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STREET OILING IS CITY DAD'S ORDER

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS NOW MADE WITH OREGON ROAD OILING COMPANY ON TERMS AS OFFERED.

LIBRARY BIDS REJECTED

Estimate Thought Too High; City to Readvertise; Improvement of Portion of Clay Street Ordered; Ordinance For Destruction of Noxious Weeds Ordered.

Final decision to oil the streets of the city with crude oil was made at the regular meeting of the city council last night, after the matter had been discussed at length and the City Auditor and Mayor were instructed to enter into a contract with the Oregon Road Oiling company, of Portland, to do the work. The contract will be let under the terms proposed by the company which is \$75 per mile if five miles are oiled, or \$80 per mile if five miles only are treated. While the matter has not been fully decided and is in the hands of the street committee, it is believed that arrangements will be made for the oiling of all the macadam streets of the city which comprise about 10 miles. The space oiled will not be so wide on the residence streets as in the business section.

Library Bids Rejected.
Bids for the construction of the Dallas Carnegie library building were opened and considered, it being finally decided to reject all proposals and readvertise. This course was taken owing to the belief, on the part of the council, that the building could not be constructed and equipped within the appropriation of \$10,000. The only bid submitted for the building itself came from Holmes & Grant, local contractors, and was for \$8,180. This did not include the heating plant for which three bids were received, two from Guy Bros., of Dallas, and one from the Rogers Plumbing and Heating company, of Salem. The two bids submitted by Guy Bros. were for \$1400 and \$1050, respectively, and from Rogers company for \$1295. City Recorder Gregory will advertise for bids in Portland papers and will specify that proposals will be received for either steam or hot water heating, it being the opinion of many that the latter system could be installed at less cost.

Street Improvement Ordered.
An ordinance was passed providing for the improvement of a portion of Clay street between Oregon and Fairview avenues, by grading and macadamizing. This is a small section of the street leading to a connection with the road to the Illihee Fruit tracts.

An ordinance was read the first time, providing for the destruction of Canada thistles, Chinese lettuce and all other noxious weeds. The measure is patterned after the state law.

The ordinance committee was instructed to bring in an ordinance increasing the licenses for circuses.

Minor Matters.
Change of grade was ordered on Academy street between Church and Jefferson and on Main street between Academy and Oak.

It was reported that the property owners on the Nunn hill had progressed so far with the cutting down of the hill that they were now ready for rock. The street committee was instructed to furnish the rock required.

The quarterly reports of the city recorder and city treasurer were re-

"Titanic Waifs" Restored To Their Youthful Mother



Photo by American Press Association.

AFTER tragic and romantic experiences such as fall to the lot of few, whether babies or grownups, the two Titanic waifs, Michel and Edmond, have been restored to their pretty young mother, Mme. Navratil, who, mourning the loss of her children, taken from her by their father, from whom she was separated, first learned of their whereabouts through the newspaper accounts of the two beautiful children rescued from the sinking vessel and tenderly cared for by a young New York woman, also a survivor of the wreck. Probably no two children in humble life (their father, who went to his death like a man on the Titanic, was a tailor and their mother a saleswoman) have ever received the worldwide attention which came to these two boys. Their beauty and the pathetic circumstances of their rescue and restoration to their mother constituted the one episode of the disaster upon which the mind can dwell with unalloyed gratification, so full is the whole story of human nature and human kindness. In spite of many offers for the adoption of the children their mother has taken them back to their home in Nice and declares that she will never part with them.

Six to Graduate at First High School Commencement

Exercises to be Held at High School Auditorium on Friday Night; Literary and Musical Program of Interest Provided.

The first annual commencement exercises of the Dallas High school will be held Friday, June 7, 8:30 o'clock at the High School Auditorium.

The honor of being the first class to receive their diplomas from the new school belongs to six girls: Misses Lillian Fellows, Anna Garner, secretary and treasurer; Olive Coulter, president; Letitia Shewey, valedictorian; Georgiana Fisk and Roberta Ballard.

Commencement will cover only about two days this year owing to the fact that these are their first exercises and the expenses are quite heavy on the class.

Wednesday night the Philocean Literary society will give a dinner for the seniors at some place on the creek not yet decided upon. These dinners have always been a success and the girls are planning a fine time. This will be the only real social diversion during commencement week.

Commencement Program.
The program for the exercises which will be held at the High school auditorium on Friday night, June 7, beginning at 8:20 o'clock, are as follows:

Instrumental Duet, "Qui Vive," Josephine Luebke and Pauline Coad. Class Will, Olive E. Coulter. Song, Girl's quartette. Past and Future, "Reveries of a School Marm," Anne M. Garner. Valedictory, Letitia Shewey. Address to the class, Prof. D. M. Metzger.

Reading, "Gentlemen, the King," Lillian Fellows.

Instrumental Solo, selected, Dorothy Bennett. Essay, Glaciers, Georgiana H. Fiske. Class Will, Olive E. Coulter. Song, Girl's quartette. Past and Future, "Reveries of a School Marm," Anne M. Garner. Valedictory, