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ADOPTS BUDGET

CHANGES ELECTION DATE TO DECEMBER.

Is Passed To Have All Buildings Numbered and Streets Marked.

The budget system of handling city affairs was adopted by the council last night. The members voted unanimously in favor of the budget and also advocated the installation of a new fire alarm system and in the finance committee to purchase necessary forms and blanks for the new system in smooth order.

St. A. Staats, chairman of the finance committee, introduced the budget for 1917 which totaled \$15,250, for the general and special funds such as library and street. The valuation of property in the city is \$1,250,000. Mr. Staats and the committee were aided in their conclusion that the budget is the only system of handling city affairs by the firm of Crandell, Harris and county books. The council was instructed to pre-arrange covering the new year.

and received an appropriation of \$100,000 in the 1917 budget. Two of the items were presented for \$480 or enough for three months instead of seven. Carl presented the matter of bettering the band. He said: "I would like to see the new band have a good instructor so they would be able to build up when need comes. There are in this young band and we need to need their help this year." The council passed the budget last night, however.

and passed unanimously. The council elected the first Monday of 1917 will hold office only until the first Monday in January, 1918. This ordinance was passed by the council last night. The ordinance provides that the city shall file their reports the first of January and each quarter thereafter. This was passed so that expert accountants may check and reports more systemat-

date street cleaning wagon if the council will enter into a long enough contract to assure him of a return on his investment. Action was deferred until figures could be seen.

To tide over this winter, Councilman Campbell suggested that the auditor advertise that the street cleanings may be had by anyone who will haul them away. The suggestion was approved.

The committee that inspected the wiring of the Grand theater reported it as safe.

PRICE BROS. STORE SOLD.

F. N. Watt and W. A. Graham Are New Owners.

Price Brothers' store, the well-known local clothing house, was sold Monday to F. N. Watt of Portland and W. A. Graham of Baker, the new owners assuming charge of the business yesterday. Messrs. Graham and Watt are both experienced clothing men and they will handle the same popular lines of men's clothing, furnishings and shoes as the store has carried in the past. The firm name has been changed to the Graham-Watt Clothing company.

Harry Price and Fred Herbert, former owners, have not yet made announcement as to their future business plans.

Pauline Frederick at Orpheum.

Pauline Frederick, popular Paramount star, takes the leading role in "The Spider," the powerful William H. Clifford drama which is to be shown at the Orpheum theater tonight and tomorrow night. Manager Smith has made recent arrangements to show the high class Paramount pictures exclusively hereafter at the Orpheum which assures for Dallas the best there is in motion pictures. Marguerite Clarke in "Miss Geo. Washington," is another big feature that has been billed for the near future.

D. H. S. WINS LAST GAME

BELLFOUNTAIN IS EASY FOR LOCAL BASKET SHOOTERS.

Craven and Bennett Star; Finances Cause Student Body To Discontinue Basketball for the Year

Completely outclassed in teamwork and basket shooting the Bellfountain team was defeated Friday night 34 to 11 by the Dallas high school quintet.

Bellfountain is somewhere in Benton county, about 22 miles from Corvallis. The team is on a basketball tour of the valley. They won from Independence 21 to 20, but lost to Monmouth and Corvallis before invading Dallas.

They had no chance against Captain Bennett's five. Bellfountain was on the defensive most of the time, and their defense constantly crumbled before the floor work of Dallas and the basket shooting of Craven and Bennett. Craven was the star of the game; he annexed eight field baskets. Bennett located the hoop six times.

The high school team closed its season with Friday night's game. This decision was reached at a student body meeting Friday. The student body is in debt and basketball has not been paying. The score and lineup:

Dallas	Bellfountain
Bennett (13)	F Mason (2)
Smith (2)	F Woodcock (4)
Craven (17)	C Martin (5)
Beebe	G Banton
Graves	G Standruf
Hayes (2)	F Pool

Prune Plant's Run is Short.

Three days' run and now the plant of the J. K. Arnsby Packing company is again idle. Car shortage and spasmodic orders this time of year are the reasons for the intermittent action.

SHIPPING IN SPRUCE LOGS.

Willamette Lumber Co. Gets Timber From S. P. Coos Bay Line.

The Willamette Valley Lumber company is shipping in a quantity of spruce logs from Lane county which are being moved from the right of way of the Willamette Falls railway, the Coos Bay line of the Southern Pacific. The lumber company is maintaining a crew of ten men there picking up the logs with an American-railway ditcher and loading them on cars for removal to Dallas for cutting.

There are about 1,500,000 feet in the logs the company will ship here or about 25 cars, the first two of the cars having arrived last Saturday.

