spend money to better advantage than to assist in securing a good team and the merchants are also interested in this matter. When the committee starts out to see what they can do to start the fund required, be a good booster, and subscribe to the cause. When they find out how much they can raise, they can commence to arrange for the players, and the more you subscribe the better success will be had in securing a winning team, and that is what Dallas wants a team that will bring the pennant to the home grounds.

### Pupils Attend Court.

The pupils in the 8th grade of the Dallas Grammar School, Miss Sadie Lynn, teacher, visited the Court Friday afternoon and received practical lessons on Court proceedings. This was the first time for many of them to enter a Court Room and although it was a lesson, the pupils proved to be interested in every detail.

### WE WANT THE NEWS

When you have a little item, SEND IT IN. There is no time like the present to begin. We'll appreciate it too—Just like we always do—If you'll promptly send your little item in.

When you hear that something's happened, MAIL IT IN—It will only take two pennies worth of tin;

You'll feel better every day All along life's rugged way, If you'll think about the printer, so begin.

If you know of any news note PHONE IT IN—It will make us smile from forehead down to chin;

It will drive away the blues When your neighbor reads the news—So phone your local paper—phone it in.

When you hear of some occurrence STEP RIGHT IN—We will greet you with a "howdy" and a grin;

For we like to print the news And 'twill save our only shoes If we do not have to chase the items in.

Two verses of the above appeared in the Albany Herald last week as an ode to that paper as original. They are off, as it was published last November in the Mingo Oklahoma Minister.

### \$600,000. THINK OF IT!

The following clipping is going the rounds in a number of our exchanges and it bears the ear mark of a Portland booster circular. The Observer does not believe that Polk County will vote \$600,000.00 to build hard surface roads. It does not believe that the majority of its citizens want to annex this additional tax. It does not believe it is good policy to vote these bonds, and we will bet dollars to doughnuts that the bonds will not carry if attempted. We have interviewed over one hundred tax payers and have only found a few who were in favor of this expenditure. The Observer will oppose this tax, and we honestly believe that the majority of the tax payers will uphold us in the effort. The office seeker who advocates this \$600,000.00 had better put his ear to the ground, and take a hint from the rumblings. Our taxes are high enough and it looks like we had all we could take care of, if the present state administration keep up their record in regard to useless expenses. Below is the article referred to. What do you think of it, Mr. tax payer?

The good roads excitement has invaded Polk County. The Dallas Commercial Club is making an effort to secure a bond issue of not less than \$600,000.00, with which, it is figured, practically all the cities of the county can be connected by a hard surface road.

### A HIGH NOON WEDDING

In a pretty wedding at the home of the bride's father at Perrydale, Miss Elsie L. Keyt and Lewis V. Macken were married at high noon last Sunday by Elder I. N. Mielke of the Christian Church at Bethel. The bridal party entered the beautifully decorated parlors, as Miss Wanda Keyt, sister of the bride played the Wedding March. The bride's bouquet was of brides' roses and she wore a dainty gown which was attractive and in keeping with the beautiful surroundings.

The bride is a daughter of the Hon. D. L. Keyt of Perrydale, and was for several years a proficient and popular public school teacher in this county.

Mr. Macken is a popular young man, who has made good, he was a public school teacher for several years, and for two years, was superintendent of public schools in the Philippine Islands. He was elected last June to the position of Rural School Superintendent of this district, which position he now holds.

The wedding was not a complete surprise to the many friends of the couple, but was unexpected by some. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Macken have returned to Dallas and are stopping at the New Scott Hotel, receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

### MONMOUTH NOT SO BAD

Smallpox Situation Is Found to Have Been Exaggerated.

After a report that there were 12 to 15 cases of smallpox at Monmouth, State Health Officer White, who returned to Portland yesterday, found only four cases of the disease. Dr. White did some wholesale vaccinating and says that Monmouth is now the best protected community in the state. He vaccinated all the students in the Normal school who had not been vaccinated recently, as well as the pupils of the High school. All the teachers of the High school except one submitted to having their arms inoculated, and the entire faculty of the Normal school expressed themselves as being glad to avail themselves of the opportunity. The above appeared in a Portland paper Saturday.

