

SERVICE TO BE PROBED

RAILROAD COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINT.

Rural Community Alleges That Present Train Schedule Is Wholly Unsatisfactory to Public.

On June 10 members of the state railroad commission will visit Airline for the purpose of personally investigating the complaint lodged by the people of that community, through representative citizens, that the train accommodations are inadequate to meet the requirements of patrons there.

It is quite important to Dallas as well as to residents of the Airline country that better train accommodations be afforded. Under existing conditions it is impossible for Airline to visit the county seat and have sufficient time for the transaction of business.

MIDGE MENACES THE CLOVER.

Expert Warns Growers to Cut Crop Within Ten Days.

The entire red clover crop of the Willamette valley will have to be cut within the next ten days if the clover flower midge is to be destroyed, declared Cecil W. Creel of the U. S. department of agriculture in a warning issued to farmers of the Willamette valley.

"If the clover hay is not cut within this time," continued Mr. Creel, "the midge larvae will mature, drop out of the heads of the clover and change into flies during July. These flies will then infest the seed crop."

The midge was prevalent last year in the valley clover fields and caused much damage and Mr. Creel foresees further harm to the crop this year unless immediate measures are taken to prevent the hatching of the flies.

"One fly will lay as many as one hundred eggs in a clover head," said Mr. Creel. "These eggs hatch out into small larvae which crawl into the flowers and prevent the seed from forming in the head. At the present time the midge larvae are about half grown in the heads."

"In case the farmers are pasturing their first crop it is advisable to run a mower over the field and clip down any scattered heads after the stock is removed. By following these instructions the farmers will have but little trouble with the midge in their seed crop this season."

HIGHS WIN ANOTHER VICTORY.

Falls City Taken Into Camp By Score of Nine to Four.

Last Friday afternoon the Dallas high school baseball team added another victory to their string of successes by defeating the Falls City team on the latter's grounds. Although Bevins, who occupied the mound for the county seaters, had had no exercise during the week, he held his opponents down to four runs, while his teammates hammered out nine. A good many errors were recorded during the play, principally because of the rough grounds. Preston was the batting star of the game, poking out three hits in five trips to the plate, one of which was a two-bagger. Baldersee rattled the boards on the center field fence with a two fly swat.

Bevins is said to be going good now, and if luck breaks in his favor he should win at least two out of the three games yet to be played. Last week he held Airline to one hit, twenty-five men facing him in the eight innings played. The summary of the Dallas-Falls City game follows: Two base hits, Preston, Baldersee; struck out by Bevins, 10; Snyder 9; first on balls off Bevins, 3; off Snyder, 3; double play, Buckner to Murray to Gardner; stolen bases, Dallas 13, Falls City 9. Umpires, Shaw and Cobb.

Liberty Bell at Metropolis.

Portland is one of the most favored cities in the west in the length of time that the Liberty bell will stop over on its way to the Panama-Pacific exposition, for the bell will be there six hours. In the majority of the cities of the United States the bell will stop only a few minutes. Everett, Washington, is the only city on the coast where it will visit longer than in Portland, and there it will stop for eight and one-half hours, Tuesday, July 13, but its visit there will be in the night. Seattle will be visited for five hours, July 14, and the following morning the bell will be in Portland from 6 a. m. until noon.

Still Moving for New Road.

M. Peterson who owns the hotel at Grand Ronde was in Newberg Wednesday securing the signature of Charley Cavell for the right-of-way for the proposed new road over the Coast mountains to Tillamook. Charley is an interested party as he owns an eighty acre tract of land that will be touched by the proposed road. Mr. Peterson is highly elated over the prospect for the road and is anxious to see work begin on it. He says no grades will exceed two per cent on the new survey.—Newberg Graphic.

Jesse Russell's Funeral.

The funeral of Jesse Russell, who was killed above Black Rock last week, when the locomotive he was running got beyond his control on a

grade, was held at Shelburn last Sunday. A special train was run from Black Rock, and many from that place and Falls City attended the last sad rites of this popular fellow. Chas. K. Spaulding, U. G. Holt, and other members of the Spaulding company, in whose employ Russell was at the time of death, accompanied the remains to the grave.

EXHIBIT ATTRACTS ATTENTION.

Polk's Representative at Big Fair Talks Very Enthusiastically.

