

TERSE TALES OF TOWN

LOCAL NEWS OF DALLAS AND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

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

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ewing have returned from their wedding tour and are making their home at the Illina orchards south of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing were married in Peoria, Illinois, December 17 and for the past month have been visiting relatives in Florida and California.

Judge A. S. Bennett, president of the Oregon Bar association, has named Oscar Hayter of this city one of the members of the examining committee for the ensuing year.

Miss Veva Burns has returned to Buena Vista after a short visit with her mother, Mrs. Martha Burns on Mill street.

Asa B. Robinson, Jr., returned Saturday evening from Portland, where he "took" the thirty-second degree in Masonry.

Harold Miller, a student at Willamette university in Salem, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents in this city.

William Lockman, a former Dallas boy now living in Salem, spent Sunday in the city visiting his many friends.

Professor and Mrs. Bert Teats of Sheridan were Saturday and Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. Teats' parents in this city.

Falls City is planning some important public improvements for next season.

The Imperial Hotel will serve a special dinner Sunday evening, announcement of which is made elsewhere in The Observer today. The High school orchestra will furnish music.

The High School Athletic association is behind in its financial affairs, and asks the people of Dallas to turn out tomorrow night and give it a boost.

Editor Wood of the Falls City News spent Monday in Dallas on business. The Imperial hotel has purchased pool and billiard tables, four in number, and will install them within a few days.

The street commissioner has been instructed to haul crushed rock for the improvement of the bad places on Mill street, near the mills.

The teachers' meeting to be held at the courthouse in Dallas on January 30 promises to be largely attended. Prominent educators will be present.

A. H. Dennett of Crowley preambulated the principal thoroughfares of the county town on Tuesday.

The basketball team will give a game at Woodmen hall tomorrow night after the game.

The Observer will next week commence the publication of the delinquent tax list.

Mr. Tracy Staats has recovered from his recent illness.

Miss Marie Holloway of Portland is a guest in the family of her brother, Dr. W. L. Holloway.

Wm. Hartley returned on Tuesday from a short visit to Portland.

The council has appropriated \$150 for the care of the city park during the present year.

Mr. H. S. Smith of Monmouth was in Dallas on Tuesday.

Miss Anna Kennedy of Newberg spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Verne Compton.

Miss Orah Harkness, representing the Ellison-White Chautauqua system, was a Dallas business visitor on Tuesday, coming hither with a view to arranging for a lyceum course next season.

The Southern Pacific company having long delayed the construction of a sidewalk after having been notified to do so by the council, the auditor has been instructed to issue a second notice.

Dean Henrietta Calvin of the domestic science department of the Agricultural college, who was to have held a demonstration in Dallas in the near future, will sever her connection with that institution on April, and another will probably come here in her stead.

Corvallis has shipped more than \$800 worth of food and clothing to the suffering Belgians.

D. J. Grant and family have moved to Falls City, where Mr. Grant will take an active part in the conduct of the Falls City Mercantile company, in which institution he has had an interest for some time.

Arthur Andrews of Wadena county, Minn., who has been visiting Theo. Farrington for several days, left Tuesday morning for Vancouver, Wash., where he is spending the winter with his son. Mr. Andrews is an old friend of Mr. Farrington. He is thinking of locating permanently in this section owing to the mild winters. He says he has seen no cold weather since coming here.

Phil Begin was an over-Sunday visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann at Albany.

J. L. White, manager of the Oregon

Power company at Albany, was a Dallas business visitor Saturday afternoon.

The music section of the Woman's club will meet next Monday at the home of Mrs. Gilbert MacGregor at 2:30 o'clock. The change in date has been made to avoid conflict with the sale of home baking by the club which will be conducted on Wednesday, January 27, for the benefit of the scholarship loan fund.

Mrs. Wm. Kaerth is in Sacramento, California, on a visit to relatives and friends.

Echo Ellis was visiting friends in Salem on Wednesday.

Mr. Bloom of Mill City arrived here from that place Tuesday evening.