### LIBRARY NOTES

The following books which are on the teacher's reading list for 1914 and 1915 have been added to the library shelves and are available to all teachers. Teaching the common branches—Charters. Elementary School Standards—McMurray. Everyday Problems in Teaching—O'Shea. History of Modern Elementary Education—Parker. Vocational Guidance—Puffer. Education of Tomorrow—Weeks. There is always a large demand for late fiction, so these books have been put in free circulation, to give place to the new fiction that has recently been added.

The Fighting Doctor—Martin. Their Yesterdays—Wright. The White Shield—Rud. The squirrel Cage—Canfield. Corporal Cameron—Conner. Chronicles of Avonlea—Montgomery. The Recording Angel—Harris. The Promised Land—Antin. The honor of the big snags—Curwood. The Night Riders—Cullum. Passing of the Third Floor Back—Jerome. Man and Super Man—Show. The Autobiography of a Clown—Marsson. My Little Sister—Robins. Wild Oats—Oppenheim. The Girl That Goes Wrong—Kauffman. The House of Bondage—Kaufman. Mr. O. H. Benson, National leader of the Boys' and Girls' Industrial Club and Mr. L. J. Chapin, Government Agricultural Agent were interested callers at the library Wednesday.

Mr. Robert Fisher returned Friday night to again take up his residence in Dallas after a ten months' stay in Burke, Idaho. Mrs. L. C. Muscott returned Friday night from a two weeks' visit in Portland. Miss Jennie Muscott was a Salem visitor Thursday and Friday of last week. Miss Pauline Snyder was an over Sunday visitor in McMinnville.

### LOOKING UP STATISTICS

C. D. Babcock, a member of the State Industrial Accident Commission, was in Dallas last week looking up statistical information regarding Dallas industries that will be effected by the Workmen's Compensation Act. Discussing the law, Mr. Babcock said: It is designed to do away with litigation between employers and employees on account of personal injuries to workmen, and to provide in lieu thereof, a plan of compensation that will be prompt, certain and practically automatic. The law is elective, but certain industries will come in automatically unless the act is specifically rejected.

Industries are divided into two classes, A and B. In class A the employer pays into the state Industrial Accident Fund, 3% of his payroll and the workman 1/2 of 1 per cent. of his wages. In class B these amounts are 1 1/2 and 1/2 of 1 per cent. In either class the employer who operates for twelve months without an accident will be eligible to exemption, and will cease paying into the fund until an accident occurs, the protection of the law to continue throughout the period of exemption.

Anyone interested in the law may obtain a copy by writing the Commission at Salem.

## Colonel Goethals, Master Mind Of Panama Canal, In Public Eye



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OFFICIAL Washington was surprised and the rest of the country outside of New York was skeptical when it was announced that Colonel George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal, had practically accepted the police commissionership of New York city under certain provisos. It was felt that if the colonel (you pronounce his name Go-thals) eventually did go to New York it would not be until after the formal opening of the canal on Jan. 1, 1915. Later came the announcement that President Wilson had appointed him first governor of the canal zone to take effect about April 1. He was born in Brooklyn June 20, 1858. He was assistant lieutenant Colonel Merrill, in charge of Ohio river improvement, and promoted to captain in 1891 and put in charge of Tennessee of the Spanish war he was assigned to West Point as an instructor. In 1900 he was assigned to take charge of fortification and harbor improvements at Newport, R. I. On Feb. 27, 1907 he was appointed chief engineer in charge of the Panama canal work.

### A VALENTINE PARTY

The junior class of Dallas High school gave a Valentine party at the home of Miss Muriel Grant last Friday evening.

The rooms were tastefully decorated in hearts and cupid and the dining room was decorated in purple and gold, their class colors.

Games and a program furnished amusement for the evening.

