

The Polk County Observer

VOL. 26.

(THE HOME PAPER)

DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1915.

(TWICE-A-WEEK)

NO. 87

WHERE LIFE IS LARGE

SLOGAN ADOPTED FOR LITERATURE AT PANAMA EXPO.

Commissioner Groves Speaks Highly of Willamette Valley's Porthcoming Spread at Frisco Fair.

"Willamette Valley, Oregon, Where Life Is Large." On all literature and on illuminated signs, on the exhibits and generally around the Oregon show at the Panama exposition, so far as the exhibit of the Willamette valley is concerned will appear the above slogan. It has been suggested that every town in Oregon adopt a slogan and place it on literature and signs to attract the attention of the many visitors. W. F. Groves, one of the commissioners of the Willamette Valley Exposition association, who recently returned from San Francisco, where he has been in the interest of the valley exhibit, is greatly impressed with the prospects of the Panama-Pacific exposition.

Mr. Groves is of the opinion that the exhibit from the Willamette valley, comprising eight counties south of Portland, will be elaborate and complete. He thinks that the publicity will be of great value to western Oregon. Some of the exhibit has already been shipped and is now in San Francisco in readiness to be installed. Other shipments will soon be ready. The shipments will follow as the season advances. The exhibit will be placed to the very best advantage to receive the greatest publicity.

It has been demonstrated that an exhibit placed entirely in a state building does not receive as much attention as when placed in different buildings for the reason that many people do not visit state buildings where the exhibit is confined entirely to one particular state. To overcome this handicap the Willamette valley exhibit will be placed in three different buildings. Prominent space will be allotted in the agricultural palace, the horticultural palace and also in the Oregon building. In the agricultural palace the space will be 20x130 feet in the center of the building. The space in the Oregon building will be 50 feet in depth with a double front.

The commission is now having 50,000 descriptive pamphlets printed. The pamphlets will cover all the advantages of the valley and will contain interesting and reliable information for home-seekers and intending settlers. The subject matter has been carefully arranged by competent men who have taken only information from experience and trustworthy sources.

HOPS ARE AGAIN MOVING.

Sales in Silverton, Aurora and Independence Sections.

The closing days of the year are bringing more activity in the hop market. Growers are making no effort to sell and this is holding prices steady at the old level. The Frank S. Johnson company bought four lots in the Silverton section yesterday, the Hattaberg crop of 95 bales, 56 bales from P. Hook and 44 bales from H. Rue, also two lots from dealers all around 10 cents. The Kola Neis Hop company purchased the Dental crop at Aurora at a price reported to be better than 11½ cents. About 250 bales in the Independence section changed hands between dealers at 10 to 10½ cents.

Annual Meeting Sunday.

The regular annual meeting of La Creole club will be held in the club parlors next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. At this meeting officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

Last September there came into the enclosure of William Mueller of Salt Creek two horses, and notwithstanding

the fact that the animals have twice been advertised the owner has not been located. The horses were to have been sold on the 24th day of October, the proceedings having been in the late Justice Warren Quick's court, but owing to his death the matter went by default and the animals are still in Mr. Mueller's possession. After Mr. Quick's successor qualifies on Monday next the case will be reopened and the horses—or rather the horse, one of them having since again gained its freedom—will be disposed of.

COMPANY L INSPECTED.

Capt. Stafrin Reviews His Men in Absence of Major Abrams.

Quarterly inspection of Company L was held at the Armory Tuesday evening. Major Abrams not being able to be present, Captain Stafrin inspected the company. About fifty men were present, this being the largest turnout for drill since the last annual inspection ten months ago.

Capt. Stafrin informed them that an attendance of 90 per cent was required of the company in order for it to be eligible for the exposition trip in June. Each man who goes is required to have attended 75 per cent of the drills between January first and the time of encampment. While the men are to be gone for a fortnight they will only receive pay for ten days, which is the usual time for the maneuvers, unless the state legislature appropriates enough extra to make up the four days' deficit.

SUGGESTS A COLT SHOW.

