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MR. GRIER ACCEPTS

Dallas Business Men Make Demand Upon Him.

WRITE NAME AT PRIMARIES.

Prominent Republicans Pledge William T. Grier, Support for Representative.

Realizing that the republican party should not be without a candidate in the November elections for the office of representative for the eleventh representative district, comprising the county of Polk, and feeling that the office should be filled by a man of good business judgment, and one in actual touch with the needs of the state and Polk county, the republican business men of Dallas yesterday signed an open letter addressed to William T. Grier, manager of the Falls City Lumber Company at Falls City, asking Mr. Grier to permit his name to be used in connection with the nomination for this office. It took just twenty minutes to secure the signatures to the letter. Had the circulators had more time, many hundreds of names might easily have been secured. No effort was made to circulate it extensively over the county, owing to the fact that it would involve too much delay. It will be necessary for republicans to write in the name of Mr. Grier at the primaries for this office. From all sections of Polk county, assurances of support are being given. The letter addressed to Mr. Grier, and which has been forwarded to him, is as follows:

"Dallas, Oregon, May 4.—Mr. William T. Grier, Falls City, Oregon: Dear sir: As republican voters, we, the undersigned, respectively request that you become a candidate for representation from Polk county on the republican ticket. We make this request in recognition and appreciation of the part you have taken in developing the industrial and commercial resources of Polk county, your constant efforts in behalf of the welfare of a Greater Oregon, and your consistent loyalty to the principles of the republican party. Realizing the need of capable men in the Oregon legislature, we ask you to permit your name to be used in connection with the republican nomination for representation, and we hereby pledge you our most loyal and enthusiastic support."

The request is signed by George T. Gerlinger, Walter L. Toose, Jr., J. C. Hayter, C. Starin, Henry Serr, W. H. Gaynor, H. B. Viars, A. N. Vassall, W. R. Howe, Jno. C. Uglow, A. B. Starbuck, W. V. Fuller, M. D. Ellis, N. L. Goy, W. A. Ayres, H. Holman, F. J. Coad, Frank M. Bethel, J. S. Ashbaugh, J. B. Teal, Finley Whitney, C. H. Morris, M. Manston, Dan P. Stouffer, U. S. Loughary, Chas. Lane, A. V. R. Snyder, Chas. Syron, Earl Crook, C. B. Sundberg, Bob H. McCallon, Ed. F. Coad, L. A. Bollman, W. L. Soehren, and C. G. Coad.

Mr. Grier is the manager for the Falls City Lumber Company at Falls City. He is now, and has for the past five years, been a councilman at Falls City, in which capacity he has accomplished much for the city by the falls of the Luckiamute. He is a sound business man, and one who, if elected, will give the tax-payers of Polk county an economical and business administration. Mr. Grier has never held political office other than the office of councilman, and it not a seeker after the office in question. Before the above letter was circulated, definite assurance was received that Mr. Grier would accept the nomination if the republicans of the county saw fit to tender it to him by writing in his name for this office at the primaries.

ACTION IN REPLEVIN.

Justice Holman Hears a Local Case on Monday.

A case in replevin in which Ralph Dingby sought to recover a horse from Arthur Dimmick on a lien for feed, was heard before Justice Holman on Monday, and resulted in a verdict for the defendant. H. H. Belt and G. O. Holman, both of whom are candidates for the circuit judgeship, appeared for the plaintiff and defendant, respectively. After a jury had been empaneled, the defendant's attorney raised the question of the insufficiency of the complaint, citing Supreme Court decisions, and a judgment was given his client.

Purchases Well Drill.

G. G. Kesling, who resides one mile north of Dallas, has bought a "Standard" well drill, and will first operate it on the farm of S. P. Kimball. It bores a six-inch hole to a depth of 900 feet.

Speeders Are Fined.

Three young men, who in the enjoyment of the exhilarating sport of

motorcycling did not realize that they were exceeding the speed limit, were taken in by an officer on Friday and fined. Estley Farley, Hugh Ayers and Ross Pierce, the young men in the case, when arraigned pleaded guilty. Ayers at first contended that he had violated no law, but when his companions registered their plea he changed his mind with the remark: "I wasn't speeding, Judge, but as I was ahead of the other fellows, I guess I'm guilty."

ARRANGE PRELIMINARIES.

Civil War Veterans Will Form G. A. R. Post Soon.