The program was as follows: Vocal Solo.....Merle Myers Violin Selections.....Jack Eakins Vocal Solo.....Lucile B. Hamilton Instrumental Solo.....Muriel K. Grant At a late hour a dainty luncheon was served.

The following were the invited guests:

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Ford, Miss Maude A. McDonald, Miss Rose M. Sheridan, Miss Susie Ramsey, Lola Ramsey, Birdie Odom, Elsie Frizell, Alfreda Garner, Georgia Ellis, Louise Miles, Maud Barnes, Gladys Longberry, Helen Laughary, Marie Griffin, Hallie Smith, Lucile Hamilton, Marjorie Bennett, Muriel Grant, Dorothy Bennett, Helen Casey, Mollie Burb, Messers. Merle Myers, Joseph N. Helgerson, Herbert Shepard, Forest Neal, Ed. Preston, Guy Staiger, Russel Shepard, Laid V. Woods, Rary Boydston, Jack Enkin, Hershall Pritchard, Harold Miller, George Fuller, Earnest Holsington, Elmer Baldersee, Merrill Barber, Lynn Matheny, Fred Goehs, Miss Hattie Teats, Mr. Herbert Dunkleberger.

### Polk County Principals' Club Hold Meeting.

The Principals' Club, held a meeting at Falls City Saturday night, which was attended by the following:—W. A. Johnson, Bethel; G. W. Montgomery, Perrydale; R. E. Silvis, Ballston; W. E. Buell, Salt Creek; W. I. Ford, Dallas; E. L. Kezel, Monmouth; E. M. Haley, Airie; H. E. Barnhart, Falls City; Miss E. Lorraine O'Connell, Black Rock; C. H. Ackerman, President Normal School; and H. C. Seymour of Dallas. "A survey of the Portland Schools" was the subject of a discussion, which was led by Mr. Ackerman. The same subject will be discussed at the club's next meeting, which will be held at Monmouth, March 14th.

After the close of the meeting, the domestic science class of Falls City

### OUR SUBSCRIBERS

How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber, who pays in advance at the first of the year; who sends in his money and does it quite gladly, and casts round the office a halo of cheer. He never says "stop it, I can not afford it, nor 'I'm getting more papers now than I read," but always says, "send it, the family likes it; in fact, we all find it the thing that we need." How welcome his letter when'er it comes to us, how it makes our eyes dance. We outwardly thank him, we inwardly bless him, the steady subscriber who pays in advance.—The Editor Poet.

### A SENSIBLE PLAN

J. W. Finn of McCoy, one of the Road Supervisors, who has recently been appointed General Road Supervisor of Polk County, has called a meeting of all the supervisors in this county, to meet with him this coming Thursday at the Court House, and line up the work for the coming year. This will be a very important meeting and should result in a great deal of good to all who are interested in roads.

### TEACHER BUYS FARM

Thomas H. Gentle, principal of Monmouth Training School, Superintendent of City Schools and instructor in the Oregon Normal School, has purchased the Parked farm of over 100 acres, the consideration being about \$20,000. He is to take possession in April.

Another large land deal was that of the Thurston estate, in the Suver district of the county. This farm of 300 acres sold for \$30,000.

### COURT NEWS

The case of F. M. Suver vs. County of Polk, State of Oregon, action for money, was decided in favor of the plaintiff. The County will probably appeal the case.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Lester E. Stone went to the jury at 3 o'clock Monday. They were out all night, and the result was a hung jury.

### Polk County Girl Winner

Out of the thirty-two students that were given honor marks for the excellence of their attainment in scholarship of the first semester just closed at the Oregon Agricultural College, Miss June Seelye of Independence received the highest marks. This young lady received nine A's, you have to grade over 93 per cent to receive one A.

