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SALEM TUITION IS HIGH

OUTSIDE COUNTY STUDENTS TO BE ASSESSED \$72.57

"Not Stand Court Test" Says Judge Rayzelle—Polk Students Must Sit By Ruling.

The tuition of pupils attending Salem high school from districts outside of Salem will be \$72.57 for the coming year. Pupils from other counties will be assessed the difference between \$72.57 and \$40, the latter amount being paid by the county in which the student has residence. Half of this difference, or \$16.29, is payable at the beginning of each semester. The tuition as fixed is \$2.43 under the \$75 proposed at a recent meeting. Perhaps the people most affected by the ruling of the Salem school board, are the parents of the 31 Polk county students living in Eola, West Salem, Brush College and Mountain View who sent their children to Salem high school last year and the still larger number that are contemplating the same action this year.

"It seems strange," said County School Superintendent Reynolds when he heard of the Salem board's action. "We do not charge more than the \$40 allowed us by the state law under which we are working, and under which Marion county is working, and we are glad to get the students from the outside counties. I do not believe the high tuition charged by the Salem school board would stand the test of a court action."

The following resolution, passed by the Salem board, when submitted by Director H. O. White, explains the official action:

Resolved, That the tuition of students attending the high school from Polk county and other counties operating under the old county high school law be placed at \$72.57. This is with the understanding that Polk county and other counties under the new high school law pay \$40 of this amount for each student and that the balance may be paid by the parent or guardian of the child.

"The difference as to what it costs to educate a student. The Salem board of directors figured interest on investment and depreciation, outside the state department of education, buildings and depreciation should not be considered in figuring the cost of doing business. Chairman Reynolds reported that the board's attorney, Geo. G. Bingham, was working on the problem.

The injustice to this county of the Salem board's tuition charge may be understood when the following clipping from the Salem Capital Journal of September 2 is read:

Pupils living in Marion county in which there is no high school will be admitted to attend the Salem high school for the first semester without paying tuition. This was decided at the meeting of the board of education last evening, pending a decision of the court to the amount the board may legally charge. Those in other counties coming under the old high school law will be obliged to pay \$16.29 a semester. For the grades below that are taught in the three junior high schools, the annual tuition was fixed at \$30 and for students in the junior high schools, \$40 a year.

Anyhow, pupils in Marion county with no high school in their district will not pay tuition for the first semester as their tuition will be paid by the districts in which they live.

GUARDSMEN ARE BACK

COMPANY L WENT THROUGH SALEM THIS MORNING.

Troops Are Happy to Get Back—Visitors Not Welcome at Camp Withycombe.

Home again! Oregon boys, members of the United States army in camps in southern California the past ten weeks, are at Clackamas today. They are home, probably for good. Whether they will be discharged or kept in camp at Clackamas for some time has not been announced. It is likely they will not be kept longer at the state concentration camp than necessary to complete the mustering out as the daily expense of maintaining the troops is enormous.

The Third Battalion passed through Ashland last night at 7:30, and through Salem early this morning. The boys of this battalion were scheduled to arrive at Clackamas this morning at 8:30. The First Battalion was at Roseburg at 8:45 last night.

According to the officers in command the troops are in the best of condition. The sanitary troops are given a good deal of credit for the cleanliness of the camps and the lack of any disease epidemics is largely the result of their work. Governor Withycombe met the troops of the First Battalion at Grants Pass yesterday and thanked the men for the splendid showing they have made for the state. Every town along the Southern Pacific turned out to greet the boys.

Colonel McLaughlin has announced that visitors will not be welcome at Camp Withycombe until after Friday of this week as it will take the troops that long to become settled. After Friday the relatives of the troops and the public in general will be welcomed. An announcement will be made when the camp is in readiness.

THOMPSON TRIAL BEGINS

The trial of Bennett Thompson charged with the murder of Fred Ristman, a Portland jitney driver, and Mrs. Helen Jennings near Tualatin, last May, begins today at Hillsboro. District Attorney Tongue says he has weaved a convincing net of circumstantial evidence around Thompson.

LABOR DAY CELEBRATED

The court house officers and both sides were closed the entire day, Monday, Labor day.

MARRY AN INDEPENDENCE COUPLE

Justices of the Peace Hardy Holman married Thomas F. Churchill and Eva Bridges of Independence in the county judge's chambers Saturday morning.

WHEAT YIELD IS BIG

County Bushels to the Acre on the Harry Domes Place—Wheat Poor

With growing reports of the success at the McCoy territory J. K. Domes came to Dallas Saturday. On the Harry Domes place the average, a large acreage, is 70 bushels to the acre. The price, also, is holding up well. Wheat is not doing as well as usual. Wheat in this territory, Mr. Domes says, is mixed with vetch and alfalfa, but the fact that vetch is worth four cents a pound, considerably more than even the dollar wheat, would pay the farmers to have the crop separated. A good deal of the

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RECALL MEETING FAILS TO ATTRACT AN ATTENDANCE.

Charge of Extravagance and Irregularities Evidently Not Endorsed by Taxpayers of County.