POLK TO FORE AT "U" WOMAN IS SECRETARY

TWELVE STUDENTS PROMINENT IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

'Bill' Snyder Banqueted at Eugene Upon Return From Star Game Against Pennsylvania.

William, "Bill" Snyder, a Dallas product and star guard on the University of Oregon football team was one of the guests of honor at a banquet given at the Hotel Osburn Wednesday night by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce to the varsity eleven. This is the third year for the Dallas man on the Oregon team. He was chosen all-northwest guard at the close of the present season. Snyder played throughout the game at Pasadena against the Pennsylvania team.

Mr. Snyder is doing work in the School of Commerce here in the university. He is a member of the Beta Theta Phi Fraternity.

Four of the students from Polk county are seniors in the university and are candidates for the B. A. degree. One, H. E. Barnhart, will graduate from the law school.

Lucien P. Arant, a junior from Monmouth, is doing reporting on the Eugene Daily Guard. During his three years in the university he has spent a large part of his time doing feature writing for the Portland papers. He has also worked on the Oregon Emerald, the tri-weekly paper published by the students. Mr. Arant is majoring in the School of Commerce, but has also done considerable work in the departments of economics and journalism.

H. E. Barnhart is a senior in the Law school. He received his A. B. at Dallas before entering the university, and last year he received his M. A. Mr. Barnhart will be one of the first students to be graduated from the Law school since its residence here in Eugene. At the organization of Delta Theta Phi, a national honorary law fraternity last year, Mr. Barnhart was elected Dean of the local chapter. Although his home is at Falls City, he has spent much of his time at Dallas and Monmouth during the last few years.

Estley Farley is a sophomore and another Dallas man. He is taking major work in the School of Commerce. During his two years in the university he has taken an active interest in athletics. Baseball and basketball have received most of his attention. Last year he played forward on the freshman team. This year he is manager of the sophomore team and is on the varsity squad. In a game recently with the Oklahoma State Normal team, which is making a two months' tour of the Pacific coast, Farley played forward during the last half of the game.

Joe Bell is a senior from Rickreall and is majoring in education. This is only his second year in the university as he had some work in the State Normal at Monmouth before coming here. Mr. Bell has taken an active part in the work of the University Y. M. C. A. and is at the present time vice-president of that organization as well as having charge of the bible study work. He is also doing reading work in the extension department in the university. Mr. Bell intends to finish his education in one of the eastern universities.

Frank Campbell, is a senior majoring in zoology. He was captain of the varsity soccer team this year. He has also taken an active interest in class basketball.

Harry Lynch is a senior from Polk county, just across the river from Salem. He is majoring in mathematics. Mae Lynch, his sister, is also a senior majoring in mathematics. Miss Lynch is secretary of the Oregon club, an organization of all of the non-fraternity students in the university.

Miss Deilah McDaniel is a member of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority and her home is Rickreall. She is majoring in German, and takes an active interest in Y. W. C. A. work.

Eyer Boyer is a freshman from Rickreall. He is majoring in education. Elmer Boyer, a junior is from Bethel, and is also majoring in education.

Hassel Quisenberry is a junior from Monmouth. He is a member of the varsity band, and is majoring in economics.

Ships Car of Hay.

E. A. Grinnip shipped a carload of hay Monday to Bruner, Oregon. Mr. Grinnip specializes on one of Polk county's leading crops: hay wheat and prunes.

COMMERCIAL CLUB DIRECTORS ELECT MRS. BRADEN.

W. V. Fuller Chosen President and R. U. Steelquist Vice-President; Bank Is Treasurer.

The board of directors of the Dallas Commercial club departed from Eugene Friday night and chose a woman, Mrs. Winnie Braden, secretary of the club for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Braden has been secretary of the Polk county fair association for several years. She is clearly entitled to a place on the roster of women who do things in Oregon. Last year she went out into the fields and homes of Polk county, selected, collected and arranged an exhibit, and with it took first place in the Polk county division and highest in the state at the state fair, and also sweepstakes at the Northwest Land Products exhibit at Seattle, with five counties competing from each of the three northwestern states, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Mrs. Braden is interested in agriculture, horticulture, county fairs and numerous other things but above all she is a community booster. At present she is busily circulating a petition asking the state legislature to establish a state-owned and operated lime plant for the production of ground lime-stone, at cost, for agricultural use.

Mrs. Braden was nominated by Frank Coad, W. V. Fuller, the new president, made a speech and seconded the nomination. He said: "I am going to second this nomination but in doing so I wish it clearly understood that my action is prompted not by any fault whatsoever with Secretary Loughary or his work. Last year Mrs. Braden received about \$40 a month, for 9 months, for her services on the fair board. We cannot secure work such as she accomplished for that remuneration, again, and as the fair is one of the most important features of commercial club work, it seems better to consolidate and have one secretary for both the fair association and the commercial club; I therefore second the nomination." Mr. Loughary moved that the choice be made unanimous and the motion carried.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer for the past year were postponed until the next regular meeting of the whole club.

U. S. Loughary was elected to fill the vacancy in the board of directors, caused by Mr. Fuller's removal to the president's chair. Tracy Staats offered to resign from the board because he was a member of the city council. He said that matters might come up in which the two bodies might conflict. His resignation was not accepted.

The Dallas National bank, represented by Eugene Hayter, was chosen treasurer of the club.

The board of directors as it now stands includes: N. L. Guy, U. S. Loughary, Tracy Staats, R. U. Steelquist, J. R. Craven, W. L. Soehren, W. G. Vassall, Frank Coad and A. B. Muir.

Two More Cars of Spuds.

Two cars of potatoes were shipped from Airlie yesterday by the firm of Eldridge and Aspenwall to Portland. One car left Dallas a week ago. The firm intends to remain in the field as long as they can get the potatoes.

POLK POULTRY GETS PRIZES.

Exhibitors at Salem Show Carry Off Many Honors.

At the Marion County Poultry show in Salem last week, Polk county exhibitors carried off their share of honors. Although only a few from this county had entries, the Polk exhibit, considering its size was fully as good as that made by Marion raisers. Henry Voith's showing of brown Leghorns was an especially attractive one, and he carried off the pen honors on these fowls, besides several individual prizes.

Dr. Bollman had a splendid exhibit of single comb buff leghorns on which he won first, second and third prizes on hen, first and third prizes on cockerel and first and second prizes on pullet.

Henry Voith carried off second prize on his single comb brown Leghorn cocks, first, second, third and fourth on the same class of hens, first and second on cockerels and first on pullets.

Reuben and Becker of Independence won first on cock, single comb buff Leghorns. Reuben and Smith of Independence won third and fifth

places on single comb buff Leghorn pullets. Becker and Roberts of Independence won first and third places with their single comb Rhode Island red pullets, second and fifth on Rhode Island red cockerels, first and second on single comb white Leghorn hens and third on white Leghorn cockerel. Chas. E. Frazier of Independence won second on black Minorca cock and third on black Minorca cockerel.

DALLAS BEATS VARSITY TEAM.

University of Oregon Boys Are Taken Into Camp, 22 to 21.

The Dallas basketball quintet added another victory to its long list Saturday night when they trimmed the University of Oregon 22 to 21.

Dallas led by the score of 13 to 0 at the end of the first half. They slowed up a little in the second period and the university team took a sprint, nearly catching up. Better condition was a factor during the second half. The local team was not in the best of shape. Carl Fenton was bothered by two boils on his neck and Laird Woods has been ill with the grip for a week. Besides that, Matheny, the big guard, was unable to take the trip and the teamwork was broken up to some extent.

Both teams used the short passing style of game. The contest was fast and closely fought. Woods, Boydston and Shaw each scored six points for Dallas.

Hollis Huntington, fullback on Coach Bezek's champion football team, was the star of the game. He scored six field baskets. The lineup:

Dallas	Oregon
Woods (6)	F McCreedy (2)
Boydston (6)	F Huntington (15)
Fenton (4)	C D. Nelson
Shaw (6)	G C. Nelson (2)
Gooch	G Simms (2)

Substitutes: Ballantyne for Woods. Ballantyne shot one basket.

GIBSON CASE DISMISSED

WHYTE ASKED TO PAY DEBT; NO HOLDUP.

Polk County the Goat When Explaining Witness Backs Down at Preliminary Hearing.

W. M. Whyte cost Polk county a trip to Coquille and return and the expenses connected with a trial before the justice of the peace, when he swore out a complaint against J. S. Gibson, charging Gibson with robbery by putting him (Whyte) in fear of death.

The preliminary hearing was held before Justice Holman Thursday night. When confronted by counsel for the defense, Whyte admitted that Gibson had no gun; he admitted that he owed Gibson \$60; and he also admitted that Gibson had not actually offered him an immediate trip out of this cruel world, if he failed to come through. In fact, he practically admitted that he had no case against Gibson and Justice Holman promptly freed the defendant.

