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YOU EVER GO TO A PARTY AND STAND IN THE CORNER AND SPEND MOST OF THE TIME IN THE DRESSING ROOM OR STAND IN THE CORNER BECAUSE YOU WERE NOT DRESSED RIGHT? WOULD HAVE BEEN LOTS BETTER IF YOU HAD DRESSED AT HOME BECAUSE IF YOU GO TO A PARTY AND ARE NOT DRESSED RIGHT YOU WON'T HAVE A BIT OF FUN. PLEASURE IS WORTH LIVING FOR. TO GET PLEASURE DRESS UP IT WON'T COST YOU MUCH TO DRESS UP AT

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POLK'S PROGRESS TO BE TOLD IN BIG ILLUSTRATED EDITION OF THE OBSERVER

SOUVENIR NUMBER TO EXPLOIT RESOURCES OF COUNTY

Its Progressive Past, Its Prosperous Present and Promising Future to be Set Forth in Detail--Opportunities for Homemaking and Investment to be Honestly Shown.

Being themselves but recent arrivals in Dallas, and strongly impressed with the splendid opportunities for the homeseeker which Dallas and Polk county offer, the publishers of The Observer believe that a proper presentation of conditions as they obtain here would, if placed in the hands of interested parties throughout the country, result in great advantage to the town and county in inducing immigration.

Believing further that an attractively gotten-up special edition offers one of the best means of disseminating such information as the prospective investor is interested in, we have arranged to issue at an early date a Progress Edition, which we feel safe in saying will meet with the unqualified approval of the public when it comes off the press.

Any person who lays the slightest claim to progressiveness will readily admit that Polk county needs more men and money for the development of the latent resources and the strongest appeal for new homemakers is naturally to those who, through ties of blood or friendship, are already more or less interested in and attracted to this section.

Since the Progress Edition will go largely into the hands of people all over the East who have friends and relatives in Polk county, the results cannot be other than highly beneficial. Published in Magazine Form. Printed on a good quality of book paper which will show half-tone illustrations to good advantage, in attractive magazine form which will permit of convenient mailing and filing for future reference, the Progress Edition will be one that any citizen of Polk county will be proud to mail to his friends back East.

It will tell the story of life, progress and opportunity in Polk county, simply, forcefully and with accuracy. The varied resources and industries will be treated in detail through conservatively worded articles and good illustrations. We believe the Eastern man who contemplates locating in Oregon, wants facts, unembellished by too much ornate verbiage and with extravagant statements eliminated, and that the truth itself is good enough regarding this country.

Naturally, the expense of getting out as comprehensive an issue as this, many thousand copies of it, and its distribution, is considerable. Since its primary object, however, is to herald abroad the name and fame of Polk county, and the towns therein, The Observer confidently expects the hearty co-operation and substantial support of the progressive business interests and property owners of the county.

Popular Plan. We have devised a plan which we believe will not only give all those who co-operate their money's worth in the way of good local publicity, but which can only redound to the betterment of the city and county. Since the vast amount of extra-work in collecting statistical data affecting the various industries of the county, and writing up same, together with that of soliciting business for the issue, makes it impossible for the regular Observer force to handle all of it in connection with their usual duties, we have employed special solicitors to assist, and one of them will call upon each business firm or individual who may be interested and explain the plan fully.

We bespeak for them your courteous attention.

FRUIT GROWERS TO STUDY EXHIBIT AT SHERIDAN

College Experts Will Talk On Varieties Best Adapted To Soil and Climate.

SHERIDAN, Or., Oct. 3.—The Hyland Fruit Growers of Yamhill county, will convene in Sheridan October 14, when important topics relative to fruit and soils will be discussed. State horticultural experts will be present and a county-wide attendance is expected at the meeting.

Every fruit grower and rancher is being urged to prepare exhibits of products and especially of apples, for which the Sheridan country is chiefly noted. The exhibit will be important from the fact that the decision as to the best variety of apples adapted to this soil and climate will be studied.

In addition to the apple, all other fruits and farm products will be studied as to their adaptability to the Sheridan country, and a complete understanding regarding their culture will be sought by the Sheridan culturists and horticultural heads of Oregon.

Engagement Announced. Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Nelson announce the marriage of their daughter, Sada May Fritch, to Oliver Hicks Bosler, of Eckwilt, which will take place some time this month—Portland Oregonian.

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EXAMINATION ANNOUNCED

Postoffice Applicants to Be Tested October 25.

The United States Civil Service commission announces an examination at Dallas, Wednesday, October 25, 1911, to secure eligibles from which to fill a vacancy in the position of clerk in the postoffice in this city.

