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The way to build up Dallas is to pasture Dallas people.

IN THE YEAR 1843

Clippings from the Recollections of Boyhood, a Book Recently Written by Jessie Applegate, Polk County's Earliest Settler.

The Observer has received permission to reprint several extracts from Jessie Applegate's book that we think will interest the early as well as the new settlers of Polk County. We will print some of these interesting parts each week for a while. Mr. Applegate in 1843 with several hundred others started to take a half-year journey from the Missouri river to the Pacific Coast, traveling through unknown country and trackless plains. The book tells of the hardships endured and their safe arrival at the Willamette River. He says our families took a southerly course between the hills and Salt Creek Valley, then west through a gap in the hills and kindled our last camp fire on the bank of a branch of Salt Creek. This was the beginning of the first road in Polk County. It was difficult to break a road through the prairie on account of the high grass. Wild game was plenty and we soon had a carcass of a deer and a bear hanging on the trees. No other camp scene of pioneer days has ever impressed my mind as the first night in our new home.

The native population in our neighborhood was a tribe of the Kalapooia and near and far, even to the sea, were the Tillamook, Tawlatin, Chemeketa, and Luckyluk tilikum, all seeming to be one tribe and speaking the same language. They were a degenerate and priest-ridden people, but their language was remarkably smooth and musical. It was a custom of these Indians, late in the autumn, after the wild wheat, Lamoro sappoll, was fairly ripe, to burn off the whole country. The grass would burn away and leave the sappoll standing, with the pods well dried and bursting. Then the squaws, both young and old would go with their baskets and bats and gather in the grain. The lamoro sappoll we now know as tar-weed.

It is probable we did not yet know that the Indians were wont to baptize the whole country with fire at the close of every summer; but very soon we were to learn our first lesson. This season the fire was started somewhere on the south Yamhill, and came sweeping up through the Salt Creek gap. The sea breeze being quite strong that evening, the flames leaped over the creek and came down upon us like an army with banners. All our skill and perseverance were required to save our camp. The flames swept by on both sides of the grove; then quickly closing ranks, made a clean sweep of all the country south and east of us. As the shades of night deepened, long lines of flame and smoke could be seen retreating before the breeze across the hills and valleys. The Indians continued to burn the grass every season, until the country was somewhat settled up and the whites prevented them; but every fall, for a number of years, we were treated to the same grand display of fireworks. On dark nights the sheets of flame and tongues of fire and lurid clouds of smoke made a picture both awful and sublime.

In the summer of 1844, the cattle, horses and wagons left at old Fort Walla Walla were sent for and the remnants arrived at the settlement late in the fall. A part of the cattle were not found. A few it was supposed, had been appropriated by the Indians. Probably fifty head reached the settlement, a majority of which belonged to Jesse Applegate. What was recovered of the wagons I don't know, except that of the three left by Lindsay Applegate only four wheels were found and brought down, and they were all hind wheels. Those wheels were used to make two carts.

Wagons were made wholly of wood. The wheels were without hub, spoke, or felloe; they were simply short sections of large trees, three or four feet in diameter, sawed off and holes made in the center for the axles. This wagon was called a truck, a very clumsy affair, which without a load, a small yoke of oxen could not draw with ease even on level ground. The friction on the spindles in the wheels, though they were well tarred, was such that even with a load of rails requiring three yoke of oxen to draw them, the truck did not need any brake going down a steep hill. Under a heavy moving load, the spindles, if not abundantly tarred, would send forth a fearful scream with variations that could be heard for miles. One evening after dark we heard loud screaming or yelling a mile and a half away across the prairie, and presently a fire was seen to start up like a flash. Some one said it must be a band of Indians on the war path, whooping, and firing the grass, for it was autumn and the grass was dry. The facts were, as we learned next day, that Uncle Charlie's truck heavily loaded and drawn by three yoke of oxen was enroute across the valley and one of the spindles took fire and burned off before the teamster who was busy with the cattle, noticed that anything unusual had happened.

Sleds were also used for hauling. They were very heavy to draw on the ground and there was hardly ever any snow. Fifty green rails on a sled were a load for two yoke of oxen. As we had much fencing to do, the hauling of rails was a very common occupation. At times we worked three yoke of oxen to the sled and could haul a hundred dry rails.