Dr. H. C. Dunsmore, personal representative of Polk county at the Panama exposition, asserts that the exhibit in the Oregon building at the big fair appeals more strongly to the contemplating homeseeker in the Pacific northwest than any other display on the grounds. While in the county last week, having come hither for the sole purpose of uniting his daughter in the holy bonds of matrimony, the doctor expressed enthusiasm over the results that are most likely to be secured from the exhibit from Polk county and the entire state. The Oregon building, according to this authority, is one of the few places on the exposition grounds where the visitor feels absolutely at home. He says:

"The general opinion expressed by all classes of people, whom I have met in the Oregon building is extremely favorable, not only in regard to the exhibits from Oregon, but to the hospitable manner in which visitors are received by those in charge of the building," said Mr. Dunsmore. "Canada has the finest exhibit, with their \$1,000,000 appropriation, and Oregon with its \$170,000, is next. Many of the state buildings are mostly for social purposes, but the Oregon building is a home to every one of the callers, and this has done much to make this building popular among the tourists," said Mr. Dunsmore.

O, MY, BUT 'T WAS AWFUL.

Falls City Greenward Bespattered With Defeat By County Seaters.

A picked team of ball-tossers known as the "Sunday Sluggers," served a Falls City audience with a choice assortment of gooseeggs last Sabbath day. Some twenty or more Dallas people went by train or auto to witness the slaughter. Score: 17 to 3. Falls City held the short end of the result. "Castra" Syron of Dallas gave assistance to the Falls City team in the capacity of short stop, furnishing a large share of amusement. The game was quite interesting up to the eighth frame, when Dallas added nine scores by bombarding the enemy with rapid fire hits and aero-plane flights by one Mr. Sampson, the Falls City twirler.

Planning a Big Hurray.

Salem will hold a combined Cherry fair and Fourth of July celebration July second and third, this year. The festivities will be under the direction of a special committee of the best business men in Salem and will be put through by the Salem Commercial club. The two days program will include horse races, motorcycle races and auto races at the state fair grounds. There will also be the usual street sports and automobile parade.

Trouble Over Survey.

North Independence is not the only place in Polk county that is having its trouble over a survey. The county court attempted to widen a road near Independence and is meeting with opposition. Hanna Bros. and William Addison own the land on one side and S. H. McElmurray and S. J. McKee on the other. The order of the court is not satisfactory to all concerned and it may result in a case for the circuit court.—Monitor.

Steps Into Steam Exhaust Pit.

While in companionship with a number of boys last Thursday evening, Harry Hartley had the misfortune to badly scald his left foot and leg half way to the knee by stepping into the exhaust pit of the Central heating plant. He was running backward at the time of the accident. A physician was summoned and the young man was taken to his home, where the burns were dressed.

Date For Annual Shoot Set.

Capt. Staffin has received orders for the Third Battalion shoot to be held at Salem, June 6. Ten men participate. These men have not yet been selected. Last year the Dallas company won the trophy, but before it comes into their permanent possession they must win it twice more. The men have not had a great deal of practice on the range this spring on account of inclement weather.

Many Flags Presented.

Forty flags were presented to the State Normal school at Monmouth by the Woman's Relief corps. Mrs. Tard, representing the order, said: "Its purpose is to instill patriotism into the hearts of our youths. The welfare of our nation is safe as long as it is guarded by the youth of our land."

Route Is Turned Down.

Postmaster V. P. Fiske has been advised by the postoffice department that the application for a third rural mail route, recently petitioned for, to run south and east of this city, has been rejected because there are not sufficient patrons on the proposed route who are not already receiving service.

Post Membership Grows.

U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., on Saturday added another name to the roster in the person of Mr. C. A. Piqua, who held an honorable discharge from the second Missouri light artillery. His obligation to the post brings the membership to 15.

Pool Room Changes Hands.

The Blink pool hall has been purchased by F. E. Rickards of Buell, who is now in possession. Mr. Rickards has been a tiller of the soil, owning a farm near Buell.

Jacob Babb Adjudged Insane.

Jacob Babb, a resident of Monmouth and aged about sixty-two years, has been adjudged insane. He was committed to the state institution last week.

NOTES OF COUNTY FAIR

FEW PERSONS RESPOND TO REQUEST TO PLEDGE EXHIBITS.

Outside Competition Will Be Permitted in Poultry Department—Applications Numerous.

