

TERSE TALES OF TOWN

LOCAL NEWS OF DALLAS AND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

Personal Paragraphs Pertaining to People and Their Movements, Gleaned by Observer.

Hally R. Bennett, who has been visiting the last three weeks at the Methodist parsonage, left on Tuesday for Glacier National Park to join the U. S. Geological Survey. He took a twenty-eight mile hike into the mountains one day last week, and in his numerous rambles collected over two hundred Oregon plants for shipment to a Chicago botanist.

J. E. Mason, south of town, has an acre of loganberries from which he has this year sold over 100 crates. The local market is flooded and the price is low. Next season these berries will probably be handled by the Distributors' association.

County Treasurer Tracy Staats, rather than to tie himself to the breezy seashore to put on a coat of tan, takes to his ranch when opportunity offers. He spent Wednesday there in the open, and returned home with a portion of his crop of blackberries.

Mrs. Ralph Hillery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, is here from Portland for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews went to Portland on Sunday for a brief stay.

Mr. Catherwood was a Portland visitor this week.

Mr. A. J. Barham went to Portland yesterday morning to meet his son Wayne, who is there playing baseball with the "Frisco" team. Wayne may accompany his father home, and visit here a few days.

C. F. Robertson of Smithfield brought to The Observer yesterday apples which had kept during the winter. They are well preserved.

Mr. and Mrs. Horn of Portland spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. Davis of this city. Mrs. Davis and two children accompanied them home by automobile, returning yesterday.

The socialist convention will be held in Dallas on Saturday, July 18, and not on July 15, as stated in the call. Note the correction.

The council held a special meeting Wednesday evening its purpose being to further the street improvements ordered. Publication of notices is given in The Observer today.

The city council invites bids for the improvement of eight blocks of streets.

Mrs. J. L. Castle of Portland is a guest of Mrs. C. L. Barnes. She will return to the metropolis tomorrow.

John Leveek of the Airlie district will exhibit a lamb's fleece, with wool six inches long, at the county fair this fall.

Mrs. C. E. Leman of Woodland, California, sister of Mrs. J. C. Shultz, is a guest of the latter and family.

Mrs. Henry Campbell who has been ill for some time is now convalescent. Chester Siefarth of Portland is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Siefarth.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Comeys of Duval, Washington, and James Simonon, of Salem, were visitors at the Mrs. Charles Leman of Woodland street Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Seymour and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reynolds left Tuesday morning for a two weeks' camping trip at Dolph.

Jack Eakin left Monday afternoon for Taft, Oregon, to visit George Fuller.

Miss Ora Hartley has returned from a week's visit with relatives in Portland.

Hollis Smith is visiting at the home of his grandfather, James Simonon, near Salem.

Mrs. F. J. Craven and son, Walter, are visiting at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Tyler-Smith, at Sheridan for a few days.

Mrs. Charles Lehman, of Woodland, California, arrived in Dallas Wednesday morning for a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Shultz.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McDonald returned Tuesday morning from a visit with relatives and friends in Corvallis.

Mrs. Frank Morrison and daughter, Miss Edna, will leave soon for a visit with relatives in New York state. They will also stop at Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jacobson arrived home Sunday evening from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White at Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Riggs and little son, of Portland, are visiting relatives in Dallas.

August Risser, bookkeeper at the Dallas National bank, has returned from a several weeks' visit to the various resorts along the Oregon coast.

H. R. Patterson, Jr., who has been visiting at the Eugene Hayter home on North Main street, returned Monday to Grays River, Washington, where he is employed by the Portland Lumber company.

F. J. Craven, cashier of the Dallas City bank, left Tuesday afternoon for a business trip to points in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Johnson, who have been visiting relatives in this city for the past month, left Tuesday morning for their home in Nampa, Idaho.

Dr. and Mrs. Rempel and son returned Saturday from Portland, where the doctor attended the annual convention of the Oregon Chiropractic association. He reports a very in-

teresting and profitable meeting. The membership of the association has increased nearly fifty per cent in the last year.

L. S. Hill and wife and daughter, Miss Esther, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cates on Wednesday. They were enroute to their home at Cottage Grove from an extensive automobile trip north.

S. Taylor Jones, assistant superintendent of the Salem, Falls City & Western railway, with his wife and little son, left this week for La Mar, Missouri, where they will visit friends and relatives for a month. Mr. Woodburg of Portland has charge of the office during Mr. Jones' absence.

Mrs. M. M. Ellis and Mrs. Virginia Smith will leave Monday for Newport, where the former has a cottage, to spend the summer.

A. L. Martin of the Oregon Power company was an Independence visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hollister of Portland are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sundberg this week, and their son Claude is visiting Chas. Bennett.

John R. Sibley returned home from a fishing trip on the Siletz river Wednesday night. He and his party were camped near the Siletz agency, from which point he walked to Norton's place on the C. & E., and came home by train, leaving Leif Finseth, Milt Grant and Chas. Allen to catch those that got away from him.

Seiphus Nelson has this season put up 2,000 quart bottles of loganberry syrup and the end is not yet.

Rev. C. C. Curtis returned on Tuesday last from California, where he had been temporarily filling a pulpit, and has since been attending the meeting of Christian churches at Turner.

Mrs. Hall and son Jimmy of the New Scott, were Portland visitors during the week.

E. V. Dalton, manager of the Sterling Furniture company, arrived from the east last night from a four-months' journey to different portions of the country.

Dr. Charington was a Portland visitor this week.

Miss Marjorie Volheim, who has been visiting her brother, Harry Volheim, left today for her home in Portland.

Mrs. E. A. Hamilton left today for a two weeks' visit in Portland.

Mrs. Griffin and son Joe leave today for Newport.

Mrs. Van Orsdal and Miss Pauline were Independence visitors Thursday. In the evening Miss Pauline went to Monmouth and gave readings for the Dallas campfire program.

Professor White of Albany college was a Dallas visitor this week.

Messrs. Soehren, Will Howe and N. L. Guy left yesterday for a fishing trip to the Siletz.

Miss Anna May Longuecker, who has been recovering from an attack of appendicitis, has returned to Portland, where she is a nurse in St. Vincent's hospital.

Miss Marie Griffin, who was a delegate to the Y. W. C. A. conference at Cohasset Beach, returned earlier than she had planned on account of the illness of her brother.

REBECCAS INSTALL OFFICERS.

Miss May Shelton Induct New-Elected Ones Into Office.

On Tuesday night the Rebecca lodge installed officers for the ensuing year. District Deputy President, Miss May Shelton, being the installing officer, inducting the following members to their new places: Mrs. Harold Rich, N. G.; Alice Grant, V. G.; Mrs. C. C. Cosper, secretary; Miss Una Campbell, treasurer; Mrs. M. D. Metzger, R. S. of N. G.; Miss Buena Fiske, L. S. of N. G.; Mrs. Gregory, warden; Mrs. Whittaker, conductor; Claudia Coad, outside guardian; Ava Coad, inside guardian. Owing to the absence of the vice-grand, Miss Alice Grant, the right and left supporters of that office were not appointed. After the installation of officers the members attended the moving picture show in a body, repairing to the lodge room, where refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream and cake.

Give Play at Monmouth.

The campfire girls of Dallas went to Monmouth last night and gave a play. Although there were some inconveniences in the way of a stage and dressing room, the performance came off creditably and it would have been hard to have found a more appreciative and sympathetic audience. The girls were very grateful to the Normal faculty and students, and especially to Miss Rose Parrot for the help given. Those who went over were as follows: Mrs. B. Casey, Mrs. George Gerlinger, Mrs. Harry Volheim, Misses Marjorie Volheim, Pauline Van Orsdal, Meriam Hart, Pearl Smith, Marjorie and Dorothy Bennett, Nina Farley, Muriel Grant, Helen Loughary, Gladys Loughary, Louise Miles, Hallie Smith, Maude Barnes, Marjorie Holman, Lucile Hamilton, Marie Griffin, Helen Casey, Dora Hayes, Alice Grant, Vera Wagner, Elva Lucas, Georgia Shaw, Alice Miles.

Hoosiers Organize.

One hundred and thirty-seven Hoosiers responded to a five days' notice requesting all Indiana people of Marion and Polk counties to meet at Marion Square in Salem on July 5 for the purpose of organizing a society. Officers were elected.

Jerusalem Will Soon Have Four Street

Jerusalem will soon have four street

railway lines.

Early Pioneer Passes.

James Simpson, a pioneer of 1847,

died at the old family homestead near Shaw, Monday, July 6, after a lingering illness. He was 80 years of age.

Uncle Sam Boosts Road Drag

The road drag is the simplest and least expensive contrivance yet devised for maintaining earth roads, according to the experts in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, who are co-operating with state and county authorities in work for better roads.

Properly used, the drag gives the needed crown to the road, smooths out ruts and other irregularities, spreads out puddles of water, thereby accelerating the drying of the road, and makes the surface more or less impervious to water by smearing over the so-called pores in the earthy material. The cost of operation depends, of course, upon local conditions and the thoroughness with which the work is done. It is safe to say, however, that it is less expensive than any other efficient system of upkeep.

Farmers' Bulletin No. 597, of the Department of Agriculture, discusses under the title of "The Road Drag and How It Is Used," the best methods of maintaining earth roads in good condition by this simple device. In this bulletin, which has just been published, the Department points out that of more than 2,000,000 miles of public roads in the United States, only about 200,000 miles have been given a hard surface. It is true, of course, that a large part of the remaining mileage consists of roads that are entirely unimproved, and that on roads of this class the drag is practically useless. There is a much larger mileage, however, that has been partially improved, and it is on roads of this character—roads that have been crowned or drained, but have not a hard surface—that the use of the drag is advocated.

In its simplest form the road drag consists of an ordinary log split in half and two halves connected like the uprights of a ladder by means of cross sticks or rungs set in. The log should be about 7 or 8 inches in diameter, and from 6 to 8 feet in length. It is better to have it of well-seasoned, hard, tough wood. The two semi-cylindrical halves of the log form the runners of the drag, and are usually spaced from 30 to 36 inches apart. The front runner is always placed with the split surface of the wood facing forward, but the rear runner sometimes has its rounded face in front. This is done in order to increase the smearing action of the drag as it passes over the surface of the road.

The two runners are not placed directly behind each other, but are "offset," as it is called, from 12 to 16 inches. This is done because the drag is drawn over the road at an angle sufficient to make the runners free themselves of the material which they scrape. The amount of this angle or skew depends, of course, upon the condition of the road. By offsetting the runners, it is possible

to make their ends follow approximately the same line on the road, which they would not do if they were set directly behind each other and the drag drawn at an angle with the road.

In order to provide standing room for the man, it is usual to nail two boards down upon the rungs parallel to the runners. Standing upon these, a skillful driver will bear his weight in such a way as to aid materially in the successful operation of the drag.

The drag is drawn by a chain which should be about 8 feet long. This can be fastened by eye bolts to each end of the front runner, or one end of the chain can pass through a hole at the discharge end of the front runner, and the other end be looped over the rung at the cutting end of the runner. It is important that the hitching link should be so designed that its position can be changed readily. It is also desirable to provide a metal cutting edge for the front runner. This can be made from a strip of iron or steel, and old wagon tires have frequently proved satisfactory.

The cost of such a drag varies from \$2.00 to perhaps \$10.00 or \$12.00. This practically insignificant outlay will secure an implement that will be of great service to the community for at least three or four years. The fact cannot be overlooked, however, that skill in the use of the drag is indispensable.

The angle that the runners make with the center line of the road, the skew angle as it might be called, is an important factor. For example, if the dragging is done to increase the crown of the road, the drag should be sufficiently skewed to discharge all material as rapidly as it is collected on the runners. On the other hand, the conditions may be such that it is desirable to carry along this material in order to deposit it where there are depressions in the road's surface. An intelligent operator will soon learn many ways of controlling the action of the drag. The length of the hitching chain, the disposition of the operator's weight, the time when the dragging is done, all these exert marked influence upon the results.

As to the time for dragging, a safe rule to follow is to drag the road when the material composing the surface contains sufficient moisture to compact readily, but is not sufficiently wet for traffic to produce mud.

Since the weather plays so important a part in the matter, it is not usually possible to arrange continuous employment for teams on the road. It is therefore desirable, whenever possible, to have the dragging done by persons interested in the road, who will do it in the intervals of other occupations.

OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED.

Three-Link Order Enjoys Entertainment After Regular Business.

Deputy A. V. R. Snyder, assisted by J. E. Sibley, W. A. Ayers, J. E. Richter and Mr. Beach, installed the officers of Friendship lodge, I. O. O. F., last night, after which the retiring noble and installed grands entertained their brethren with ice-cream and cigars. Following are the officers installed: Dr. V. C. Staats, noble grand; Leo Bureh, vice-grand; Tracy Staats, secretary; W. H. F. Manston, treasurer; Toney Larson, warden; Dr. B. H. McCallon, chaplain; A. V. R. Snyder, right supporter to noble grand; J. E. Sibley, left supporter to noble grand; R. Bureh, right supporter to vice-grand; Charles Quick, left supporter to vice-grand; H. Morrison, conductor; F. E. Davis, right scene supporter; Chas. Hays, left scene supporter; Lee Rickman, inner guard; H. H. Rich, outer guard; C. Bureh, sitting past grand.

Adds to Equipment.

The Observer's job printing department has recently been enlarged and new equipment added, making it without question not only the largest but the best printery in Polk county. It is capable of turning out anything in the printing line from a calling card to a poster in the shortest notice, in most artistic fashion, and at the lowest prices. This tidy appearance of The Observer is a standing advertisement for the character of work turned out from this office.