The real circumstances connected with the case were probably more like this in the opinion of Sheriff Orr, from whom Gibson escaped last July. "Gibson came to Whyte and told him he had to have money; Whyte refused and Gibson said he had to get it. Whyte became frightened and went to a third party who owed him and made arrangements for Gibson to get the third party's check for \$25. Then Whyte swore out the complaint and Gibson, fearing the law, and being unwilling to leave his sick wife, unceremoniously left Sheriff Orr and went out through a back window of his cabin near Black Rock After T. B. Hooker, deputy sheriff, had traveled to Coos county for the prisoner, who had been apprehended there by Sheriff Gage, and returned to Dallas, Whyte came down from Portland to secure his conviction, with the result aforementioned.

Dallas and The Dalles Often Confused

Local merchants wish there was no "The Dalles" postoffice in Oregon; that is, they wish the Columbia river town had a different name. Every time a shipment or a parcel post package does not arrive on time, they inquire to see if it has been sent to The Dalles, and most times, it has. Manager Smith of the Orpheum theater was forced to run a slide Sunday night, announcing: "No comedy tonight: film sent to The Dalles, by mistake." The close resemblance between the two names has cost local people much delay and worry and not a little expenditure for stamps.

WILKINS FOUND GUILTY

CIRCUIT COURT CLOSES SIX DAY SESSION.

Wilkins Deeds Back Property to People He Swindled and Judge Pardons During Good Behavior.

"In view of the settlement you have made in deeding back the six lots and house and \$250 in cash to cover all incumbrance on the same, the court sentences you to not less than six months and not more than two years in the state penitentiary, but paroles you during good behavior." This was the sentence imposed by Judge Belt upon M. W. Wilkins, who was found guilty of "making conveyance of real property without holding title to same.

The judge explained that it would not be necessary for Wilkins to serve the penitentiary term if he would keep out of flim-flam cases and play straight from now on.

This case has caused no little interest in Polk county where Wilkins is known chiefly in connection with the establishment of an old people's home in the southwestern part of Dallas. Wilkins seems to have been a very smooth talker; he interested Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, an elderly couple, who had a little ready money and a desire to invest it. Wilkins negotiated a trade with the Wilsons, giving them eight lots in exchange for a merry-go-round and a house and lot in Newberg. Wilkins later cancelled the contract because he could not produce a deed to the property.

G. O. Holman, counsel for defense, moved for non-suit and a directed verdict when District Attorney Piascecki had concluded his case. Judge Belt re-opened the case and allowed Mr. Piascecki to introduce new argument. The district attorney then showed that Wilkins had deeded a half interest in the lots he had traded to the Wilsons to Mr. Ovelman and that Ovelman had never deeded them back.

The jury was out about three hours. They brought in a verdict of "Guilty" but recommended lenience.

District Attorney Piascecki moved dismissal of the other charge (obtaining money under false pretenses) upon the grounds that the evidence would not substantiate a verdict.

COURT SETTLES FAMILY CASE.

Directed Verdict Given Nancy Whiteaker in "Action for Money" Case.

A directed verdict, upon motion of Oscar Hayter, attorney for the plaintiff, ended the family case of Whiteaker versus Whiteaker, Thursday. Nancy E. Whiteaker was allowed to recover the amount of a promissory note, with interest and \$200 attorney fee.

Nancy E. Whiteaker, widow of George Whiteaker of Independence sued Jesse D. Whiteaker and his wife, Florence Whiteaker, on a promissory note for \$2000 and interest. Florence Whiteaker defended the case. Counsel for the defense, W. C. Winslow, questioned the signature of the note and claimed it had been settled through a division of the estate. The evidences were heard, and upon Mr. Hayter's motion, the court directed the verdict for the plaintiff.

HAD DEER MEAT IN POSSESSION

L. L. Stoddard Arrested by Deputy Roy Brenner.

L. L. Stoddard, who resides near Falls City, was brought before Justice Hardy Holman last Saturday morning, at the instance of Deputy Game Warden Roy Brenner, who found deer meat in Stoddard's house on Friday. Stoddard plead guilty and was compelled to dig up the costs of the case and be sentenced to 30 days in jail. The sentence was suspended, however, during good behavior.

Warden Brenner states that he has some evidence of other deer killing in the Falls City section and he intends to take decisive steps against it very shortly. However, he contends that offenders have had plenty of warning now and the court will not be so lenient with them as it was with Stoddard. The deer season closed on November 1.

Logging Train Resumes Work.

The Southern Pacific logging train on the Falls City branch resumed its regular run last Friday after having been idle since a few days before Christmas. The train makes two round trips between Dallas and Black Rock each day, and one round trip to the log dump on the river near Salem. From 25 to 30 cars of logs are handled by it each day.