Nine of the fourteen ex-soldiers who made application for a Grand Army of the Republic charter with a view to establishing a post in Dallas, convened on Saturday last at the courthouse and elected temporary officers. The details of the meeting are not available, it being deemed inadvisable by the meeting to give out information to the press until the final organization had been perfected. The members of the prospective post are awaiting the pleasure of the adjutant general, who will be in Dallas within a short time to muster the post. P. S. Greenwood presided at the meeting Saturday, and was made the temporary commander.

Commissioners on Yamhill.

Judge Teal and Commissioners Wells and Petrie are inspecting what is known as the Willamina grade, on the Yamhill river, today. A slide took place there a few days ago, nearly blocking the highway, and the court will probably contract while there for the removal of the dirt.

PLANS A PIONEER DAY

CHAUTAQUA ASSOCIATION TO ENTERTAIN JUNE 27.

Special Program for Occasion Now Being Arranged by the Management.

The management of the Chautauqua has perfected arrangements for a reunion of Polk county pioneers, and extends an invitation to all persons who have resided here for thirty years and upwards to be guests of the association on the opening day, June 27, on which occasion a special program will be rendered. The pioneer committee, consisting of Dr. Starbuck, Chauncey L. Crider and E. N. Miles, urges all pioneers to either call upon members thereof in person, or send their names and qualifications, that tickets to the day's entertainment may be issued to them without money and without price. It is the purpose of the Chautauqua association to make this a red letter day in the history of Polk county, and to that end no pains will be spared in providing for the pleasure and comfort of those early settlers who are largely responsible for the creation here of the finest county in the state.

Among the attractions for that date will be an address by W. H. Miller, editor of the Western Retail Lumberman of Spokane, known as "The Mark Twain of the Coast Country," a deep thinker and a speaker of marked ability, who will take for his subject, "Farming and Being Farmed." The Lyric Glee Club of Chicago will render a splendid music program, and in addition to these there is a possibility that a portion of the day will be given up to rehearsals of pioneering days by local people.

Contracts Mining Timbers.

C. E. Cooper has contracted with E. J. Smith for 50,000 feet of piling and mining timbers, to be delivered during the summer. This material will be shipped to Nevada, principally.

Mr. Cooper came to Polk county from Illinois two years ago and bought 87 acres two and a half miles northwest of Dallas. He has fifteen acres cleared and the balance of the tract is in timber. He is raising chickens and turkeys, and doing some gardening. Last year with five hen turkeys as a beginning, he realized over \$170 from the sale of turkeys.

Exploiting Ogle Mine.

George Mason, a mining engineer late of Gunnison, Colorado and D. L. Forester of Oregon City, are at the New Scott exhibiting samples of ore from the Ogle Mountain Mining Company's claim, thirty-six miles from Salem. This mine although but little known, has been operated for more than ten years, and stock is selling at par value.

Look Out for Downey.

"Speeding must be stopped," says Officer Downey. "Henceforth I shall be more strict in enforcing the speed laws, both as regards automobiles and motorcycles," and the determined look upon the officer's face indicated that he means business.

Hops Shipped to London.

On Monday Mr. H. L. Fenton shipped from Salem for Ralph E. Williams 386 bales, or 75,900 pounds, of hops direct to London, England.

HE HAS ALIASES MEET AT BANQUET

Martin Believed to Be Swindler of National Note.

IDENTIFIED BY PINKERTONS.

Modus Operandi Elsewhere Throughout Country Practically the Same as Worked in Dallas.

If the suspicions of the Pinkerton detective agency are confirmed, Sheriff Grant made an exceptionally fine capture when he apprehended and jailed L. G. Martin, who attempted to defraud the Dallas City Bank out of a large sum of money. Martin is believed to be the same individual charged with swindling two Michigan banks out of \$7500, and who has perpetrated several other similar crimes, in each instance his modus operandi being practically the same as here. If the semi-identification is correct, Martin has many aliases, having given the name of James E. Cox in Michigan, that of E. L. Thompson in Kentucky, and so on down the line of a long list of crimes.

The Pinkertons at Portland have established a partial identification of Martin with E. L. Thompson, a forger and swindler of national note, who dropped out of sight after his release from the Eddyville, Ky., penitentiary, where he served eighteen months for a forgery. Prior to 1906 when he was lodged in the Kentucky penitentiary, he is alleged to have successfully turned twenty swindling games by which he gained a total of more than \$100,000. Comparison of pictures, handwritings and identification connect him almost certainly in their opinion with Cox, who passed a bad draft for \$5000 on a St. Paul bank, the draft being drawn against the Hanover National Bank of New York City, the same bank which was to be the victim of Martin's alleged swindling at Dallas. H. T. Horsnell, a real estate man of St. Paul, identified Cox at a bank, and Cox deposited the draft for \$5000, getting \$1500 in cash and a cashier's check for the remainder of the sum. Horsnell's identification was the result of a quick friendship.

