

TERSE TALES OF TOWN

LOCAL NEWS OF DALLAS AND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

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

While some taxpayers mildly objected to the appointment of a county roadmaster, the court recognized the indisputable fact that money thus expended is a safe investment and named Mr. Finn to succeed himself to that position. Much valuable work was accomplished last year under Mr. Finn's direction, but it was only the starting of a system which, if closely followed, must necessarily result in a great saving to the taxpayers of the county. It is systematic and thorough work that counts.

About April 1, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Eakin will move to their farm near Rickreall, four and a half miles from Dallas. The dwelling house on the place will be materially improved prior to that time. Jack Eakin will accompany his parents, and will become a real farmer and walnut grower.

Sheriff Orr was notified on Friday to be on the watch for a horse-thief who had stolen a team at Eugene, and who was supposed to have headed this way. The thief, however, was captured at Albany and the team recovered. The team had been sold to a liveryman for \$20.

Mr. Mason Wittenberg of Portland transacted business in Dallas on Saturday. He is identified with Polk county interests, owning a splendid ranch near Dallas. Mr. Wittenberg has just attended the short course at the O. A. C., and contends that "they have some pretty good dope down there."

The Bentley Telephone company, with headquarters at Willamina, will tomorrow authorize a bond issue of \$1500 to liquidate its outstanding indebtedness. The bonds, which are now being printed by The Observer, will be of the denomination of \$25, and will probably be purchased by shareholders, and other local people.

Albert Lahn is here from Minnesota looking for a location to engage in general farming. After having seen much of Oregon, he is more favorably impressed with Polk and Yamhill counties than the others, and will probably decide to settle in one or the other.

See America first, but by all means see Oregon first. It has scenery that is unsurpassed anywhere.

Mr. Wynn Johnson, who has been connected with the advertising department of the Tacoma Times for some time past, has returned to Dallas and will again take up his residence on his fruit ranch near town.

Howard Jones of Perrydale is building a new house on his place for his cousin, Ivan Dickey, and family to live in.

Some important improvements were recently made in the Baell school building. The directors of this district, Messrs. Ridgeway, Merriek and Sweeney, believe in making the school-room attractive.

Mrs. Nancy Fowler is visiting relatives and friends in Salem.

The Goozenek sawmill, owned by Messrs. Allen McLean, Sam Lackey, Chas. Kaufman and Frank Moore, commenced operating the first of the year.

Wayne D. Henry of West Salem was a Dallas visitor on Saturday.

Ross Nelson of Independence greeted Dallas friends here on Saturday, as did also E. E. Paddock of the same burg.

Dr. Chas. F. Bloom of Portland was a Dallas visitor Sunday and Monday.

Saturday evening the Oregon Chiropractors' association held a business meeting in Portland. About thirty were present, among whom was Dr. D. G. Rempel of Dallas.

Walter L. Tooze, Jr. spent yesterday and today in Salem on business.

Mr. L. E. Bradford of West Salem was a Dallas visitor on Saturday last.

Let us hope that the legislature will make a record for the small number of bills introduced.

W. V. Fuller was in Salem on Monday to see that the legislature got off right.

Corvallis Gazette: Mr. and Mrs. George Hinshaw have been at Dallas several days this week on a visit to their daughters, Mrs. Ralph McDonald and Mrs. Will McDonald.

J. K. Muir, who was subpoenaed last week on a Portland trial, was not called to the witness stand, so he had to make the trip again this week.

Phil Begin was visiting friends in Corvallis Sunday.

Geo. Stuart returned Sunday from a few weeks' visit with friends and relatives in Portland and Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Blessing left Sunday for a few days' visit with their daughter, Mrs. Fiddeman of Albany.

Coy Bros. recently installed a new gas engine in their work shops, the old engine being of insufficient capacity to operate their machinery.

NEW TAX BILL APPEARS

COLLECTION IN SAME YEAR AS ASSESSMENT IS ADVOCATED

Half-Yearly Payments With Interest at 10 Per Cent After 30 Days Proposed and Penalty in 6 Months.

To start the collection of taxes the same year as assessments are made and to make the assessments in January instead of March, as at present, are features of a bill which I. S. Smith, state senator from Coos and Curry counties, will introduce at the present session of the legislature.

Mr. Smith, who is the first senator to come to Salem and begin active preparation for the session, formerly was sheriff of Polk county and is conversant with the problems connected with taxation. He is a hold-over senator and introduced more bills than any other member of the upper house at the last session. He declared today that he would have only a few bills this year, but that he would do all in his power to have these passed.

The bill, which Mr. Smith is drafting will provide for the starting of assessments the first Monday in January and for two payments, the first to be due and collectible the first Monday in October, and if not paid on or before the first Monday in December to draw interest at the rate of 10 per cent a year until the first Monday in April, when a penalty of 5 per cent would be added. If one-half of the tax should be paid on or before the first Monday in December no interest would be charged on the second half until the first Monday in April. If not paid then the interest would be 10 per cent and the penalty 5 per cent.—Oregonian.