The meeting of the Polk County Taxpayers' league called for the court house last Saturday afternoon to further consider the recall of the county judge and county commissioners was postponed indefinitely when an adjournment was taken because of want of a quorum, there being less than a half dozen members of that organization present. The purpose of the meeting was to provide funds for carrying the movement to successful consummation, and to consider the question of eliminating the name of Judge Teal from the petitions, leaving Commissioners G. A. Wells and Clyde Beckett, there being serious doubt in the minds of the promoters of winning a victory at the polls in November with his name included.

When the hour for the meeting arrived Messrs. J. K. Sears and F. E. Rogers, the latter president of the County Farmers' union, were practically the only interested ones present, and after waiting a limited time the little party separated with the remark that the farmers were too busy at this time to give the matter the consideration that it otherwise would have had. It was steadfastly maintained, however, that the undertaking would still be prosecuted; that the petitions would be in circulation within a short time, and that the question of recalling at least two members of the county court would be before the people at the fall election.

The charges against the court are extravagance and irregularities in the expenditure of the people's money. The independence improvement, which includes the removal of a steel bridge and its replacement with a reinforced concrete structure, the changing of a fill which required the moving of approximately 30,000 yards of earth, and the hard surfacing of three miles of highway on the Salem-Independence road already macadamized, is one of the petitions' important features, the promoters holding that the betterment was a useless one at this time, besides having irregularities connected therewith. The weight of the movement rests upon Commissioner Beckett, and there are those who are inclined to the belief that with the elimination of Judge Teal and the further fact that Commissioner Wells' term of office expires January 1, he would become an easy victim. On the other hand Mr. Beckett has many supporters, even aside from those who are against the recall on general principles, and he is not worrying to any extent regarding the undertaking.

From an unbiased standpoint, other than being opposed to recalls generally, The Observer cannot believe that the movement will meet with sufficient support to enable those behind it to secure the required number of names to place the measure on the ballot in November. Thus far it has met with a cold reception from all except a comparatively few.

R. C. DYKSTRA GOES TO SALEM

Perrydale Teacher Accepts Principalship of Heights School This Year.

R. G. Dykstra has tendered his resignation as principal of the Perrydale high school and has accepted the principalship of the Salem Heights school. The Perrydale high school has grown under Mr. Dykstra's principalship and the Perrydale industrial club work has been praised by overseers. Mr. Dykstra also coached the championship Perrydale high school baseball team. Another record of the Perrydale high is that all eight members of the 1916 graduating class have signed their intention of taking work in some higher institution.

BRIGHT GIRL ENTERS HIGH

Miss Grace Forrette, 14, and just about as big as a minute, will enter the Dallas high school this semester. Miss Forrette last June was the fourth highest in grades of any student in the grammar grades of Polk county. She had to take but one final examination.

RAILROAD STRIKE WOULD NECESSITATE OLD CONDITIONS.

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REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE BUSY

Old Fashioned Campaign to be Waged With Women Taking Part.

With a complete organization effected active campaigning by the Polk county republican central committee will begin this month. The old-fashioned meeting will be the plans of the

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FRIENDS SHOWER WITH SHEARS

Orville Butler of Monmouth Already Has Received Fifteen Pairs.

Portland friends of Orville Butler, prominent pioneer of Monmouth, Ore., think they have a good joke on him.

A few weeks ago Mr. Butler visited his son, Denn, at Oak Grove, and assisted in clipping the wings of some obstreperous chickens. When the task was finished he pocketed the family shears and carried them home to Monmouth.

He was the target of many a good-natured jest as a result of his absent-mindedness, and on his birthday which just passed Mr. Butler received 15 pairs of shears. The packages are still coming in and each new one brings a bright new pair of shears, he wrote to Portland friends.

THOMAS N. BOSTWICK BURIED

The funeral of Thomas Newton Bostwick, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Bostwick of north Dallas, was held from Chapman's undertaking parlors Saturday afternoon. Burial was in the Dallas cemetery.

TIMBER FALLER INJURED

Oliver Baker, a timber faller for Scott Brothers of Black Rock, had his foot badly crushed Wednesday at the Scott Brothers' camp. No bones were broken. Mr. Baker is at the Dallas hospital.

FAIR PLANS ARE MATURING

Secretary Says Great Interest is Being Shown This Year.

Plans for the county fair, September 19 to 21, are rapidly maturing and the secretary says greater interest is being shown this year than ever before.

Perrydale merchants have offered special prizes for boys' and girls' cattle judging contests. The first prize will be a trip to the state fair with all expenses paid and \$2 in cash; the second prize is \$2.50; the third, \$1.50; the fourth, \$1; and the fifth, 50c. This contest will be held the last day of the fair, September 21.

The pavilion is being improved. A balcony has been put in at the west end and alterations to make the shelving and booths on the lower floor uniform are being made. The home economics and the domestic science departments will be put in the balcony. Interest is keen in the Better Babies contest.

The fair board desires exhibits of flax hemp, sorghum and broom corn for the county fair and also for exhibition at the state fair and the Northwest Land Products show, this year to be held in Seattle.