Cox is also wanted for forgery of a draft for \$2500 in Reed City, where a woman companion, who gave the name of Lena Miller, drew the money on his signature. Lena Miller may be the woman who gave the name of Mrs. George Lewis when she came to Dallas last week and saw Martin in jail. She gave a name different from that under which Martin was arrested in asking for him, but said he was in trouble about bad checks. She was admitted to his cell, and asked him if he needed any money. He told her, Sheriff Grant reported, that she had better keep her money in her pocket and leave town quickly. She disappeared and soon after Martin made an unsuccessful attempt to break jail at Dallas by burrowing through the brick wall. He probably had plans laid at that time for his escape.

If Martin, Cox and Thompson are the same man, he is a forger who has victimized merchants in the East and Middle West for the past ten years, has served but one short term on record, and has used in all some seventy aliases. His methods in most cases are similar to the methods at Dallas, the pretended purchase of property, deposit of a draft on a distant bank, and drawing of money against the draft. Where he succeeded in drawing the money he disappeared. In Dallas Cashier Craven, with his usual precaution, refused to pay over the cash demanded until he was satisfied that the drafts deposited would be honored. Martin then proceeded to Salem and was arrested by Sheriff Grant, who had preceded him to the capital, as he undertook to cash a \$3800 check on the Dallas institution at the Ladd & Bush bank.

Not Rising to the Fly.

"It's too early for good fly fishing," said Mr. J. C. Talbott, a Falls City merchant, to the Observer on Saturday, himself something of an artist in piscatorial amusements. "Wait a few weeks until the weather warms up a bit and our locality will offer some fine sport."

Notwithstanding the fact that the speckled beauties are not rising to the fly without a considerable amount of coaxing, fishermen are quite active in their endeavors, and are fairly well rewarded by patience.

Special Prizes Offered.

Two special prizes will be offered at the county fair this fall for sheep fleeces. One for the heaviest Cotswold fleece, and another for the heaviest Lincoln fleece, the exhibitor to sell the prize winning fleece to the Fair Association at market price for exhibition at the Panama Exposition next year.

Polk County Educators Eat and Drink and Are Merry.

TOASTS ARE RESPONDED TO.

Principals' Club Holds Last Session of the Year—Schools News of the County.

The Polk County Principals' Club, composed of the heads of educational institutions in this balliwick, held its last meeting of the year in Dallas last Saturday evening by indulging in a banquet at Hotel Gail. President W. A. Johnson presided as toastmaster, and following the feed, which was thoroughly enjoyed, several toasts appropriate to the occasion were responded to, one of the most interesting and instructive of these being, "What I Saw, Heard and Learned at the Inland Empire Teachers' Association at Spokane," by E. F. Carlton, first assistant State School Superintendent, who accompanied by Mrs. Carlton, was a guest of the club. Other toasts responded to were, "The Good of the Club," by President J. H. Ackerman; "What the Club Has Meant to Me," by County Superintendent H. C. Seymour; "Some Duties as a Principal," by F. K. Wells; "The Principals' Club as a Principal Sees It," by W. J. Ford; "Comparison of the Supervisor's Position in Polk County With That of the Supervisor in the Philippines," by L. D. Macken.

Of the entire membership of the organization but four were absent, those present being W. I. Ford and H. H. Dunkleberger of Dallas; L. N. Macken, county school supervisor; R. E. Silvis, Ballston; H. E. Barnhart, Falls City; W. A. Johnson, Mrs. H. H. Dunkleberger, Mrs. E. M. Haley and Mrs. H. C. Seymour.

The club has been in existence for three years, and the past one has been productive of more real good than any of its predecessors, educational and united work having been accomplished for the upbuilding of education in the county. The study for the year has been "Survey of the Portland Schools," and yet much time has been given to discussions of how to better various local conditions. The club will resume its meetings in October.

Teachers' Institute.

