

TERSE TALES OF TOWN

LOCAL NEWS OF DALLAS AND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

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

Mrs. George Conkey of Independence was a Dallas visitor this week.

Mrs. H. K. Ball has returned to her home in Seattle after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sundberg.

Mrs. Travis McDevitt of Corvallis was a guest this week at the C. F. McDevitt home on Hayter street.

I. F. Youkum was in Salem Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick are at Newport on a few days' outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Simonton and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boals left Thursday morning for Newport by automobile.

Mrs. C. L. Cridger was a visitor in Salem on Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Lehmann returned to her home in Woodland, California, on Thursday, after a several weeks' visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Shultz.

Mrs. Gertrude Sebring has returned to her home in Winchester, Oregon, after a short visit with her mother, Mrs. Eliza Shultz.

Andy Tupper of Independence was a visitor in Dallas on Thursday.

Joe Helgeson is spending a few weeks with George Fuller and Jack Eakin at Taft, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Seymour and Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer have returned from an outing at Bar View, Tillamook county.

Miss Cartwright, who takes the place of Miss Horner as instructor in the departments of History and English in the Dallas High school was a visitor here Wednesday and Thursday.

Lloyd Soehren has just received 1000 poles for use in piling his loganberries, of which he has eight acres just south of Dallas.

Fred Stinnett, of the Dallas Mercantile company, and Frank Hartley, of the Golden Rule, returned yesterday from a few days' stay at the beach.

Contrary to expectations State Treasurer Kay late yesterday afternoon announced the apportionment of the interest of the common school fund, giving to Polk \$9401.70. The apportionment reaches a total of \$373,490.95, based on a school population of 201,887, an increase of 4777 over last year. The fund is also larger so the apportionment per pupil is \$1.85, compared with \$1.83 in 1913.

The United Evangelical Bible conference and camp meeting was opened yesterday morning at Quinby park, near Salem. This meeting lasts until August 10. Prof. Metzger and Rev. M. J. Ballantyne left on this morning's train to attend, and Rev. C. P. Gates and wife will leave Monday.

Postmaster Fiske and daughters spent a portion of the week at Newport.

Mayor Van Orsdel has received the sad intelligence of the death of his brother, J. C. Van Orsdel of Pittsburg, which occurred while on a visit to Omaha.

The premiums offered by the Fair association for the best individual exhibit of farm products are decidedly liberal and are bound to excite a lively contest for the honors. The first prize is \$40, second \$25 and third \$15.

Mr. J. H. Sweeney and daughter, Miss Edna, of Buell were in Dallas yesterday. Miss Edna had been attending the summer school at Monmouth. She will teach next term in District 71, near Willamina. Mr. Sweeney says the fall crops in his neighborhood are looking fine, but that the spring crops are shriveling for want of moisture. He is engaged in the poultry business and is not, therefore, worrying much about his crop.

A. L. Martin of the Oregon Power company was confined to his home by illness a portion of the week.

Mrs. Walter L. Tooze, Jr., will leave early next week for Seaside, there to spend several weeks at the beach.

The Statesman:—"Leaving Salem Tuesday morning two lads attempted to paddle their canoe to Independence. The trip by water, as they had mapped their journey, is a good 17 miles. All went well until the gravel bar south of Independence was reached. Snags have piled up at that point since the water receded. The boys hit a sunken tree broadside, ripped part of the side of their canoe out, and the occupants barely escaped without injury."

Mrs. C. E. Shaw and nieces, Miss Muriel Grant and Miss Georgia Shaw, left Friday for a trip of indefinite length to Newport. Miss Grant and Miss Shaw will join the Campfire girls Monday.

Mrs. Walter Williams and Mrs. Fred Toner are spending the summer in Newport.

County Treasurer and Mrs. Staats spent Saturday and Sunday on the Tillamook beach.

Philip Ruffo of Portland has been visiting with his old-time friend, Joe Boscoe, at the Begin tailoring establishment this week.

