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## NEEDS MORE CASH

### Promotion Fund For Chautauqua Still Short \$250.

### WORTHY OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

#### Dallas Enjoys Distinction of Being Smallest City Honored by This Splendid System.

The Chautauqua committee reports that one hundred season tickets remain to be sold before the guarantee fund of \$1500 is assured. The committee is working diligently to make up the necessary fund, and as the undertaking is most worthy those people of Dallas who have not already subscribed should come forward and do so without delay. The program is of a high order, and the price of season tickets—\$2.50—is reasonable for this character of entertainment.

Dallas is the smallest town in point of population in the Chautauqua circuit, and that it is able to secure and maintain such an educational institution reflects credit upon the community. The Ellison-White Chautauqua System has sent The Observer assurance that the program to be given here is to be even stronger than the excellent one of last year. The management has succeeded in securing Ciricillo's famous Italian band, and those who are up in "band-ology" will rejoice at this arrangement. Ciricillo is one of the really great bandmasters of the world. Dr. Thes. F. Greci, one of the greatest orators in America, will be heard and no less interesting will be Ng. Poon Chew, the Chinese scholar, journalist, and lecturer. This man speaks perfect English and is one of the wittiest speakers who has toured America in recent years. Dr. Seasholes, who has lectured on all of the big Chautauqua programs in this country, will be one of our lecturers.

It is probable that one of the most unique features of the program will be the lecture given by Frederick R. Wedge, "the fighting parson." Wedge was at one time one of the country's noted welter-weight fighters. He fought sixty successful ring battles, and then love for a worthwhile girl led him upward through a college course to fight other and nobler battles. Peter MacQueen, the explorer and author, will lecture here, also. MacQueen was in Africa before Colonel Roosevelt went into the wilds. He has seen all of the world, and his articles appearing frequently in the best magazines in America are read by hundreds of thousands each month.

One of the exceptionally good things will be the appearance of Mrs. William Calvin Chilton, monodramatist, known from coast to coast for her art. The Dunbar Singing Orchestra will be with us. This organization is accompanied by Mrs. Dunbar herself, and is probably the best that the Dunbars have ever been able to get together. No less interesting will be the Lyric Glee Club, a quartet of men who have been together for several years and were honored twice by the government in being sent to Panama to entertain the workers on the big ditch. This organization is headed by Francis Ives Hendry, humorist and impersonator. Isadore Berger, a real violinist, will be heard here in company with the Elwynn Trio, a notable company.

There will be provision for the children all during Chautauqua week, also, the Seton Indian games and instruction being a distinct feature that will prove of marked interest.

Nothing should be allowed to deter from or overshadow Chautauqua week. The support of the entire community is necessary for its success.

### Dr. Withycombe at Grange.

Dr. James Withycombe, of Corvallis, Republican nominee for the governor's chair and member of the Lane county grange, attended the annual session of the State Grange. He was given a hearty welcome by citizens and delegates to the convention. Congratulations and assurances of support were given him from members of the different parties. Polk county polled a heavy vote for Dr. Withycombe.

### Death of Dell Byerley.

Mr. Dell Byerley, a former Dallas boy, now of Newport, died at the latter place last Tuesday with ptomaine poison. Mr. Byerley was 35 years old. His parents, two brothers and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Dodle of Wellsdale and Mrs. R. A. Stubblefield of Dallas, survive.

### Encampment Elects Officers.

At the fortieth grand encampment of Odd Fellows, held at McMinnville, forty new members received the degree of the encampment and the following officers were elected: G. W. Wright, Albany, patriarch; A. R. An-

draws, Portland, grand high priest; E. A. Williams, Freewater, grand senior warden; E. E. Sharon, Portland, grand scribe; W. W. Francis, Albany, grand treasurer; A. S. Walker, Oregon City, grand junior warden; G. A. Hogue, Ontario, grand representative; Frank G. Michelli, Portland, grand marshal; R. R. Cunningham, Lebanon, grand sentinel, and A. M. Clough, Salem, grand outside sentinel.

### LIST OF HONORED DEAD.

#### Dallas Burial Place of Nineteen Civil War Veterans.

Following is a list of dead Civil war soldiers buried in the city cemetery. These graves will be decorated on Memorial day: John Wiseman, Jas. Lowe, B. H. Reasoner, J. E. Smith, J. M. Conway, Wm. Grant, H. C. Dimie, Samuel Coad, Wm. Gilliam, Cornelius Gilliam, Samuel Sloan, David S. Martin, Wm. Siebring, Andrew Siefarth, Simon Tuttle, Martin Hisey, G. W. Reede, E. Kimple, Levi Koser.

