

TERSE TALES OF TOWN

LOCAL NEWS OF DALLAS AND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

Personal Paragraphs Pertaining to People and Their Movements, Gleaned by Observer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leif Finseth were guests of Clair and Claud Sharp and families of near Independence the first of the week.

Independence Monitor: "On next week's social calendar the afternoon and evening to be presided over by Mrs. J. H. Burton and daughters, Miss Florence and Mrs. Asa B. Robinson next Tuesday, will occupy an important place. Invitations were issued early in the week."

Mrs. Ella J. Metzger has returned to her home here after spending several weeks at the bedside of her mother, the late Mrs. David Hoberg. Miss Margaret Krieger of the O. A. C. is at home to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. R. L. Adams is entertaining her daughter, Mrs. Orrin Kearn of Salem, over the holidays.

Falls City is to celebrate Christmas with a big dance this evening. A number of Dallas young people will make merry with the crowd.

Miss Ethel Van Nortwick is spending the holidays with her parents at Cottage Grove.

Mrs. H. Morrison left Dallas on Wednesday for Newberg to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peebles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crider, former residents of Dallas, have returned from California to spend the holidays with their son, C. L. Crider, and other relatives. Mr. Crider will remain here until after the sale of the furnishings of the Imperial hotel, which is announced.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Smith will entertain Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. J. W. Ogr, and her husband of Penleton over the holidays.

Miss Lila McDaniel is at home from the state university to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Roy Murphy of Falls City was a visitor in Dallas on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hyster were in Portland early in the week, and heard Mme. Galski at the Heilig on Monday evening.

After a brief visit with relatives in Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. George Harder will return to Dallas to make their home. Their household goods have already been forwarded.

Frank J. Morrison is enjoying a visit from his brother, Charles Morrison of New Pine Creek, Lake county. The brothers went into the Siletz country on Tuesday and will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morrison.

H. C. Seymour, W. I. Ford and Professor Keezel of the Monmouth high school will attend the convention of the State Educational association at Medford next week. The trio will leave here on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Clodfelter left today for Portland, where they will spend a month or more with their daughter, Mrs. Minnie Rose of 689 East Twentieth South.

Carl Fenton arrived home yesterday from Eugene to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fenton.

Frank Barrett and his sisters, Miss Ruth and Miss Irene, will spend Christmas with friends in Portland, leaving this evening for the metropolis.

SCHOOL FORGING TO FRONT.

Perrydale High School Among Most Progressive in County.

Perrydale has one of the largest industrial club organizations in the county, and it is making much preparation for the local, county and state fairs that are to take place next year. Students are enrolled in all fourteen projects and many are lined up in three divisions of this work. This school gives a challenge to all the other schools of Polk county in competition for the greatest number of prizes that may be won at the county fair at Dallas next year. The people of Perrydale are proud of their school and have gone to no little expense to make it one of the best in the county. In addition to an expenditure of fifteen hundred dollars for building improvements, several hundred dollars have been wisely used for school apparatus, etc. Funds are being raised to build a gymnasium and this is expected to materialize in the near future.

The district has the following organizations to boost for the school: "Parent-Teachers' Association," "Dramatic Club," "Military Band of Thirty Pieces," "Orchestra, and Athletic Association." With the cooperation of these valuable agents much good is expected to be accomplished. Get the Christmas spirit. Boost for your school.

A Custom Well Forgotten.

Children used to be reminded in an uncomfortable manner that December 28 was innocents' day, for it was considered wholesome on that morning to give them a good cuffing or other form of punishment, presumably to remind them of the sins which were not committed by the innocents whom Herod ordered slain on that day. Fortunately every vestige of this fashion is now blotted out.

Indications Point to More Wheat.

Because of weather conditions this fall farmers all over Polk county were

disappointed in not getting in as much wheat as they wanted, and have turned to hoping for an early spring that they can start work in plenty of time. Especially about Monmouth all indications point to a greatly increased acreage of wheat next spring. The clover root beetle has destroyed much of the clover that had been planted in the past, and farmers are anxious to put in wheat in place of clover.



A ONE PIECE FROCK.

This graceful model is featured in plum colored broadcloth. Ball crocheted buttons are used freely as trimming, while interesting patches of embroidery strap the waist line perpendicular to the full skirt. Please notice how the rather tight sleeves flare in a bell shaped cuff. The snug collar has a dash of embroidery as finish.

BOYS AND GIRLS JUDGE STOCK.

Polk County Children Enter Contest at Agricultural College.

To further their attempt to duplicate the showing made last year, when they carried away more than half the prizes offered, Polk county school children will attend and take part in the Boys' and Girls' stock judging contest to be held at the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis on January 7. Leonard J. Allen, of the college extension department, was in Dallas yesterday and discussed plans for the event, expressing the opinion, judging from his work among the children in all counties of the state, that those of this county were well qualified and would no doubt make as good a showing as they made last year when the first contest of its kind was held. There will be a large number of Polk county children in the contest and they will come from practically all schools. The contest is open to any boy or girl in the state who is entered in the Pig or Dairy Herd Record keeping clubs. The contest will be started shortly after the noon hour on Friday, January 7, with a judging demonstration by the college authorities. The contest for the boys and girls will follow. Later the children will make a tour of the college campus, buildings and farm.

MRS. FRYER WANTS DIVORCE.

Mill Worker Sued by Spouse After Five Years' Wedded Bliss.

Mrs. Carmie E. Fryer filed a divorce complaint against her husband, Sandy S. Fryer, yesterday. Mrs. Fryer charges cruel and inhuman treatment at the hands of her husband who is a worker in the Willamette Valley Lumber company mill. The couple was married in Dallas about six years ago and there are no children from the union. G. O. Holman represents the plaintiff.

PRIZE FOR RURAL FOLK

WILL BE GIVEN CHANCE IN MIS-SPELLED WORD CONTEST.

Plan Adopted By The Observer to Interest Readers in Advertising Works Perfectly.

Never before in the history of local advertising has any line of publicity attracted more attention than that carried by The Observer on Tuesdays. On this page is a misspelled word for the finding of which one dollar is awarded weekly, and the contestants are many. A considerable number of people, all anxious to enjoy the distinction of having discovered the error, assemble at the post-office Tuesday forenoons at about 11 o'clock awaiting the arrival of The Observer that they may have first chance to win success in the contest. On several occasions persons have come to this office in the early morning on the day of publication and asked as a special favor that they be given the first paper from the press, tendering the price therefor. That the page is thoroughly read by all classes of citizens there is no doubt, and the advertiser probably gets more for his money here than in any other publication in the county.

An amusing incident occurred the other day, when a ruralite excitedly called this office and declaring that he had discovered the word demanded his reward. "The misspelled word this week is 'which' and it appears in the ad. of The Golden Rule store," said he. When told that he was wrong, he insisted that he could not be mistaken, and remarked that the word was spelled "which," whereas it should be "white." It is needless to say that he was not the winner of the prize for that week. It requires very careful proofreading to get away with this sort of advertising, and on two different occasions there have been misspelled words in proper names and in trade-marks, difficult propositions to handle in poorly prepared copy, and consequently it was found necessary to exclude these from the offer.

On Tuesday next the award will be made to some person residing outside the city. No person who receives his mail personally at the Dallas postoffice will be entitled to compete for the dollar. The routes leading out of Dallas, and the rural communities are to be given an opportunity. Hereafter townspeople, who receive The Observer before their rural neighbors, have won all the prizes and it is only fair that our country cousins should be given a chance to exhibit their skill in detecting the misspelled word. The first person residing outside of Dallas who finds the error should immediately telephone to the merchant in whose advertisement the mistake appears, and the dollar prize will be awarded to the lucky one.

JOHN JORDAN IS IN JAIL.

Ballston Trespasser Causes Trouble That Puts Him in Jail.