Secretary Winnie Braden has sent out more than one thousand premium lists for the county fair next fall, and is anticipating good results from their distribution. In addition to the premium list the secretary also sent out 500 "pledge cards" requesting recipients to guarantee to have exhibits at the fair, and of this number some twenty-five have been returned, a small percentage. Others will probably, however, come in later. Those having received this card will please take notice that if they contemplate exhibiting to return the card signed.

U. S. Grant and John Riddell & Sons have given assurance that they will supply mohair samples for the local and state fairs, and Clow Brothers, Riddell & Sons, Kroser and Brunk have each promised heavy fleeces.

The fair board contemplates building a gallery in the pavilion in order to provide additional room for exhibits. It is the intention of the board, if this plan is carried into execution, to move the textile exhibits to the gallery.

The management is receiving numerous applications for the furnishing of attractions at the fair, and nothing in the catalogue seems to have been omitted from the list. Balloons with parachute drops, aeroplanes with parashute stunts, Boscoe the snake king, and Fatima, the dance artist, are among them, as a matter of course. One attraction that may be given consideration, however, is Halle Parrish Hinges of Salem, known throughout the west as the Oregon nightingale. She is a singer of merit, and although no definite arrangements have been made to engage her, it is possible that she may be on the list later.

Outside competition will be permitted in the poultry department, this having been decided upon a few days ago. Mr. Palmer of Portland, publisher of Poultry Life, was in Dallas a short time since, and took this matter up with President Fenton, and at that time it was decided to give other counties an opportunity to exhibit for prize money and ribbons. The question of building a race course this season has, practically speaking, been abandoned for this year.

FARMERS' ORGANIZE UNION.

Branch of National Co-operative Society Formed at Smithfield.

A branch of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union has been organized in the Smithfield neighborhood with the following officers: W. J. Garner, president; J. W. Myer, vice president; Floyd C. Meyer, secretary and treasurer; E. N. Keeney, conductor; Frank Frelsen, Jr., chaplain, and J. T. Meyerle, door keeper.

This is the forerunner of other like branches in Polk county. H. F. Cutting of Dundee is organizer for this district, and is actively engaged in the work. One of the principal objects of the union is the establishment and maintenance of co-operative stores, warehouses, creameries and cheese factories, and the general development of the territory which it occupies.

Buena Vista to Graduate Four.

On Friday evening next the graduating exercises of the Buena Vista high school will take place in the Methodist Episcopal church there. President J. H. Ackerman of the Oregon Normal school will make the address of the evening. Mr. S. L. Leonard will present the diploma to the class. The graduates are as follows: Raymond Frost, valedictorian, Martin Prather, Edwin Larsen and Clyde Williamson.

Mayor Kirkpatrick Is Home.

Mayor E. C. Kirkpatrick arrived last Friday from Portland, where he had been confined to his room at the Imperial hotel for a fortnight by illness. He was accompanied by Mrs. Kirkpatrick. The mayor shows the effects of his recent illness, but is rapidly regaining strength and health.

Inspect Polk Highways.

Two engineers from the office of the state highway engineer were inspecting the roadway immediately north of Independence on Friday last, it being the purpose of the county court to hard surface a mile at this point as soon as possible. The engineers were accompanied by Roadmaster Finn.

Portland Architect Selected.

The board of regents of the Monmouth normal school has decided to employ John V. Bennett, Portland architect, to draft the plans and superintend construction of the new training building at the school, for which purpose the last legislature appropriated \$50,000.

New School District Probable.

At the June term of the county courts of Polk and Benton counties petitions will be presented for the creation of a joint school district on the line immediately south of Pedee, the district to be known as 14.

Charge Is Serious.

The independence Monitor learns that Peter Kurze was locked up for a short time in the city jail, charged with being a prohibitionist. As he would not deny the charge and refused to pay any fine he was released.

Now Wears Crutches.

Last week Wm. Young tore one of the tendons loose in his left foot as a result of "turning" his ankle when stepping off a delivery wagon. He is now able to be about with the aid of crutches.

Dislocates Shoulder by Fall.

Mr. Fred Hartman, a resident of this city, while delivering a load of lumber on Saturday, had the misfortune to fall from his load and dislocate his shoulder.

What Is An Act of War?

Strange, indeed are the "laws" of war. "Thou shalt not kill," says the Good Book. "We killed 17,000" re-

ports one Christian nation; "12,000 yesterday," reports another; and so on down the line.

"We must remain absolutely neutral," says the United States in one breath, and in another, "the laws of war permit us to sell foodstuffs, guns and ammunition to any belligerent and this right must not be interfered with by any other belligerent."