Any person knowing of others buried in Dallas should make the fact known to P. S. Greenwood, commander of the U. S. Post, G. A. R., before Memorial day.

## BIG PICNIC IS PLANNED

### DIPLOMAS WILL BE PRESENTED AT RICKREALL.

#### General School News of Polk County Gleaned From Superintendent's Office.

The annual eighth grade commencement picnic will be held at Rickreall Saturday, June 13. This is recognized as the picnic of the year. Mr. M. S. Pittman of the Normal school will address the class and Supt. J. A. Churchill will present the diplomas. The class will be the largest ever graduated in Polk county, having about 150 members. The committee on arrangements is planning to have the afternoon devoted to athletics. The grangers of the county have asked for space for a picnic dinner.

E. D. Ressler, head of the department of education of the O. A. C. and formerly president of the Normal school, visited Falls City schools yesterday with Mr. Seymour.

The following schools closed on the dates given: The Butler standard school, May 15, with Miss Lillian Hogman, teacher; the Greenwood school, May 15, Mrs. Mattie Neal, teacher; the Oakdale standard school, May 15, Miss May Henson; the Lone Star school, May 15, Miss Wanda Fenton, teacher; the McCoy standard school, May 15, Miss Gladys Turner, teacher; the Guthrie standard school, May 15, Miss Andie Stone, teacher; the Highland standard school, May 20, Miss Helen Coffea, teacher; Salt Creek standard school, W. E. Buell and Miss Bess Beal, teachers.

The following schools have recently been standardized. Dallas public school, the board being Dr. B. H. McCullon, C. G. Coad, R. S. Chapman, Tracey Staats, and the teachers being W. I. Ford, superintendent; Miss Edith Plank, Miss Alice Grant, Miss Nola Coad, Mrs. F. H. Morrison, Miss Agnes Clark, Miss Alta Savage.

The Valley View board is composed of G. A. Peterson, R. L. Collins, W. Kester, E. E. De Armond, teacher, F. Silsbee.

The Parker school, with A. B. Lacey, J. M. Akers, P. T. Peterson, A. D. Cook, board, and Miss Crissie Bramberg, teacher.

Mr. J. C. Muerman, from the Bureau of Education of Washington, D. C., spent several days in Polk county this week, a guest of Superintendent Seymour. Since his former visit three years ago, he noted many improvements throughout the county and was well pleased with conditions as he found them.

### REPUBLICANS TO MEET.

#### County Central Committee Will Organize on June 6.

A meeting of the Republican County Central Committee was held at the courthouse Wednesday afternoon, D. L. Key of Perrydale presiding; M. D. Ellis, secretary. No business of consequence was transacted, and an adjournment was taken to Saturday, June 6, when all candidates on the republican ticket and all precinct committeemen will be present.

A permanent working organization will be effected at this time.

### Club's Financial Condition.

The financial condition of the Dallas Commercial club is in what may be termed A1 shape. The secretary reported at Wednesday night's session that disbursements for May amounted to \$155, collections \$36.55, with a balance on hand of \$2,298.

### Damaged By Water.

The New Scott hotel suffered damage yesterday by the bursting of a water pipe. The dining room was flooded with water, and Landford Hall was forced to serve mid-day lunch in the old dining room.

## THERE ARE TIMES WHEN A FELLER IS GLAD TO HAVE HIS MOTHER CALL HIM HOME.



—Fox in New York Evening Sun.

## FOURTEEN CONTRACTS COUNT NOW COMPLETE

### ARMSBY COMPANY CONTRACTS FOR PRUNES.

#### Buying Commences Fully a Month Earlier Than One Year Ago, the Crop Being Much Lighter.

Mr. A. Peterson, local manager for the J. K. Armsby company, has already purchased the crops of fourteen Polk county prune growers, aggregating approximately 200 tons. Last year at this time not a single contract had been made, the buying commencing early in June. The price paid for futures ranges from 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 cents for thirty to thirty-fives, while last year the best figure was 7 1/2 cents. From personal observation, and authentic reports received by his company, Mr. Peterson estimates that the crop in Polk county this year will not exceed one half, while from the state not more than a one-third crop will be harvested. The Petites will be a full crop, but there are comparatively few throughout this valley, the Italians being the staple crop.