The last County Teachers' Institute for the year will be held jointly with Yamhill county at Willamina next Saturday, when the following program will be carried out: Music pupils of Willamina school; "The Teachers' Attitude Toward Local Institutes," Supt. H. C. Seymour, Polk county; address, "A Teacher as Seen from the Outside," Pres. Pennington, Newberg College; "Possibilities of the Junior High School," W. R. Rutherford, McMinnville; address, "Intermediate Grade Work," Miss Grace Davis, Oregon State Normal School; music, Willamina school; address, "Wanted—A Country Teacher," L. S. Pittman, Oregon State Normal School; "The Word Method of Teaching Sight Singing," J. P. Powell, Dundee; "Practical Demonstration in Testing the Dairy Herd," E. R. Stockwell, Oregon Normal Agricultural College; address, "The Palmer System as Applied to First Grade Work," Miss Dawson, Oregon State Normal school; address (subject selected), Calvin S. White, Portland; address, "The Ideal Vacation," S. S. Duncan, Supt. Yamhill county.

Schools Are Standardized.

The Hopville school was standardized April 18, with Lee McKee and Mrs. Harriette Acocks as teachers, and Jas. Anderson, Milton McGowan, Floyd Woodward and R. H. McCarter as the board.

The Bethel school was also standardized on April 28, with W. A. Johnson, Miss Phoebe Wyatt, Miss Daphne Richards and Miss Ada Shields, teachers, and T. J. Graves, G. A. Shields, G. L. Richards and J. T. Sears as the school board.

The Liberty school was also standardized on April 30, with Miss Marjiam Rarly, teacher, and Geo. F. McBee, J. I. Reasoner, Geo. Johnson and L. H. McBee as the school board.

Educational Notes.

Mr. N. C. Maris, state industrial school worker, is in Polk county this week. Yesterday afternoon he visited the Dallas schools and left early this morning for the county.

The Eighth Grade examinations will be held on Thursday and Friday

of this week. The papers will be graded in about two weeks from that time.

The following schools have closed: Smithfield, Barney Hanson and wife, teachers; Red Prairie, Alice Miles, teacher; Oakgrove, Miss Louise Sears, teacher; Brush College, Miss Almeida J. Fuller and Miss Helen Clark, teachers; Lincoln, Miss Edna Gray, teacher; Enterprise, Miss Edna Sweeney, teacher; Fir Grove, Miss Eva Womer, teacher; Sunny Slope, A. J. Shipley, teacher; Liberty, Miss Marjiam Raray, teacher; Hopville, Lee McKee and Mrs. Harriette Acocks, teachers; Mistletoe, J. R. Bidgood, teacher; Fern, Miss Mable Wallace, teacher; Orchard View, Miss Carrie Evans, teacher.

On Saturday, April 25, a school rally was held at the Indian school in the Rogue river district. A splendid program was rendered by the pupils in the forenoon and Superintendent Seymour addressed the assemblage in the afternoon. During the noon hour two basketball games were played, and a baseball game between the Polk and Yamhill county Indians was played later in the day. Yamhill defeated Polk by a score of 5 to 3. About 250 persons were present. The Indian band furnished music.

About half a hundred parents attended a school rally at Black Rock last Friday, when a good program was given by students. Mr. Seymour discussed education and school questions.

A Parent-Teachers' meeting was held at Bethel on April 30, with L. J. Chapin and wife of Salem present. A similar meeting was held at Guthrie on May 1, when Messrs. Maeken and Seymour were present.

PROGRAM FOR CLOSING

PRESIDENT BUSHNELL WILL ADDRESS GRADUATES.

Commencement Exercises of the Dallas High School Begins On Saturday, June 7.

Commencement week for Dallas High School begins Sunday, June 7, and closes Saturday, June 13. All exercises will be held in the High School Assembly. The program of exercises for the week is as follows: Sunday, Baccalaureate services; Monday, Adolphian program; Tuesday, Philogian program; Wednesday, Junior reception; Thursday, Class Day exercises; Friday, Graduating exercises; Saturday, Alumni banquet. President Bushnell, of Pacific University, has been secured to address the graduating class on Friday evening.

The graduates (prospective) are Louise Miles, Georgia Ellis, Pauline E. Coad, Dora L. Hayes, Margariete Kreitle, Dovie E. Odum, Goldie C. Bissell, Frieda P. Neal, Elva Allice Lucas, Harold C. Miller, G. Glen Brock, Laird V. Woods, Fred Gooch, Herschel E. Pritchard, Lynn Mathey.

The Itemizer is Generous.

"We have been acquainted with the new proprietor of The Observer for some years, and know that his history in the newspaper business in Oregon has been first-class. Mr. Cates is a booster from the word go, first coming into prominence in the state by starting the agitation for the creation of Nesmith county from a part of Lane while editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel. He is a man of long experience in the business, a good writer, a genial gentleman, and a contemporary whom we gladly welcome to assist us in the upbuilding of Dallas and Polk county. Long may he wave."—Dallas Itemizer.

