

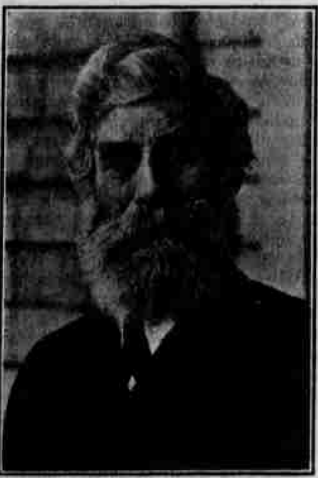
In the Earlier Days

(From the Portland Journal)

Judge J. L. Collins has been a resident of Polk county for nearly 70 years. He drove an ox team across the plains in 1846.

"We had 10 yoke of oxen and three wagons," said Judge Collins, when I visited him recently at his home in Dallas. "I was not 14 years old when we started for Oregon. I drove one of the wagons and my brother Frank, who lives just a block from my house, and who was only 12 years old when we crossed the plains, also drove one. We settled on the Luckiamute here in Polk county. The first school I attended was a neighborhood school taught in a log schoolhouse on the Luckiamute by David Stump. In the summer of 1849 father went to the mines in California. He had put in 40 acres of wheat, and we had about 35 sows with pig. Just before father left he said to me, 'I am leaving the place in your care. You and Frank will not be able to harvest the wheat. Let it ripen and turn the hogs into it. No use of your trying to raise the pigs. Kill them as soon as they come and turn the sows into the wheat to fatten.'"

"In those days letters were few and far apart, so after father left I began figuring how I could run the place to the best advantage. I was 16 years old, and was ambitious to make a good showing. The wheat ripened and I saw we had a big crop. I determined to try to save it. I heard of a newly arrived immigrant who was looking for work. I offered him 50 bushels of wheat if he would cut the 40 acres of wheat. He accepted the offer, and mother and Frank and I threshed the wheat by bringing it to a central threshing floor and tramping it out with our oxen. It was a big job, but the price of wheat was going up steadily, and we knew we could do well with it. We saved 300 bushels for seed grain, and our own use, and sold the rest, upward of 1000 bushels. As soon as we



J. L. COLLINS.

had hauled the last load of wheat out of the field I turned the sows with their little pigs into the field. I had studied the matter over and decided it would be almost a crime to kill the little pigs when they were born as father had advised.

"If you will ask any old timer he will tell you the fall of '49 was a record breaking year for the yield of acorns. Every oak tree was loaded with acorns. When the pigs had cleaned up the shattered wheat from the 40 acres of stubble I turned them into the oak timber to eat acorns. They lived all winter on the acorns, or most, as they called it. By the early summer of 1850 my herd of hogs were in fine shape. A couple of men from San Francisco had chartered a boat and had come up to Oregon to load produce for the San Francisco market and to buy hogs to supply bacon to the miners. They heard of my hogs, and one of the men came up and looked them over. He offered me \$5000 in cash for the whole herd. I accepted his offer, and he drove them to Portland to be shipped to San Francisco. I had sowed more wheat than we needed, so I sold all we could spare at \$5 a bushel for seed. The high price of wheat and flour caused all the farmers to put in every cleared acre in wheat, and seed wheat was in demand.

"Father had mined on the Feather river. He had a rich claim, but he got sick and had to abandon his claim and come home. When he found how well I had done he said, 'My boy, it looks as if I had better turn the place over to you to run. You have made more than I ever made in one year in all my life.'"

That fall, the fall of 1850, I went to Salem and went to school to the Oregon institute, as the Willamette university was then called. Of my schoolmates of 65 years ago I only know of one who is now living, Mrs. John Hughes of Salem. Her maiden name was Pringle. She was a sister of Octavious Pringle, who died not long ago in Portland. They crossed the plains with us in 1846. F. S. Hoyt had just come to take charge of the school. President Hoyt and his wife both taught. Mary Leslie had charge of the primary department. Among my schoolmates were John Catlin, later a judge; Sam Parrish, later chief of police at Portland; Beverly and Atchison Walker, and the two Waller girls. One of these girls later married Rev. C. C. Stratton, a

Methodist minister, and a graduate of the theological department of the Willamette university. The other married Dr. C. H. Hall, who had charge of the college at Lebanon in the '50's, and who for years was one of Salem's leading physicians.