Would Promote Raising Better Horses Than at Present.

Secretary Soehren of the Commercial club has received a communication from the Stallion Registration board in which it is urged that a colt show be held in Dallas next spring. Carl N. Kennedy, secretary of the board, expresses the opinion that Dallas is advantageously situated to put on a winning show of this character. The purposes of the undertaking are set forth as follows:

To provide an interesting meeting for farmers to draw to the towns to meet with the town people and make the town their social center.

Promotes good horses by providing an incentive for the growing and production of good horses.

To provide an opportunity for the stallion owners to demonstrate to the public the value of their stallions.

LAW REQUIRES AMENDING.

Taxpayers' League of Marion Insists on Building Bridge.

Like Banquo's ghost the bridge question will not down, even temporarily. The Marion County Taxpayers' league has gone on record in favor of the introduction of a bill in the legislature making it possible for the counties of Marion and Polk to build a bridge across the Willamette river at Salem. Under the present law it is incumbent on each to pay half the cost, and a bill is desired that will permit the payment by one county or less than one-half the cost. County Judge Bushey has been appointed by the league to confer with the legislative delegation of Marion county with relation to the drafting of the measure.

SALOON LICENSES GRANTED.

Independence Will Have Three Grog Shops Coming Year.

The municipal dads at Independence on Wednesday night granted saloon licenses to J. R. Cooper, Walker & Whitney and Gaines & Owen, the latter firm being new in the business. The council, in order to accommodate those desirous of engaging in the traffic, passed a resolution making the license fee of \$3000 per annum payable on the installment plan—\$750 quarterly in advance.

New Suits Commenced.

E. C. Davis & Company have filed suit in the circuit court against Lillian L. Currier to recover money.

Ralph Adams and D. J. Reilly are made defendants in an action for money, instituted by the Aullman & Taylor Machinery company.

Oscar Hayter has instituted a suit in behalf of Myrtle E. Sheridan and against M. W. Wilkins and others to quiet title.

Will Elect New Directory.

At its regular meeting next Wednesday evening the Commercial club will elect nine directors for the ensuing year. The directors in turn will elect the officers of the club. There is some rivalry for the position of secretary, the only office that carries with it a salary.

Provisions of Contract For City Street Lights

The city of Dallas having entered into a contract with the Oregon Power company for a street lighting service for a period of five years, it will doubtless be of interest to readers to know something concerning the provisions of that contract. The Observer, therefore, herewith publishes the most essential points covered by the agreement. For a consideration of \$22 for each 100-candle-power light per year the company agrees to furnish electric light current, maintain the lamps and keep them burning from dusk until dawn each and every night during the term of the contract. The company further agrees to make all installations, the 100-candle-power C.6 ampere, series, alternating incandescent tungsten lamps, with hoods and reflectors, to be placed on mast arms ten feet in length and at a height of eighteen feet in the clear from the surface of the ground. The company, as one of the considerations, agrees to supply current to the extent of 1500 kilowatts per annum for the lighting of the city hall and the places where the two fire hose carts are kept, the city to furnish all lamps and renewals required for such lighting, the city to pay for all current in excess of 1500 kilowatts at regular commercial rates, settlement to be made annually.

One provision of the contract is that the company shall not be required to install any additional lights to those specified at any location further removed than 380 feet from the supply circuit or wires furnishing current to the system. It is understood that in furnishing the new incandescent service the company will use the wires, poles, equipment and machinery it now has installed, together with such additional equipment as the company may find convenient. The company, by the terms of the contract, prosecute the work on installation with all reasonable diligence, and shall complete such work and furnish the new service by March 1 next. While the Oregon Power company agrees to exercise due diligence in maintaining and giving uninterrupted service, it in no wise assumes responsibility for any damage caused by failure to maintain uninterrupted service. Any light installed under the contract that fails to burn, however, the company is penalized 25 cents per night after having first been given twelve hours notice of such failure.

APPEARANCES NOT DECEIVING.

Manager for Women of Woodcraft Says We Seem to Have Money.