The age limits are 18 and 45 years on the day of examination, and all qualified persons are urged to make application for and take the examination.

For full information and application blank address Assistant Postmaster B. F. Wells, local secretary, hotel of civil service examination, Dallas.

Applications may also be filed with the office of the district secretary, Federal building, Seattle, Wash., not later than October 21, 1911.

MILITIA BOYS HOLD "MOOT COURT"

GUARDSMEN REVEL IN SPIRIT OF HILARITY.

Even Handed Justice is Dealt Out Amid Scenes of Dramatic Intensity—Panic Narrowly Averted.

The regular quarterly inspection of Company H, Oregon National Guard, was held in the drill room in Woodman Hall last Friday night. A business meeting was also held at which tentative plans were discussed for holding the annual indoor carnival in this city about December 14, 15 and 16, providing the new \$15,000 armory is ready for occupancy by that time.

After the various matters had been considered and laid aside, the spirit of mirth broke down the barriers of formality and found vent in a moot court, with all the appurtenances heretofore pertaining, and Claud Haynes was forthwith arrested on the charge of being late to company meeting and was held before the bar of justice by "Sheriff" R. J. Fleming.

Captain Walter L. Toole, Jr., was chosen presiding judge, and other officers of the court were named as follows: Clerk, J. A. Paddock; prosecuting attorney, George Morton; P. S. Greenwood, attorney for defendant.

Jury Trial Is Given. A jury trial was demanded and the following were chosen to serve in that capacity: A. H. Harris, foreman; F. E. Smith, Mel Cutler, Arthur Hardison, Harold Rich, Frank Syron. According to private opinion of the judge publicly expressed after the trial, it was a "pretty hard looking jury."

The case proceeded with much gusto and a great quantity of evidence, material and immaterial, irrelevant, incompetent and incomprehensible, was offered and allowed to filter slowly through the intelligent thickskulls of the six good men and more or less true. When the legal battle had been fought out inch by inch, and the critical moment—the psychological moment arrived; when the last argument had been made; when silence fell around a thick and enveloped the scene like a pall, dimming the electric lights and swallowing up their wandering rays; when the audience, stifling the high-geared beating of its heart, sat open-mouthed, tense, expectant, hushed—the jury suddenly awoke and rendered a verdict acquitting the defendant.

A Crisis. Only the quick and fearless action of the peace officers prevented a scene of mob violence and carnage, for it was plain that the jury had been tampered with. In order to still the popular clamor and to render justice where justice was evidently due, the judge overruled the verdict and sentenced the defendant to a fine of one dollar for each of the officers of the court. Before the fine could be collected, the sheriff negligently allowed the prisoner to escape, and it is now thought that the officer will be compelled to stand good for the fines.

Crook—Bones. William T. Crook, of Yamhill county, and Miss Laura Bones, of Airie, Polk county, were united in marriage at the Methodist church in Perrydale, Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, by Rev. J. M. Hixson. Only a few of the immediate relatives and intimate friends witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Crook will begin house-keeping on a farm near Bellevue, Yamhill county, which Mr. Crook has leased.

BRIDE-TO-BE IS SHOWERED Luncheon Given in Honor of Miss Price.

Among the events of social importance in Portland last week was the shower luncheon given at the home of Mrs. Molson, of University Park, in honor of her daughter, Miss May Price, a bride of the coming week. Miss Price is one of Polk county's most popular young ladies and has many friends in Rickerell, where she has made her home for some time.

Those enjoying Mrs. Molson's hospitality were: Mrs. John Benken, Mrs. Frank Winter, Mrs. Ang. Ralder, Mrs. Kramer, Mrs. Amelia Nestor, Mrs. Sophia Backus, Mrs. J. B. NeSmith, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Heyte, Mrs. Bencke, Miss Lillie Bencke, Mrs. G. Siebel, Mrs. Wingert, Mrs. Brownell, Mrs. Zony, Miss May Price.

Commercial Club Meeting. A regular meeting of the Dallas Commercial club will be held in the court house tomorrow night.

UNCLE SAM WANTS GROWER SUCCEEDS MORE FOREST WITH GINSENG RANGERS

Has One-fifth of An Acre and Thinks Industry Profitable One For This Locality.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 1.—D. E. Parker, a prosperous rancher of Polk county, who resides near West Salem, prides himself on having what he believes to be one of the largest ginseng roots ever grown in the Northwest. This root weighs just a pound in the tenth year of its growth. It is considered exceptionally well developed and its growth is uniform and delicate.

Mr. Parker has one-fifth of an acre of ginseng under cover, this being probably one of the largest patches in the valley. He estimates that his patch of ginseng is worth \$3000. "There has been much wild talk of ginseng, and many fabulous prices have been demanded as well as received for this valuable Chinese root. Ginseng culture, properly conducted, may be exceedingly profitable in Oregon, as I find it to be. But the demands, which have been made in many instances, are way out of sight. The roots will sell for \$15 a hundred in thousand lots, which I believe to be an equitable value. Ordinarily ginseng in this state is valued at about \$12,000 an acre, and there is a ready market for it."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 2.—The Civil Service commission will hold an examination for assistant forest ranger October 23-24. The United States department of agriculture estimates that 400 eligibles will be needed during the field season of 1912. Assistant forest rangers are paid an entrance salary of \$1100 per annum.

The examination will be held at national forest headquarters in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Local Applicants Preferred. The law requires that, when practicable, forest rangers must be qualified citizens of the state or territory in which they are appointed is situated. Since the list of local eligibles must be exhausted before eligibles residing in other states can be appointed, the chance of citizens of outside states who go to the national forest states and take the examination to secure an appointment is small.

The requirements and duties of forest rangers are thus described in "The Use Book," which contains the regulations and instructions for the use of the national forests: Requirements Outlined. "A ranger of any grade must be thoroughly sound and able-bodied, capable of enduring hardships and performing severe labor under trying conditions. He must be able to take care of himself and his horses in regions remote from settlement and supplies. He must be able to build trails and cabins, ride, pack, and deal tactfully with all classes of people. He must know something of land surveying, estimating and sealing timber, logging, land laws, mining, and the livestock business.

"On some forests the ranger must be a specialist in one or more lines of work. Thorough familiarity with the region in which he seeks employment, including its geography and its forest and industrial conditions, is usually demanded, although lack of this may be supplied by experience in similar regions.

Tests Practical. "The examination of applicants is along the practical lines indicated above, and actual demonstration, by performance is required. Invalids seeking light out-of-door employment need not apply. Experience, not book education, is sought, although ability to make simple maps and write intelligent reports upon ordinary forest business is essential.

"For duty in some parts of Arizona and New Mexico the ranger must know enough Spanish to conduct forest business with Mexicans.

Mounts Not Furnished. "Where saddle horses or pack horses are necessary in the performance of their duties, rangers are required to own and maintain them. The forest service furnishes no personal or horse equipment.

"Rangers execute the work of the national forests under the direction of supervisors. Their duties include patrol to prevent fire and trespass, estimating, surveying, and marking timber, the supervision of cuttings, and similar work. They issue minor permits, build cabins and trails, oversee grazing business, investigate claims, report on applications, and report upon and arrest for violation of forest laws and regulations."

Knowledge of Forest. "The examination will consist of questions regarding the use of the forest, supplemented by a field test to show the applicant's fitness to do the actual work of a ranger. Education and experience will be rated on the answers to the questions on these subjects in the application form and on the applicant's use of English in the written test. Horses for the tests in riding and packing will be provided by the forest service.

The examination is under the control of the civil service commission, and not of the forest service. Information in detail regarding it, including the names of places at which it will be held, will be sent to anyone applying to the United States Civil Service commission, Washington, D. C.

FALLS CITY PREPARING FOR FIRST POSTAL BANK

Postmaster Deaneley Preparing to Introduce New Government System in Lumber Town.

On October 25, the first postal savings bank in Polk county is to be established in the postoffice at Falls City.

Postmaster J. E. Deaneley is preparing for the introduction of the new system, and will furnish all necessary information.—Falls City News.

WILL BUILD COUNTRY HOME

Contract Let For Residence North of Dallas.

Joseph E. Goetz has decided to build a fine residence on his farm near Dallas. The home will be of the Queen Anne style, with a 70-foot front, including porte cochere and driveway. It will be a two-story structure with attic, and the attractiveness of the roof will be enhanced by five gables. The residence will be modernly appointed throughout and will cost about \$2000.

The plans for the dwelling were drawn by H. M. S. Harris, a local architect. C. E. Stone & Co. have the contract for the plumbing and hot water heating apparatus. Henry Crawford will have charge of the carpenter work.—McMinville News-Reporter.

Died At Williams. The death of C. N. Bainter occurred at Williams September 28. Funeral services were held at the St. James (English) Lutheran church, Portland, at 2 p. m. The remains were shipped to Zanesville, Ohio, for interment.

LIBRARY TAG SALES REACH FAIR FIGURE

MISS SADIE LYNN WINS FIRST PRIZE BY SELLING LARGEST NUMBER DURING THE DAY.

TREASURY RICHER BY \$226

Seven Energetic Dallas Young Ladies Conduct Hustling Campaign In Interests of City's Storehouse of Knowledge—Money to Supply Need For Reference Books.

At the close of business last Saturday night, after a day of strenuousness on the part of its band of zealous workers, the Dallas Public Library treasury was richer by \$226. Although the amount fell short of the figures expected, the annual "tag-day" sale was very much of a success and its managers felt that their labors had by no means been in vain, especially when it was considered that the results were achieved by only seven salesgirls. There was no lack of shoppers, but on account of shortage of girls a considerable portion of the residence district could not be canvassed. However, the fair seven undertook to make up in energy and persistence for the lack of numbers, and so enthusiastic were they that they scarcely stopped for their noonday luncheon. Bright and early in the morning, before the average business man gets down to his place of business, they were on the street corners to waylay him, and he had gone but a few paces ere a yellow tag fluttered from the lapel of his coat, and before night the bits of yellow paper enlivened the busy thoroughfares and were like the tingeing autumn leaves for multitude.

Prize Winners. The first prize for the largest sum obtained was won by Miss Sadie Lynn, who sold \$52 worth of tags, the average amount of sales being a little over \$32. Herewith is given the list of prize winners:

First—Miss Sadie Lynn, Second—Miss Anna May Long-necker, Third—Miss Ruth Campbell, Fourth—Miss Olive Couler, Fifth—Miss Alta Miles, Sixth—Miss Alice Sawyer, Seventh—Miss Leone Williams.

Are Grateful. The management of the affair was in the hands of a committee from the Library association, composed of the following and they have asked the Observer to convey grateful thanks for the cheerful manner in which the people of Dallas and vicinity responded to the appeal in behalf of the library: Mrs. Mark Hayter, chairman; Mrs. J. J. Keath, Mrs. George L. Hawkins, Mrs. U. S. Loughary, and Mrs. W. V. Fuller.

For Reference Books. The sum obtained is to be used in the purchase of needed volumes for the library shelves. The greater part of the new books are to be added to the reference department, as the biggest demand is made upon it. This is due to the rapid growth of the city as an educational center. The increasing number of college students and the expanding enrollment of the High school call for greater research in the realms of knowledge, and it is the intention of those back of the Library to make it equal to the call upon it, and to render it at all times of practical value to the student, either in school or out.

FINE DALLAS ARE DISPLAYED

Sample of What Polk County Soil Can Do.

The people of this city had an opportunity Friday and Saturday of admiring a most charming dahlia display made in front of the Dallas National bank. It was doubtless the finest exhibition of the kind ever made here, and in variety, size and general excellence of the blooms it was equal to several leading dahlia shows given in Portland last fall, according to visitors who were present in the metropolis.

The flowers were grown by Mrs. F. A. Wolfe, of near Falls City, and included about 90 of the most popular of the cactus, decorative and show varieties, all well developed and of fine quality. The soil of Polk county is especially adapted to the culture of the bulbs and the flowers can be easily raised here in the greatest profusion.

MONMOUTH MANS' BANK ENROUTE TO JUNK SHOP

Hastily Rescued Savings From Depths of Cast-Off Stove Sold in His Absence.

Our townsman, G. W. Ebbert, came home a few days ago, having been out around town, and missing the familiar sheen of an old stove from its accustomed place, made inquiry and found that it had been sold. Away he chased after that stove, catching up with the purchaser proceeded to dig some seventy dollars in gold out of the ashes that had been left in it, so says report. This was a portable bank.—Monmouth Herald.

FRIENDS OUTWITTED

Falls City Couple Escapes to Dallas Where They Are Married by Rev. Myers.

Miss Gertrude Amy Cobb and Charles Jackson Moyer, two very prominent and highly esteemed young people of Falls City, stole a march on their expectant friends of that city last Saturday, by quietly slipping to Dallas, where at 6 o'clock a. m. they were united in marriage by Rev. Leon I. Myers, minister of the Church of Christ, at his residence.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Jennie Cobb. The groom is a contractor, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moyer. They will live in Falls City, where they are now at home to their friends.

FACULTY OF NORMAL VISITS

President Ackerman and his assistants Sue Salem.

President Ackerman and his faculty of the state normal school paid a visit to this city yesterday. They were shown through the state house, after which luncheon was served at the home of Miss Cornelia Marvin. Automobiles were furnished by H. W. Meyers, J. L. Stockton, Walter Stoltz, A. F. Hofer and the party was taken for a ride through the city. Those who were present were: State Superintendent Ackerman, President Ackerman, Mrs. Gestle and Professors Ewenden and Beaman, Professor O'Brien, and wife, Mrs. Jacobson, Mrs. Lewand, and Misses McIntosh, Shaver, Bunton, Deacon, and the Misses Davis.—Salmon Statesman.