

## FALLS CITY NEWS

### Council Proceedings.

Frank K. Hubbard, widely known and highly esteemed, "the former mayor of Falls City," Monday night stepped out of office after a continual service of six years, and the reigns of government were assumed by H. J. Griffin, mayor-elect. It was the annual meeting of the council of Falls City, and all newly elected officers were sworn in, besides Mr. Griffin as mayor there being R. M. Wonderley as councilman-at-large, I. G. Singleton, C. J. Bradley and C. L. Hopkins as councilmen, Pat Murphy as city marshal, and C. E. McPherson as auditor and police judge. G. O. Clement, the retiring auditor and police judge, administered the oath. Mr. Hopkins is the only new member who was re-elected to the council, he having served during the past two years.

In assuming office Mr. Griffin delivered a brief but to-the-point message to the council. He stated that it was up to the new council to look after the financial condition of the city and to straighten out the same so that the city could know just where it stood. He advocated a change in the book-keeping system that will provide a check on all funds received as well as all funds disbursed. He advised looking after the small leaks in the city's finances as well as the larger ones. He expressed himself as being in favor of proceeding without delay to collect all delinquent street improvement assessments, and thus reimburse the city for the many hundreds of dollars already paid out of the city's money for street improvements, but which should properly be paid by the property owner. He stated that the city was not in financial condition to carry on much street improvement work this year, and from his remarks it was evident that the council will not make any further improvements until a complete check is made of the city's finances. He stated that as mayor, when he found any councilman, either upon a committee or off, neglecting his duty, he intended to speak about it. His remarks were heartily applauded, and the impression prevails in Falls City that Mr. Griffin will make good; that he has the backbone to fight and fight hard for the city's interests. Mr. Griffin has had four years' experience as a member of the city council, having served from 1903 to 1912. Remarks were also made by all the newly elected councilmen, each pledging himself to work harmoniously with his brother councilmen for the city's interests, and pledging the mayor their united and conscientious support in the program outlined by him for his administration.

Mr. Hubbard, the retiring mayor, was then called upon for remarks. He stated that he was opposed to running for the office of mayor in the first instance, but that his friends urged him so hard that he finally consented. He said that he told them if elected there were two things he would stand for: Water works and street improvement. They assured him that was what they wanted, and he was elected. He stated that he had secured both things for which he strived and was satisfied. The respect in which he is held by the citizens of Falls City was manifested in the hearty and sincere applause that followed his remarks. Mr. Hubbard enjoys the distinction of having been re-elected as mayor twice, and once against opposition, without his name appearing on the printed ballot, his friends being in such numbers as to write his name in and elect him. He pledged his support to the new mayor. As justice of the peace for district number four, he will continue in the public service.

Mr. Griffin then made his committee appointments. Finance: Hopkins, Singleton, Bradley; street committee, Brown, Titus, and Wonderley; health and police, Bradley, Gottfried, and Titus; fire and water, Wonderley, Singleton, and Hopkins; building committee, Titus, J. R. Moyer (not a member of the council), and Singleton. Titus, Hopkins, and Wonderley were appointed by the mayor as a special committee to investigate the electric light franchise and report back to the next meeting of the council.

The street committee was authorized to repair the Dayton street bridge to such an extent that Mr. Bancroft could get his jack screws out from under the bridge without risking too much. Some discussion was had regarding building a new bridge, but the matter was laid over for future consideration. The bridge is now closed. It was reported that Judge Teal had suggested that possibly the county might pay one half the cost of the new bridge, but those in touch with the situation are doubtful about this being accomplished.

M. L. Thompson was re-elected city treasurer, and Dr. Hellworth was elected city health officer. The contract of Walter L. Toose, Jr., as city attorney, was approved by the new council.

### Want Financial Assistance.

There was an effort made on Tuesday to get a meeting of the business interests of Falls City for that night, the object being to secure financial support for the baseball team, but not a sufficient number responded to the call to proceed with the undertaking. It may be that another meeting will be called for the near future. Manager Warren Cobb has assembled an aggregation of baseball tossers that is hard to beat, as was recently demonstrated when Dallas came hither to cross willows with the locals, and your correspondent feels that the club could not only have the endorsement

of those citizens who enjoy the national game, but their financial support as well.