Nellie G. Barney, district manager for the Women of Woodcraft, has been traveling in the Willamette valley visiting the different local circles of her organization, and helping wherever she could. She says: "Times are good in the small cities and towns of Oregon. Yamhill and Polk counties, where I have been working lately, are certainly all right. They are good counties, with plenty of good people in them. The farmers all seem to have money. When members insist on paying their dues a year in advance I take it that good times are with us. It is a good sign; I am sure of that. I find everywhere the utmost good feeling and harmony between the Women of Woodcraft and the Woodmen of the World. All through the Willamette valley the two orders are holding joint installations, socials and dances. Both the W. O. W.'s are all right.—Portland Journal.

The Saloons Close.

Last night as the hand on the dial pointed to 12, and the town clock deliberately announced the advent of the new year, the barkeepers in Dallas' three "wet groceries" rinsed the last glass, east aside their spotless white coats and pulled down the blinds—the saloon had reached its end. Old King Boozie has had his inning in Dallas and henceforth it will be necessary to journey far to imbibe of intoxicants, except of course a quantity he kept on hand by the individual for private consumption. It was rumored that one of the buildings vacated by a saloon was to be transformed into a factory for the manufacture of glass eyes for blind pigs, but an investigation of the rumor proved it to be groundless.

Will Meet Next Tuesday.

The Woman's club of Dallas will hold its January meeting in the lecture room at the public library, Tuesday afternoon of next week at 2:30.

The ordinance, which is numbered 238, provides that lights shall be maintained at the following intersections of streets and avenues:

Ellendale and Orchard, Academy and Jefferson, Academy and Main, Academy and Church, Academy and Levens, Oak and Shelton, Oak and Mill, Mill and Jefferson, Mill and Main, Mill and Church, Mill and Levens, Mill and Hayter, Court and Lewis, Court and Lyle, Court and Shelton, Court and Jefferson, Court and Main, Court and Church, Court and Levens, Court and Hayter, Washington and Uglow, Washington and Lewis, Washington and Lyle, Washington and Shelton, Washington and Jefferson, Washington and Main, Washington and Church, Washington and Levens, Washington and Hayter, Washington and Ellis, Washington and Fairview, Clay and Uglow, Clay and Lewis, Clay and Lyle, Clay and Shelton, Clay and Jefferson, Clay and Main, Clay and Church, Clay and Levens, Clay and Hayter, Clay and Ellis, Clay and Fairview, Ash and Howe, Ash and Uglow, Ash and Lewis, Ash and Lyle, Ash and Shelton, Ash and Jefferson, Ash and Main, Ash and Church, Ash and Levens, Ash and Hayter, Ash and Ellis, Ash and Stump, Ash and Fairview, Maple and Lewis, Maple and Lyle, Maple and Shelton, Maple and Jefferson, Maple and Main, Maple and Church, Maple and Levens, Maple and Hayter, Maple and Ellis, Maple and Stump, Birch and Uglow, Birch and Lewis, Birch and Main, Birch and Church, Birch and Hayter, Birch and Ellis, Birch and Stump, Birch and Fairview, Cherry and Main, Cherry and Hayter, Cherry and Ellis, Cherry and Brown. And also at each of the following described places:

The Southern Pacific railroad crossing on Uglow avenue, the railroad crossing on Orchard avenue, on Orchard avenue, 100 feet north from Main street bridge, on Levens avenue, 500 feet north from tannery bridge, midway between Academy street and Main street bridge, midway between Academy street and tannery bridge, on Main street at mill pond, and on Fairview avenue at intersection of said Fairview avenue and Falls City road.

WHAT DID YOU GET?

Certain Gifts Have a Tendency to Make Men Swear Off Smoking.

