

DOINGS IN POLK COUNTY

STORIES BY THE OBSERVER'S CORRESPONDENTS.

Personal Paragraphs Pertaining to Movements of People Whom You All Know.

MONMOUTH.

Work on the Normal training school building is progressing nicely. There is a large force of men at work, and they are Monmouth men, except a few leading ones, which makes times quite lively here. The contractor says he is anxious to get the building under cover before it rains.

Philip Boche of Portland spent Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. Nettie Boche, and his grandfather, S. N. Williams. His wife preceded him by a couple of weeks. He is studying law and teaching in the Y. M. C. A. building. He left for home Monday, but his wife will remain here for a while.

C. E. Force and family left for Arlington, Eastern Oregon, Tuesday. They expect to live there a year, having rented their property for that period. P. J. Mulky, his son-in-law, and his wife are teaching at Arlington, and spent the summer here. The party went in Mr. Mulky's auto.

C. Newman and wife autoed to Portland Saturday to visit their daughter, returning home Monday.

C. E. Herren expects to begin packing hops the first of next week. He always keeps them well cultivated and they mature early. He is about the first to get to picking.

Wm. Mulkey of Big Elk, was in town this week visiting relatives.

The spring grain will soon be threshed, then the clover hulling will begin. Clover is a good crop this year. Grain continues to come into the warehouse at a lively rate.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith have moved into their new house on Main street.

A. N. Poole and wife spent Saturday and Sunday at home. He is getting along nicely with the Parker school house.

Misses Maggie and Allie Butler returned from Newport, Monday. They spent the summer there.

C. P. Cornwell and wife went to Chitwood last week, returning home Tuesday.

Miss Anna Rasmussen and Miss Gladys Fuller of Missoula, Montana, were the guests of Miss Fuller's aunts, Mrs. Stine, and Mrs. Thorp, and J. H. Moran, her uncle, for a few days, while enroute home from San Francisco. Miss Fuller's brother is a graduate of the O. A. C. and is engaged in teaching. Her father, Rubin Fuller, long since dead, was a son of Arnold Fuller of Benton county, and one of the oldest settlers of the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Staley of Salem are guests of the Grahams this week.

Mrs. Babe Graham has returned home from a visit in the east, where she had been visiting relatives.

F. M. Fisher reports that while he was in Wisconsin, he witnessed some heavy rain and thunder storms. He was glad to get back to Oregon.

AIRLIE.

The Airline operators left on the 27th for a three weeks' vacation. Mrs. R. E. Allen and Miss Helen Conn are relieving them. We who know the condition of the switchboard and lines believe we can greatly assist the new operators by showing a little patience and courtesies.

SMITHFIELD.

The early grain is threshed and now the late grain is being threshed. Miss Elizabeth Diehm has finished her short course of bookkeeping and typewriting and is now at home in hopes of getting a position.

The circus was well attended from this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Heinrichs, newly-weds, are living in the Glazeman house.

Quite a number of people from here attended the auction sale at Dr. Fink's on Salt Creek.

John Diehm has picked his pears and is selling them for 50 cents a bushel.

The grain turns out good, which the farmers all appreciate very much.

Mr. Kodad was a Dallas visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Neufeldt will soon return from Minnesota, where they went to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Katherine Voth.

Mrs. John Kliewer will go to the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gerhard Kliewer, to pick blackberries along the creek.

The prune crop is heavy in some places, and in some orchards the crops are light.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Heinrichs and Jacob Rempel from this place motored to Wesley Robertson's near Briedwell.

Gerhard Diehm intended to take a trip to Portland to get his sister, but did not succeed. Upon arriving near Whiteson the roads were so dusty and there were so many chuck holes that he took two tumbles, and returned home.

CROWLEY.

Harley Rly was in Dallas the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Butler of Portland are visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. R. J. Williamson and daughter Verda, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ed. Hodges and little daughter went to

Dallas Tuesday to attend the circus. Miss Ada Farmer and John Braden went to Newport Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gay and daughter of Hebo came Monday to visit relatives a few days. They made the trip in their new Ford and report the roads in pretty good condition.

