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## PAID FIREMEN FOR DALLAS, PLAN OF COUNCIL

PASS NEW ORDINANCE MAKING RADICAL CHANGE IN PRESENT METHOD OF FIRE FIGHTING.

## ADOPT HILLSBORO SCHEME

Mayor of Washington County Town Tells of Advantages of Idea; City Engineer Morrison Submits Resignation but Same is Laid Over Without Action.

Preliminary steps looking toward placing of the fire department of Dallas on a paid basis were taken at the regular meeting of the city council last night, when it was ordered that an ordinance be drawn and submitted at the next meeting, embodying this change in the city government. This action was taken following the reading of a letter from Mayor H. T. Bagley, of Hillsboro, which explained at length the working of a similar ordinance in that city and which, according to the mayor, had been found to be very satisfactory. Under the terms of the Hillsboro ordinance, firemen are paid at the rate of \$2.00 per month for attending drills and fires and the total expense approximates about \$480 yearly. It is understood that the new ordinance will be modeled after the Hillsboro law.

**Morrison Resigns.**  
The resignation of F. H. Morrison as city engineer was presented and read but no action on same was taken and it was laid over for future consideration.

Street committee reported that it had investigated the city rock quarry northwest of town and found the same in excellent condition and, with a little work, could be placed in readiness for use. On motion the committee was empowered to employ an engineer and superintendent for the quarry.

Warrant for \$225 was ordered to pay the yearly interest on the outstanding armory warrant of \$50.

Several other matters were talked over but no definite action was taken and the council adjourned to meet Monday night, April 8.

## MAY HAS PRAISE FOR COMPANY

## NATIONAL GUARD OFFICIAL INSPECTS LOCAL MILITIA.

Favorably Impressed With Showing; Makes Short Talk Complimenting Members Highly.

After having passed through their annual inspection with a certain measure of success, considering all the difficulties the local company has had to encounter the past eight months with reference to armory facilities, the boys were ordered to report Friday night for their quarterly inspection.

Lieutenant Colonel John L. May, of the Infantry, O. N. G., was detailed as the inspecting officer. Colonel May conducted a very thorough inspection, and gave every commissioned officer, and non-commissioned officer of the company an opportunity to exhibit their ability to command.

Favorably Impressed.  
After the drill, Colonel May, who was very favorably impressed with the showing made by the company, made a short talk to the meeting and complimented them very highly.

## Scenes In the Heart of the English Coal Mining Region



Photos by American Press Association.

LEGISLATIVE action to redress the grievances of labor is nowadays more readily sought in England than in this country, so that Premier Asquith's determination to make the minimum wage bill a party measure and the threat that if mine owners resisted such a solution of the labor problem the government would nationalize the mines was productive of less outcry in England than would have followed a similar declaration in this country. The accompanying illustrations have to do with scenes in the "Black Country," as Staffordshire is known, by reason of the great number of its coal mines. The upper of the pictures shows a woman returning from a visit to the tip, where she has collected a small supply of coal; the other the last day of some of the north country miners before they went on strike.

## Carnegie Approves Plans For Dallas' New Public Library

Mayor Craven Gets Official Notice From New York; Next Step is Passage of Resolution Guaranteeing \$1,000 Yearly For Maintenance; Site Selected at City Hall Corner.

Official notification of the acceptance of the proposed plans for the Dallas Carnegie library were received on Saturday by Mayor J. Riley Craven from Mr. Carnegie's office in New York. The next step will be the passage of a resolution by the Dallas council guaranteeing to provide by taxation the sum of \$1,000 yearly for the maintenance of the institution. Mr. Carnegie will be notified of this action, after which the donation of \$10,000 offered by him will be available in installments as the work on the building progresses.

The preliminary sketches were submitted by Architects McConnell and Morrison and, now that they have been accepted the work of making the detailed plans will be taken up. When these shall have been completed bids will be called for, the contract let and the actual work of construction begun.

The site selected for the new library building is at the corner of Court and Church streets where the city hall now stands. This building will be moved to the back of the lot and faced on Church street leaving the corner available for the library.

**Street Sprinkler Out.**  
The water wagon made its first appearance Monday morning and, coincident with the closing of the city's thirteenth parlors, on account of election day, did a good business in allaying the dust on the business streets.

## CLUB DINNER ATTRACTS

Interest Grows in the First Annual Dinner to be Given by the Dallas Commercial Club.

