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## GRIDIRON SQUAD BUSY

### DALLAS HIGHS PRACTICING FOR GAMES THIS FALL.

#### French and Rudder Co-operating in Coaching Young Athletes—Prospective Contests.

Football prospects at the Dallas high school are on the upgrade, although a very small number of students have qualified, by the interest they have taken in the sport, to become members of the squad. Not more than sixteen boys have turned out to practice on the old college campus, but those who are trying are a likely looking bunch, and the older members of the team feel that they will duplicate their performances of last year and bring many laurels home. Actual scrimmage work was started this week, and it is possible that the first practice game of the season will be played this afternoon. The squad is working at a certain disadvantage because of a lack of equipment, but this is rapidly being remedied by the construction of tackling dummies and other practice necessities. Considering that this is only the third season that an attempt has been made to put a team in the field from the high school the results are rather remarkable. Last year the boys won every game played on the home field and lost only two of those played out of the city. Newman Dennis is probably the only member who played on the original high school eleven.

A number of the boys who are out of high school now are lending their best efforts toward making the present team a successful one. Fred Gooch, Melvin Cutler and Ray Boydston are given special credit for their assistance.

J. E. French relieved himself of much work in connection with the county fair board and appeared on the field on Monday evening. He immediately took a hand at the coaching which has been carried on for two weeks by Clarence Rudder, an experienced football player and a capable coach. French and Rudder will cooperate in the work and expect to evolve a fast and snappy team from the few who report for practice. The team will be a light one, averaging little over 140 pounds, but with consistent headwork and careful attention the boys will probably make up for the lack of brawn. French was formerly a class team player at the O. A. C. and for a year was a member of the college squad. Rudder played several years on the fast team of the Cape Girardeau Normal school in Missouri, where he was under the coaching of Shulte, one of "Hurricane" Yost's most efficient products. Shulte is now coaching the University of Missouri team, and is making a success of it. If Rudder has absorbed, through Shulte, any of Yost's methods he will be a successful coach for the high school. French is a disciple of Norcross, another famous athlete. The two men will develop a training system and work hard at the perfection of an eleven.

Manager Forest Martin is casting about for opponents for the Dallas boys, and considers the most probable games to be those with Silverton, Lebanon, McMinnville, Chemawa Juniors, Woodburn and the Mute school. Other high school teams will more than likely try their luck against the local team, but definite arrangements have as yet not been made. Martin and the other members of the team are contemplating the formation of a mob to storm the board of directors with a request that they board up doors and windows in the old academy building which the team uses as a dressing room. The chilly evening breezes cause messy dancing in the dressing room as they penetrate through the unboarded doors and windows. It is decidedly uncomfortable at times, and the team thinks its work would be made more pleasant if the condition was remedied.

Those who, by the interest displayed, have proved themselves candidates for gridiron honors are Captain Newman Dennis, Irving Baldere, Earl Cutler, Bud Hart, Webster Beebe, Forest Martin, Arnold Wilson, Raymond Wilson, Cliff Helgerson, Ray Scott, Frank McCann, Edward Cutler, Elmo Bennett, Ted Berg, Virgil Broch and Silas Starr. The boys are aligning themselves for the various positions but the coaches have not definitely placed them yet. A more complete organization will be evident if the boys get around to a practice game this afternoon. The coaches are considering enlisting a team of former high school players to buck to present team.

#### Cherrington Gets News

Doc Cherrington heard from his old friend, T. R., early this week, though it was in an indirect manner. He was much pleased to learn that the colonel was still alive and amid the moose. It is this way: The colonel had to break the game laws of Quebec, on his recent visit in that province, and killed an extra bull moose in order to save his own life.

This information is gleaned from an affidavit filed by the colonel and deposited with the proper authorities. The colonel had already killed the one moose allowed by law and when the second animal charged him he was forced to fire to keep from being bitten. The pity of it all is that he had cherished a delightful notion for many months that Doc Cherrington was the only bull moose left living.

#### Declared Unconstitutional.

The green trading stamp, which was temporarily forced into the discard by an act of the last legislature, will again reign supreme among those who seek premiums with their purchases from merchants in Dallas, and elsewhere in the state, the law having been declared unconstitutional by Judge Wolverton. The court held that the law, which levied a tax of 5 per cent on the gross sales of stores using trading stamps, was in contravention of the equality clause of the federal constitution and therefore void.