Mr. Spooner and son of Dayton were callers here the first of the week.

Mr. Hiekerson is hauling grain for Mr. Farmer.

M. F. White went to Salt Creek Wednesday to auction a sale for Mr. Fink.

Ed. Hodge hauled wheat to McCoy for Henry White last week.

WILDWOOD.

Mr. White, Mrs. Beecher, Miss Etta Edgar and Miss Cora Gay were callers at the homes of E. B. Hull and L. D. Fry last week. Miss Gay has been employed to teach school here this winter.

Nearly everyone in this part of the country is through threshing. All report fairly good crops.

J. F. Leigh made a trip to Hoskins Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Katie Leigh was elected school director to fill the vacancy of Mr. Leigh, who resigned.

A forest fire has been keeping a number of men trying to check it for several days. We hear it is under control now.

OAK GROVE.

About fifty relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edgar met with them Sunday to enjoy a birthday dinner with Mrs. Edgar.

Charley Mangus went to Dallas the first of the week.

Charley Allen and Thad Stevens went to Dallas Tuesday.

Miss Mary Allen returned Monday to her home in Portland, after spending two weeks here.

Mrs. Fawk spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Farmer.

Seth Fawk went to Eola Monday for peaches.

Miss Alice Riggs spent last week at the Lewis home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Butler of Portland have been visiting a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar.

R. J. Williamson and family called at J. W. Edgar's Tuesday evening.

Several from here attended the circus at Dallas Tuesday.

AGAIN THE CITY PARK.

Municipal Grounds Could be Beautified at Very Small Expense.

It has been suggested so many times at public meetings and through the press that it is getting tiresome to think about improving the city park. But when Dallas business men stop to think what the improvement of that beautiful spot would mean to this city they usually tell someone about their idea, and the chain starts. It is peculiar that this has no effect in creating action, when so many appreciate the advantage the city would have over other valley towns in being able to offer its citizens and its guests such a spot for recreation. As one who brought the question up this week said: "For five hundred dollars we could plow that place up, seed it to grass, set out shrubs and flowers and have the garden spot of the valley." That is about as far as things go in connection with the city park development. There are natural effects in the surface of the park that would delight the keen eye of most any landscape artist. A creek running through the park bordered with trees, and many large oaks set here and there throughout the tract. The beauty of the park would be unequalled if the Commercial club, or some other enterprising organization, would get behind a development movement and evolve action from too much talk. Attractive benches could be added to the equipment of the park at small cost, and a place near by could be set aside for tourist parties to make their camps. A little advertising and a little time only would be required to make the place a mecca for automobile parties en route in either direction. They are all looking for a beautiful and comfortable place to spend the night, and when they find that place the nearest merchants garner the shekles that tourists leave in their paths. From Portland many parties would be delighted to come to Dallas for the week-end if such a fine camp site was open to them. And when tourists come they always leave money. Within a short time, say those who are most interested in the development of the park and a nearby camping place, every week-end would see travelers in great numbers enjoying themselves here. The tourist gain would be secondary perhaps to the great value the park would be to the residents. A pleasant place to lounge about on a warm afternoon is not now available, but at little expense the park could be put in proper shape and would fill the bill excellently. What more desirable place could be found to hold the public band concerts than just such a park as is suggested by those who are anxious to see the development of the Dallas city park put under way?

Elks' Night at the Fair.

Thursday night, September 30, has been designated by the state fair board as Elks' night, when it is expected there will be a good representation of the Elks from the towns of the Willamette valley.

Frank Lynchers Unknown.

Leo M. Frank came to his death "at the hands of unknown persons" was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury at Marietta, Georgia, on Tuesday.

BORN BY THE ROADSIDE

SOME REMINISCENCES OF PIONEER DAYS TERSELY TOLD.