### Let's Exploit New Road.

It has been suggested to the writer that the Business Men's club father a plan to give publicity to the new highway to Newport, via Falls City. It would bring to this place many tourists enroute to the beautiful beach who do not know of the new short line, and certainly would augur to the material interests of this community. Hundreds, if not thousands, of people annually visit Newport by way of Corvallis, and there is no good and sufficient reason why this travel should not be diverted in this direction. A leaflet describing the route, and incidentally mentioning Falls City, sent to automobile clubs and garages throughout the valley would certainly have good effect.

### Teachers' Meeting.

The school teachers of Polk county will assemble in this city tomorrow, and Falls City will give them a cordial welcome. The county superintendent has issued an urgent invitation to all teachers to be present at this the last institute of the present school year, and there will doubtless be a large attendance. The program for the session follows:

Music, Falls City High School orchestra; address, J. B. Horner, Oregon Agricultural college; vocal duet, Mabel and Marie Shepard; address, H. D. Sheldon, University of Oregon; luncheon; selection by orchestra; vocal solo, Miss Helen Hopkins; address, F. K. Welles, assistant state superintendent; violin solo, Miss Leona Hanson; address, H. D. Sheldon, University of Oregon.

### FALLS CITY IN BRIEF.

The county rock crusher is about ready for business, and we expect next week to see road work going with a vim. The Starr Transfer company, which has the contract for hauling, has two automobile trucks on the ground and is ready to begin its part of the program as soon as the material is forthcoming. Work on the Newport road is progressing very satisfactorily, and only a short time will elapse before it will be ready for travel to the coast.

Falls City readers of The Observer are invited to peruse the advertisements appearing on this page. Here appears the announcements of Falls City business men who invite your patronage by the use of printer's ink.

Dr. Hellworth's handsome new bungalow is now well under way. The Falls City public schools have made extensive preparations for the industrial exhibit next fall, and your correspondent would deem it a misfortune to this place as well as to the county at large if it were not shown. Superintendent Haley has made a demand upon the fair board for better facilities, and steadfastly maintains that unless they are forthcoming his schools will not be in the list of exhibitors. What action the fair board will take remains to be seen, but it is believed that it will do the right thing at the right time.

B. C. Mills and U. G. Holdt of Salem, accompanied by their wives, were Falls City visitors on Monday. They are connected with the Spaulding Logging company.

The rural highways leading into Falls City are now in excellent condition, which has a tendency to increase trade.

A fire broke out Tuesday under the floor of the dryer of the Falls City Lumber company plant at Salem. The fire had apparently been smoldering in saw dust for some time. The damage, it is thought, will not exceed \$50.

A. P. Starr, Dick Gardner and Lloyd Plaster of Dallas have taken up their temporary residence here. They will deliver rock upon the county roads for the county, the Starr Transfer company having been awarded the contract.

As a rule times are not as hard as a man tells his wife they are when she asks for money.

Fishermen may come and fishermen may go, but Talbott will continue to sell angling tools forever—if he's permitted to remain on this globular wad that long.

The electric light company has completed the construction of a new dam, and will now be enabled to increase its facilities, which are now inadequate to meet the demand.

A party of young people motored to Dallas last Saturday evening, and were the guests of Miss Esther Cleveland while there.

Mrs. Crawford was the guest of Mrs. J. Remington of Dallas last Sunday. Mrs. Nita Gilbert and daughter, after having visited with Mrs. Fred Holman of Dallas, have returned home.

Ray Black of Black Rock now has another misfortune. After having recovered from an operation for appendicitis at the Dallas hospital, he is now seriously ill with pneumonia.

Miss Bertha Frink spent Sunday with Dallas friends.

### JUDGE BUSHEY IS WORRIED.

Widows' Pension Petitions Coming Fast and Furious in Marion.

Judge Bushey of Marion county has strenuously opposed the widows' pension act from the day of its adoption by the state legislature, and was one who anxiously watched the outcome of the case appealed from this county to the circuit court. Under the name of widows' pension he has never allowed a single claim, although it was natu-

ally supposed that after the Polk county case had been decided he would be deluged with petitions for pensions from which he could not get away. On this subject the Statesman says:

"It is not the widow's mite so much as the widow's might that is worrying County Judge Bushey of late. Since the passage of the law granting widows' pensions the Judge declares it is almost impossible to avoid granting the petitions for pensions that are constantly being made. Marion county court has so far never allowed a widow's pension under the name, but frequently allows an equal amount of money toward the support of needy families and charges this sum on the county books to 'poor account.'"

Judge Bushey declares that in a number of instances where money has been allowed to widows, where it was impossible for various reasons, to make a detailed investigation, that the claims of destitution have been misrepresented and in some cases the funds have gone to the support in idleness of grown sons of widows, and in one case cited by the judge he says he honestly believes the money went to supply an older son with a supply of intoxicants. The last petitioner for a widow's pension was Mrs. Myrtle Adams, of this city. The petition was denied but Mrs. Adams was later allowed a sum of money, reported through an error to be \$30 a month, for her support. The amount to be allowed has not yet been definitely set, according to Judge Bushey.

### China and Japan May War.

The deliberations between the Japanese officials concerning the situation between Japan and China continue. A big fleet of warships is taking on supplies at Sasebo. The Japanese in the province of Shantung are concentrating at Tsing-Tau and those in Manchuria are preparing to take refuge in the railway zone.

The Kokumin in its issue of Wednesday says it learns from an authoritative source that the United States is endeavoring to mediate between Japan and China and that this is one reason why the cabinet deliberations have been protracted. Japanese at Mukden have been asked to hold themselves in readiness to withdraw to places near the south Manchuria railroad.

### District Eighteen Gets Busy.

The residents of road district eighteen will observe Good Roads day next Tuesday, when the ladies of the Industrial club, of which Mrs. Rosenquest is president, will serve dinner to the workers at the Highland school-house grove. The highway is well graveled and a splendid road, but it is the purpose of residents of the district to thoroughly clean it of all brush and unsightly rubbish, burning the same at various points. Mr. Chas. Parks is supervisor of the district, having succeeded Frank W. Wilson last January. Mr. Wilson was in the city on Wednesday, and extended an invitation to the county court to be present next Tuesday, and to partake of "a square meal" with the ladies.

### Hop and Prune Stoves.

We are selling our new model stoves at a reduced price this year; 5-foot stove \$34; 6-foot stove \$38. Dallas Iron works. 13-tf.

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### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following is a complete list of realty transfers recorded during the week ending April 15th, 1915, and reported to The Observer by Sibley & Eakin, abstractors, 515 Court street, Dallas.

Russell Catlin and wife to J. R. Linn, Q. C. D., 3-8 interest in 58.35 acres in M. P. Gilliam D. L. C. in Tp. 8 S. R. 5 and 6 W., \$1.

Chas. S. Wilcox and wife to J. M. Phillips, G. N. Phillips and Roas E. Phillips, W. D. 62 acres in Elias Buell D. L. C. and N. E. ¼ section 8 and lot 6 and N. ¼ lot 9, section 9, all in T. 6 S. R. 6 W., \$3,250.

Bernard McCamlish and wife to Walter J. Coy, W. D., lot 6, block 22, Improvement Co. addition to Dallas, \$10.

Broadmeads Land Co. to Broadmead Orchards Co., deed, lots 6 and 7 in block 7 in Broadmead, \$1.

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C. D. and Ethel L. Blanchard to Elmer E. Dykstra and wife, W. D., 3.22 acres in Claim No. 82, Tp. 6 S. R. 6 W., \$75.

Bertha L. Sparks and husband and Zella I. Butler and husband to Willis R. Dyer, W. D., 50 acres in Claim No. 79, Tp. 6 S. R. 6 W., \$10.

Kingwood Park Co. to Mary Lincoln Macmillan, W. D., lot 6, block 18 and lot 2 in Block 20 in Kingwood Park, \$550.

### EOLA.

The Parent-Teachers' association of Eola will close their year's work with a basket social Saturday evening, May 8. The following program will be rendered:

Male trio, Emil Carlson, Raymond J. Ferguson, W. J. Ferguson; dialogue, "Trials of a School Teacher," Anna Youngberg, Curtis Ferguson; vocal solo, Mrs. Ida Chapman; recitation, "My Little Shadow," Evelyn Longmire; reading, Mr. G. C. Mitty; piano solo, Miss Inez Dennison; recitation, "Just Ask Pa," Raymond Magee; male trio; reading, Mrs. Carrie Sneed; dramatic sketch, "Wanted a Valet," Byron Brunk, Chas. Hunt, Raymond J. Ferguson, W. J. Ferguson; vocal solo, Miss Inez Dennison; whistling solo, Miss Bertha Clark; sale of baskets. (All ladies are requested to bring baskets.)

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