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# The Polk County Observer

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### CONTRIBUTES LESS

OF \$1,998 IN COUNTY OF STATE TAX.

### One of Million From

and Sections Levies

est among the people of that section in this fertile field. The Commercial club has subscribed for 500 copies of the paper of that date, and other towns of the county will contribute their mite to give the edition greater circulation among a people they are endeavoring to induce to come to Oregon to locate permanently. Eight pages, profusely illustrated, will be devoted to Polk county.

### EGG CIRCLE ORGANIZED.

J. M. Card Elected President of Co-operative Poultrymen's Association.

At a recent meeting of the Falls City Business Men's league a committee, comprising R. M. Wonderly, G. D. Treat and J. C. Talbot, was appointed to wait upon the Dallas business interests for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not they would guarantee to make the county fair a permanent institution. Just why the league should interview the Dallas business men in the premises any more than the business men of Independence, Monmouth, Falls City, or any other community within the county is not quite apparent. The fair is a county institution, bought and paid for by the taxpayers of the county and it is within their power to make it a success, or allow it to go by default. While it is true that Dallas has taken the lead in promoting the annual exhibit, it is as much the duty of Falls City, or any other community in Polk county, to guarantee its permanency as this city.

### WANTS PERMANENT EXHIBIT.

Falls City Names Committee to Interview Dallas Business Men.

### RICHARDS BURIED.

Richardson Survived by Three Children.

### BOY GOES TO REFORM SCHOOL.

Fifteen-Year-Old Lad Addicted to Liquor, Is Vicious and Incurable.

### PRUNES POPULAR XMAS GIFT.

Local Plant Will Continue Pack for Accommodation of Patrons.

### Accidents Last Week.

Four accidents in Polk county, according to the Industrial Accident commission: C. C. Holm, in sawmill; J. R. Robinson, while working in Kelley, hand injured in Earl, sliver in finger in sawmill. All the accidents in Dallas.

### Former Editor.

reached Dallas on Saturday of W. A. Wash, the late editor and owner of this city. Death at Etanada. About twenty Mr. Wash sold the Item, who is now post-

### Boy Scouts Defeated.

The Dallas Boy Scouts' basketball team, after having journeyed to Corvallis last Saturday to try conclusions with a like team there, was defeated by a score of 23 to 8.

### Revival Meetings.

Commencing next Sunday, the Falls City Methodist Episcopal church will begin a series of revival meetings.

## Special Offer for Saturday December Seventeen Only

The Polk County Observer is making a special Christmas offer to its subscribers for next Saturday—Sales Day—only. Briefly it is this: For every year's subscription paid to The Observer, whether for arrears or advance, a coupon good for fifty cents in merchandise at any store advertising in The Observer will be given. These coupons are just as good as gold, and will be received as cash at any store whose advertisement appears in The Observer today or next Friday. By taking these coupons to the stores you will be able to pay for your Christmas purchases without additional outlay—for The Observer is fully worth the regular subscription price, and any reduction is pure velvet. Pay your subscription Saturday and take advantage of this exceptional offer.

## UNCLE SAM IS LIBERAL TEACHERS HOLD MEET

### OFFERS TO SUPPLY SEED FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES.

### If Sudan Grass Seed or Montana-Grown Alfalfa Seed Is Wanted Write Willis Hawley.

In connection with the distribution of new and rare field seed authorized in the act making appropriations for the United States department of agriculture, the department has placed in the hands of Congressman Willis C. Hawley a number of packages of Sudan grass seed, some Montana-grown alfalfa seed and a few packages of an improved variety of field peas, so that he might distribute them to the farmers of the first congressional district of Oregon.

A considerable portion of this seed is intended for spring planting and Mr. Hawley is requested to submit the names of farmers to receive it at an early date. The department desires that a farmer experiment with but one variety at a time, as the supply is limited, the seed expensive, and a wide distribution may in this way be secured.

Congressman Hawley will be glad to have all those in Polk county who desire to experiment with the seed write him and he will endeavor to secure for them without cost to them one variety of the three varieties placed at his disposal. Seed will be sent by the department upon Mr. Hawley's suggestion to those with whom suitable arrangements can be made.

### AN EXTRA SUPPLY OF CIGARS.

John Miller Smokes on The Observer By Finding Misspelled Word.