Frank Collins First Saw Light of Day While Parents Were Crossing the Plains With Ox-Team.

Fred Lockley, special writer for the Portland Journal, who recently visited Polk county for the purpose of gathering information from pioneer settlers, has the following about one of this section's best known citizens, F. M. Collins:

"Francis Marion Collins is what I was christened but they generally call me Frank," said an Oregon pioneer of 1846 when I visited him recently at his home in Dallas. "I was born in Missouri on November 19, in the year 1834. My father, Smith Collins, was born in Virginia. My mother, Emily Wyett Collins, was a Kentuckian. They were married in Missouri and had 12 children, eight boys and four girls. I was 12 years old when we started for Oregon in the spring of 1846. On Bear river, six or seven miles this side of Soda springs, one of my brothers fell out of the front of the wagon and before the oxen could be stopped the front wheel ran over him and killed him. Father made a coffin for him from the false bottom of our wagon. They buried him by the side of the trail. They covered his coffin with flat water-worn rocks from Bear river so the coyotes could not dig him up. At Fort Hall we were met by Captain Levi Scott, the founder of Scottsburg, near the mouth of the Umpqua. He told us that he and the Applegates and some others from Polk county had a new cut off which saved the hard climb across the Cascades or the dangerous trip down the Columbia by raft or batteau.

"Four families of our train decided to take the new cut-off. There was our family, the Pringle family, the Faulkners and Old Captain Brown, who followed Captain Levi Scott. We took a different road than that taken by Stephen Meek the year before when he attempted to show a large train of emigrants a cut-off by the southern route and they came to grief. "We had no trouble except near Klamath lake. One of our party, a man by the name of Tanner, lagged behind and failed to come in one night. Next morning they went back to look him up and found him back a piece in the road, stripped naked and full of arrows. They dug a shallow grave for him beneath a big chunk of sagebrush with their hunting knives and tramped the ground down and left him.

"We struck the head of Bear creek and followed it down to about where Medford now is. We had been joined by nearly a hundred wagons which had turned south at Fort Hall, among them the Vanderpools, the Crowleys, and others. Old man Vanderpool was bringing in some blooded sheep, but at near what is now Grants Pass the Indians charged his band of sheep, scattered them and got most of them. As we were making our way down a heavy grade the man who was driving Crowley's wagon called out for me to stop. I had the wagon just ahead of Crowley's. He told me Leland Crowley was dying and for me to send my mother back at once. Mother went back to Crowley's wagon but Leland only lived a few minutes. She was a very bright, pretty and likeable girl, about 17 or 18 years old. We drove down the grade and camped beside the stream. Mother laid Leland out and prepared her for her burial. They buried her by the side of the stream which for years went by the name of Grave creek. It is now called Leland creek after Leland Crowley. Crowley station and postoffice here in Polk county is named for the Crowley family.

"A few days after we buried Leland another party came along and found the Indians had dug her up and taken all her clothes, leaving her naked. They reburied her. J. D. Smith, who lives in Dallas, was in the party that reburied her. He still has the iron fire shovel they used to bury her. It happened to be the only shovel they had.

"Colonel Cornelius Gilliam, my wife's father, who had come out two years before, helped build the first house in Marysville, now Corvallis, for Mr. Avery, and he built a cabin for Eugene Skinner at what is now Eugene. F. Skinner had gone east for his family, so my brother Jim (you probably know him as Judge J. L. Collins) stayed all winter in Skinner's cabin, taking care of our cattle. A man from French Prairie, I think his name was La Chappelle, came to Skinners Butte, or Eugene, as they now call it, and father hired him to take our family and our goods by packhorse farther up the valley. He took us to what was later called Parkers station, on the Big Luckinmunte, not far from the present town of Independence. We wintered there. Next spring, the spring of 1847, we took up a place near what is now called Suvers station. My father and mother lived there until their death. My brother Alec's family now live on the old claim.