Polk Gets Fire Aid.

The senate has approved an allowance of \$25,000 to protect from forest fires the forfeited Oregon & California railroad lands, and Polk county with its 32,160 acres will receive \$643.20, the cost per acre being estimated at from 1 to 3 cents. Benton will receive \$772.

Awarded \$1100 Damages.

A jury in Circuit Judge Cleeton's court in Portland awarded Yaciva Yocovich damages of \$1100 against the Falls City Lumber company for the death of his son, Stanko, while the latter was employed as a logger by the company. Suit was brought for \$20,000.

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died at the old family homestead near Shaw, Monday, July 6, after a lingering illness. He was 80 years of age.

WHERE THE PRIZES WENT.

Winners in the Several Contests at Monmouth on Fourth.

Base Ball game—Amity vs. Airlie, Amity winning.
100 yard dash, first prize value \$2.50, McKee.
100 yard dash, boys under 14 years of age, \$1.50 pocket knife, Bruce Rogers.
75 yards dash, boys under 12 years of age, \$1.75 pair of moosekins, McKinney, Airlie.

50 yard dash, girls under 12 years of age, \$1.00 doll, Rickrell girl.
20 yard dash, boys and girls under 5 years of age, 50 cents worth of fireworks, young Marks.

Relay race by picked teams, boys, 50 yard dash, old man's race, 65 years and above, 3 pound can of Diamond W. coffee, Lewis, Airlie.
50 yard dash, fat man's race, 200 pounds or over, 2½ pound can of Dependable coffee, M. Phyllis.

Ladies' wood sawing contest, 1 sack of Highland Blend flour, Myra Butler, Monmouth.

Wheel barrow race, \$1.00 box of cigars, Harry Walker, Luckiamute.
Pillow fight, \$2.50 Moore's Non-Leakable fountain pen, Bill Bogynska.—Herald.

Expects a Full Crop.

J. H. Lockman, who has a 30-acre ranch one mile from Dallas, with eight acres of prunes, tells The Observer that he expects a full crop this season, or approximately 400 bushels. The trees are six years old, and this is their first bearing year. Mr. Lockman attributes the full crop to the location of the orchard, which is a favorable spot on the river. Talking in bushels, an offer of 90 cents has been made for the crop.

Conference Called Off.

The meeting of the progressive party, call for which was issued more than a week ago for last night, did not materialize, it having been previously declared off. The purpose of the meeting was to confer concerning matters political.

Expects Large Crop.

Paul Jesson, lessee of the Gardner hop yard of thirty-six acres, was in Dallas today, and told The Observer that he expects an unusually large crop. The hops are fine, too, he says.

Prepare for Long Hike.

The campfire girls held their business meeting at the home of Mrs. Lot Brown, Monday last. The chairman

appointed the following committees for the proposed Newport trip: Transportation, Louise Miles and Marie Griffin; shelter, Gladys Loughary and Helen Casey; cooking, Lucile Hamilton and Muriel Grant; food, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Harry Woods and Ailee Miles; beds, Hallie Smith and Maude Barnes; fuel, Nina Farley and Helen Loughary; utensils, Marjorie Holman and Vera Wagner; baggage, Elva Lucas and Georgia Shaw. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Brown next Monday.

POLK COUNTY NEWS

AIRLIE.

F. Silsbee of Valley View was a caller here on Thursday.

Ellis Dodson made a business trip to Independence Thursday evening.

West Williams of Portland is visiting relatives here. He is a brother of W. E. Williams.

The Fourth was quiet here. Some went to Monmouth and others to Falls City and Pedee.

Dr. Matthews of Monmouth was a caller here on Monday.

E. Turner is putting up a barn on his land near Maple Grove. Glis Dodson has the contract.

Byron Gill and wife of Eugene are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Staats.

J. F. Ulrich and wife attended Grange at Lewis' mill Wednesday evening.

The Hazelwood creamery company has a hen that laid an egg measuring six inches by eight inches.

F. G. Adams of Portland is stopping here for a few days.

POLK.

Farmers are busy taking care of their hay crop, which is unusually heavy this year.

Dr. Hayter was busy every evening last week taking his cherries to market. The cherry crop was not so large this year, owing to the late rains.

Mr. Quirings is erecting a new house on his farm.

Taylor and Claud Dunn entertained relatives from McMinnville over the Fourth.

Misses Alma Light and Mary McNulty spent the Fourth at Falls City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Reddekopp spent Sunday at the home of Will Reddekopp on Salt Creek.