"Have a cigar, Tom?" "What's the reason for all this sudden generosity? Did your wife give them to you for Christmas?" "Yes." "No thank you, I think I will start my New Year's resolutions now and swear off smoking." The "unkind thing" knew what he was talking about. His wife gave him some cigars last year but he made so much fun of them she did not do it this year. Instead she gave him a fine little boudoir chair. Not a great big comfortable Morris chair, the finest thing in the world when a fellow wants to sit down and have a good smoke, but a dinky little straight backed affair that is really ornamental but which looks as if it would collapse if a full-sized man sat in it. But what did this Dallas man give his wife for Christmas? One of the most handsome, polished brass ornaments that has ever graced the house. On the top of it was a small glass bowl for cigar ashes, two small racks on which to place cigars, and a place for matches. Of course they were both delighted. Not all couples fared as well as that. One case is reported where a woman gave her husband a dozen hand embroidered table napkins. Another man, who has numerous relatives, received a dozen shirts, ranging in color from a frenzied pink to a somber black stripe half an inch wide. A clothing store proprietor is authority for the statement that more shirts were given for Christmas presents this year than ever before. The stock of slippers in the shoe stores is well diminished and the ties are nearly all sold out. Every one—every man, of course—is smoking today and generosity in the passing out of "smokes" is in the air. But the man offered a "smoke" is suspicious and on the alert and if he wants a cigar he buys it to be on the safe side.

County May Issue Licenses.

With the view of reducing the cost

of maintaining and operating the state automobile department, County Assessor West of Marion has drafted for introduction in the coming legislature a bill providing that the county clerk shall issue all automobile licenses. At present they are issued by the secretary. The measure also provides that it shall not be necessary to renew tags each year, but that they can be used for years. Mr. West believes that by having the county courts issue the licenses the cost of maintaining the department can be reduced from 24 to 27 per cent.

ENDEAVORERS MAKE GOOD.

Local Talent Gives Fine Entertainment Wednesday Evening.

The entertainment given at the Armory Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Endeavor union was attended by about three hundred persons, all of whom appreciated the efforts of the participants in the presentation of a varied program. The program given was as follows: Orchestra, High school; ladies' quartette, Misses Arlene Bennett, Goldie Vaughn, Buena Fiske and Edna Morrison; reading, in costume; vocal solo, Miss Lucille Hamilton; brass quartette, U. S. Grant, Will Boydston, Chester Siefarth and Will Howe; reading, Miss Bertha Serr; male quartette, Claire Snyder, Rev. Mitchell, V. E. Wisner and John E. Miller; orchestra; duet, Misses Vera and Men Smith; solo, in costume; baritone solo, Will Boydston; vocal solo, Merle Meyer; cello solo, Jno. C. Uglow; vocal solo, Miss Arlene Bennett; chalk talk, Humor of Shakespeare, Rev. Geo. H. Bennett; vocal solo, Mr. Norval Gates.

VALLEY CANNERIES PROSPER.

Four Hundred Carloads From Eight Plants Are Shipped East.

The citizens of Dallas have long talked about the establishment of a cannery at this place, and therefore a statement just made by Arthur Rupert of the Northwestern Cannery's association will be of some interest. This association controls the output of plants at Eugene, Cottage Grove, Brownsville, Junction City, Forest Grove, Newberg, Springbrook and Hood River. Mr. Rupert says:

"Oregon producers of fruits and vegetables have had a fairly prosperous year, and the prospects are that 1915 will bring larger returns. The past year's output is valued at \$728,000 in canned foods and \$50,000 in berries packed in barrels for shipment to eastern preservers. The stock is well cleaned up now. Four hundred ears of our output went to supply the trade in states east and south of Colorado clear to the Atlantic seaboard. Eighteen ears of barreled berries were shipped out by the Oregon canning and packing plants."

STATE BILL TURNED DOWN.

Insurance Commissioner Admits Cost of Marion Audit Excessive.

The Marion county court has declined to pay the bill of \$1500 submitted by accountants employed by the state to audit the books of the county. It was declared that the bill is excessive and that half the sum would be large for the work done. County Judge Bushey said that under the old system the cost of auditing books was less than \$500. State Insurance Commissioner Ferguson, who is in charge of the auditing department, admits that the bill is exorbitant and will try to effect a compromise with the commissioners.

POLE REFUSES TO SUPPORT.