Demand for tickets for the first annual banquet of the Dallas Commercial club to be given at the Hotel Gall on Thursday night, April 4, has been encouraging and it now appears that every one of the 100 seats provided will be occupied. The program of toasts as outlined in these columns last week will be carried out substantially as published. The dinner will begin at 7 o'clock.

- Following is the menu:
- Consomme
  - Cream of Chicken
  - Shrimp Salad
  - Olives
  - Celery
  - Bolled Sugar Cured Ham with Jelly
  - Entrées
  - Chicken Giblets with Mushrooms
  - Breaded Veal Cutlets tomato sauce
  - Apricot Cobbler
  - Roasts
  - Baked Chicken, sage dressing
  - Prime of Beef, au jus
  - Leg of Pork, apple sauce
  - Vegetables
  - Mashed Potatoes
  - French Peas in cream
  - Sugar Corn
  - Fruits
  - Oranges
  - Bananas
  - Dessert
  - Lemon, Homemade Mince, Apple Pies
  - Vanilla Ice Cream
  - Assorted Cakes
  - Raisins
  - Nuts
  - Coffee

Harry Gaynor spent Sunday in Salem visiting relatives.

## HOT CONTESTS ARE FEATURES OF ELECTION

MONDAY'S BATTLE RESULTS IN ELECTION OF FENTON, BARHAM, AND McBEE FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

## ALL AMENDMENTS DEFEATED

Close Contest in First Where Lot D. Brown Comes Within Six Votes of Defeating Present Incumbent; Voters Shy at Proposed Changes in City Charter.

New Councilmen Selected.  
First Ward ..... H. L. Fenton  
Second Ward ... A. J. Barham  
Third Ward ... John J. McBee  
Each amendment defeated.

With a total of 469 votes cast on the head of the ticket, the city election held yesterday may be said to have been one of the most interesting and hotly contested of recent years. There were contests in every ward, where candidates of the "Citizens" ticket, composing the "outs" opposed the aspirants on the "progressive" ticket, or the "ins." The result was a landslide for the "Citizens" with the exception of the First ward, where H. L. Fenton, present incumbent defeated his opponent, Lot D. Brown by 6 votes.

Every one of the four amendments were defeated by substantial majorities with the exception of the first, or the one which proposed to substitute registered mail in place of newspaper publication in certain kinds of legal notices of the city. This amendment was defeated by the narrow margin of six votes.

**Result by Wards.**  
Following is the result in detail:  
Ward One.  
H. L. Fenton ..... 111  
Lot D. Brown ..... 97  
Ward Two.  
A. J. Barham ..... 61  
A. B. Muir ..... 41  
Ward Three.  
W. V. Fuller ..... 63  
John J. McBee ..... 96

The result on the amendments by the different wards was as follows:  
Ward One.  
Yes No  
No. 1 ..... 97 111  
No. 2 ..... 82 122  
No. 3 ..... 91 120  
No. 4 ..... 62 128  
Ward Two.  
Yes No  
No. 1 ..... 54 41  
No. 2 ..... 38 57  
No. 3 ..... 47 47  
No. 4 ..... 27 56  
Ward Three.  
Yes No  
No. 1 ..... 74 79  
No. 2 ..... 61 95  
No. 3 ..... 65 96  
No. 4 ..... 52 99

**Editor Loses Home.**  
Falls City, April 2.—(Special)—Fire which broke out in the dwelling of Editor Lee of the Falls City News yesterday afternoon practically destroyed the house and much of the contents. The fire department responded promptly and succeeded in subduing the flames but the water ruined such of the furnishings that escaped the fire. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

## BRIDGE MATERIAL IS SHIPPED

First Installment of Lumber for Salem Structure on the Ground.  
With the shipment on Saturday of the third car of material for the approaches for the Willamette river bridge which the Salem, Falls City & Western railway company will build at West Salem, actual operations looking toward the construction of the bridge are under way. The lumber was sent out from the plant of the Dallas Lumber and Logging company, and the big mill will be occupied with the order for some time.

## JAMES E. DUNTON QUILTS

Announces His Withdrawal As Candidate for County Superintendent.

In order to accept a more lucrative position as city superintendent of a large school, James E. Dunton, of Falls City, republican candidate for county school superintendent, in the following letter to the voters of Polk county, announces his withdrawal from the race:  
"To the Voters of Polk county.  
"I hereby withdraw as a candidate for the nomination as county school superintendent of Polk county. My reasons are that I have accepted a city superintendency which offers better opportunities for advancement in the profession. I wish at this time to express my appreciation for the many kind offers of assistance that have been tendered me, and to thank all those who, by word or deed, have given me encouragement. It is a laudable ambition to be superintendent of the schools of Polk county and I am not unmindful of the importance or honor of the position, but the other field offers greater inducements and my duty to my family and to myself, impels me to withdraw my candidacy."  
"James E. Dunton."  
"Falls City, April 2."

