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BUSINESS MEN TO MEET

MARKET DAY PLANS TO BE DISCUSSED BY VISITOR.

First Public Sales Day Will Be Held This Month. A. L. Fisher Talks to Merchants.

The first public market and sales day will be held in Dallas on Saturday, October 30, according to F. E. Davis, chairman of the committee on arrangements, which met recently to prepare details for a meeting of business men of the city to be held on Friday evening at W. O. W. hall. It may be that this committee will not perfect its larger details until after the first market day has been held, but whether or not, there will be no change in Mr. Davis' original plans, to hold the sale as he had intended before the Commercial club offered the venture its moral support. At the approaching meeting of business men, at which the committee desires the presence of every interested merchant in the city, A. L. Fisher of Albany will be a speaker. Mr. Fisher is the genius behind the successful market and sales day at Albany, and he will have some excellent ideas to give.

A large building is to be secured in which to hold the first sale, and farmers and others will bring in everything that they desire to sell or trade. An auctioneer will be in charge, and it is predicted that the exchange will include a wide collection of farm implements, other farm equipment and livestock. There will be no limitation to what farmers may bring in. Anything from an old churn to a ton of hay will be cared for by the auctioneer. It is proposed to list anything and everything that is brought in and which a farmer wants to sell or trade. Mr. Davis will have personal charge of the first sales day, if the committee does not prepare itself to handle it. He has made promises to the farmers and he feels like giving them what he has agreed to do.

At the meeting Friday evening at the W. O. W. hall the merchants may be inoculated with the spirit that has made the venture a success at Albany, and will hurry preparation for the first sales day. It is somewhat peculiar that, in view of the great success such days have been in other communities, the local merchants do not show more interested action. Dollar day sales, or special bargains, are suggested for the merchants in connection with the public sale, and this would make an added incentive for farmers to come to Dallas on that day. All this will be discussed at the meeting Friday evening.

THE TRAIN FORGOT TO RUN.

Independence & Monmouth Passenger Takes Temporary Lay-Off.

The train that forgot to run is a new prodigy and is a child of the Independence & Monmouth railway, according to the Herald, published at the scene of procrastination. A number of passengers for various points had gathered at the Monmouth depot the other afternoon, awaiting the leaving of Mr. Hirschberg's cannon ball for the wet town by the beautiful Willamette, but there was no train. Inquiry developed the fact that the engineer had gone down town and forgot to return to the seat of operations, and the passengers were obliged to find other means of conveyance or postpone their trips until another time.

Grading Sour Grass Road.

J. H. Hicks, of the Tillamook Bay Construction company, which has the contract for the Sour Grass road, which cuts out the hill at Dolph and the toll road, reports that the work is progressing rapidly and that the grading is completed with the exception of a mile and a quarter, and if the weather continues fine in ten days all the grading will be finished. The steam shovel is working day and night. Two bridges have been put in and there are three others to build, the lumber being on the ground for them. In addition to the bridges there are several small culverts to be built.—Tillamook Headlight.

O, You Chicken Pie.

That the ladies of the Christian church hold the blue ribbon as builders of chicken pie is the verdict of those who have on divers and sundry occasions taken advantage of an opportunity to test their quality. But there is one big annual event of this character, when the ladies of this church fairly outdo themselves in chicken pie making, and the date for this supper has been set for November 4, for which more extensive preparations than previously are being made, the ladies appreciating the fact that they have made these suppers famous in and around Dallas.

Stafrin Will Raise Prunes.

Conrad Stafrin contemplates planting fifty acres of his ranch south of Dallas to prune trees. The land is new, having but recently been cleared, and it is his intention to grow one crop of wheat thereon next season

and plant the trees the following fall. Expert orchardists say that to plant fruit trees on land newly grubbed is apt to induce wood rot, and it is with a view to obviating this possible trouble that grain will be grown on the tract the first year.

INSPECTION OF BRIDGE PUT OFF

County Court Petitions Authorities to Report on Condition.

A petition to the state highway engineer and the highway commission was mailed by the county commissioners on Saturday, asking that the officers appoint a competent engineer to carefully examine the inter-county bridge in all its parts and report upon its condition. The engineer's office will probably have Mr. Holmes, a bridge construction expert, inspect the structure early this week, in fact the county court has been given to understand that the inspection started yesterday, and the report will be made sometime this week. A detailed report is asked for by the court, and upon this will be determined the necessity for a new structure or the repair of the present bridge.

It was the opinion expressed by the Polk county commissioners that it would be far better to indebted the county for a new structure than to jeopardize the lives of those who travel over the bridge, but if there are no physical defects in the structure the expense of a new bridge will not be undertaken at this time.

WIDOWS GET PENSIONS

JUDGE BELT FINDS IN THEIR FAVOR AGAINST COUNTY.

Mesdames Odom and Bush Are Awarded Amounts Demanded in Legal Action to Recover.

That the county court has no alternative in applying the letter of the law in widows' pension cases that come before it, was the decision handed down by Circuit Judge H. H. Belt on Friday in the cases of Mrs. Mary Alice Odom and Mrs. Etta Bush versus the County of Polk. Mrs. Odom, the widowed mother of three minor children, sued the county for \$232.50 and court costs, alleging that such an amount was due her because the court failed to pay her the total allowed by the widows' pension act. Her husband, Thomas Ausburn Odom, died in Polk county, March 4, 1912. Judge Belt allowed Mrs. Odom the amount demanded and a continuation of payments at the rate of \$25 monthly. Mrs. Etta Bush, whose husband, Bluford A. Bush, died in Polk county in January 1914, leaving four minor children, received judgment against the county in the sum of \$390, court costs and a continuation of the monthly payments prescribed by the act.

Judge Belt said, in his opinion, that the county could only abide by the law and could not change its terms to conform with its ideas. The merits of the act were not at issue, said the opinion, and since it is on the statute books, must be abided by.

STINNETT WILL SERVE TIME.

Right To New Trial Waived—Second Count Dismissed.

The jury, sitting in trial of Charles E. Stinnett, charged with attempted murder of his wife, failed to reach an agreement after being out fifteen hours, and the state and attorneys for the defense agreed upon a compromise by which the prisoner will be sent to the penitentiary to serve the sentence imposed upon him last week for assault with a dangerous weapon, and the second count in the indictment, upon which he was tried Thursday afternoon, will be dismissed. After the first trial counsel for the prisoner asked until the end of the week to prepare motion for a new trial and demanded immediate hearing of the second indictment. Judge Belt sentenced Stinnett to a term of from six months to ten years on the first count, and on the second count another trial would have been necessary had not the attorneys reached a compromise. District Attorney Sibley intended to prosecute the second count in the indictment if attorneys for Stinnett insisted upon a new trial on the first count. Right to a new trial was waived, however, in view of dismissing the second count.

Stinnett was removed from the county jail, where he has been lodged for a week, to the state penitentiary on Saturday by Sheriff Orr and District Attorney Sibley. He commenced serving his sentence at that time.

Where to Get Sentiment.

Two hundred country weekly editors are closer to the people of the great state of Oregon than three big city daily editors ever can hope to get. To ascertain what the real sentiment of the state on any public question is, it is necessary to read the country papers.—Oregon Voter.

Baby Boy.

A nine pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Oliver of Oak Grove, on Saturday morning.

REQUEST TURNED DOWN

GRIST-MILL BARRS MUST REMAIN IN PORTLAND.

Historical Society Claims Ownership By Reason of Gift By Judge Reuben Boise.

The old Nesmith-Owen grist mill barrs that Judge Teal has been trying to secure from the Oregon Historical society for the adornment of the county court house lawn, will evidently repose in their present useless state for some time. Judge Teal brought the matter to the attention of Congressman McArthur, whose grandfather, J. W. Nesmith, was one of the original owners of the stones, and Mr. McArthur took the matter up with George H. Himes, assistant secretary and curator of the Historical society. This letter was received by Judge Teal last week from Mr. Himes:

"Dear Sir: I have just received a letter from Hon. C. A. McArthur, representative in congress from the third district of Oregon, requesting, on your behalf, that the Oregon Historical society turn over to the authorities of Polk county the two large mill stones which were used in the Nesmith & Owen mill near Ellendale, and which are now on display at the entrance of the Oregon Historical society. In reply I can only say this: Those stones were donated to the Oregon Historical society by the owner, the late Judge Reuben P. Boise. This society is an incorporation under the laws of the state of Oregon, and by the terms of the same all the property in its possession or custody is held in trust for the people of the state of Oregon. Hence, under all the circumstances in the premises your request cannot be complied with. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the Hon. Mr. McArthur. Very truly yours, George H. Himes."

This communication rather whitewashed the hopes of the county judge, but he has a reply to make to Mr. Himes. "The mill stones did not belong to Judge Boise," says Judge Teal. "They were always the property of J. W. Nesmith and Henry Owen, but for several years laid in desuetude in a fence corner on Judge Boise's place. From there they were transferred to Portland and later to the Historical society rooms." The stones are rightfully the property of Polk county, Congressman McArthur being willing that they should be returned here, and the county court, since the Historical society refuses to relinquish its claim, will probably enlist the aid of the state representatives from this county to bring about by legislative action or otherwise, the restoration of the barrs to Polk county.

FAIR BOARD IS ELECTED

LEE FENTON VOLUNTARILY RESIGNS FROM PRESIDENCY.

Only Three Members of Last Year's Directory Remain in the Service for 1916.

A new board of directors for the Polk County Fair association was elected at a meeting of that body on Saturday afternoon, and will elect officers for the association from within the group in the near future. The new board of directors are C. C. Gardner, Bridgeport; P. O. Powell, Monmouth; Ralph Savery, Salt Creek; John Simkins, Spring Valley; I. L. Patterson, Eola; A. B. Muir, Dallas; J. G. McIntosh, Independence and W. L. Soehren, Dallas. The only other business of importance transacted at the meeting was the reading and allowance of all bills against the association.

H. L. Fenton, who resigned as president of the fair association after the successful county fair of this year, will be succeeded by one member of the new board, to be elected by the board at a later meeting. Mrs. Winnie Braden, because of the large amount of work she has done for the association in the past, was allowed to go without being made a member of the official board, but she will carry on the same faithful and effective work next year. C. C. Gardner, John Simkins and P. O. Powell were the only members of the retiring board to be re-elected.

Mrs. Hiatt Granted Divorce.

A decree of divorce was awarded to Mrs. Birdie Hiatt from William Thomas Hiatt, a teamster, and the mother gained the custody of the couple's married child. Mrs. Hiatt asked alimony to the amount of \$20 monthly, but it was stipulated that this not be allowed. The husband, from whom Mrs. Hiatt separated when he jealously and unkindness made her life unpleasant, did not contest the case. Both the principals are residents of Dallas.

MOTHERS HEAR TAYLOR

CAPACITY OF ARMORY TAXED LAST SUNDAY MORNING.

Flying Squadron in Automobiles Visits Neighboring Towns on Mission to Save Sinners.

Last Sunday Evangelist Taylor preached a powerful discourse to an unusually large gathering. "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." Upon this one sentence, taken from the story of Pharaoh's daughter and the infant Moses, Evangelist Taylor built a sermon on "Motherhood" that brought sobs of alternate joy and sorrow from the most remarkable audience that he has yet faced since coming to Dallas. From half past ten o'clock until the opening hour at eleven hundreds of mothers and grandmothers poured into the armory, until every available seat was occupied, including the one hundred chairs on the platform. It was one of Mr. Taylor's best sermons.

Every child, he declared, is put in a mother's arms as a trust from God, and she has to answer to God for the way she deals with that child. No mother on God's earth has any right to raise her children for pleasure, and she has no right to engage in any form of pleasure that will curse her children. Every mother is a trustee of humanity, and the babe is put in her arms to train it for the Lord. We have scriptural authority for believing that angels guard the helpless babes. When the mother has done her prayerful best, you can bank on it that God will not fail her. That little babe born of a slave mother down in Egypt over three thousand years ago, and found by the princess secured in a little ark floating in the current of the river Nile, became one of the world's greatest heroes, and is recognized today as the world's greatest lawgiver. A mother's love, and a mother's pluck saved it and gave it a chance for its life. "I think an angel stood there and pinched it to make it weep at the right time. The princess had a mother's heart, and when a mother's heart and a baby's tears get tangled together, something happens that gives the devil cold feet."

While growing to manhood there is nothing to show that Moses' mother got any help from his daddy. "I tell you, the devil often gets a boy by getting his daddy first. Many a boy would have turned out better if his daddy had died before he was born. The mother is doing all she can to train her children for the Lord, while the father is doing all he can to counteract her influences. The mother's work is often discouraging." (Continued on page six.)

BUTTER OF LONG AGO

SYRACUSE CREAMERY MADE FIRST BUTTER IN COUNTY.