GOAT HAIRS

The Pythian Sisters of Falls City have installed the following officers: P. C., Edith Brown; M. E. C., Maude Lewis; E. S., Minnie Cook; E. J., Lucie Lewis; M., Emma Hinshaw; M. of R. & C., Jessie Moyer; M. of F., Retha Selig; P., Bertie Finley; G., Belle Brown.

Officers of General Gibson Post, G. A. R. of Independence, have been installed: D. M. Hampton, com.; J. C. Brown, sen. vice; L. M. Bowsby, jun. vice; L. M. Butler, chaplain; A. M. Ringman, adjutant; J. Fryer, Q. M.; Henry Mott, officer of the Guard; W. J. Mulkey, Q. M. S.; R. M. Smith, S. M.

Rainy Blair has been elected commander of the Buell Woodmen's camp, and Willis Rowell is the new secretary.

GET IT TO THE EDITOR.

Way to Make a Community Successful Is to Build Up Home Paper.

"It is not enough for a live community that advertising should be correctly used to stimulate prosperity. The home newspaper is a social and intellectual thing as well as a medium of business. One cannot serve the community better than by seeing that interesting items get to the editor. The editor is no mind reader; call him up and tell him. To do so is the neighborly thing, the kindly thing—a courtesy not to the publisher alone but to everyone in the district who might be interested in your little item," says Eric W. Allen, head of the department of journalism at the University of Oregon.

Whenever he speaks in a town, he urges the citizens to get behind their home paper in both a business and a news way on the ground that the newspaper can be made a wonderful agency for building up a community. By a "successful community," Mr. Allen means not merely the community whose business men are prospering, and whose laborers are all at work, but the community that is a real social and intellectual center. He looks to the home paper as the most powerful means within reach of bringing about this kind of "success."

"If you can once get all your people into the way of voluntarily pouring these interesting scraps of news into the weekly paper, you will add immensely to the general friendliness of the community," says Mr. Allen. "You will be helping to make your town the kind of place where people want to stay and to which former residents will want to come back."

Quarantine California Spuds.

Potato growers of Oregon are asking that a strict quarantine be established against all potatoes shipped from California owing to danger of the tuber moth gaining a foothold in this state. So far as known, Oregon potatoes are now entirely free from this pest and the state board of horticulture has been asked to take such action as will assure future safety.

Sheriff J. W. Orr was a Salem visitor on Monday.

SECRET WAR PLANS

UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE TAKEN UNPREPARED.

Every Possible Move of An Enemy Anticipated—Shut Off Exportation of Materials.

(By Burton K. Standish.)
Stored away in the vaults of the army and navy department today are secret plans for war. These show just what moves this country would make in event of hostilities against our shores. Every possible plan of approach of an enemy has been considered, and with it has been evolved by the military strategists a method for meeting such an attack.

Not until the recent agitation over national security was it known that this nation was prepared for war, in the sense of having such carefully laid schemes of offense and defense. Assistant Secretary of Navy Roosevelt himself disclosed one of the secrets when he indicated that fully 50,000 more men would have to be added to the navy, if a foreign power were to make war on this nation. But for the most part, the views of and the strategy of the military planners is guarded with jealous care.

Back of all these confidential war moves lies two great organizations—the army and navy war colleges. Their "game boards," in conjunction with the fleet have developed these war ideas to a nicety which officials believe would stand the nation in good stead in case of actual practice instead of theory. The relation between the "game-boards" and the actual fleet operation, in the navy for instance, has been admittedly weak in recent months. But the navy department has turned its attention to making these problems of attack and defense as practical as possible. To this end work is now under way to make the relations between the theorists and the admirals and captains closer and more practical.

The "game board" is just what its name signifies—a huge board on which the game of destruction is played by men trained to the arts of death.

The United States navy is represented by miniature ships of a certain color. The ships of the enemy are designated by another color. They are moved around like chess men, but the elements of mathematical calculation, of unerring accuracy, of naval strategy, enter into every movement. One tactical mistake may destroy the miniature United States fleet. To err on the game board is serious business, for it means that the man in charge might do the same were he engaged in a life and death struggle.

Then to make the board play more realistic, the intricate problems suggested by the board are transferred to commanders of the big dreadnoughts. There, these ideas are put into actual practice when the maneuvers are possible.

Problems suggested by the naval engineers of the European war have been transferred to the game board so that American strategists may benefit from the spectacular feats of British and German vessels alike.