Rev. Mitchell of the Presbyterian church will take for his morning topic next Sunday, "In the Day of Prosperity." In the evening he will discuss "Wind or Stars."

O. P. Bishop, wife and daughter of Portland were in the city on Wednesday. Mr. Bishop came to appear before the grand jury on an embezzle-

ment charge preferred by the Holt Piano company of Portland, mistaking the date on which the inquisitors were to convene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Macomber last Sunday entertained B. Y. Allen and family, and J. W. Macomber and family of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brown of Salem, J. A. Colgan and family of Marion, and Mrs. Lou. Budd of Portland at their farm home near town. The day was spent, according to Mr. Macomber, in keeping cool and devouring fried chicken.

Walter L. Tooze, Junior, will go to Toledo by automobile Sunday, and will try a case in court there on Monday, returning to Dallas that night.

John Orr, republican nominee for sheriff of Polk county, has dropped out of politics long enough to make a ten-days' trip to the coast, his family accompanying him.

Attorneys Ed. F. Coad and Oscar Hayter were business visitors in Corvallis Monday.

Miss Mella White of Oak Grove is a guest of Miss Edith Starbuck this week. Miss White is a teacher in one of the Portland schools.

J. L. White, former manager of the Oregon Power company in this city and now connected with the same company at Albany, was a business visitor in Dallas Tuesday.

J. C. Hayter, W. V. Fuller, H. H. Belt and P. A. Finseth returned Wednesday from a trip to Tillamook.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sundberg, Mrs. C. A. Adams and Mrs. H. K. Ball, motored to Corvallis Tuesday.

The court house roof is being painted.

The county court will convene on Wednesday next.

Mrs. Walter L. Tooze, Jr., was a Salem visitor yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gerlinger of Portland are in Dallas, where they will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. George Gerlinger for a few days.

Wm. Riddell, Jr., of Monmouth was a Dallas visitor on Wednesday.

Mrs. Addie L. Tillman, district deputy of the Lady Macabees of the World, will conclude her work here within the ensuing week, when she will return to her home in Leets. The local hive has been revived by the addition of several new members.

At the Christian church next Sunday morning Minister Curtis will take for his theme, "Back to the Home." In the evening he will discuss "Our Present and Future in the Neglect of Salvation." Other meetings as usual.

Mrs. D. P. Patterson and daughters are guests of relatives and friends at Hillsboro, Oregon.

TO SUPPORT THE G. O. P.

More Than 100 Progressives Return to Old Alliance.

A dispatch dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, says: More than 100 men who voted the progressive ticket in 1912 held a conference here today, declared their allegiance to the republican party and issued an appeal to men of all political parties to join them in support of the republican ticket this year. Every section of the state was represented at the conference. In the appeal that was issued it is declared that there were reasons in 1912 which we deemed sufficient whereby thousands of republicans voted other tickets. These reasons no longer exist. The organized protest against methods and men, but not against principles, was effective. The purpose of the third party is accomplished.

Many Happy Girls.

Three full carloads of pretty girls, enroute from the State Normal school to their respective homes, passed through this place Thursday afternoon. And from the singing, laughing, cheering and waving that they were doing, it can be safely said that they were not altogether sorry that the season's work was done.

Invited to "Come Across."

All subscriptions to the road oiling fund should be liquidated by next Wednesday, on which date the county court meets. The court, and those instrumental in bringing about the improved condition of the highways, are anxious that this matter be closed up as speedily as possible, which can only be done by getting in the subscription money.

Oregon May Get Convention.

That Portland stands a good chance of securing the 1916 supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias convention is the consensus of opinion of prominent Knights of this city. They base their opinion on the campaign Portland has conducted for the past two years and the amount of encouragement thus far received from official sources.

Deputy Clerk Arrives.

Chester Siefarth and wife of Portland arrived in the city Monday evening and will make this city their future home. Mr. Siefarth has recently been chosen as deputy county clerk by Clerk A. B. Robinson.

New Officers Are Elected.

The Dallas Women's Christian Temperance Union, on Tuesday last, elected the following officers: Mrs. Josie Griffin, president; Mrs. Jennie Siefarth, vice president; Mrs. Lulu Campbell, secretary; Mrs. Grace Mil-

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NEW CAUSE FOR WORRY

SALEM FEARS WILLAMETTE RIVER MAY COME TO POLK.

Inaugurates Movement to Keep Stream Beneath the Bridge, By Appealing to Hawley.

The good people of Salem are beginning to worry because of a fear that they are going to lose the Willamette river to Polk county. The Commercial club has appealed to Representative Hawley to stop the stream's invasion of our territory, and the congressman is going to do it as speedily as possible. The Journal says:

"In regard to the matter of a proposed bridge across the Willamette river at this place and also for adequate protection for the west bank of the river and to keep the river in its present channel, Representative Willis C. Hawley, congressman from the First district, has written to the Salem commercial club that he has laid the matter before the engineers of the war department, who in turn have taken it up with the local engineer at Portland for investigation and a report."

"The matter of the proposed bridge and protection for the river bank was brought to the attention of Representative Hawley by the board of governors of the commercial club in an attempt to save the west bank from being washed away by the river, the current of which is slowly eating its way into West Salem. The danger of a sudden freshet tearing out a new channel through West Salem and diverting the river from its present course is a material one and causes concern among those who see that Salem may awake some morning and find herself isolated while the river lies down another channel."

"Protection for that bank therefore is asked. Already the tendency of the river is to cut off on a line with the base of the hills, which would leave Salem high and 'dry' and isolate the west end of the approach. It is necessary that the bank be kept intact if any stability is to be given to the new bridge that it is expected will be built if the money can be appropriated."

According to Representative Hawley, he will do all he can to have the bank protected. As soon as the report of the Portland engineer is sent to the war department the matter will come up for further consideration."

Meeting of Fair Directory.

The directors of the Polk County Fair will hold a meeting at the court house tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, the purpose being to make arrangements for housing the fair, and other matters of general interest. The directors are H. L. Fenton, P. O. Powell, C. C. Gardner, J. F. Ulrich, C. L. Hawley, John Simkins, Henry Voth and W. A. Ayers.

Disease Threatens Cherries.

Considerable concern is felt among cherry orchardists at Spring Valley over a disease which threatens the life of the orchard. G. A. McKinlay of the McKinlay Orchards, reports a number of his trees in a dying condition. He has written for an expert horticulturist from Corvallis to examine the matter.

LAST WORDS OF FAMOUS AMERICANS.

Thank God I can lay my hand on my heart and say that since I came to man's estate I have never done, intentionally, wrong to any.—General Francis Marion.

I am about to die. I expect a summons soon. I have endeavored to discharge all my official duties faithfully. I regret nothing, but am sorry that I am about to leave my friends.—Zachary Taylor.

I hope to meet each of you in heaven. Be good children, all of you, and strive to be ready when the change comes.—Andrew Jackson.

I wish you to understand the true principles of government. I wish them carried out. I ask nothing more.—William Henry Harrison.

I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.—Nathan Hale.

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A purse of \$30,000 is announced to be distributed among the builders of the best three machines, each of a distinctive type. For the machine of first merit \$12,000 will be paid, for the second \$10,000 and for the third \$8,000. Part of the appropriation will be spent in buying a score of other aeroplanes of the most desirable type at regular prices. It is estimated that the additional machines can be bought for from \$5,000 to \$7,000 each from the manufacturer, or possibly the army may obtain the exclusive right of building its own machines at less cost.

The remarkable strides in aviation made within the last few years by the more progressive European armies have spurred the army authorities to the determination to build a formidable fleet of aeroplanes. The successful operation of aeroplanes in the recent Balkan wars and in Mexico has demonstrated, to their minds, the necessity of the American army no longer remaining behind those of Europe in this respect. The work of the American naval aeronauts at Vera Cruz has been pronounced by both army and navy experts as a demonstration of their practicability and undisputed value in time of war.

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