Having blockaded Germany, hemmed her in on every side with enemies, besieging the nation as ancient cities were besieged, making it impossible for her to get munitions of war or even food outside her own boundaries, England, secure in her possession of vast stores of gold, now proposes to buy from America the shot and shell with which to subjugate the German armies.

The London Daily Mail, an organ of the ministry, strongly advocates this and says there are "no fewer than 17,000 metal working establishments in the United States that could help us in the manufacture of war munitions."

"Big business," in the East contends we have an absolute right to do this. Undoubtedly we have in its present stage of the world's advancement, but we are firmly convinced that this will not always be the world's point of view.—Telegram.

REFORESTING MT. HEBO.

Burned Over Area in Tillamook County Planted This Spring.

The forest service has just completed the work on the largest single planting project ever undertaken in the northwest, approximately 1000 acres having been covered this spring on Mt. Hebo, in Tillamook county, Oregon. This planting of trees is a part of the regular reforestation work of the forest service, and is designed to restore the forest on burned over areas where the original forests have been destroyed by fire, and where nothing but brush now occupies the land. In this way are barren places on the national forest made productive and a future crop of timber provided.

While the Mt. Hebo project represents the largest area covered, reforestation work this spring has been done upon the Snoqualmie forest in King and Snohomish counties, Washington, and upon the Oregon, Washington, and upon the Oregon, Santiam, Cascade and Siuslaw forests in western Oregon, and upon the Malheur forest in eastern Oregon, covering in all approximately 2,500 acres. It is stated that the success of the spring planting work was somewhat handicapped by the exceedingly dry weather in March and April, and while it facilitated the actual labor of planting, it was a detriment to the trees and may retard their growth.

BEACH ROAD STEPS TAKEN.

Newport Appropriates Funds for Route to Otter Rocks.

Those Dallas automobilists who visit Newport the coming season by way of the new Falls City-Siletz highway, now under construction, will find additional pleasure in motoring to Otter Rocks. Initial steps have been taken to establish hard-surfaced or planked roads along the beach in Lincoln county, the coast line of which is unsurpassed in scenic beauty. Already the road has been planked leading from Waldport to the beach and from South Beach, across from Newport on the Waldport stage line, to the beach and around Seal Rocks, on the south shore of Yaquina bay. North of Newport the road to Agate beach will be completed by August 1. The latter road eventually will lead to Siletz bay. At present the section connecting the Oceanhill or Monterey property with Newport has been completed and the second section from Oceanhill to Agate beach is fast nearing completion. Money has been appropriated for temporary improvements on the road to Otter Rocks and the Devil's Punchbowl.

PRESBYTERY HOLDS SESSION.

Ministers from Six Surrounding Counties Convene Here.

The presbytery for this district of the Willamette valley convened at the Presbyterian church yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Dr. Thompson of McMinnville, moderator, presiding. The district comprises Polk, Marion, Yamhill, Benton, Linn and Lane counties. The session was devoted principally to routine business, little of which is of special interest to the general public.

New Appointments Made.

The Fish and Game commission has appointed A. H. Lea of Portland, state game warden, R. E. Clanton of Portland, master fish warden and William Finley of Portland state biologist. Messrs. Clanton and Lea draw salaries of \$2,000 per year and Mr. Finley \$2,400. Superintendents of fish hatcheries and deputy fish and game wardens will be appointed later.

New Compensation Ruling.

The attorney general of this state has just ruled that employers may reject the provisions of the state industrial commissioner by sending notice to the Accident commission, but the written notice must be filed within 60 days of the time set for rejection.

Father of Twin Sons.

Twin sons weighing six pounds each, were born at Salem on Friday to Secretary of State and Mrs. Ben W. Olcott. This makes three sons in the family. Mrs. Olcott is a sister of Mrs. Oswald West, of Portland, wife of the former governor.

Hops on Uplands.

The hop growers of Oregon, especially those of the uplands, are rejoicing over the recent rains. Some are already claiming that the output of hops in the state will be increased from 20,000 to 20,000 bales by these rains.

Sell that Old Automobile.

That old automobile; that old watch; that photograph outfit of which you have tired; your dog or goat; that old wagon, horse or cow, churn, wheelbarrow, tools for which you have no use; that shed that ought to be torn down; that vacant lot, or any other thing. The Observer want ads. will do it for you. One cent the word, prospectors and mill-men.



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