Messrs. Churchill and Rubble Responsible for Erection of Creamery Where Falls City Now Is.

In 1886 Polk county residents first ate creamery butter made within the county, so a vivid memory pioneer told The Observer last week. "On May 27, 1886, the Syracuse Creamery started business in a building on the south bank of the Little Luckiamute river, at the falls, where Falls City has since been built up. The dimensions of the creamery's house, I remember, were 24x36x26 feet. The first floor, where were the churn and cream vats, was level with the road, and on the upper floor the product was prepared for the market. The lower floor was built on solid rock where cool water trickled constantly. The temperature here was maintained at about 48 degrees. The creamery was owned and operated by Messrs. Churchill and Rubble, and motive power came from the falls, through a 200-foot mill race, which dropped 40 feet in that distance."

"From the beginning Polk county farmers, through liberal support, made the new enterprise a success, and within a very short time there was a decided increase in the number of cows to be found on the farms. Creameries had been successful in other states and communities, why not in Polk county, was a favorite question. "I can testify," said The Observer's informant, "that the Syracuse creamery turned out fine butter."

Will Raise Beef Cattle.

The Willamette Valley Lumber company of this city has seeded a large area of its logged off lands near Black Rock, and contemplates raising stock beef to supply its camps with meat.

Wayne Barham Gets Deer.

That Wayne Barham, former Pacific coast league baseball pitcher, is

a crackshot as well as a good hurler is evidenced by a dandy five point deer that he brought back as a trophy from a two-day hunt in the Applegate district in Polk county. The animal dressed about 150 pounds, and Barham took the hide and head to Salem to be mounted. Wayne and Earl Barham, Bert Wells and Walter Sellers returned yesterday from the mountains and the only prize was Wayne's deer. Wayne had to carry the animal about nine miles down the mountains.

BAPTIST CHURCH RENOVATED.

Electric Lighting System Installed. Building Painted.

The first Baptist church, at the corner of Court and Church streets, is undergoing a complete renovation, both interior and exterior. Inside the walls are being frescoed and things generally cleaned up. The church is being wired for electricity. Outside a coat of paint is being applied and the ground about the church will be included in the clean-up campaign.

The local Baptist congregation is preparing for a fine winter session and expects a marked increase in membership during the year. That the institution is in good shape financially is evidenced by the manner in which the church is being put in first-class condition.

POLING FILLS ARMORY

NATIONAL PROHIBITION SUBJECT OF FINE ADDRESS.

Native Son Returns To Charm Friends With Eloquence and Advocate Prohibition Measures.

An outline of the plan proposed by the Anti-Saloon league of America to bring about the adoption of the Hobson National Prohibition amendment in congress by 1920 was presented last Friday evening at the Armory by the Rev. Poling, native son, graduate of Dallas college, distinguished leader of anti-saloon forces and president of the Christian Endeavor union of the world. The Rev. Poling's masterly address delighted an audience of 800 people by its dry, effective humor, the care with which it was given and the vocabulary and oratorical powers of the speaker. It is said that no better platform orator has been heard in Dallas than the city's own boy whose diligent work in behalf of national prohibition has made him justly famous since he left the home hearth for broader fields. In his address the Rev. Mr. Poling presented many new facts in the campaign against liquor, and his eloquence bore his statements forcibly to the large audience assembled to welcome him home.

The meeting opened on Friday evening with a chorus lead by Paul Taylor and in a brief talk the Evangelist Taylor, who turned the meeting over to Mr. Poling, presented that gentleman to the large gathering of his friends. National prohibition was the sum and substance of the address. How and why the Hobson amendment is to be carried was outlined by the speaker, and he expressed confidence in the campaign of the anti-saloon workers, saying that the nation undoubtedly would abolish the liquor traffic by the time set. The Matera Media association, regulator of drugs and medicine and the practice thereof, has stricken from its list of medicines or tonics both whiskey and brandy, said Mr. Poling. This action was taken principally because of the results of scientific research which showed that the remedial effect of these stimulants was only temporary, lasting about 15 minutes, and the reaction that set in immediately was more harmful than the brief stimulant was good.

Mr. Poling was brought up in this community and is known to practically every one of the older residents here, although he is still only about thirty years of age. Those who predicted, when he was a boy in school here, that his career would be bright and that as an orator he would win distinction, were especially pleased listeners on Friday evening.

