

DOINGS IN POLK COUNTY

STORIES BY THE OBSERVER'S CORRESPONDENTS.

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

BALLSTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman Fredrickson returned on Wednesday from a visit to her sister at Oregon City. Superintendent Seymour visited the high school at this place on Tuesday. Mrs. Rea Craven of Dallas was visiting her mother, Mrs. J. S. Newbill during the week. Mrs. Mary Black of near Dallas was visiting her son, J. R. Bowman during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Comegys and his mother, Mrs. Maggie Comegys, who have been visiting relatives in this vicinity, returned to their home at Thornton, Washington, Wednesday.

A meeting for the school patrons was held at the school house Tuesday night. Besides Superintendent Seymour, Professor W. A. Barr of the O. A. C. and Mr. Harrington, state representative of the Industrial club work, were present and gave talks about their respective lines of work. An effort was made to form a parent-teachers' association, but not much interest was shown. It is hoped to have one later, however.

Mrs. Maggie Comegys of Thornton, Washington, Mrs. Mary Black of near Dallas and Mrs. V. B. Sears and Mrs. Comegys, both living near Ballston, met at the home of Mrs. Black's son, J. R. Bowman, Tuesday afternoon and had a group picture taken. The four ladies are sisters and are all old residents of this place, being daughters of the late Isaac Ball, who was the founder of this place.

Ross Clark is canvassing Multnomah county for the Cox Publishing company. John Harris has been helping Ezra Graves make some improvements on his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sundberg arrived home from Nebraska Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hamilton moved to Portland Wednesday.

Mrs. C. L. Gilson was a McMinnville visitor Wednesday. James Hill, the Watkins man from McMinnville, was in town Friday.

H. F. Poynter and family moved to their own property Monday. Mrs. J. B. Hatch will give a recital at the M. E. church Friday night. The admission will be ten and twenty cents and the church will receive half the proceeds.

Mr. Wilson and family, recent arrivals from Idaho, moved into the Ed. Yocum house last week.

Russell Harris of Willamina was visiting relatives here the last of the week.

The Women of Woodcraft will give an entertainment at the W. O. W. hall Saturday night, November 20th. A literary program will be given, consisting of songs, recitations and tableaux, after which a "jitney" supper will be served.

Road Supervisor Henry Dorton is quite sick with pneumonia at his home west of town.

Mrs. A. M. Tilley is again quite poorly and returned to the sanatorium at Portland on Monday for an indefinite stay.

Paul Reese of Perrydale and Miss Lillian Mitchell of near Amity were visiting in this vicinity Sunday evening.

Mr. Paulus of McMinnville was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Savage Odell Saturday and Sunday.

CROWLEY.

Seth Smith came over from Salt Creek to spend Sunday at home. Mrs. Tom Burch and Mrs. Fred Koser were recent visitors at Mrs. Fred Avers.

Barnum Shreve of Dallas was a caller in this neighborhood one day last week.

C. H. Farmer shipped hogs from McCoy Tuesday.

Miss Stella Smith spent a few days last week with Mrs. Rodney Coulter of Dallas. She returned home Friday.

E. J. Williamson and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edgar spent Sunday with J. L. Gay and family near Corvallis.

George Smith and Plin Wilson attended the basketball game at Rickreall Friday night.

Mr. Hamilton was a Dallas caller Saturday.

Mrs. Jones of Rickreall spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Hugh Farmer.

Mrs. Valliere was a Dallas caller Saturday.

Mr. Hill of Rickreall was a caller here Friday.

Quite a number from this neighborhood attended the party at Oak Grove Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hodge and daughter Irma spent a few days last week with his parents near Sydney.

R. J. Williamson, Miss Anna Farmer and Mrs. Lloyd Mallicoat and children motored to Clackamas county Friday. Mrs. Mallicoat and children remained there with Mr. Mallicoat, who is teaching school.

Mrs. Cass Riggs and daughter Alice attended ladies' aid at Mrs. Warren Allen's at Oak Grove on Thursday of last week.

Claud Trent of Rickreall called here Friday.

Mr. Muno took two loads of hogs

to McCoy Monday for Mr. Farmer to ship.

Jim Butterick of McCoy unloaded a car of gravel at Crowley Monday.

Miss Etta Edgar went to Canby Sunday to visit her sister, Mrs. Harry Sherwood.

Miss Pearl Dennett went to Dallas Tuesday for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Kaner Trent were Rickreall callers Monday.

OAKDALE.