## WILL PREPARE BUDGET

### COUNCIL MUST ESTIMATE COST OF GOVERNMENT FOR 1916.

#### Special Committee Is Appointed By Mayor to Compile Data for University of Oregon.

The financial budget of the city will be discussed by the councilmen before the close of the present month, and the expense account for the ensuing year arranged and published, as required by law, prior to December 31, on which date it must be filed with the county clerk. Under the manner in which the municipality is managed it is necessary only to estimate the cost of road improvements and the maintenance of roads and the requirements of the general fund, against which nearly all warrants are issued. Other departments are provided for in a different way. It is possible that the question of raising funds will be discussed at a special session, when citizens will be given an opportunity to participate in the deliberations.

The mayor read a communication from the University of Oregon, in which that institution of learning requested that data concerning the conduct of every department of municipal government be prepared for its use in the compilation of a pamphlet soon to be issued, and which will also contain practically the same information from other cities of Oregon. The idea is an exceptionally good one, inasmuch as it will give opportunity for comparison. The chairmen of the several standing committees were appointed to prepare the data for the university.

The marshal's report for the month of September showed that there had been only three arrests during that period. Two were for speeding on the public thoroughfares of the city, while the third was for fighting in a public place. The city treasurer benefited \$20 by the arrests.

There being no objections or remonstrances against the estimated cost of the improvements on Uglow avenue, the recorder was instructed to notify property owners the amounts due for such betterments.

The lease on the ground occupied by the Grand theater was transferred from Dr. Fenton of Portland to H. L. Fenton of Dallas, the latter having acquired title to the building. This lot, just east of the public library building, is city property. The council adjourned until its next regular meeting night, October 18.

#### ASKED TO APPROVE CROSSING.

### Valley & Siletz Would Go Over the Southern Pacific Tracks.

The Valley & Siletz railroad has petitioned the public service commission for permission to construct a crossing over the tracks of the Southern Pacific at Simpson, Polk county, and also to cross over two public highways near that place. The road asks for an early decision by the commission. The three members of the commission made a trip to Simpson Monday and viewed the premises.

#### W. C. T. U. Elects Officers.

The election on Tuesday at the State W. C. T. U. convention, held at Newberg, resulted in the re-election of the officers as follows. President, Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp of Portland; vice-president-at-large, Henrietta Brown of Albany; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary D. Russell of Portland; recording secretary, Mrs. Madge J. Means of Shedd; and treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Houston of Portland. All were elected by a unanimous vote.

#### Shipment of Giant Powder Arrives.

Enough explosive to demolish the city, if properly placed, was received and handled with care by Gay Brothers late last week. The shipment consisted of an entire carload lot of Eureka Stamping powder, and came to the local firm from the Giant Powder company.

## STINSON TAKES HIS LIFE

### PROMINENT K. OF P. SUICIDES AT FARM NEAR SALEM.

#### Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Places Muzzle of Shotgun to Breast and Pulls Trigger.

L. R. Stinson committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a 12-gauge shotgun, at his mother's farm near West Salem, late Tuesday afternoon. Overwork and nervous prostration is said to have affected Mr. Stinson's mind and is given by members of his family as the cause of the act that took his life. Mr. Stinson was 53 years old and is very well known throughout Polk county, especially in Dallas, where he met with the local lodge of Knights of Pythias on numerous occasions. He had been grand keeper of records and seal for that organization for 18 years, and always had a prominent part in the activities of the lodge. The tragic act took place shortly after five o'clock Tuesday evening in the bedroom of the Stinson home, and while Mrs. Stinson and Logan Stinson, a son of the dead man, were in the house. When the mother and son rushed into the bedroom they found Mr. Stinson lying at the side of the bed. He had died instantly. The shotgun lay close at his side. The authorities held no inquest, as it was evident that suicide was the only possible cause of death. Mr. Stinson had placed the muzzle of the shotgun in his breast and pulled the trigger. Mr. Stinson's body was taken to Salem, where the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias will conduct funeral services this afternoon.

Mr. Stinson was a native of Oregon, having been born in Albany January 2, 1862. When a year old his parents moved to Salem, and that had been his residence ever since. He was a printer by trade and before his election as grand keeper of records and seal for the Knights of Pythias he had conducted a printing office at Salem. When the late Frank W. Benson was secretary of state Mr. Stinson was an expert printer with the state printing department. For 18 successive years Mr. Stinson was unanimously elected grand keeper of records and seal for the Knights of Pythias. He was regarded by members of the grand lodge as one of its most efficient officers, and through the nature of his work he enjoyed a wide acquaintance throughout the state. He was a member of Central Lodge, No. 18, Knights of Pythias of Salem. Besides his mother and son, Logan, a widow and a daughter, Mrs. Carl Williams, all of Salem, survive him.

Mr. Stinson had a host of friends in all parts of the state and he was of a disposition that could not keep from winning friends," said one of the many Dallas men who counted himself a close friend of the dead man. "I fear there will be a deal of gloom cast over the convention of the grand lodge in Portland next week for the sad ending of so good a life. As his folks say, a weakened mind could only be responsible for the act."

## DALLAS MAN TO PROFIT

### MONEY AWAITS PROPER OWNERS IN A CHICAGO BANK.

#### Fred Saver Interested In Search Made For Grand Parent. \$32,000 at Issue.

Fred Saver of the Dallas laundry is considerably interested in a search that is being made by a Chicago bank for the heirs of J. G. Saver, who, in 1887, deposited \$9000 there. Fred Saver's grandfather was J. G. Saver and if kinship with the man wanted is established Fred figures he will get a nice lot of unexpected money. The old gentleman, as he is remembered by many who knew him here, had many peculiar ideas as to the saving of his money. He would deposit or hide great amounts and forget where he had placed them, and it is thought that such was true in this case. Twenty-eight years ago, if the Chicago bank is looking for the same man, he deposited \$8600 and was never heard from at the bank again. The money has remained in the bank and has been drawing interest throughout that length of time. The total sum now amounts to about \$32,000, and as one of the direct heirs of J. G. Saver, Fred may make claim to a share.

#### Laundry Makes Additions.

Part of the mechanical equipment of the former City Steam laundry has been purchased and installed by the Dallas Steam laundry. This permits the latter concern to handle a greatly increased amount of business and with other improvements that are planned will make it a very complete and modern plant.

## MEDICAL MEN BANQUET

### TRI-COUNTY SOCIETY HAS INTERESTING PROGRAM.

#### Several Papers Discussing Important Topics Are Read—Next Meeting at State Hospital.

The meeting of the Tri-County Medical society, held at the Imperial hotel on Tuesday evening, was attended by twenty doctors from Polk and Marion counties. Yamhill county physicians did not appear. Dr. O. D. Butler of Independence, president of the association, presided and Dr. M. J. Clements of Salem occupied the position of secretary. The banquet served at the hotel was a feature of the meeting and the doctors held their meeting. The meeting lasted from the early evening until about 11 o'clock, and during that time Dr. A. N. Creadick, obstetrician, of Portland, read a highly interesting scientific paper on "Toxines of Pregnancy," and Dr. L. A. Bollman of Dallas read a well-prepared and thoughtful paper on "Problems of Obstetrics for the General Practitioner." Discussion of these and related subjects was participated in by a number of the doctors present.

The next meeting of the society will be held, according to the vote taken on Tuesday evening, in the auditorium at the state insane asylum, on October 19. This is a special meeting for the consideration of very important topics and will be held in two weeks in place of a month that usually elapses between meetings. At this meeting both doctors of medicine and dentistry will be present and an unusually large gathering is anticipated. Those who attended the meeting here were Dr. A. N. Creadick, Portland; Drs. Starbuck, Butler, and Staats, Dallas; Drs. Butler, Fred Hewitt and L. L. Hewitt, Independence; Drs. Griffith, Billinger, Evans and Bird, State hospital; Drs. Pemberton, Steeve, Findley, E. E. and W. L. Fisher, Van Winkle, Clements and Wiselassau, Salem; Dr. Hellworth, Falls City, and Dr. Mathis, Month.

#### Winters Gets Pay for Labor.

A judgment for \$480 was given to Thomas J. Winters in his suit against C. O. Boyer, Oscar Erickson and E. L. Seehrist to recover wages alleged due the plaintiff for labor on a certain Santiam mining property developed by the trio. Winters worked the property for many months at a promised wage of \$2 a day, and when it came to settlement the defendants alleged he had been a working stockholder in the questionable venture, taking stock in the property for his work. They filed a counter claim against Winters for \$700 alleging that he used their tools and equipment, as well as their time, and damaged their interests, to develop a property of his own. The jury disregarded the counter claim and found in favor of Winters. Oscar Hayter and Wetherford & Wetherford were attorneys for Winters while Sidney Graham presented the case of the defendants.