"In the spring of 1849 father went to the California gold mines on horseback. In 1854 I went to the California gold fields. I came back to the Willamette valley in February, 1855, and two months later I again struck out for the California diggings. While

my brother Jim and I were working a claim on Scotts Bar, I picked up a nugget worth \$120, and within five minutes Jim shoveled one out that weighed over \$50. We rocked out a little over \$230 that day. Our claim was about 40 miles from Yreka.

"I will always believe that farther up the ridge there is a rich ore body, though it has never yet been located. In 1858 I took a drove of cattle from the Willamette valley to Tehoma, and next year, on August 28, 1859, I was married by Justice of the Peace Isaac Staats to Lizzie Elizabeth Gilliam, for whom Gilliam county is named.

"Some mighty good people came across the plains in 1846. Among the best known are Governor George L. Curry, J. H. Bridges and Mrs. M. A. Bridges of Salem, L. A. Byrd, George W. Bennett, who settled at La Fayette, H. C. Buckingham of Monroe, J. C. Allen of Eola, Levi Anderson of Portland, Mrs. Luey A. Dedy, Uncle Dave Guthrie of Dallas, Mrs. Mehola Munkers of Salem, F. R. Smith of Salem, John Savage and J. W. Shrum, also of Salem, Lazarus and Martha Vanbibber, Tom Townsend of Salem, J. Quinn Thornton, R. R. Thompson of Portland, F. Martin of Salem, Andrew Losen of Aumsville, Rev. A. E. Garrison of Salem, G. S. Cox of Silverton, J. H. Clozpoore of Albany; A. S. Cone of Butteville, J. W. Chambers of Salem and many others."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following is a complete list of realty transfers recorded during the week ending yesterday and reported to The Observer by Sibley & Eakin, abstractors, 515 Court street, Dallas: V. C. Staats and wife to J. C. Emmerson, lot in Dallas, \$500. John Quiring et al to John W. Quiring, 51.70 acres, T. 7-5, \$19. John W. Quiring to Katharina Quiring, 17.60 acres, T. 7-5, \$10. John W. Quiring to David Quiring, 17.60 acres, T. 7-5, \$10. John W. Quiring to John Quiring, 3rd 16.50 acres, T. 7-5, \$10. Fritz Ratlke to Pierre and Pauline Traglio, 85 acres, T. 7-3, \$25. George M. Armstrong et al to Arthur J. Johnston, 120 acres T. 9-5, \$10. M. W. Seitz Trust, to Arthur J. Johnston, 120 acres T. 9-5, \$10. Capital Trust Co. to George P. Dekum, 1 acre, T. 7-3, \$10. Kinkwood Park Co. to Floyd Crabtree, lot in Kingwood Park, \$325.

Lice Don't Bother Ezra. Ezra Hart has fourteen acres of hops on his Salt Creek farm that are pronounced by buyers to be the best they have seen this season, both as regards quality and quantity. Mr. Hart's yard has been free from lice this year, and no spraying has been done. He will commence picking early next week.

Auto Collides With Buggy. While automobiling between Dallas and Independence Tuesday night an unknown driver collided with a buggy occupied by two women, throwing them to the ground, but fortunately causing no serious injury to them. The accident took place between here and Monmouth, and every effort was made to hush it.

DR. STONE'S POISON OAK REMEDY. A snow white medicine, soft and soothing to the skin, applied every hour at once relieves and soon cures POISON OAK. Price 25c. and 50c. For sale by all druggists.

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Here's Praise From Boyville Gee, but I'm glad mother has a G-E Radiant Toaster. I just LOVE toast when it isn't tough an' old an' all burned. There used to be a time when Mother lifted the lid off the stove an' had to stan' there and blister her fingers holdin' a piece of bread, with a fork, over the coals. I've learn'd to make my own toast before I go to school in the mornin'. It's FUN, that's what it is, and say, fellers, its S-O-M-E Toast. You just ought to get your dad to look at one of those toasters, he'll buy it all right! They're on sale at. Investigate Our Reduced Cooking and Heating Rate. OREGON POWER CO.

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