### O. P. C. Officials Visit Dallas.

A. F. Douglas of Tacoma and Attila Norman of Eugene, both officials of the Oregon Power Company, were here Friday looking after company business. They were entertained by Mr. J. L. White, manager of the company and enjoyed a dainty dinner at the Gail, where the table was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

### HIGH SCHOOL LECTURE

The third lecture in the university course, will be given at the High School, Thursday evening, February 19th, at 8.15 p. m. Dr. Conklin will deliver the lecture on "Habit and Happiness" and everyone is invited to attend.

### Receive Diplomas.

Mrs. Hugh Black, Mrs. H. G. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Curtis, who have been in Salem, studying school methods, under the direction of the American Christian Missionary Society, have returned to Dallas. All were successful in receiving their diplomas.

### Tax Paying Time.

The taxes are being paid at the rate of nearly two thousand dollars a day for the first six days. The usual complaint is made that taxes are too high and the new law is condemned. All taxes not paid by April first will have the penalty of one per cent a month assessed.

### Band Concert Tomorrow Night.

The seals are selling fast for the band concert tomorrow night at the armory. If you have not reserved your seat, do so at once. The band boys will give a good performance and you will be well repaid to attend.

### Attention Chorus Members.

A meeting of the chorus is called to meet at the assembly hall in the library at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. A full attendance is requested.

## CANAL ZONE'S NEW GOVERNOR

### GOVERNOR GOETHALS' ANCESTRY AND ORIGIN OF NAME

The New York Herald Quotes Authority as to Correct Pronunciation.

Since G. W. Goethals has been appointed governor of The Canal Zone and having made such a good record as engineer of the Panama Canal his name is used daily in course of conversation and a great many are at a loss how to pronounce the name correctly. The New York Herald has the following information in regard to the matter. It says:

The soldier and administrative military man have been bred in George Washington Goethals for three generations. He is claimed now by many cities and states, but he is a "Brooklyn boy," although his ancestry is Swiss, and of the military Swiss at that. His grandfather was a surgeon in the French army and was with Napoleon at Austerlitz. His own father, John Goethals, was born in Switzerland and moved to Amsterdam in his early boyhood. In 1848 he came to this country, making his home in Brooklyn, where in 1858 Colonel Goethals was born.

The origin of the family name is interesting. In good Dutch it is the equivalent of the English "stiff necked," and was conferred on the first of the present line, who was one of the Crusaders, by an early King of Flanders. This man was fighting side by side with his king, when a foe struck him a mighty blow. The sword was turned aside by the armor and the man kept on fighting. A second blow was struck, but still the man kept on fighting before the eyes of his king, until the battle was won. After the conflict the king called the warrior to his side and commended him for his prowess.

"Sire," said the soldier, "I break before I bend." "Henceforth," said the king, "thy name is Goethals, the stiff necked." The name "stuck," and for centuries the family motto has been, "We break before we bend."

The canal builder pronounces his name, "Go-th'ls," with the accent on the "go". This pronunciation is vouched for by Peter C. Macfarlane, the writer, and by others who know the colonel personally. According to Funk & Wagnall's Standard Dictionary, the name should be pronounced "Ger-tuls" with the vowel sound as in "Goethe." The colonel, however, appears to prefer the American way, persists to the contrary notwithstanding. So "Go-th'ls" goes.

A Little Shy on Cash. The state of Oregon owed the neat sum of \$704,701.85 on December 31st last, according to the report of the state auditing department. This will probably be increased to nearly or quite a million dollars by the time the April tax money is available.

### WORTH KNOWING

The average male brain among civilized races weighs about 49 ounces; in the female about 5 ounces less. It measures about 105 cubic inches. It consists of 300,000,000 nerve cells, of which 3,000 are disintegrated and destroyed every minute, so that we have a new brain every 60 days. The brains of public and famous men, as well as criminals, weigh about 60 ounces.

### Candidate for Judge.

Mr. Glen O. Holman of Dallas will be a candidate for nomination on the republican ticket for Judge of this district. Mr. Holman has experience in court practice and is well read in his profession.

### Candidates Petitions

The candidates who want office can be supplied with their legal petitions at the Observer office. A limited supply on hand.