## LEE DALE IS CONVICTED

### FORMER DALLAS MAN TO SERVE PENITENTIARY SENTENCE.

#### Found Guilty of Having Killed Aged Pioneer Couple Near Pendleton Last June.

Lee Dale, formerly a resident of Dallas, where he is well known, was convicted of murder at Pendleton on Tuesday, but sentence has not as yet been pronounced. It will be remembered by readers of The Observer that on the night of June 3, Dale, who has a homestead in California Gulech, shot and killed Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ogilvy, pioneer residents of that section. The jury was out only twenty minutes. In testifying in his own behalf Dale stated that if he killed Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ogilvy he has no remembrance of it, and knows of no reason why he should have killed them. He had been on a protracted drunk, he said, and remembers nothing from the time he was riding toward home on horseback until the next afternoon, when Sheriff Taylor was taking him to jail.

A Pendleton dispatch says: "The brevity of the jury's deliberations on the evidence establishes a new record here in the trial of a homicide indictment. Dale's wife, standing at his side, also had prepared herself for the shock of the verdict and succeeded in controlling her emotion. Throughout the trial Dale was quiet and his manner on the witness stand evidenced complete control of his nerves and faculties. Only once did he exhibit any emotion, this being when his counsel, Will M. Peterson, assigned by the court, made a sym-

pathetic reference to the defendant's wife and mother, in his final argument to the jury. Dale then brushed his hand across his eyes."

#### Sherlock Holmes Promoted.

Special Agent Barney McShane of the Southern Pacific company, and well-known in Dallas, where he has been many times, has been promoted to be first lieutenant of the secret service department of the same company and he will have charge of the entire southern district, which extends from San Francisco to El Paso. The promotion follows a brilliant career of 18 months, during which McShane has captured many crooks. He was responsible for the capture recently of John Arthur Hooper, the society crook. McShane's headquarters will be at Los Angeles.

#### Bessie Crowley Buried.

Bessie Crowley of Black Rock, the fifteen-year-old niece of A. G. Fisher, died at her home at that place on Sunday, tuberculosis being given as the cause of death. The little body was buried at Independence Tuesday.

## SISTER AGAINST SISTER

### MRS. R. S. CLARK SUES ESTATE OF DECEASED FATHER.

#### Awarded \$500 for Services Rendered Grandfather By Young Woman Accidentally Drowned.

A family quarrel was settled in the circuit court late Tuesday night when a jury awarded to Mrs. R. S. Clark \$500 of the \$710 for which she sued the estate of her father, O. D. Rider. The case, entitled Mrs. R. S. Clark vs. C. W. Irvine, executor of the estate of O. D. Rider, deceased, consumed all the afternoon with the trouble that was had in impaneling the jury. The amount of the claim was alleged due to Mrs. Clark's dead daughter as wages for the years she worked for her grandfather. There had been no written contract as to the pay the girl was to get, and when she accidentally drowned two years ago it was learned that she had not been paid. Checks were presented in court by the defense to show that some of the money had been paid and the jury allowed the difference between this and the amount asked for. The case was an interesting, or very unpleasant, one, for sister was pitted against sister in an effort to secure a division of the estate of O. D. Rider. By paying the amount asked for to Mrs. Clark it would relieve her sister, Mrs. Newt Jones, of her share as left by the will of Rider. Mrs. Jones then displayed very bitter animosity in the legal battle, in which C. W. Irvine, cashier of the Farmers' State bank at Independence, figured only as the executor of the estate.

W. C. Winslow was attorney for the plaintiff and B. F. Swope appeared for the defense. This case was heard on much the same evidence in the county court last February and the trial before Judge Belt was an appeal from the lower court.

#### TROUBLE NOW BREWING.

### Conflicting Election Laws Bound to Make Muddle.

Much trouble is apt to be encountered in future elections because of a conflict that has been discovered in election laws. One law enacted at Salem last winter provides that a typewritten list of the registered voters of the precinct shall be supplied the election board, instead of a poll book. Another law, passed at the same session, provides for a poll book. The County Clerks' association indorsed a bill which does away with registration books and supplants it with a card index system. When an election is held the county clerk must send a typewritten list of the registered voters of a precinct to the election board of the precinct, and as an elector votes the number of his turn at the ballot is noted. This will require a turning and shifting of typewritten pages, instead of writing down the name of each elector, as has been the custom in the poll book. After a general election, the county clerk's office must examine the voters' list of each precinct and ascertain what electors failed to vote. Such names will be stricken from the precinct list. With inexperienced or nervous clerks, it is probable that some electors will not be checked as voting, and next time they present themselves they will be informed that they must re-register. This will cause difficulty.