Last season the Armsby company handled at this place eighty-five carloads of prunes, or about 3,200,000 pounds, all grown by orchardists in Polk county. According to Mr. Peterson's prediction not more than 1,500,000 pounds will pass through the Armsby packing house this fall.

### SYSTEM HAS BEEN BETTERED.

#### Taxpayers Getting Their Money's Worth in Road Building.

"There is road work under way in nearly every part of the county," said Judge Toal when questioned on the subject by a representative of The Observer on Wednesday. "The county will this year get double the amount of work for the same money, too; due to having a competent road-master to plan and supervise the work," added the judge.

Polk county expends something over \$50,000 annually for road purposes, which is small compared to amounts raised by other counties of the state, and economy is the watchword of the commissioners. Three rock crushers will be at work turning out road material within a few days. One is now crushing 300 yards at the Thorpe quarry, and will finish this week, when it will be moved to a point near Butler's store. Here it will crush a considerable amount of rock. Sam McVey has drillers at work opening a quarry near Falls City, and the crusher will be started within a few days. At Salt Creek rock is being turned out.

### Council Meets Tonight.

The city council will convene, on the call of Mayor Van Orsdel, this evening. The business before the aldermanic body will be whether or not to allow the use of certain streets to the Pollock & McClelland Carnival people.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Smart on Sunday last.

For Supt. Water, Div. 1—Chinook, 2.  
For Circuit Judge—Holmes, 728.  
For Senator, Ninth Dist.—Taminy, 12.  
For Representative, Eleventh Dist.—Brunk, 827.  
For Representative, Twelfth Dist.—Henry, 754.  
For Sheriff—Morrison, 359; Savory, 314; White, 287.  
For County Clerk—Robinson, Jr., 894.  
For County Treasurer—Richter, 801.  
For County Surveyor—Himes, 203; Suver, 346; Taylor, 410.  
For County Commissioner—Clanfield, 498; Simpkins, 345.

### Thanks Offley, Gentlemen.

The Observer wishes to thank those gentlemen throughout Polk county who rendered it and The Oregonian representative at this place, Mr. Walter Tooze, Jr., such valuable assistance in gathering the election returns. Through their co-operation only was it possible to flash early authentic returns.

A civil service examination for rural carriers will be held at the court house tomorrow.

## STATE GRANGE SESSION

### MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS ARE CONSIDERED.

#### Tax Question Discussed at Length—Officers Are Elected for Coming Year.

One hundred and sixteen delegates, representing 58 Oregon communities, and many members of local and county granges were assembled at Monmouth on Tuesday to participate in the forty-first session of the State Grange. Incoming trains Monday and Tuesday brought the grange members to Monmouth. At the station they were met by automobiles and leading citizens and students of Monmouth High and Oregon Normal Schools, who aided in locating the visitors in private homes. Available places outnumbered the grange members.

At 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a banquet was given the visiting grangers by the local citizens and schools in the large fir grove on the Normal School campus. Addresses of welcome were made by P. H. Johnson, mayor of Monmouth; J. H. Ackerman, president of the Oregon Normal School, and P. O. Powell, master of the local grange, followed by other speeches and numerous responses. Farmers, business men, teachers and students took part in the feast, the welcome proving one of the most successful ever given in that city.

To complete the day's entertainment the Monmouth Training School orchestra, a company of amateurs, under the direction of Miss Mary Hoham, instructor of music in the Oregon Normal School, gave a concert for the visiting delegation in the normal auditorium. "Trial by Jury," presented by Normal School students, also was staged for the grange members, following the concert.

At Wednesday's session a resolution was adopted asking for an amendment of all patent and copyright laws, so as to make it possible for any one to manufacture any commodity covered by such laws by paying the inventor 5 per cent royalty or a graduated royalty, in order to extend competition. The present laws were condemned as a monopoly.

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### NATIVE OF POLK PASSES.

#### Mrs. Solomon Wood Dies at Portland in 68th Year.

Mrs. Solomon Wood, a pioneer of the Pacific Northwest, and a native of Polk county, died in Portland Saturday at the age of 68 years. She was the daughter of a pioneer, John Waymire, of Polk county. She was one of the first members of the Oregon Pioneer association, never missed a meeting, and always sang a song and gave a short speech in "Chinook." She was a member of the Rebekah lodge for fifty years. The degree of chivalry was to have been conferred on her in Spokane June 8. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for thirty years.