One day my oldest brother and myself were sent to haul a load of rock from a place in the hills a mile or so from the house; we had never hauled rock. As we had a team of three yoke, we piled rock on the sled till the bulk appeared to be about as big as a hundred rails. My brother had a long whip-lash braided of raw hide with a buckskin thong for a cracker and with a straight wild cherry sprout for a stock. When he whirled the whip around and applied it to an ox, the cracker popped like a toy pistol and cut the hair like a glancing bullet. The sled being loaded, my brother spoke to the oxen to move on and cracked his whip, but though the team surged forward a little, the sled did not move; then the long lash of the whip performed rapid circles through the air and the cracker became a terrible scourge. The oxen sprang forward wavered, then stood still. But the sled had not moved an inch. That team had never balked before. We were indignant, and after a short consultation, concluded that the use of the whip was not sufficient for the occasion; so it was laid aside and we both went to a hazel thicket and cut switches about nine feet long. With these we attacked the team in the rear, on the flanks, and all along the line, shouting the while words of encouragement and threats that awoke the echoes of the hills far away to the spurs of the Coast range. Every steer was by this time mad all over and resolved to move forward if he had to burst his yoke; every ox at the same moment lowered his head, lashed his tail spitefully, and with all his ponderous bulk and mighty strength advanced. The power exerted was almost irresistible; something must give way or the sled move. For just one second there seemed to be a doubt, then the tongue parted from the sled. This trial of strength suggested a fact which we well knew, but had not made a practical use of in this case, namely, that a load of stone is much heavier than a load of wood of the bulk. Putting the team into position again, we attached the

(Continued next week.)

BLOODLESS ELECTRICAL OPERATIONS

performed by

DR. TOEL

in

DALLAS

published in

LAST YEAR'S OBSERVER

From Observer, April 29th, 1913.

An Electrical Operation

—for—

CANCER

performed in

DALLAS

Last Week By

DR. TOEL

Mrs. Sarah D. Dodson, of Sheridan, came to Dallas last Tuesday to consult Dr. Toel on account of a cancer on her nose. Mrs. Dodson, who is 83 years of age, is one of the oldest settlers in Polk County, having crossed the plains to Oregon more than 50 years ago, from East Tennessee.

A number of years ago a cancer formed on the tip of her nose. She had it eaten out with a plaster which left two holes in her nose. About two years ago another cancer formed just above the scars where the first one had been eaten out.

Mrs. Dodson remembered the excruciating pain the eating plaster had caused her for two weeks until the cancer came away as a hard lump. She did not care to undergo such a slow and painful treatment again. Last Monday, however, she read in a Dallas paper about Dr. Toel's electric operation for cancer and she came to Dallas on the morning train on Tuesday determined to have her cancer removed by Dr. Toel. The operation was performed in the afternoon and, to Mrs. Dodson's great astonishment, lasted only a few minutes. The cancer was entirely destroyed without any loss of blood and very little pain. Mrs. Dodson regards the electric operation for cancer as a wonderful improvement over the slow and extremely painful eating out with a plaster.

After visiting a number of her old friends in Dallas, Mrs. Dodson, who had remained over night with Mrs. Frink, returned to Sheridan on Wednesday afternoon.

From Observer, May 9th, 1913.

Electrical Operation

—for—

RECTAL GROWTH

Performed in Dallas by

DR. TOEL

This Week.

Mr. Miles Davis, a former resident of Dallas, now living at Summit, Benton County, 36 miles from Dallas, brought his wife last week to Dallas to be examined by Dr. Toel.

Mrs. Davis had for many years been suffering from piles and fistula and uterine disease, causing nervous trouble along her spine. She was operated upon nine months ago, with the knife and as Dr. Toel found when examining her, the operation had been skillfully performed. But about three months ago she began to lose blood from the rectum and to have pains in her spine. Dr. Toel found a small hard growth. He performed an electrical operation on Sunday, destroying this growth and there has been no loss of blood since. Mrs. Davis will stay in Dallas for a couple of weeks to be treated electrically for her nervous spinal trouble.

From Observer, June 10th, 1913.

A Severe Case of

ACNE

improving fast under

DR. TOEL'S

Electric Treatments.

Mr. Clarence Dornhecker, of Dallas, had been suffering from Acne for 5 years. Medical treatment by internal medicine and salves applied externally had been without success. His whole back and some parts of the neck and face were covered with the acne pustules.

He began Dr. Toel's electrical

treatments with the high voltage current on June 8th, after he had read that June 10th would be the last day on which new patients would be accepted. Today after four daily treatments many of the pustules have shrunk down and those now coming out have been arrested in their progress so that there is a marked improvement after even this short time.

Acne is a disease of young people of both sexes and often causes terrible disfigurement of the face. Dr. Toel a few days ago saw a young lady on the streets of Dallas whose face was completely covered with acne pustules. It is inconceivable to him why a lady so disfigured does not seek the help of a specialist who could in a short time improve her looks wonderfully and cure her of a very distressing disease.