"While going to the Oregon institute, I stayed at the home of Rev. A. F. Waller. He was as good to me as if I had been his own son. He was even tempered, kindly, a real friend and a true and sincere Christian. I have never ceased to feel grateful for his advice and kindly counsel. Helen Leslie was also a schoolmate of mine, and also Leonard Judson and his sisters.

"In 1852 Jink Harding and I started to read law in the law office of Lafayette F. Grover and Benjamin F. Harding. In 1853 the call of adventure got too strong to resist, so I went to California and went to placer mining. In the fall of '55 the Indian war broke out. Several miners near my claim were killed, so I left northern California and came back to the Willamette valley. The Oregon territorial legislature assembled in December, 1855, at Corvallis, which at that time had been declared the capital of Oregon territory. I reported the session for the Democratic Standard of Portland. The legislature took a recess for the Christmas holidays. During this recess it was decided that Salem should be the capital, so the legislature reassembled at Salem. On January 5, 1856, just prior to the adjournment of the legislature the volunteers for the Yakima war were mustered in at Salem. Each man had to present his own horse and arms before being mustered in. I hired a horse of the livery stable and was mustered in. Captain B. F. Burch told me I could stay with my job as reporter till the legislature adjourned, and then report to him. Immediately after the adjournment of the legislature I rode to The Dalles with dispatches for Captain Burch and joined my company and went through the 'Horse Men' campaign. It was in this campaign that Captain Hembree was killed."

GRAND LARCENY TRIAL TODAY.

Independence Vagrant Claims Innocence—Property Recovered.

J. B. Shea, a drillect, was brought to the county jail on Friday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff R. W. Veatch of Independence and held for trial by Justice of the Peace Holman on the charge of grand larceny. The man was practically caught in the act, according to the deputy. He is said to have taken a suit case containing clothing and a jewel box from a buggy. The stolen property belonged to Mrs. Viola Seymour, who had just arrived from a visit in Washington, and Shea was apprehended in a second-hand store where he attempted to dispose of a watch and chain found in the jewel box. This article was recovered together with rings and other trinkets from the person of the vagrant, and later Deputy Veatch found the suit case and the remainder of its contents under a walk near the Independence creamery. A wedding ring and another watch and chain are still missing. Shea disclaims his guilt, and requested that counsel be secured for him at the trial this afternoon. While he was being incarcerated a band ring mysteriously appeared on the floor of the jail, but this was not identified by Mr. Seymour, a son of the owner of the stolen goods. Justice Holman set the trial for 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Guardmen at Shoot.

Yesterday three members of the rifle team which is to represent Company L. O. N. G., at the state rifle competition at Clackamas, left for the range. They were A. W. Bennett, W. J. White and Alvin Robb, all known as among the best shots in the company. Captain Conrad Staffin has been selected by the team captain to serve as the fourth member of the team and will leave for Clackamas on Wednesday. The team expects to take part in all preliminary contests as well as the competition matches in rifle and pistol shooting.

Land Boundary Suit.

A boundary dispute between Mr. C. Hayden and the E. Clemens Horst company, represented by H. N. Ord, manager of the Independence hop yards of that company, will be settled in the circuit court in the near future. Mr. Hayden has filed a complaint to determine boundaries on parts of the B. Dove and C. Fudge donation land claims of which both parties own property. McNary and McNary are attorneys for the plaintiff. A summons was served on Mr. Ord late last week.

Hawley to Have Opposition.

A report comes from Southern Oregon that that section of the state will have a candidate for congress next year against Representative W. C. Hawley of Salem, in the person of W. L. Vawter, well-known Medford attorney.

Hops Not Machine Picked.

A story on hop picking has given wide publicity in the Willamette valley to the statement that hops on the Horst Brothers' ranch, one of the largest in the state and close to Independence, are being picked by machines. This is only partly true. Horst Brothers have been using ma-

chines on a poorer grade of hops for several years, as hand picking would cost more than the value of the crop. But now, as always, the bulk of the crop on this big ranch is picked by hand. There are two machines in use and it is estimated that 2000 people are employed on the ranch this season as pickers and kiln hands.