And the army, too, works out maneuvers along this line. Both of the military colleges develop officers in all the "tricks of the trade." For instance, these colleges have developed—in theory at least—that a battle fleet from Europe might approach America's shores, halt at a distance of fully six hundred miles from New York, and then send out over the waves an aircraft loaded with bombs to drop on America's metropolis.

In these colleges officers of both services are given the benefit of a world training in strategy. They are taught to go to the other fellow one better. And the training is invaluable, officials contend. Rear Admiral Fiske is authority for the statement that Germany's war planning is responsible for the remarkable escape of the German vessels from Kiao Chau and their subsequent rally into Chilean waters where they sank two vessels larger than themselves.

Such an escape, he fully believes, was developed by the wonderful strategists—war planners of the German empire—long before the war broke out. Then, too, he believes that superior skill was responsible for the German victory against two larger vessels—a feat unparalleled in naval annals.

And America has taken a leaf from Germany's book. She has laid her plans carefully and thoroughly, and if war comes, no move can be made by the enemy which is not already anticipated in those secret papers that repose under lock and key in the great granite building of the war and navy branches.

MRS. COX, WITH GOSSARD CORSETS, WILL DEMONSTRATE FIT AND TAKE ORDERS FOR CORSETS AT MRS. GREGORY'S STORE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1915. LADIES ARE INVITED TO COME. 90-2t.

MUST TAKE THE CENSUS

COUNTIES HAVE NO OPTION IN COUNTING POPULATION.

Constitution Makes Provision for Such and Legislative Assembly Has No Jurisdiction.

The prevailing opinion throughout the state is that notwithstanding the desire or order of the county courts in relation to taking the county census, under the law the assessors will be compelled to take the census of the state, coming as it does as a constitutional requirement. It is generally admitted that the law is useless, or to be plainer, senseless. The legislature is powerless to do anything for the reason that the legislative body cannot change the constitution.

The law as it stands requiring the census to be taken every ten years, alternating with the federal census, furnishes the census figures every five years, but the cost is more than the results will justify in actual value or benefit to the people.

In the final disposition of the Polk county budget, the item of providing for the taking of the census by the county court. The same action was taken in Benton and Lane counties. The constitutional provision reads as follows:

Section 5, Article 4: "The legislative assembly shall, in the year 1865, and every ten years afterward, cause an enumeration to be made of all the white population of the state."

In addition to the taking of the state census the assessor is compelled under the state military code, to enumerate all men between the ages of 18 and 45 years who are liable to military duty. The law which provides for this enumeration states that beginning in 1905 and every ten years afterward, the assessors shall enumerate all male citizens of military age, together with their occupations and addresses and he shall serve upon each person a notice, either in person or in writing of the fact that he is liable to military service.

BULLETIN

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WANTED—Modern house, preferably furnished. Apply at The Observer office. 85-1f.

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WANTED—Veal calves and chickens. Will pay the highest market price. Call 5 Shorts—A. D. Line. 89-1f.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire 403 Ash street. 90-2t-x

WANTED—I have a client who wants to borrow \$2500 on two or three years' time, on good first mortgage real estate, the assessed value of which is \$5,500, but the real value is not less than \$8000. I would be pleased to hear from anyone having that amount of money to loan; can give you all information in regard to same. Good rate of interest. H. G. Campbell, Dallas. 80-2t.

TO EXCHANGE—For Dallas property, a block of about 12 lots with 8 room house; rents for \$20.00; good barn, fruit, etc., near paved street, situated on College Hill, Corvallis, Oregon. Price for 10 days only \$4,000; joining lots sell at \$500 each. A quick deal or no deal. Address J. A. Kerr, Corvallis, Oregon.

A SNAP—\$3,000 buys Kaegi's ten acre tract, for 30 days. Fair house; fruit. Phone Dixie 155. 74-2mo.-F-x

FOR SALE—Registered Jersey bull, two years old; solid color, silver grey, the Hazel Fern combination. C. Nelson, Monmouth, Ore., phone 54 Antioch. 79-tf.

ESTRAY—There came into my enclosure the middle of July, 1914, one Holstein colored steer, two years old. The owner is notified to call, pay charges and take animal away. South of Ellendale bridge. George Giesbrecht. 83-3t.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—I wish to state that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my daughter, Edith Allen. B. Y. Allen. 88-3t.

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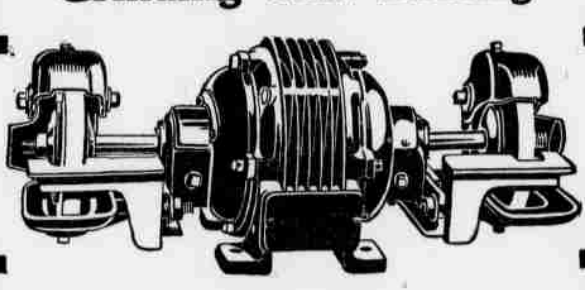
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