While in Dallas the Rev. M. Poling was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Griffin.

CHILD HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Knocked to Ground and Trampled Beneath Hoofs of Horses.

On Saturday last the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Riggs narrowly escaped death when a runaway team knocked her down and trampled her beneath their hoofs. A farmer's team from near Monmouth became unmanageable beyond the hospital, on the county road, and ran away. At the corner of Uglow avenue and Washington street the animals plunged into the Riggs yard, where the child was playing, striking the unfortunate youngster to the ground and passing over its body. Almost miraculously the child escaped injury beyond scratches and bruises.

TALKS VERSUS CAKES

ELKINS SCHOOL HOUSE DEDICATED ON SATURDAY.

Prominent Educators Compliment District on Achievements—Ladies Entertain Visitors.

Under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' association of that district the Elkins school house was re-dedicated with instructive and helpful exercises last Saturday afternoon, participated in by a goodly number of pupils and patrons, and several prominent educators of the state, including Assistant State Superintendent Carleton, President Ackerman and Prof. Pitman of the Normal school, Prof. Harrington, state industrial field worker, and County Superintendent H. C. Seymour. The speakers highly complimented the people of that district for their enterprise and progressiveness along educational lines, and for providing a modern building not only for school purposes but for community meetings, general sentiment now prevailing that the school house is the logical community center. The program was somewhat abbreviated because of the late arrival of some of the speakers, notable among the omissions being a recitation by Dell Tedrow. With about fifty persons present, and Mrs. Frank Loughary, president of the Parent-Teachers' association, presiding, the program opened at 3 o'clock with "America" by the full attendance, which was followed by short talks by those visitors interested in educational work. Refreshments, consisting of cakes and coffee, were served at the conclusion of the dedicatory service. Each lady of the neighborhood had provided, and cakes of every variety, name and nature were there in superabundance. By invitation of Superintendent Seymour a representative of The Observer was present, and up to the hour of going to press he is still seeing things—cake-cake-cake, daintily served in a picturesquely located new school building on a hillock in one of the most prosperous sections of Polk county. The addresses were to the point, but the cakes hit the spot.

The Elkins school house is a model two-room structure and is situated four miles south of Monmouth, hard by being Luckiamute, a station on the Dallas-Airline branch of the Southern Pacific. A model school building of today means one with abundant light, good ventilation and modern heating equipment. The Elkins building is provided with these. It has a splendid hot air furnace in the concrete basement, where later it is the aim of the school to conduct a manual training department for both boys and girls. There is every modern convenience. Recently the grounds were enlarged and a playshed of generous proportions was erected, and it is here that the pupils spend intermissions in healthful exercise. Contrary to the general rule there are twice as many boys as girls in attendance in this district, and the youngsters are live wires, assisting the teachers, Miss Edith Witzel and Miss P. Gladys Denney, and their lassie companions in beautifying the school house and grounds. The pupils have a school garden adjacent to the building, and their knowledge in this direction was shown at the recent county fair, where they presented a splendid exhibit. A local fair was lately held at the school grounds, and was an affair highly spoken of by those who attended.

The Parent-Teachers' association of the district has a membership of forty-one, and no opportunity is lost to advance the material interests of the school. There is much interest shown in the meetings of the organization, not only by the ladies of the district but by the men as well, the enrollment carrying the names of many the latter. The school has an attendance of twenty-six, some of the students coming several miles distant. The teachers are popular in the community; there is harmony in the directory; there is co-operation among the people. Why should not Elkins be the proud possessor of one of the best rural schools of Polk county?

Hop Yield Small Near Ballston.

The Ballston correspondent to the Sheridan Sun reports the hop yield of that vicinity as follows: H. S. Fudge, 25 bales; S. A. Ball, 39 bales; C. A. Ball, 33 bales; G. A. Ball, 63 bales; H. W. Clark, 39 bales; Geo. Newbill, 195 bales; R. Clamfield, 39 bales; C. H. Brooks, 326 bales; Jim Sears, 13 bales; Roy Gregg, 42 bales; Geo. Odell, 80 bales; Ross Clark, 10 bales. This yield is below normal in every case.

Parent-Teachers' Meeting.

The first meeting of the school year of the Parent-Teachers' association of Monmouth will be held at the high school building there this evening. Mrs. Thomas Gentle is chairman of the association, and urges a full attendance of all persons interested in educational work.