MR. STORK'S RAPID FLIGHT.

Dallas Physician Follows Bird to Hills of Coast Range.

Semi-occasionally the proud old stork flaps its wings, throws in the high gear and flies along at an astounding rate of speed, leaving in his wake many little family troubles. Dr. A. B. Starbuck, having heard of these speedy travels, undertook to follow the bird one day last week, and he is satisfied that reports are true. He put a bit of the ointment of motion into his Ford and started toward Black Rock. En route he delayed at Falls City seven minutes to direct the advent of a little stranger into one happy family circle, made another professional call and hurried on to Black Rock. The Ford touched the high spots in the abominable road that goes to Black Rock, and it avoided beautifully the streams that run in the ruts. At Black Rock the doctor delivered a second charge and made another professional call. He arrived back in Dallas just three hours and forty-five minutes from the time he left his office. Verily, the winged one does go some!

REASON FOR SHORT CROPS.

Hopewell Grower Blames Blight for Damage to Hop Vines.

A. C. Morford, Polk county hop man, declares that he believes it is not lice that has been causing trouble in the hop yards, but thinks that it is some new kind of blight, the nature of which has not been exactly determined. Mr. Morford has been all through Polk county and through Benton county as far as Philomath, and in every yard that he has looked at he states that the trouble has been something different than lice. Near McMinnville, in Yamhill county, he says that the farmers are calling it a blight rather than lice, which has struck their yards. Where the yards have been sprayed he finds them in as bad condition as the unsprayed yards. Mr. Morford has 13 acres of hops and states he will have only about half a crop. "If I get 10,000 pounds of dried hops, I will be lucky," he said.

NEW PASTOR WILL PREACH.

Rev. Howard McConnell to Fill Christian Church Pulpit Sunday.

Rev. Howard McConnell of The Dalles, whom the people of the Dallas Christian church have called to be their leader for the ensuing year, will occupy the pulpit of that church next Sunday, both morning and evening. Mr. McConnell is en route to Dodge City, Kansas, where he will conduct an evangelistic meeting of a month's duration. He was booked for this meeting before accepting the call of the Dallas church, and will not be able to enter the work here until the latter part of October. In the meantime the place will be taken by Mrs. Jennie C. Wheeler of Monmouth, who has been a co-worker with Mr. McConnell for the last four years at The Dalles. Mrs. Wheeler is an efficient minister of the gospel, and the congregation considers itself fortunate, indeed, in having secured her services to carry on the work until the return of their new pastor.

Rocking Salt Creek Road.

J. A. Roberts of Salt Creek declares to The Observer that he had no intention of holding up the rocking of the highway from the school house to the Savery place through exorbitant charge for the rock in a quarry on his place, as might be inferred from a statement recently made in these columns. He says he tendered the use of the quarry to the county court at five cents per yard, but that that body thought three cents would be fair remuneration for the material. This he declined to accept, but asserts that he informed the court that if the price stood in the way of making the improvement the county might take it without paying therefor. The court has made arrangements to get the necessary 500 yards of rock for this improvement from the May place.

Orchardist at Viers Farm.

C. R. Smith, an experienced horticulturist from Medford, has been engaged to take charge of the orchards on the L. E. Viers farm near Dallas. Mr. Smith and his wife arrived in the city on Thursday evening and are now living in one of the cottages on the farm, where he will apply his experience in getting maximum crops by scientific methods from the 96-acre apple orchard and the 12½ acres of prunes that are included in the Viers farm of 360 acres.

Facts Are Facts, Nevertheless.

Mr. Hirschberg, much to the surprise of The Observer, claims ignorance of a project to electrify the Independence & Monmouth railroad, owned and operated by him, notwithstanding the fact that the plan has been under consideration for more than a year. There is a possibility that Mr. Hirschberg will not electrify his line, but that the expense of making the improvement has been estimated with that end in view cannot be denied.

Mr. and Mrs. Toozee were Corvallis visitors last Sunday.