Independence schools will open September 25.

COUNCIL TALKS QUARRY

FALLS CITY FATHERS TO DECIDE QUESTION TONIGHT.

Ordinance Prohibiting Card Playing Read First Time—Aseptic Tank Nuisance Discussed.

The rock quarry question again took most of the time of the council last night. The report of City Attorney Coad of his discussions with Falls City councilmen and with Mrs. Esther Montgomery, over whose property the proposed right of way to the quarry must go, formed the basis of councilmanic comment. A contract, drawn up by City Attorney Coad in connection with the Falls City city attorney, Walter L. Tooze, Jr., was read by Mr. Coad. The contract was considered a fair one by the councilmen. It is understood that the Falls City aldermen, unofficially, have said the contract is fair and it is believed, in meeting tonight, they will sign the contract. The contract is an agreement to work the quarry together and not to willfully interfere with one another, to permit the selling of rock to a third party by either of the parties to the contract to a third party, but at a price satisfactory to both and the division of the profits of the sale, and to provide for the opening by either party, of a ledge of rock, the expense of such opening to be borne by the initiator but if the other party to the agreement takes advantage of the opening to get out rock, the second party is to stand half of the expense. The contract further calls for the arbitration of any disputes which may arise in the joint working of the quarry. The contract, and the lease which Mrs. Montgomery is now willing to sign, were submitted to the special committee having the rock quarry question in hand. This committee, consisting of Councilmen Stone, Sawyer and Card, has power to act.

Other business of her woman's committee, Mrs. Esther Montgomery's committee, for which about seven minutes was used in the night of way and was finally with a vote of ten years' lease. The consideration is \$50 and for this sum Mrs. Montgomery has signed an agreement to grant a lease to a right of way 30 feet wide over the northeast corner of Block "D," Montgomery's Falls City, provided the city of Dallas will construct a cattle guard where the right of way crosses the fence now on the property and also promises not to endanger the spring of water on the premises. The opinion of the council is favorable to the lease.

J. C. Hayter was reappointed a member of the Library board for a term of six years and Mrs. D. P. Patterson was named by the mayor to succeed Conrad Stafrin on the board. The council concurred in both appointments. An ordinance to prohibit the playing of cards in pool and billiard rooms was read for the first time. An ordinance granting the request of F. L. Shaw to clear title to property bought from the town of Dallas a number of years ago was passed. In a verbal communication to the councilmen Messrs. Butz and Volheim complained of the nuisance the aseptic tank was causing. The question was referred to City Engineer Taylor for a report at the next meeting.

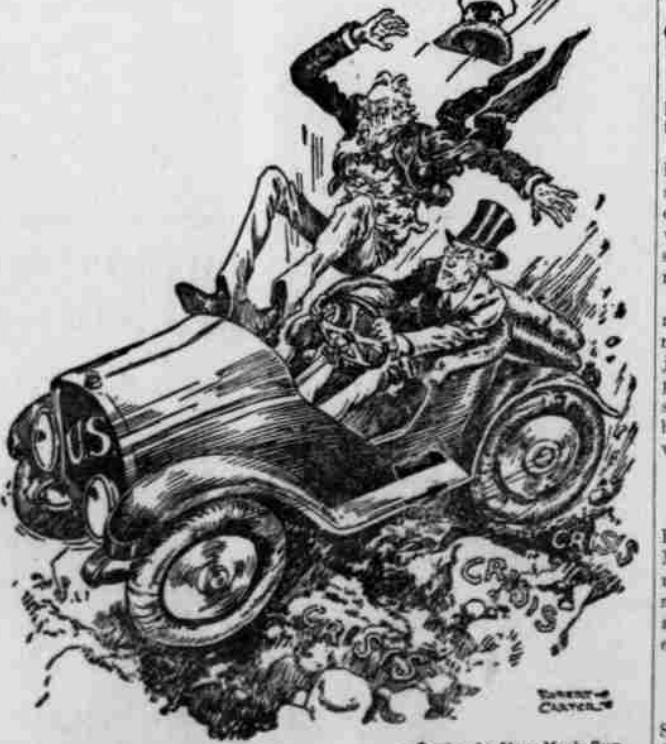
RAIN DETERS PICKING

HOP SEASON BEGINS AND PICKERS ARE WARY

If the rain will only make itself conspicuous by its absence hop picking in Polk county and vicinity will begin today or tomorrow. Sunday was a real day of prayer for the growers and the thousands of pickers already in camps around Dallas, Independence and other county towns. Sunshine is what the grower and picker alike crave.

So far the rain has not damaged the crop but it makes the picking and living conditions of the pickers very disagreeable. Overhead expense is high for the grower or contractor and every day in which the vines are not stripped represents an actual loss to the management of the yards.

The price around Dallas is 40 cents a box with one or two Rickreall yards offering 50 cents. Most of the yards here have more pickers than they need though a few are still pinched for the necessary labor. Among the local yards which have scheduled their opening for tomorrow are Coad and Grant's, Ah Coe's, and Brown's.



"Great Scott, Woodrow! I've Been Up in the Air Almost Four Years!"