J. K. Muir is a Portland visitor this week.

J. L. Finley of Portland was visiting friends in Dallas Wednesday.

W. L. Leeson was a Dallas visitor Tuesday.

Mr. E. L. Johnson has returned from a visit to Eastern Oregon, where he has been for several weeks.

Mayor H. O. White of Salem was in Polk county on Tuesday investigating clover conditions.

W. V. Fuller was a Salem visitor on Tuesday.

The furniture being made by the manual training class of the high school will be exhibited in the near future.

Mrs. A. L. Martin and Mrs. Lew A. Cates were Salem visitors on Wednesday.

According to Marshal Chase, there has not been a single arrest during the present month.

When Fred Elliott plants the nine acres of land now being cleared to prunes he will have a total of seventy-five acres planted to the fruit.

A. J. Barham is himself again, after having tussled with the grippe for a fortnight.

George Morrison of California, who had been visiting his brother, Frank H., has gone to Seio to visit another relative.

Mr. D. O. Bronson, who suffered a partial stroke of paralysis a few days since is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanna of Lake county have bought the Denny farm near Bethel and will take up their residence there.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bennett are this week entertaining their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Bennett.

The Polk county fair for 1915 will be held September 22, 23 and 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ediger of North Dallas mourn the death of their infant daughter, death coming on Tuesday morning from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Goode of Salem were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Morrison last Sunday.

Miss Dollie Burk entertained the Standard Bearers of the M. E. church Wednesday evening.

Wayne Barham of this city, who last season played professional ball with Cincinnati and San Francisco, has signed up with the latter for next season, and will go into camp about March 1.

The Civic Improvement club met with Mrs. J. G. Van Orsdel on Tuesday afternoon. Features of the meeting were an address by Mrs. G. L. Bullard of Portland and a paper by Mrs. Ella Metzger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crawford of Spring Valley were Dallas visitors yesterday, coming hither to attend the poultry show. Mrs. Crawford exhibited pullets, and returned home with several prizes.

On Tuesday evening the Rebeccas installed officers, after which interesting and impressive ceremony a season of social intercourse was followed by refreshments.

The Commercial club has succeeded in securing the removal from the downtown yards of the Southern Pacific of a string of bunk-cars. These cars were the temporary homes of many itinerants who annoyed residents of that part of town.

The W. C. T. U. held an interesting and profitable meeting at the home of C. M. Knight Wednesday evening.

Commissioner Beckett and Wells went to Falls City yesterday on some matters pertaining to roads.

F. E. Kersey has returned from a business visit in Portland.

J. C. Hayter was in Portland Tuesday.

C. S. Graves of Ballston was in the city Tuesday on business. Mr. Graves was formerly assessor of Polk county.

Mrs. R. L. Chapman visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee Steiner in Salem, Monday.

E. C. Kirkpatrick was a business visitor in the capital city the first of the week.

Harvey Greenwood left Tuesday morning for Sutherlin, Oregon, where he expects to find employment.

Morris Fowle, a prominent rancher of the Airlie neighborhood was a business visitor in Dallas, Monday.

Dr. H. M. Hellworth of Falls City, was a Dallas visitor the first of the week.

I. F. Yoakum was a business visitor in Salem Monday.

Reas Nelson, a prominent stock raiser of Independence, was in the city on business Monday.