John Jordan was found guilty of the crime of trespassing on Wednesday and is serving a sentence of five days in the county jail that was imposed upon him by Justice of the Peace Holt Stockton of the Ballston district. Jordan is a resident of Ballston, where his actions have been very troublesome and resulted in the complaint being lodged against him. He is a brother of the Jordan who created much disturbance in the Fola neighborhood some time ago and were sent to the penitentiary. Jordan accepted the jail sentence rather than the alternative of a \$10 fine.

Quartet to Sing Holman's Song.

John Orr is beginning to drill with three other members of the Dallas band on G. O. Holman's ballad, "The Old Time Republic," which they will sing at the band concert to be held soon. Mr. Holman has devised his musical masterpiece and believes that it will be popular as a patriotic ballad. The quartet that will sing the piece has not been definitely selected, but it is certain that Mr. Holman's song will be a feature of the concert.

Training School Nearly Ready.

The completion by February of the teacher's training school building at the Monmouth Normal is promised by the workmen who have just finished the plastering. Tinting the interior walls will be started at once, and the furnishing and finishing touches will be completed in time for occupancy when the institution begins on the second semester of the school work in February.

Thieves Loot Church.

Thieves entered the Presbyterian church at Independence one evening last week and carried away a large quantity of silverware owned by the ladies of the church. The city marshal found the stolen articles Monday secreted under an old building. The burglars hid the loot after discovering that the name of the church was engraved on the silverware.

Alaska.

Alaska has an area of 600,000 square miles, one-fifth the size of the United States, which means that it will make fourteen New Yorks and nearly 500 Rhododes.

Tempering Steel.

It is significant that in the matter of tempering steel we are no further advanced than our ancestors of some 5,000 years ago.

He Didn't Sprout Horns.

The first Japanese to drink milk did so with misgivings lest he sprout horns like a cow. That was in 1861. The man that took that big chance is Mr. Tsuboi, who is still alive and absolutely free from horns.

At that time Mr. Tsuboi was an apprentice. He became ill of a disease that baffled the skill of the Japanese physicians, so his master called in Dr. Hepburn, an American physician, who then lived in that district. Dr. Hepburn prescribed milk, one bottle to be "taken" every morning. The poor boy, believing that the growth of horns was inevitable if one drank cow's milk, begged his master not to make him take the doctor's prescription, but his frantic pleas were denied.

There was considerable difficulty about getting milk then because, as there was no demand for milk—the greater part of the population sharing the boy's belief that its consumption was sure to raise horns—there was no dairy or milkmen. Finally some was obtained from a Japanese who cared for a cow kept by a foreigner.—Japan Advertiser.

The Horned Lark.

Looks like Satan, the horned lark does, with his two black horns of feathers sticking out on top of his head. He wears a suit of a grayish brown touched with pink. A black curve over his eyes and another black crescent under his chin help him a wicked aspect. His satanic topknot, the two tiny tufts of black feathers on the back of his head, gives him the name. He's the horned lark.

But really he's not so bad as he looks. You know that the minute you see his brown eyes and hear him sing. The farmer knows he isn't such a wicked bird too. The horned lark eats all kinds of wild seeds, beetles, weevils and bugs. If he gets tired of his diet he will start in and clean up the grasshopper and cutworm crop.

Sometimes he will visit an oat field, but he doesn't cause enough damage to get his picture in the rogues' gallery as a dangerous thief.—Philadelphia North American.

Nursing a Grouch.

What a dissatisfied bunch of mortals we are! Three hundred and sixty-five days of the year we grumble about the weather. It's either too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry. You meet a friend who says, "It's a fine day today!" You answer, "Delightful!" The next one you meet says, "Ain't this beastly weather?" You answer, "The foulest ever!" You're always ready to agree with and join the knocker. Even the poor, innocent weather cannot escape your hammer. Everything in this world was made wrong—except yourself, I mean. You are the quintessence of perfection in your own mind. When you're invited to a party you are mad because you are invited, and if you are ignored you're mad again just because that condition fits your disposition. Why don't you, for a change, look at the bright side of things and maybe your "disgustion" will improve.—Cartoon Magazine.

Some Kinds of Talking Women.

The woman who tells you all about something in such a way as to leave you in complete ignorance of the essential things which you wanted to know about.