A combination of political and orthographic ability is at times profitable; at least such a combination was profitable to Councilman John E. Miller, who was first among the many to discover that in the spelling of the word "bursts," on The Observer's weekly bargain page, the "r" had been omitted. The misspelled word appeared in the attractive advertisement of H. H. Rich, and was a subject for much study among Observer readers on Tuesday. That "burst" is not proper, though it enjoys a much wider usage than the proper form, "burst," escaped many readers. The word is so frequently used that in some places it must be considered proper, and thus many readers passed it by with a glance. But Councilman Miller found the mistake and while many less cautious readers were still carefully going over the page he was buying his daily supply of cigars with the dollar. It stands to reason that a page so carefully perused is productive of business to the merchants who are represented on the special page. One farmer came into the office this week and bemoaned the fact that he had found the misspelled word every week, but as yet had failed to get to town in time to collect the cash.

### An Appeal Discussed.

At a recent session of the Independence paternal ancestors the question of appealing from the decision of Judge Belt in the North Independence injunction case was discussed, but no definite action was taken. The Monitor, in speaking of the discussion, says: "Judge Belt's decision was so plain against the city in the case that it does not seem probable that it would be reversed by a higher court."

### Extension Work Begun.

In order that it may not lose its right through delinquency, Falls City has commenced the construction of an extension to its water pipe-line up Teal creek. For some time past Falls City has needed an additional water supply, but the need will be more greatly felt after the first of January, and hence the haste.

### Will Play New Year's Day.

Under the direction of Mrs. Ecker, Independence amateur talent will, on New Year's afternoon and evening, present for the edification of the populace in the second city a dramatic thriller entitled "Jimmy Valentine."

### LOCAL INSTITUTE AT INDEPENDENCE WELL ATTENDED.

### An Interesting and Instructive Program Is Carried Out—Special Music Is Rendered.

A teachers' institute was held at Independence last Saturday, with a good attendance. A splendid musical program was presented by the people of Independence. The following program was carried out:

Prof. H. C. Ostine of the Oregon Normal school gave an excellent address on the subject of "Wasted Time in Arithmetic." This address contained many points which the teachers need. Miss Ina B. Graham, primary supervisor of the Falls City school, gave an address on the subject of "Play Games for Primary Teachers," which was very interesting and helpful to the primary teachers. Miss Katherine Arbutnot, critic teacher of the Oregon Normal school, gave a class exercise on dramatization in fifth grade work, which was well received by all. Mr. Frank Welles, assistant state superintendent, handled the subject of "School Management" in his pleasing way.

The following teachers were present: Zena, Miss Elsie Taylor; Dallas, Superintendent W. I. Ford, H. H. Dunkelberger, Oscar L. Chenoweth, Miss Bessie Owens, Miss Gladys Cartwright, Miss Rose M. Sheridan, Mrs. Bonnie Smith, Miss Cora Rossiter, Mrs. E. S. Erskine, Mrs. Chloe Woods, Mrs. F. H. Morrison, Miss Edna Morrison, Miss Gertrude Pollow, Miss Lola Coad, Miss Alice Grant, Miss Alta Savage; Smithfield, Mr. Carl E. Morrison; Eola, Miss Bertha M. Clark; Parker, Miss Dora Bortner; Monmouth, Mr. T. H. Gentle, Miss Katherine Arbutnot, Mrs. Aultman, Miss Lillian Dinius, Mr. H. C. Ostine, Miss Vida Fatland; Orchard, Mr. Josiah Willis; Airlie, Mr. J. W. Noblet, Miss May Tapscott, Miss Lillian Jeffries.

### Dallas Host Attends Meeting.

Henry Serr of the Gail hotel is attending the annual meeting of the Oregon Hotelmen's association, which opened at Portland yesterday. The many subjects to be considered and discussed at the meeting are of great value to the public hosts and to their patrons, and great good is expected to result from this get-together spirit, by Mr. Serr. Last evening the hosts were entertained at the Empress with a theater party, and this morning are taking an automobile trip over the Columbia river highway. Tonight they will hold a banquet at the Portland hotel.