Seniors Carry Off Honors.

Originality of performance and unique designing won for the senior class of the Oregon Normal School the silver cup offered by President J. H. Ackerman at the May-day exercises there Friday. Miss May Phillips, Queen of the day, made the presentation of the cup. The tennis tournament in the afternoon was won by the juniors over the seniors.

Receipts Are Much Heavier.

Receipts of the automobile department of the state for motor vehicles and chauffeurs' licenses, amount to \$57,868.50 for the first four months of this year. This is \$995 more than the receipts for the entire year of 1913, which amounted to only \$58,873. The total receipts for 1912 were \$42,994, and for 1911 they were \$27,316.

Will Plant Prunes.

Mr. L. G. Miller, who came to Dallas from Kansas a year ago and bought seventeen acres two miles from town, is clearing the land with a view to planting the tract to prunes. Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. Alvira Shirk, will arrive here from Kansas within a few days, and will make this place her future home.

Paving Is Resumed.

The Warren Construction Company has resumed operations on the big contract let to that company last Spring for the laying of 80,000 square yards of bitulithic pavement at Sheridan.

THAT SEPTIC TANK

Mayor Alleges that Price of Uglow Site Is Exorbitant.

DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL.

Alderman Sibley Contends That Dallas Is Under Obligations to Conclude the Negotiations.

When Mayor Van Orsdel sounded the gravel and called the municipal council to order in regular semi-monthly session Monday evening the number of spectators present exceeded that of any previous meeting for many moons. It was the annual meeting, and the three recently elected aldermen were to be inducted into their future troubles. After Recorder Gregory has perused the minutes of the previous session for the information of the aldermanic body, several committees reported on matters of minor consequence, after which the question of purchasing a site for the proposed septic tank was introduced by the presentation of Mr. Uglow's deed to the councilmen. The mayor immediately objected to a consummation of the deal, alleging without mining words that it was nothing less than graft to pay \$1500, as arbitrated, for the ground. Mr. Uglow was present and reminded his honor that a contract existed between himself and the municipality, and that the city was in duty bound to stay by its word, but this did not phase the chief executive, who asserted that he would exert his influence to annul the transaction. He openly charged that when the arbitration board had been appointed both interested parties were to remain at a distance, but that Mr. Uglow had "stayed with the arbitrators." Mr. Uglow thought that it was stipulated that the parties should be with the arbitrators, and endeavored to find such a clause in the contract, but failed to discover where it was so specifically stated. He, however, did not appear to be greatly perturbed over the situation of affairs, and told the aldermanic body that if the land was not wanted he would take his deed back, and that would settle the negotiations.

Alderman Sibley objected to the position of his honor, explaining that inasmuch as the council had entered into a contract for the land and conditioned the manner in which it was to be obtained, it was under obligations to execute its part of the agreement. He considered that, all the circumstances considered, the price was not exorbitant. If the city bought the Brown land it would be necessary to have at least a small portion of that owned Mr. Uglow. After considerable discussion of the matter, it was deferred until Wednesday evening, to which date the council adjourned.

Committees Are Named.

Mayor Van Orsdel on Monday night appointed the following committees, before which appointments he addressed the councilmen on public improvement matters, and the work before them for the coming year:

Finance—Aldermen Hayter, Sibley and Young.

Streets—Aldermen Barber, Westover and Knight.

Ordinances—Aldermen Sibley, Barker and Gohrke.

Fire and water—Aldermen Westover, Hayter, and Sibley.

Health and Police—Aldermen Young, Gohrke and Knight.

August B. Risser was appointed chief of the fire department.

Extends Best Wishes.

McMinnville Register: "The Polk County Observer, published at Dallas, has changed hands, Gerald Volk disposing of his entire interest in the plant to Lew Cates, a well-known Oregon newspaperman. Mr. Cates has already made some changes in the paper. Dallas is a splendid field for a live newspaper and here's hoping the new editor succeeds as well as his predecessors who have set a high mark in country journalism."

Library Report for April.

Juvenile fiction books loaned, 337; juvenile non-fiction books loaned, 88; adult fiction books loaned, 650; adult non-fiction books loaned, 108; total, 1183.

Number of callers during the month, 2579; new borrowers' cards issued, 23.

Buys Hudson Six.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fenton left this morning for Portland, and will return to Dallas in a brand new Hudson six automobile, of which Mr. Fenton is the possessor.

N. P. Anderson, a Yamhill county

prune grower, has purchased the 29 acre prune orchard of Fred Olmstead, located near McMinnville.