## MONMOUTH SCHOOL WINS TROPHY

HAS SLENDER MARGIN AFTER FINAL SERIES OF DEBATES.

Final Scores.  
Monmouth ..... 11  
Falls City ..... 10  
Bethel ..... 10  
Independence ..... 8  
Ballston ..... 4  
Dallas ..... 1

By the slender margin of one point the debating team of the Monmouth High School on Friday night cinched its right to the championship of Polk county for the year 1912 and won the Seymour cup which will remain in its possession until won by some other school or, in the event that Monmouth wins it twice more in succession, it will remain the permanent property of that district. The cup was won last year by Dallas, and in 1910 by Falls City.

The second of the series of the Polk county high school debates was held at schools of Falls City. Monmouth, Independence, Dallas and Bethel, with the following results: At Independence Bethel won a 2 to 1 decision; at Bethel, Bethel won from Monmouth 3 to 1; at Falls City, Dallas was defeated 3 to 0; at Dallas, Independence won 2 to 1; at Monmouth, Falls City lost 2 to 1. This marking makes the final score as follows: Monmouth 11; Falls City, 10; Bethel, 10; Independence, 8; Ballston, 4; Dallas, 1.

All judges in every contest were disinterested parties and all but two or three were from outside the county.

**Work Shows Improvement.**  
In each case the question debated was "Resolved that capital punishment should be abolished in the state of Oregon." The debaters handled their parts well and were complimented by all. In fact it is declared that the debating work in Polk county has made great improvement and, in a few years more, it is predicted that this county will have many of the best debaters in the state among her students.

Much complaint has been heard from all over the county regarding the small attendance at the debates and the slight interest taken in the contests by the people generally. Those taking part in the debates spend much time on their subjects and are generally well posted regarding their side of the questions. They deserve the unqualified support of the people of the county, and large attendance at the debates serves to encourage the participants and entices them to exert themselves to the fullest extent.

## 38 PATRIOTS ASK FOR JOBS IN COUNTY

LINE-UP FOR PRIMARIES APRIL 19 NOW BELIEVED TO BE COMPLETE; LARGE FIELD TO CHOOSE FROM.

## TIME LIMIT EXPIRES APRIL 3

County Judge Job Has Most Attractions; County Commissioner Also Popular; Few Will Enter Fight Without Contest; Chapman For Coroner Has Free Field.

With a total of 38 candidates filed for the different offices, including justices of the peace and constables, voters at the primary elections to be held in Polk county on April 19, are sure of having a large field from which to make their selections.

The office of county judge is the most sought after, there being a total of six candidates for this nomination, four of whom are Republicans. The job of county commissioner is also popular with the aspirants, there being three Republicans and two Democrats for this office, R. L. Chapman, candidate for renomination to the office of coroner, on the Republican ticket and Tracy Staats, Democrat, who is asking the voters for another term as county treasurer, are the only candidates without opposition on either ticket. Up to last Saturday J. W. Finn, of McCoy, had no opposition for the nomination as representative from Polk county, but on that day E. E. Paddock, of Independence, filed his declaration for the office. No representative of the Democrats has filed for this position.

In the race for county superintendent, H. C. Seymour, the present

## RENEWED ACTIVITY IS EVIDENT

BUILDING OPERATIONS IN DALLAS PROMISING.

New Residences Under Construction or Contemplated; A. O. Brown to Build Fine Home at McNary.

With the opening of the Spring season the promise of renewed building operations in Dallas and vicinity grows bright and it is believed that the record in this regard will equal if not surpass that of former years. At the office of the Dallas Lumber and Logging company an increased demand for lumber by local builders is reported and already several good sized bills have been sold. Among the many residences under course of construction, or contemplated, is a fine bungalow which Charles Hayes will erect on his lots corner of Uglov avenue and Ash street, for which Barham Bros. have the contract. A new home for Rae Craven will be erected in North Dallas; Everett Hanson also is planning for a new home in that section of the city; W. C. Ballard will build on East Washington street; arrangements are under way for the construction of Dr. McCallion's fine new home on Church street and still other new dwellings are under consideration in different portions of the city.

**Country Home at McNary.**  
Among the more pretentious dwellings which will be erected this year in the county, is a fine new home for A. O. Brown at McNary station on the R. F. C. & W. railway, contract for which has already been

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