### Hunting Party Returns.

A party of five sportsmen left Dallas on December 5 for the Salmon river country, where they hoped to bring down the limit of ducks, having had reports from that section as to the large numbers of birds that were there. There is very little said about ducks since Friday evening, when W. L. Soehren, N. L. Guy, "Bill" White, Oscar Holmes and George Gates returned, but that there are plenty of fish to make up for the shortage in the duck population about Devil's lake seems very evident.

### Speaks in Behalf of Project.

Mrs. George T. Gerlinger attended a luncheon of the Portland Civic league at Multnomah hotel last Saturday and spoke in behalf of the proposed women's building at the university, urging the support of all of the alumni in the campaign to raise the necessary \$100,000 for the building. The campaign was launched October 1 and has reached \$4000.

### Gillette to Appear Here.

Albert Gillette, foremost baritone of the Glee club of the University of Oregon, will appear at the high school auditorium on Friday evening with a repertoire of popular and classical songs that promises to bring out a

large audience. The many recommendations that Mr. Gillette brings with him to Dallas would seem to place him among the first rank of baritones and certainly one of the best that has been in Dallas. As a member of the university glee club Mr. Gillette has appeared before many audiences, and has been appearing alone throughout the state. His repertoire is one from which the most exacting music lover may pick many gems. The proceeds of the entertainment will be divided equally between the high school funds and the singer.

### GLEN UNBURDENS HIMSELF.

### Produces Political Jingle That Promises to Extend His Fame.

Glen Holman, the distinguished author of "Uncle Sam's Own Story" or "Colum and Me," a work which is known from one end of Polk county to the other, has once more unburdened his poetic soul and carries about in a secret pocket the product of his burning genius, and there it is to remain until such time as he can produce a brand new copyright, the only safe protector of such a valuable effusion. This "Political Jingle," which title the author has given it, is destined, says he, to make him famous and rich, and to prove that he will not forget his old friends when fortune smiles, he has promised to treat The Observer force to a whole delicious sliced watermelon next summer, served on a silver salver and will refrain from eating one small bite himself, which proves a lot to those who are familiar with Mr. Holman's watermelon appetite. The important part of this story is that the author of "Political Jingle" composed it while asleep, also setting it to music and woke up earolling it early in the morning. But listen, as Rex Lampman would say, we wonder if he has really awakened yet.

### NATIVE OF POLK PASSES.

### Henry McDonald Succumbs to Consumption at Seaside.

Henry W. McDowell, whose sudden death at Seaside on Sunday came as a great shock to his many friends and relatives throughout Oregon, will be buried, with appropriate ceremonies, from the Chapman parlors here at one o'clock this afternoon. Mr. McDowell, aged forty-eight years, died at his home in Seaside of pulmonary tuberculosis. He was born near Bridgeport, this county on June 26, 1866 and thirty years later married Miss Elizabeth Hoefs, and to the union were born three children, one of whom died in infancy. The surviving children, who, with Mrs. McDowell, are in Dallas to attend the funeral, are Frank, aged 18 and Orabel, aged 15. In addition to the widow and children and four sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Louisa N. McDowell, his aged mother, lives to mourn the untimely death of Mr. McDowell. The sisters are Mrs. Jane Jones and Mrs. Etta Hoefs, both of Summit, Benton county; Mrs. Elizabeth Guthrie of Dallas and Mrs. Mary E. Scott of Corvallis. The brothers are John J. McDowell of Kings Valley; James B. McDowell of Pedee and Charles O. McDowell of Shedd, Linn county.

### Will Order Gravestones.

Adjutant Lovelace of the local post, Grand Army of the Republic, is preparing to send an order to the federal government for headstones for the graves of departed members in the Dallas cemetery. Mr. Lovelace has requested that families of veterans who desire these stones communicate with him that their applications may be included in the order which goes to Washington next week. These stones are furnished free by the government.

### David Hawkins Dead.

David V. Hawkins, a Portland traveling man, who had "made" Dallas semi-monthly for several years past, was found dead in bed at the metropolitan Sunday morning. He was 26 years old. Saturday afternoon Mr. Hawkins was about with his friends and appeared to be in excellent health. An autopsy disclosed no cause for death.

### Dallas Wins From Monmouth.

A basketball team composed of Dallas boys won an interesting and lively game from the second team of the Monmouth high school in the local Armory on Saturday evening. The playing of several of the boys on each side was very good, but size, experience and ability combined to give Dallas the game by a score of 33 to 6.