EASTERN TROUT DEVOUR

CONTINUED PLANTING LIKELY TO ELIMINATE NATIVES.

Judge Teal's Experience at Private Hatchery Above Falls City Proves Truthfulness of Statement.

Judge Teal, who for many years conducted a private fish hatchery at his ranch on Teal creek, does not approve of planting eastern brook trout in our coast streams, asserting that if the practice is continued they will eliminate mountain trout from these waters. The assertion is made after experiments which proved its truthfulness. Some time ago Judge Teal introduced eastern brook trout into his ponds above Falls City, and discovered to his amazement that the native fish were being devoured by the wholesale, in one particular instance a mountain trout thirteen inches in length being eaten by an eastern trout of only slightly larger size, three days being required for the foreigner to make way with its prize. He says that diligent inquiry among fishermen of this vicinity has resulted in the information that while millions of the eastern variety have been planted in the waters of Polk county during the past decade very few have been taken by anglers, to account for which he makes no attempt.

Following his discovery that eastern trout were death to trout of our coast streams Judge Teal communicated this information to the powers that be, and considerable discussion of the subject was caused at that time by his statements, but notwithstanding eastern brook trout continue to be planted here and elsewhere in Oregon. The judge was obliged to eliminate these foreign trout from ponds wherein he had mountain trout, and eventually got rid of them altogether, being assured from actual experience that they are a menace rather than a benefit. He is convinced that the stocking of coast waters with these fish is a mistake on the part of the authorities, and believes that some action should be taken whereby the practice would be discontinued for all time. The hatcheries of Oregon, in the opinion of this venerable lover of the finny tribe, should turn off only the native product, planting trout of this variety in local waters, following which plan there would be a notable increase in the number of fish in the streams, much to the gratification of those who enjoy piscatorial amusement.

Phil Begin, a somewhat industrious local fisherman, and who enjoys the distinction of getting them when all others fail, in an interview with a representative of The Observer yesterday, said that he had caught eastern trout in the La Creole river, but that in comparison with the number of mountain trout taken they were few. Other anglers in these waters seem to bear out the opinion of Judge Teal, when attention was called to the matter, although no thought had been given the question previously. At any rate the matter is worthy of the careful consideration of the Fish and Game commission through experimentation along the line.

TAX COLLECTIONS ARE FAIR.

Nearly \$16,000 Collected During Past Fortnight.

The "busy little bees" have had nothing on the deputies in Sheriff Orr's office during the last two weeks. September 1 was the last day of grace for payment of taxes for the first half of 1915 and letters by hundreds, as well as almost as many personally presented payments, were received at the office, with the result that Thomas Hooper and John Richter, the deputies, have had to extend themselves to handle the large amount of money and enter it properly. One week ago today the sheriff turned over to the county treasurer \$5,605.28 and today approximately \$10,000 will be deposited. All payments that come in now, or since the first of the month, will be delinquent and the usual penalty will be attached. Regular payments on the second half taxes are coming in now, and until the last day of the present month the penalty will not be attached.

New Guest at the County Jail.

Pleading guilty to a charge of assault and battery preferred against him by Alex Masky, a hop yard hand who now nurses a discolored eye, Jack Rogan, who appears to cherish no other ambition in life than to make himself known in the world of crime, is spending five days at Sheriff Orr's well-populated lodging house. Deputies Parker and Veatch arrested Rogan at an Independence hop yard on Saturday and relieved him of some very heavy and aged artillery before he was turned over to the sheriff. The assault occurred, according to the deputies, when Masky refused to aid in a hold-up planned by the prisoner, adding a little insult to the injury done by his refusal.

Not Enough Pickers.

Independence hop growers are complaining of the lack of pickers, saying that at least 500 more could find work. One grower asks for 100 additional hands, and says the shortage is due to the fact that so few Polk county people are at the yards this year.

Sheriff Directs Fire Fighting.

A burning motorcycle deserted at the side of the road by its rider start-

ed a grass and brush fire that threatened much damage before it was gotten under control by Sheriff John Orr, District Attorney J. E. Sibley and a few volunteer fire fighters. The blaze was making rapid progress along the road and field toward Independence and would undoubtedly have done serious damage if it had not been found when it was. The sheriff sent a call to Independence for help and the volunteers back-fired quite a distance ahead of the blaze. By this means the fire was successfully controlled. The motorcycle was practically destroyed.

NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM.

Drudgery in the Kitchen Banished by New Apparatus.

A new wrinkle in lighting appliances is being demonstrated in Dallas this week in the form of a gas generator. This is a neat and compact apparatus destined to relieve the housewife from much of her drudgery by supplanting the wood or coal fire with gas, relegating to disuse the coal oil lamps for gas lights, and by heating her rooms with gas rather than wood or coal heat. There is no trouble or inconvenience about the generator; it is designed to be stored in an out-of-the-way place and its product is ideal for cooking, lighting and heating. The gas is non-poisonous, free from dirt, grease, soot, smoke and smell. There is no danger from stored gas and no chemicals are required to generate the gas. The user merely turns on the gas when it is put in use and turns it off when not in use, and the only trouble is keeping it supplied with gasoline. It is said to be much cheaper to burn this gas than wood or coal or kerosene. The average cost per burner on a cooking range is less than one half cent per hour, while the cost for light per thousand candle hour is two and one half cents, compared to twelve cents for coal oil lamp on the same basis.

J. G. Peters and A. H. Hansen are representing the American Gas Generator company here, and are holding a demonstration at 500 Court street, across from the postoffice.

THE CITY IN BRIEF

For Fire and automobile insurance see Chas. Gregory, city hall 32-ff.

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BULLETIN

ONE CENT A WORD, PHONE 19.

The charge for advertisements under this head is one cent per word for each insertion. No discount for successive issues. If you have anything for sale or exchange; if you want to rent or lease a house or business building; if you want help or a job of work; if you have lost or found anything; if you want publicity of any kind, try this column. You are sure to get results—others do, why not you. Telephone your "want ads." or address all communications to The Observer, Dallas, Oregon. Count the number of words to remit with order. Telephone No. 19.

FOR SALE—Six octave organ, in good condition. It can be seen at Mrs. Trueans, Telephone 151-White. Hoskins, Oregon. 54-2t.

WANTED—Twenty head of ewe sheep, not under two years old or over three years, on shares. W. R. Dyer, R. 1, Dallas, Oregon. 53-9t.

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FOR SALE—Practically new 3½ in. wide tire, Studebaker wagon; a bargain. J. D. Smith, Jr. Phone 1264. 227 Jefferson street, Dallas. 25-ff.

WANTED—Machine, cast and stove plate iron, brass and copper, zinc and rubber, and rags of all kinds; in fact, junk of all kinds. A. N. Halleck, Monmouth, Oregon. 54-ff.

FOR SALE—Several articles of household furniture, good as new. Phone 1014, or call at 712 Fairview avenue. 53-ff.

WANTED—Carpet cleaning and window washing, both business and residence. Milo V. Woods, phone 1173 or 1092. 11-ff.

FOR SALE—Ten acres of land, half cleared and half in oak timber; two miles east of Dallas. Inquire of Andrew Heeb, Dallas, Oregon. 43-9t.

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FOR RENT—Unfurnished housekeeping rooms. Centrally located. Inquire Imperial hotel. 49-ff.

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FOR SALE—Spruce-prune boxes at cost. Soehren warehouse. 54-2t.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that the County Court of Polk County will receive and open bids at 1 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, September 14, 1915, for the crushing and putting in the bunkers of 500 yards of rock, more or less, at the Mays quarry on Salt Creek.

The County Court will also receive and open bids for the hauling of the said 500 yards of rock, more or less, from the bunkers at the Mays quarry, to be delivered on the Savery road.

A certified check of 5 per cent of the bid to accompany each bid. By order of County Court. 53-2t.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all General Road Warrants of Polk County, Oregon, endorsed "Not paid for want of funds" from July 1st, 1915, to August 1st, 1915, are due and payable on presentation at the office of the Treasurer of said County.

Interest ceasing on the above mentioned warrants from the date of this notice.

Dated at Dallas, Oregon, September 4th, 1915.

F. J. HOLMAN, County Treasurer.

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