She was born in Polk County September 12, 1846, living here until September 7, 1862, when she was married to Solomon Wood, a cattleman. She had one son, John Wood, who survives. She reared three other children, Mrs. H. E. Bassett and Mrs. T. B. Harper, both grand-daughters, and S. L. Wills, a nephew. Four grandchildren survive, Bruce and Margaret Harper, Peter and Daphne Bassett.

### Death of Pioneer Jeweler.

William Willard Martin, 73 years old, a pioneer jeweler of Salem, died Wednesday, after an illness of about six years. Mr. Martin conducted a jewelry store on Commercial street for many years, at one time being a partner of N. Parrish.

## OCCUPY NEW HALL

### Masonic Dedication Ceremonies Will Be Held This Evening.

### HISTORY OF THE LOCAL LODGE.

#### Honorable George H. Burnett Serves in Capacity of Grand Master on This Occasion.

With appropriate ceremonies, Jennings Lodge, No. 9, A. F. and A. M., of Dallas, will formally dedicate its new hall to night, when the Hon. George H. Burnett will act for the grand master. He will be assisted by the officers. The meeting will be open to the families of Masons and Order of Eastern Star. The dedication exercises will also be attended by a large number of Masons from various sections of the state.

The program, as given out officially, will be as follows: Anthem, "Hail, Universal Lord," Edgar W. Miles, John E. Miller, Willis Simonton, Fred W. Zeller; dedication ceremonies, M. W. Geo. H. Burnett, for grand master, assisted by officers of the grand lodge; anthem, "When Soloman, With Wondrous Skill," male quartette; cello solo, "Humoresque," John C. Uglow; address, M. W. Geo. H. Burnett, past grand master; vocal duet, "Beautiful Moonlight," Lucile Hamilton, Louise Miles.

### Lodge History.

Mr. J. C. Hayter gives the following interesting history of Jennings' lodge, which today is probably the strongest fraternal organization in Dallas:

On the 20th day of January, 1854, M. W. Grand Master John Elliott granted a dispensation to Jesse Walling and others to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be known as Jennings Lodge, No. 9, in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon. The Master Masons to whom this authority was granted were Jesse Walling, Frederick Waymire, Isaac Zumwalt, Robert Gilliam, John H. Lewis, John M. Zumwalt, W. S. Gilliam and Elisha McDaniel.

The first communication of the Lodge under dispensation was held March 17, 1854, with the following officers: Worshipful Master, Isaac Zumwalt; Senior Warden, Robert Gilliam; Junior Warden, John H. Lewis. The M. W. Grand Master having died in the meantime, and the granting of this dispensation having been his last official act, the first act of Jennings Lodge was the introduction and passage of resolutions of respect for the memory of the departed Grand Officer.

Jennings Lodge worked under dispensation until June 15, 1854, when a Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Oregon. This Charter is signed by John C. Ainsworth, M. W. Grand Master, and Benjamin Stark, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The first election of officers, held July 7, 1854, resulted as follows: Isaac Zumwalt, W. M.; Robert Gilliam, S. W.; John Angel, J. W.; Frederick Waymire, Secretary; John H. Lewis, Treasurer. The Worshipful Master appointed Elisha McDaniel, Senior Deacon, and John H. Lewis, Tyler. The Senior Warden appointed W. S. Gilliam Junior Deacon.

The first candidate made a Master Mason by Jennings Lodge was William W. Boon, who was raised November 3, 1854. The longest continuous membership in the Lodge to date was that of William C. Brown, who was raised August 11, 1855, and who died May 10, 1909.

While Jennings Lodge is numbered 9, it is now the seventh oldest Lodge in Oregon, two of the earlier Lodges having united with other Lodges in the newly-created Territory of Washington for the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington. Since its first communication, 295 members have been admitted or raised. The present membership of the Lodge is 111 Master Masons.

One member of Jennings Lodge, the late Brother Robert Clow, attained to the office of M. W. Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Oregon, and other members have been honored by office in the Grand Lodge.

One cannot read the early history of this Lodge without a feeling of respect almost akin to reverence for the good and true men whose faithful labors, often under the most adverse conditions, contributed so materially to the advancement of Masonry in a frontier country. It is gratifying to reflect that the newer generation has shown its appreciation of this good work by sparing no effort to advance the interest of the fraternity and to place Jennings Lodge, No. 9, in the prosperous condition it enjoys today.

The H. H. C. will hold its social meeting next Wednesday evening.