Dishwasher at Restaurant Rendered Unconscious by Fall.

While leaning against a telephone pole at the corner of Main and Mill streets Wednesday noon, R. A. Howell, a dishwasher at Burk's restaurant, lost his equilibrium and, toppling over, struck his head on the curb, rendering him unconscious. Bystanders carried the unfortunate man to Dr. Starbuck's office, from which place he was taken to the hospital, where he soon recovered. It was thought at first that he had suffered a fracture of the skull, but such was not the case.

New Commercial Club.

The Commercial club at Airlie, recently organized, is officered as follows: C. V. Johnson, president; Loren Cooper, vice-president; A. P. Arpke, secretary; Geo. Conn, treasurer. The club starts off with eighteen members. Monthly meetings will be held on the third Tuesday, at Artisan hall. It is the purpose of the club to work for the general advancement of that community.

FOREST FIRES ARE MANY

PAST YEAR ONE OF GREATEST DANGER, SAYS BUREAU.

Eighty-one Per Cent of Fires in National Forests Extinguished Before Covering Ten Acres.

The season of 1914, according to the officials of the forest service, carried greater danger from fire to the national forests than any year since the establishment of the forests. A long dry season, sustained periods of high temperature, recurring hard and steady winds, and, in some places, unusually hot, dry nights, rendered the forests exceedingly inflammable. In fact, the weather conditions were said to be worse than in 1910, when the disastrous Idaho fires occurred.

The total number of fires during the season of 1914 which threatened the national forests and had to be handled by the protective organization of the forest service were 6112, or 1000 more than in 1910. Of this 6112 fires, 81 per cent were extinguished before they had covered ten acres. The percentage that burned over more than ten acres was smaller than in any previous year. The most serious of these fires occurred in western Montana, northern Idaho and the Pacific slope. In the central and southern Rocky mountains conditions were more normal, and only 15 per cent of the total number of fires occurred in this region. A preliminary estimate shows that the total loss of merchantable timber will probably exceed \$400,000. In 1910 the corresponding estimate was nearly \$15,000,000, although later estimates materially reduced this amount.

It is estimated that the value of the timber threatened and saved in Idaho and Montana alone aggregates over \$50,000,000. In Oregon and Washington experts estimate the value of timber saved at \$24,000,000. This does not include the value of non-merchantable timber, young growth on about 5,000,000 acres of land, or several million dollars' worth of ranch and other private property which lay in the path of the threatening conflagrations.

RESERVOIR TALKED OF.

Water Company Has One in Mind for Fire Protection.

Mr. Gates of the local water system is considering the advisability of building a reservoir on the hillside south of the city for the purpose of affording better protection against fire to the industrial plants of that immediate locality. The overflow from the main system, it is said, would keep this reservoir filled, and consequently the cost would be for construction only. Under present conditions the mills of the Willamette Lumber company and the carshops of the Southern Pacific are poorly protected, the water mains leading to that section being of insufficient dimensions to afford the necessary protection.

DALLAS TAKES LAST DRINK.

Local Prohibition Law Becomes Effective Last Night at Twelve.

Probably never before in the history of Dallas was the traffic in liquor livelier than yesterday. It continued until midnight, when the new local option law went into effect. Enormous quantities of liquor of every description were disposed of during the closing days in wholesale lots at ridiculously low prices, and the stocks were practically exhausted when the key was turned in the doors of the saloons for the last time. Mr. Schulz did not take advantage of the final rush, but closed his place of business Friday night, thus withdrawing from participation in the "celebration."

Store and Stock Destroyed.

Fire completely destroyed the store building and stock of the firm of Hall Brothers, at Siletz, Lincoln county, Saturday night. The stock was valued at \$20,000, and the building, which was new, at \$5,000. There was \$6,000 insurance on the stock.

OAK GROVE HAS WONDERFUL COW.

According to The Observer's Oak Grove correspondent, Mrs. J. C. White of that locality owns a Jersey cow that has given milk continually for fourteen years, having been dry during none of this time. Can you beat it?