Mrs. N. Hughes has been a guest of her daughter, Mrs. N. L. Guy of Dallas, a portion of the week.

Fred Hughes is erecting a woven wire fence between the properties of himself and that of George Hawkins.

Fred Hughes attended a meeting of the Walnut association, held in Portland last week.

John Macomber is building a house on his place near George Robinson's home.

George Stroud of Dallas visited his ranch here last week. He expects to move there in the latter part of the winter.

Jamie Wilson of Dallas visited Joe Dennis over Sunday.

Will Dennis of Falls City visited at the home of O. E. Dennis last Wednesday.

Henry Quiring of Dallas is moving to the Chas. Bird place, which he traded for a short time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos Card visited at the home of C. Nelson at Antioch Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ross visited in Dallas over Sunday.

OAK GROVE.

Mr. Evans of Dallas was in this neighborhood the first of the week.

Herbert Fawk was a caller here last week.

Mr. Vincent hauled some lumber from Dallas last week to improve his place here.

J. W. Edgar was a business caller in Dallas one day last week.

Emerson Harris took some hogs to McCoy and sold them the first of the week.

A goodly number was in attendance at the party here Friday night and all seemed to enjoy the evening.

Quite a number of members of the Ladies' aid met with Mrs. Warren Allen on Thursday of last week and spent a pleasant afternoon.

Mr. Farmer was here on business the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Ida Williamson has been quite sick for several days.

J. K. Sears of McCoy called here last week.

OAK POINT.

Mr. John Underwood, our wide-awake road supervisor, has been doing some good work on the road between Oak Point and Greenwood, which was very much needed.

The Oak Point school is progressing very nicely under the management of Miss Carrie Dahm.

Mr. Finn, our general supervisor, was inspecting the roads of this vicinity one day last week.

Miss Mable Becker is staying with Mrs. Carroll, while Mr. Carroll is attending the Panama-Pacific exposition.

Mr. Zumwalt and family have moved to Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Becker and Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins.

The Misses Florence and Ruth Walker spent the week-end with parents.

Mr. Hilke of Independence has been doing some plowing for Mr. Hayden with his bull tractor.

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The West Salem band has been re-organized with W. C. Heise as manager. About twenty members have been attached to the band, and Brush College will join, thus making it one of the largest musical organizations in the county outside of Dallas.

F. J. Stewart, son of a Polk county farmer, passed the examination for admission into the Marine corps, held at Salem, and is now in Portland to undergo further tests, including the medical examination. If he passes these he will be sent, Mare Island, near San Francisco for still further examination and drill.

One of the big events throughout the county today will be "Go to School Day," and hundreds of parents and other persons interested in educational work will visit the schools of the various districts this afternoon. Superintendent Seymour expects fully 2500 persons to show their interest in the schools of the county by making the visit.

Thos. Brunk of Eola led the first of the week for the Panama exposition.

George R. Jacob recovered a judgment against J. H. Brignam in the circuit court yesterday for the sum of \$125 and \$25 attorney's fees. Plaintiff also received an order to sell attached property in Polk county.—Salem Statesman.

Mrs. Frank Ellis of Black Rock is ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Saxby of Falls City.

Mrs. J. C. Talbott of Falls City has been visiting in Portland this week.

Guild's Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Dallas Needlework Guild is being held today at the home of Mrs. M. M. Ellis, and open house will be kept from 2 o'clock throughout the afternoon. Garments and other wearing apparel will be on display.

BRIDGE IS IN BAD SHAPE

INDEPENDENT ENGINEER SAYS STRUCTURE DANGEROUS.

Steel That Appeared Sound Found Rusted to Center While Making Repairs Ordered.

The weak and wobbly steel bridge was in for another examination this afternoon which will in all probability result in the permanent closing of the structure, says the Capital Journal of Wednesday evening.

"The bridge is safer after being repaired than it was before, but still is not safe," said Assistant Highway Engineer Holmes this afternoon, "and if there were another bridge available within any reasonable distance the steel bridge would be closed tonight."

When the workmen began their repairs on the bridge it was found that steel that looked to be in a good state of preservation was rusted to the center. Rivets that appeared to be solid were broken in the fingers and one plate three-fourths of an inch in thickness and eight or 10 inches wide was broken in the hands of the workmen as it was taken out of the bridge. In view of these conditions the state highway engineering department called in H. Morse, who is the western representative of Ralph Mojeska to make another examination of the structure.