The woman who flatters you about yourself as a screen to give herself the opportunity to talk about herself.

The woman who is silent when she has nothing to say. This woman talks incessantly.

The woman who asks you what you think about something and then heads you off from telling by keeping on talking herself.

The woman you marry.—Life.

Temperament in Folly.

The fool in his heart saith a number of things. Suppose he happens to be a phlegmatic fool with a fondness for luxury.

"I do not care," saith he, in that case, "to go out into the damp, chill woods and mistake a toadstool for a mushroom. I much prefer to get up in the night, in my comfortable flat, and drink out of the wrong bottle."—Boston Journal.

Good Prospects.

"What do you want to marry my daughter? Why, you haven't a cent in the world! How do you expect to support her?"

"That will be easy enough. As soon as I'm known to be your son-in-law I can get all the credit I want."—Pittsburgh Press.

A One Sided Rule.

Once when P. T. Barnum was taking tickets at the entrance of his circus a man asked him if he could go in without paying.

"You can pay without going in," said Barnum, "but you can't go in without paying. The rule doesn't work both ways."

Hydrofluoric Acid.

Hydrofluoric acid is the best agent to use for removing sand from castings, particularly those of iron and steel, as it attacks the sand and dissolves it, while other acids attack the metal and only loosen the sand so that it falls off.

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NUNOBIKI WATERFALLS.

Bewitching Night Scene at a Popular Japanese Resort.

A sight in the summer life of Japan not easily forgotten is procured in a night visit to the Nunobiki waterfall, just outside Kobe on the northeast. There are two falls, the lower or female fall of forty-three feet and the upper or male fall of eighty feet, the water gushing in each case out of the hill above and falling down the gorge to a whirling pool below. It is reached by an easy, winding climb up the cliffs of the "Million Fireflies"—tiny electric bulbs in thousands among the trees—and the thousands and thousands of gayly clad women and children visitors shepherded by the more sober clad men give the traveler two distinctly delightful sensations before reaching the illuminated falls themselves.

The tiny lights come and go among the trees in a bewitching way. The single light, says the Kobe Chronicle, which illuminates the higher fall will perhaps appeal to many rather than the colored lights thrown on the lower fall, and the lamp rays giving the fountain the hues of the rainbow may be regarded as artificial. Nevertheless the general effect is attractive.

To any one who knows China it is impossible not to draw a comparison favorable to the Japanese in viewing the crowd. Entrance to the gorge is perfectly free, yet thousands flocking there every evening are neatly dressed in summer garments, every one clean and respectable, while the conduct of the great crowd is orderly and marked by a sense of quiet enjoyment. Such a scene would be almost impossible in China, and until the idea of personal cleanliness can be introduced among the swarming millions of that country we are afraid the Japanese will continue to look down upon their neighbors as inferior.

Origin of the Caucus.

The origin of the American caucus dates back to Revolutionary days, being traced to the Caucus club of Boston. This club was composed mainly of persons engaged in ship-building. It was one of the most radical opponents of British oppression. The Caucus club and the Merchants' club of the same period used to meet before elections and agree on candidates for town and provincial offices. "Caucus" is believed to be a corruption of "caulkers."

The Heat of Australia.

Australia is the hottest country on record. I have ridden for miles astride the equator, but I have never found heat to compare with this. Out in the country in the dry times there appears to be little more than a sheet of brown paper between you and the lower regions, and the people facetiously say that they have to feed their hens on cracked ice to keep them from laying balled eggs.—Sydney Telegraph.

B. F. Swope, Independence attorney and city recorder, is transacting business in Dallas today.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cutler are at Salem, where they are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sander.

WHEN in need of Athletic Supplies, Flashlights and Batteries, Pocket Cutlery, Bicycles, Motorcycles, Sundries, Blasting Powder, Gun Repairing, Umbrella Repairing, Bicycle and Motorcycle Repairing, or in fact any light Mechanical Repairing, call on L. B. HIXSON Jr., PHONE 1072, 315 MAIN ST.

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