On account of a number of new patients having come under Dr. Toel's treatment since his announcement of June 10th as the last day for new patients, he is compelled to stay longer yet in Dallas. See his three-column card in this paper.

From Observer, May 9th, 1913.

REMARKABLE CURE

—of—

Mrs. Smith's Lumbago

in three days by the

Physiological Treatment

—of—

Neuralgia, Neuritis, Rheumatism, Gout

as used by

DR. TOEL

The Chicago Specialist Now in

Dallas

to introduce his methods.

How quickly such a cure can be effected is best shown in the case of Mrs. H. E. Smith of this city, living at 619 Washington Street. On last Saturday night she was taken down with lumbago. All day Sunday she had to stay in bed with the most excruciating pain on the slightest movement. All household remedies failed. On Monday morning she applied for help to Dr. Toel who has his office in her building. He gave her an electric treatment and stopped the pain. On Tuesday he gave her a second treatment with the result that on Wednesday morning the doctor found her at the wash tub. She was quickly ordered however to stop this as Dr. Toel did not want to risk a relapse. He gave her another treatment and yesterday (Thursday) Mrs. Smith attended to her household work as usual entirely free from any pain.

When it is well known that in many cases of lumbago the pain, under medical treatment, continues for several weeks, the immediate result of Dr. Toel's electric treatment is surely remarkable.

From Observer, June 29th, 1913.

Cancer Perfectly Cured

on the Nose of a Lady.

83 Years Old

—by—

DR. TOEL

the Chicago Specialist now in

DALLAS

to introduce His Electric Methods.

Mrs. Sarah A. Dodson, of Sheridan, Ore., came to Dallas yesterday at the request of Dr. Toel who wanted to convince himself that his operation for cancer had been a perfect success. As he intended to leave Dallas soon he wanted to make sure of this for he is always willing to perform a social operation without any charges whatever if a cancer should have returned at the place from which he removed it. Mrs. Dodson on April 21st read in a Dallas newspaper about Dr. Toel and his electric operations for cancer. She did not want to see "How somebody else would get along," but she was at Dr. Toel's office, 619 Washington Street, Dallas, Oregon, the next morning, as soon as her train had brought her in. She consulted Dr. Toel, asked for his price for an examination, paid it, was examined, asked for the price of the operation, paid it and was operated upon, all in the short time of about one-half hour, and today her nose is entirely free from the cancer, in fact has been healed up for more than a month already, while the operation was entirely bloodless and caused scarcely any pain.

Mrs. Dodson is a business woman and acted on business principles.

Hence the success of Dr. Toel's treatment. Compare to this the action of several old men of Dallas who made arrangements with Dr. Toel to be operated upon or treated for piles, fistula, enlargement of the prostate gland, etc., and after being examined were scared out of their intention of being treated by friends or other meddling persons, who persuaded them that they were too old to be operated upon or could not be helped, could not stand the operation and more of such nonsense. Dr. Toel has successfully operated with electricity upon a lady 97 years old and had a perfect success. Electrical operations are not like knife operations, with the loss of blood, surgical shock, danger of blood poisoning, necessity of ether or chloroform. They are in a class by themselves, just as the expert electro-surgeon of many years' experience is in a class by itself.

Dr. Toel has had 30 years experience in electro-surgery and electro-therapy. The mere possession of electrical apparatus does not make a successful electro-surgeon or electro-therapist. Any man can buy them, but it takes long years of experience to use them successfully.

From Observer, July 8th, 1913.

MRS. C. L. HUBBARD

OF DALLAS

CURED OF CANCER

BY DR. TOEL

By Means of

ELECTRICITY

Mrs. C. L. Hubbard, of Dallas, consulted Dr. Toel on June 7th, on account of a growth at the mouth of her womb, which a Portland physician had last year declared to be cancerous and had advised her to have it cut out.

Mrs. Hubbard however, knowing the uselessness of the knife in cancer on account of the many returns after cutting operations, could not persuade herself to submit to the knife, and put off an operation from day to day.

In the meantime however, the pain in the womb increased and finally caused irritation of the spinal nerves, so that she was suffering from severe pain in the back and neck. In addition she began to suffer from severe pain in both groins.

Reading so much about Dr. Toel's bloodless electrical operations she finally consulted him on June 7th.

Dr. Toel confirmed the diagnosis formerly made and advised the immediate removal of the cancer by means of electricity, as this would give far better results and not confine her to the bed.

Mrs. Hubbard has not been laid up from the operation but walked every day for a month a mile to the doctor's office to be treated with electricity for the pains in her back, neck and groins, which began to get better from the first treatment on.