### Gathering Elk Moss.

Walter Bowman and Arthur Baldwin, two Falls City young men, are gathering Elk moss, in the hills above that place, for shipment to Portland for Christmas decorations. This moss, a generous supply of which may be found in the hills of Polk county, commands a good price at this season of the year.

### Suffers Loss By Fire.

Fire originating presumably from a defective fuse in "The Toggery," a Salem clothing store, owned by Hammond & Bishop, Friday night, caused \$8000 damages to the stock. The stock was insured.

## MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH

### HENRY BROPHY ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTSELF YESTERDAY.

### ENTIRE FACE IS BLOWN AWAY.

### While Endeavoring to Force Open a Gate on Hop Ranch, Trigger Catches, Discharging Gun.

With his face entirely shot off Henry Benjamin Brophy, well-known and respected citizen of Polk county, was found dead by a Dallas-Salem motor crew yesterday morning lying within seventy-five feet of the Southern Pacific tracks near West Salem. The habit of carrying a shotgun with him on his jaunts about his hop ranch is blamed for his horrible and untimely death. Mr. Brophy had been pasturing a cow, and, as was his daily custom, he carried the gun with him. When he had pastured the animal he found that the woven-wire gate giving admittance to the hop-yard, which was used in the winter months as a pasture, was tight. In forcing the gate to slide on the rollers it is supposed that the wires caught a trigger or a hammer on the double barreled 12-gauge gun and discharged one barrel. The load of number 7 shot struck Mr. Brophy directly under the chin and tore his face away from chin to forehead, causing instant death.

The train crew of the early morning motorcar running between Dallas and Salem was first to discover the tragedy. John Grant, former sheriff of Polk county, was a passenger on the car, and at the first stop he notified Coroner Chapman. The coroner, with Sheriff Orr and District Attorney Sibley, hurried to the scene, but under the circumstances decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The case was so apparently one of accidental shooting that a suggestion of suicide was not entertained. Mrs. Brophy was in Salem when the accident occurred.

Mr. Brophy was born on March 4, 1852, in California. He had long been a prominent citizen of Polk county, although he only recently purchased the hop ranch on which his dead body was found yesterday. The ranch was formerly the property of Frank Gibson, and is located about one mile this side of the inter-county bridge, at the western edge of West Salem. J. E. Brophy, a son, who besides Mrs. Brophy, is the only survivor, lived on the ranch, and the father spent part of the time there and part at Salem, where he had a home. Mr. Brophy was at one time warden of the state penitentiary at Salem, and had been actively identified with political affairs in the county for many years. He was leader of the delegation from Eola under the old convention system of nominating candidates, and was a factor in the activities of the several conventions in which he took part. He had many friends in Polk and Marion counties.

The son, J. E. Brophy, says that there could have been no motive for his father committing suicide, and this is sustained by all who knew the man or his family intimately. The peculiar angle at which the shot struck is also said to be evidence against self-destruction. That Mr. Brophy had a gun with him in the pasture was not unusual because it had become a habit with him to carry the weapon, and that the trigger or hammer caught in the fence is no doubt the proper theory of the accident, according to those who accompanied Coroner Chapman. The body was sent to Salem yesterday by Coroner Chapman.

### COURSES FOR CHILDREN.

### Grade School Children Receive Instruction in Library Methods.

At the library the children in the various grades of the public school are being instructed in library practice that they may be able to solve the combination of finding the book they want to take out. Miss Jennie Muscott, librarian, is receiving one class at a time, and after showing the youngsters over the building she instructs them in the proper use of the card catalog system, and briefly in the classification of books and periodicals. Library practice as college work has long been in vogue, but its necessity is perhaps just as great in grade and high school courses. Mrs. K. N. Woods took her fourth grade pupils to the library yesterday and through interested attention in the work they benefited greatly and will probably be much better able to find their way about among the books.

### Ingermanson Sells Farm.

M. Ingermanson, whose farm is about two miles north of Independence, has sold that 162-acre property to Alfred Youngen of Portland and the latter has taken possession. Mr. Ingermanson takes as part payment a store building in the Mount Tabor district. He expects to move to Portland with his family in a few days.

Walter Vassall returned late last week from a brief visit at Portland.