SCHOOLS MOVE ONWARD

GOOD RESULTS ARE SHOWN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

Report of the Schools of Polk County For the School Month Ending December 25, 1914.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time, 67; number of schools not reporting on time, Ward and Lincoln; number of pupils remaining at time of last report, 3104; number of pupils registered new during the month, 55; number of pupils registered secondary, 39; number of pupils readmitted, 229; total number of pupils on register during month, 3427; number of pupils dropped during month, 320; total number on register at time of this report, 3107; number of days taught during month, 191; whole number of days attendance, 51,685.55; whole number of days absence, 1,661.95; whole number of times late, 612; number of pupils neither absent or late, 2901; average number of pupils belonging, 2,793.4; average daily attendance, 2706; per cent of attendance, 96.8; number of visits by parents, 2,066; number of visits by members of school board, 215.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made 95% in attendance or over: Zena, Dallas, Smithfield, Eola, Bridgeport, Lewisville, Ballston, Salt Creek, Parker, Valley View, Monmouth, Monmouth High school, Orchards, Airlie, Bethel, Polk Station, Oak Grove, Perrydale, Gooseneck, 100%; Rieckrell, Oakpoint, Elkins, Independence, West Salem, Buena Vista, Spring Valley, Popeorn, Upper Salt Creek, Montgomery, North Dallas, Saver, Crowley, Sunnyslope, Concord, McCoy, Powell's Camp, Liberty, Falls City, Pioneer, Oakhurst, Mountainview, Rook Creek, Highland, Mistletoe, Maple Grove, Valley Junction, Broadmead, Fern and District No. 73.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made no tardies during the month: Zena, Smithfield, Parker, Polk Station, Oakpoint, Spring Valley, Upper Salt Creek, Crowley, Perrydale, Pioneer, Highland, Mistletoe, Fern and Orchards View.

The following schools have become standard: Oakpoint, Mountainview, Buena Vista, North Dallas, Elkins, Highland.

School rallies have been held as follows: Cherry Grove, Fir Grove, Polk Station, Elkins, Guthrie, Antioch, Lewisville and Highland.

A meeting of the school officers of the county was held Saturday, January 9th, with a good attendance. The meeting was one of the best ever held in the county. Dr. Winship of Boston, Mass., gave a lecture on school conditions in general.

A Principals' club meeting was held on Saturday evening, January 9, with a large attendance. At this meeting all of the teachers of the county had been invited to attend in honor of Dr. Winship and a goodly number were present. Frank K. Welles, assistant state school superintendent and W. R. Rieckrell, city superintendent of McMinnville, were also present at this meeting.

General School News.

The following items of interest have been reported to this office from different school districts:

Dallas—A good live industrial club has been organized, which bids fair to do things this year.

Smithfield—The heating plant at Smithfield has been remodeled by the company who sold it so that it is working much better.

Eola—George Schmitt, a seventh grade boy, has averaged 100% in spelling for the entire month.

Red Prairie—Miss Eva Schneider, who formerly taught at Valley Junction, began teaching the first of the year and the interest she is securing is of the best.

Orchards—School has been closed for some little time owing to the mumps.

Bethel—Several of the pupils of the Bethel school are entering the stock judging contest and are also making bird houses.

Parker—A good, live industrial club has been organized at Parker with twelve members. These Parker children are the ones that do things and this club will be heard from again.

Elkins—The people of Elkins have hauled several wagon loads of sawdust and placed in the playground so that it is now dry and in good condition.

Buena Vista has reported an industrial club with thirty-seven members.

Enterprise—Four of the Enterprise boys have made bird houses this month.

Upper Salt Creek—Three of the boys from Upper Salt Creek have made bird houses this month.

McCoy—One bird house this month.

Black Rock gave an excellent Christmas program which was well attended by the members of the school board and nearly everyone in the district.

Liberty—The play shed at Liberty

has been completed recently, which is being enjoyed by all.

Pioneer—A good industrial club has been organized at Pioneer with twelve members. Four bird houses have been erected during the month.

Oakhurst—A good industrial club has been organized with seventeen members.

Mountainview—A good, live industrial club has been organized at Mountainview with eleven members.

Highland—New floor and new seats have been placed in the Highland school and plans are being made for the organization of a Parent-Teacher association and the erection of a playshed.

Mistletoe—An industrial club has been organized here with eight members, which promises to get a hold of the work in good shape.

We would like particularly to call your attention to the number of visits by parents, 2066. Also to 215 visits by members of the school boards.

The work in general over the county is moving nicely. A good deal of sickness, mumps and measles and some scarlet fever is breaking into the work in some communities.

The school board, teacher, children and people of the Zena school have the sympathy of every person interested in the schools in the county over their recent loss of their modern, up-to-date school house, and while they regret this loss, the people of Zena are made of the right "stuff" and they are planning to rebuild another house equally as good or better just as the weather will permit.