Walter Wing returned Saturday from Newport.

Mrs. McNulty has returned from a few days' visit in McCoy.

Mr. Light has been digging a well on his place, and Dr. Hayter had the well walled with brick on his farm.

THE MARKETS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: New club, 79c; new forty-fold, 80c; new blue-stem, 82c; new red Russian, 77c; Turkey red, 80c.

MILFEED—Bran, \$23 per ton; shorts, \$26; middlings, \$31.

OATS—No. 1 white milling, \$22 and \$22.50 per ton.

FLOUR—Patents, \$4.80 per barrel; straights, \$4.20; exports, \$3.90; valley, \$4.50; graham, \$4.80; whole wheat, \$5.

BARLEY—Feed, \$21.50 per ton; ton; brewing, \$21.50 and \$22; rolled, \$22.50; rolled, \$23.50.

HAY—Choice timothy, \$16 and \$17; mixed timothy, \$12 and \$15; valley grain hay, \$10 and \$12; alfalfa, \$11.

CORN—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 per ton.

Dairy and Country Produce.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 23½c; candled, 25c. and 26c. per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 14½c. and 15c; Springs, 18c. and 20c; turkeys, live, 20c. and 22c; dressed, choice, 25c. and 26c; ducks, 10c; geese, 8c. and 9c.

POULTRY—Hens, 15½c. and 16½c; Springs, 18c. and 22c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 25c; ducks, 12c. and 13c; geese, 10c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbers' buying price, 16c. per pound f. o. b. dock Portland; Young America, 17c. per pound.

PORK—Block, 10½c. and 11c. per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 13c. and 13½c. per pound.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1913 crop, prime and choice, 14c. and 16c; 1914 contracts, 15c.

PELTS—Dry, 12c; dry short wool, 9c; dry shearings, 10c; green shearings, 15c. and 30c; salted sheep, \$1.25 and \$1.50; Spring lambs, 25c. and 35c.

HIDES—Salted hides, 13½c. per pound; salt kip, 14c; salted calf, 18c; green hides, 12½c; dry hides, 25c; dry calf, 28c; salted bulls, 19c. per pound; green bulls, 8½c.

WOOL—Valley, 18c. and 21c; Eastern Oregon, 16c. and 20½c.

MOHAIR—1914 clip, 27½c. per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 4½c. per pound.

A little turpentine added to stove blackening w. l. make the stove look like new.

To remove mildew cover with soft soap and salt and place in the sun. Repeat if necessary.

DR. TOEL,

Noted Cancer and Tumor Specialist, formerly of Chicago.

Dr. Toel has for 30 years made a specialty of removing cancers and tumors without the use of the knife and eating plasters. When cancers are removed with the knife, the cancer cells and germs infect, during the operation, the opened blood vessels and lymph spaces; they multiply in the nicely sewed up wound like in a hotbed and in a short time a return of the cancer appears in the scar. About 80 per cent of cancers operated on with the knife thus return. If cancers are eaten out with a plaster the pain is intense for hours and days, while the slow working, and often repeated plasters irritate the cancer germs and cells so that they quickly multiply and migrate through the lymph vessels into the lymphatic glands, where they form a secondary cancer and thus make the situation worse than before the plasters were applied. Dr. Toel's electrical methods allow him to remove cancers without the loss of a single drop of blood, in a single operation, often in a few minutes. As there is no loss of blood, there are no open blood vessels and lymphatic vessels, and no danger of blood poisoning, while, as there can be no fresh inoculation, there is very little danger of the return of the cancer; there is no pain after the operation and, as it is done in a single act, no danger of irritating the cancer cells and germs and of driving them into the glands. Thus a secondary cancer is a great rarity if the electrical operation is done in time.

Fibroid tumors of the womb, and similar tumors are recommended by electrical methods without the use of the knife. Dr. Toel uses the same or similar methods for polypus, goitre, piles, fistula, his operation being absolutely without loss of blood and mostly painless or connected with only very slight pain, while, after the operation there is absolutely no pain at all.

Electrical and other physiological methods are also used by him in diseases of women, skin and nervous diseases, neuralgia, neurasthenia, gout, rheumatism, diseases of the liver, stomach, kidneys, bladder, prostate gland, asthma, bronchitis, catarrh, dyspepsia and constipation.

Dr. Toel does not believe in filling the stomach full of medicines, often only to interfere with its natural action. He prescribes medicine very rarely as his electrical and other apparatus allows him to effect cures far quicker and surer than medicines.

Dr. Toel has for over 30 years made a specialty of electrical operations and treatments.

Dr. Toel can be found at his 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.

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