She has now been entirely free from pain for a number of days, and her womb having healed perfectly, she was today discharged by the doctor as well.

An account of the operation on her was published in the Dallas papers right after the operation was performed.

Today however, Mrs. Hubbard authorized Dr. Toel to give an account of her case in the papers, not only from gratefulness to the doctor but also to help other people that suffer as she has done or have other troubles that can far better be treated with electricity than with the knife.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Mrs. C. L. Hubbard, of Dallas, Oregon, do hereby testify that on June 8th, of the present year, Dr. Geo. L. Toel of Chicago, at present in Dallas, removed from my womb a cancer by means of his immediate, bloodless and almost painless, electrical operations; that I was able right after the operation to walk almost a mile to my home and did this every day for a month, going to and coming from his office, to take electrical treatments for severe neuralgia in my neck, back and groins; and that I am today nearly free from pain and that my womb is entirely healed. I advise all people suffering from cancers and tumors to go to Dr. Toel for his electrical operations, while women suffering from womb troubles and the back aches and pains in the groins caused by them, will find quick relief through his electrical treatments.

Mrs. C. L. HUBBARD.

Dr. Toel can be found at his old office, 619 Washington St., Dallas, Oregon, one-half block east of the S. P. depot, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, 2 to 5 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m., Sunday, 10 to 1 p. m. Telephone 1303.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I wish to announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Polk County, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election on May 15th.

Respectfully yours,
John W. Orr, Rickreall, Ore.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination for the office of Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon at the Primary Election, May 15th, 1914 on the Democratic ticket. If nominated and elected, I will enforce the law and perform all duties of Sheriff to the best of my ability.

W. J. White, Dallas, Oregon.
(Paid Advertisement.)



ANNOUNCEMENT
To the Republican Voters of Polk County, Oregon:

At the solicitation of numerous residents of Polk County, I have become a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk on the Republican ticket at the primary election to be held May 15th, 1914. Any support you may choose to give me will be thoroughly appreciated.

Truly yours,
E. M. SMITH
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT
I announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for Polk County, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the primary election, May 15th.

G. A. McCulloch.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. A. L. Raines at the request of many friends has announced his name as a candidate for the office of County Surveyor for Polk County, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the coming primary election. His motto is accuracy in all work and prompt service.

(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT
H. Chas. Dunsmore asks the vote and support of the Republican voters of Polk County for office of County Treasurer, at the primaries, May 15.

(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Candidate for Circuit Judge.
I am a candidate for the republican nomination for circuit judge of the counties of Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill. I was admitted to the bar in 1874 and the most of the time since, have been engaged in active practice. I quit for a time on account of my health, but was a student of the law even then. I have never practiced on technicalities and do not believe in them.

Glen O. Holman, Dallas, Oregon.
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ANNOUNCEMENT

I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of Circuit Judge of this district. If nominated and elected, I shall ever keep uppermost in my mind that justice is the ultimate end in view. All I wish is an opportunity to make good.

Harry H. Belt.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Polk County subject to the will of the voters of the democratic party at the primary election to be held May 15th, 1914.

George Clansfield.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are authorized to announce the name of Judge Webster Holmes to succeed himself as Circuit Judge for Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook Counties, subject to the decision of the Primaries election on May 15th, 1914.

Paid Advertisement.



ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce my candidacy as a Republican for the office of County Treasurer of Polk County, subject to the decision of the primary election in May.

Respectfully,
Fred J. Holman, Black Rock.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of County Surveyor on the Democratic ticket at the primary election.

Edward J. Himes.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

After consulting with many of the voters of Lincoln and Polk Counties, I have consented to announce myself as a Republican candidate for Joint-Representative in the Legislature for the counties of Lincoln and Polk, and most respectfully solicit the support of the voters of the two counties.

S. G. Irvine.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Treasurer of Polk County, at the primary election, May 15th, 1914, on the democratic ticket.

J. E. Richter.
(Paid Advertisement.)



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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Treasurer of Polk County, at the primary election, May 15th, 1914, on the democratic ticket.

J. E. Richter.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for county surveyor for Polk County, subject to the decision of the Democratic Party at the primary election

Sandford B. Taylor.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for county surveyor for Polk County, subject to the decision of the Republicans at the primary election.

C. R. Canfield.
(Paid Advertisement.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon, upon the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election, and if nominated and elected I will to the best of my ability enforce the laws on our statute books without fear or favor, and especially the laws regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors, and I will practice the utmost economy in the management of the County's business.

J. H. Savery.
(Paid Advertisement.)