H. C. SEYMOUR, Supt.

BRUSH COLLEGE.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association, Mr. Horner of Corvallis was present and delivered an illustrated lecture on Egypt. It was very instructive as well as entertaining and created much interest in the history of that country. Brush College is certainly fortunate in being able to secure such speakers as we have had this winter and the fact that they are being appreciated by the people is shown by the large attendance we have had at all of the meetings.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday school met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Park last Saturday evening to discuss the work of the Sunday school for the coming year. Much interest and enthusiasm was shown and it was decided to make these meetings a monthly affair for the purpose of bible study.

A number of the men in this district met Friday at the school house and built a gravel walk from the road, up the hill to the school house. This is a great improvement and shows the progressive spirit of the neighborhood.

The Brush College Choral club is preparing for a concert to be given some time in the near future. If it is as good as the one given last spring it will be well worth your while to attend. The date will be announced later. No admission will be charged.

A very delightful time was had by the members of the "Sweet Briar" club who met last Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isherwood. The club has taken up the study of Oregon birds and find it very interesting. Last week's lesson was on the "Meadow Lark," and next week the subject will be "The Yellow Hammer." Light refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. A. R. Ewing left yesterday morning on a business trip to Portland.

Mr. C. W. Beckett, county commissioner, and Mr. C. A. Park, ward supervisor for this district attended the good roads meeting at the Mt. View school house Wednesday evening.

CHERRY GROVE.

Walter West left for Portland on Wednesday, taking his little daughter Frances with him. She will attend school there for the rest of the term. Robert Moore was a Kings Valley caller on Wednesday.

The boy who worked for Walter West last week left early Sunday morning taking an overcoat belonging to his employer.

Cliff Burbank and John Yost spent two days of last week at Suver.

Johnnie Yost went to Airlie during the week.

Marion West visited Gladys Burbank Sunday.

When the King Bolt Breaks.

When a local livery team came galloping into Dallas Wednesday afternoon, naturally some interest was manifested by those who perchance witnessed the animals' homeward flight. Investigation developed the fact that while Dr. V. C. Staats was returning from a professional call in the rural realm, the king bolt to the buggy broke, giving the team and forward wheels freedom from the vehicle. Dr. Staats was thrown forward with considerable force when the buggy body came in contact with mother earth, but he suffered no severe injury.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

John Walling has issued a mortgage to the State Land board for \$1800, the property on which the loan is made being sixty-two acres in Tp. 6, S. R. 3 W.

B. W. Butler of Monmouth has transferred to W. D. Butler of Airlie, property located in Monmouth; consideration not given.

Louis Fleck has been appointed administrator of the estate of Aley Fleck, deceased, and Eugene Hayter and J. M. Lynn have been appointed appraisers.

The inventory and appraisement in the guardianship of Randall Leonard has been dispensed with and the report of the guardian approved.

Wilhelmina Zielesch has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Frederick Zielesch, deceased, to serve without bond.

Mason Ehrman & Co., and J. A. Folger & Co., have petitioned the circuit court to adjudge Myer & Son bankrupt.

The following marriage licenses have issued this week: Seth Fawk of Rieckrell and Janie Young; John Monday of Independence and Minnie E. Coffman; James D. Layton of Independence and Elizabeth R. Baker.

Alma Gluck Is Coming.

Alma Gluck will appear in Salem on Friday evening, February 12, in joint concert with Efron Zumbalst, which entertainment a number of Dallas' music-loving citizens will attend. Alma Gluck has been hailed everywhere as Semblich's successor, for she has that melting beauty of tone and marvelous flexibility which, combined, give the true bel canto—now well nigh a lost art, which it was supposed would perish with Semblich until this new star, Alma Gluck, suddenly rose on the horizon.

The Outlook Appears Bright.

Secretary U. S. Loughary of the Commercial club is receiving a goodly number of inquiries relative to Dallas and Polk county, many of which come from Canada, and the outlook for gaining new settlers during the present year is brighter than for some time past. Because of the European war Americans who went to Canada and became farmers in the dominion are now returning to the states in large numbers, and these have an eye on the Pacific coast country.

Camp to Open February 1.

The Spaulding Logging company, operating near Black Rock, will re-open camp about February 1, when upwards of 60 men will be given employment. A number of workmen are now engaged in preparatory work.



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