#### POLK COUNTY WINS TROPHY.

### Beautiful Clock Offered By Railroad Company Is Prize.

Polk county's exhibit at the State fair took more honors than are indicated by the blue ribbon that was awarded to it. The Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company posted a beautiful clock as a prize for the best exhibit of grains and grasses. This was given to Polk county and is expected to arrive here this week.

## JURY CONDEMNS JAIL

### STRUCTURE ANTIQUATED AND A DISGRACE TO COUNTY.

#### Report of Grand Inquirers Deals Principally With Polk's Inadequate and Unsafe Prison.

The county jail came in for a good deal of criticism at the meeting of the fall grand jury which was impaneled on Tuesday, and it was considered remarkable, in view of its condition, that more prisoners had not gained their freedom from the bastille. The jury met at one o'clock and went through the various county offices and the records on file therein, and after a thorough examination reported that they found these in good order. No suggestions with reference to the methods of the officers were made. In regard to the jail, however, the jury had much to say. "We find that the sheriff is keeping the county jail as well as possible under the circumstances," says the report filed with the county clerk, "but the jail building is an antiquated building that is a disgrace to Polk county. There are only three cells and for a long time past the sheriff has had to crowd from ten to twelve prisoners into the space intended for three or four. The consequence is that the jail is unsanitary and positively dangerous, and the fact that only two prisoners have escaped speaks well for its management by the sheriff. We would respectfully recommend that the county court take the necessary steps, as soon as the financial condition warrants it, looking to the construction of a modern jail with departments for both men and women and that it be built of proportions commensurate with the increasing population of the county."

The new grand jury includes D. P. Stapleton, foreman, Independence; J. E. Brophy, near Salem; T. E. Caulfield, Riekraal; D. G. Dove, Independence; F. S. Ewing, near Salem; V. J. Love, Airlie and A. W. Vernon, Riekraal.

#### NEW INSTRUCTOR IS HERE.

### B. M. Callaghan Will Relieve Otho Hart in Dallas High School.

Lines were extended in all directions and to all parts of the county to secure a suitable successor to Otho B. Hart, manual training and bookkeeping instructor in the Dallas high school, but there were found to be very few men qualified to hold the position who were not so engaged that they could not accept the place. A number of applications have been received since the retirement of Mr. Hart was announced, but it took until this week to secure the services of B. M. Callaghan of Spokane, Wash. Mr. Callaghan arrived in the city on Thursday and reported to Superintendent Ford the same day. He is a man of much experience in his chosen line of work, having been teaching for about twenty years. The recommendations he brings with him mark him as an exceptionally good man for the local work. Mr. Callaghan was graduated from the University of West Virginia, and is now about forty years of age. He has taught in several high schools in different parts of the country. The new instructor will take charge of the manual training and bookkeeping courses on Monday, and his predecessor, Mr. Hart, will leave this week to assume his duties at the Salem high school.

#### DAMAGE SUIT DISMISSED.

### Portland Trust Company Loses Case Against County Court.

A motion was sustained by Judge Belt in the circuit court yesterday to dismiss the case of the Portland Trust & Savings company versus Polk county. The company sued the county court for damage done to their property when the county built a road through the Guthrie acre tracts. Glen O. Holman, appearing on behalf of the county made the motion to dismiss this case on the ground that the investment company had not filed its claim for damages before the court had ordered the construction of the road.

#### Automobile Accident.

Albany Herald: An automobile driven along the Corvallis road Sunday afternoon near Granger station by C. D. Harland of Falls City, suddenly turned over on its side when the radius rod broke and caught in the ground. Mr. Harland and four other occupants were thrown out but sustained no injuries. The car was repaired by mechanics from a local garage. Harland was on his way to Albany when the accident happened.

#### Tip From Weather Man.

Get out in the country every day you can during the beautiful days of autumn. Oregon scenery at this time of the year is as rich as anything portrayed on canvas, and the rural scenes that are gathered and stored in memory will furnish a mental picture book that will cheer the heart for many months to come.