The bridge department of the state highway commission is standing squarely behind their report when they pronounced it imperative that the bridge be closed and state that the repairs now being made are simply replacing members that have entirely deteriorated. As other members are being uncovered it has been found that the steel was in worse condition than anticipated and will never be safe though it will be improved by the repairs. In order that an entirely unbiased opinion might be rendered on the bridge Mr. Morse was called in to look over the structure.

The bridge department and the county courts have considered the urgent public demand that the bridge be kept open in view of the business that daily passes over the bridge but if the report of Mr. Morse is that the bridge is unsafe even for light traffic, it will be closed by the county court. Mr. Morse had not finished his report this afternoon but the further he dug into the rusted steel the more dubious was the outlook for the life of the structure.

The bridge has also developed a decided leaning upstream and the weakened laterals will not permit tightening to draw the structure back into line. The report of Mr. Morse will be made to the highway engineer's office and then submitted to the county court.

It has been estimated that the closing of the bridge would cause a daily loss of \$600 to the city of Salem and it is in view of this fact that every effort is being made to keep the bridge open. The expenses of repairs now being made are but a small percentage of the loss that would be sustained if the bridge were closed for any length of time and the bridge department considers that the money spent in replacing the rotten plates is well spent.

Misunderstands Court's Ruling.

An Independence newspaper has criticized Judge Belt for his ruling in the injunction case recently heard in the circuit court here to settle a controversy as to street lines in North Independence. The criticism is misdirected because of the writer's misunderstanding of the facts in the case. The suit in which Judge Belt ruled against the city was not one to establish lines, but was a suit by injunction to restrain the city of Independence from creating new street lines, thus depriving certain property owners of their legal holdings. Judge Belt had no alternative in the matter and decided that the established street, under the conditions, was the legal one and that the property owners could not legally be deprived of their holdings.

Wins Prize for Prunes.

First prize was awarded the Willamette Valley Prune association by the Manufacturers' and Land Products show in Portland for its display, coming under the classification of more than 500 pounds of evaporated fruits. Oregon's and Oregon French or Petite prunes constituted the greater part of the display, shown in 25 pound boxes, although the Chevalo Desert in glass, Silver and Pheasant Perfection were prominently displayed.

Early Settler Dead at Ione.

Edward T. Perkins, who lived in Polk county, near this city, thirty years, moving to Ione, Oregon, about twenty years ago, died at his home in that city on Tuesday, aged 68 years. He has no immediate relatives here, but a daughter, Dallas Perkins, makes her home in Portland.

Births of the Week.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Hubbard was brightened on Friday by the birth of a son. The youngster tips the scales at 11 pounds.

An eight-pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Dempsey early last week.

Marion's Poultry Show.

Since the poultry show has been consolidated with the county fair, and is held in September instead of January, Polk county poultry fanciers are

showing interest in the Marion county meet which will be held January 11 to 14 inclusive, and a number of exhibits from here are assured for that occasion. Judge B. F. Keeny has been secured to place the awards, and Sherrill Flemming assisted by H. S. Carter will have supervision over the exhibit.

SEEKS TAX REDUCTION.

Espee Greater Benefit to Taxing Districts Than to Stockholders.

Declaring that the taxing districts wherein the Southern Pacific company and its subsidiaries operate this year received bigger returns from the railroad than the bond and stockholders themselves, and that 33 per cent of the road's net earnings in 1914 went for taxes, William M. Colvig, tax and right-of-way attorney for the Southern Pacific, has appealed to the State Tax Commission for a reduction in valuation on its Oregon properties amounting to \$8,585,268. The 1914 assessed valuation of the Southern Pacific and subsidiaries was \$44,409,923.

Verdict for Defendant.

In the suit of Boehm and Nye vs. the City Bank of Dallas that was tried in Judge Belt's department of the circuit court last week, a verdict was found in favor of the defendant. The suit was an action of replevin to recover certain papers left in oschow with the City bank as depository.

Elks Plan Banquet.

The Dallas Elks, of which there are about thirty, are planning a get-together banquet for the near future. The local members of this fraternity recently organized a club, of which Mayor Kirkpatrick is president.

"This," said Sim Heckle yesterday, "ought to be a good year for the lozenge makers. All of the politicians and a good many of the statesmen have lost their voices."

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This Day Is for Farmers

and it is necessary to have their help and co-operation in order to make it the success it should be. The sale will be held at Burk & Shepherd's barn, on Main street, where articles may be left at any time previous to Sales Day. You have the opportunity to trade or exchange, with your neighbor, or if you prefer, the article will be sold at auction to the highest bidder for cash.

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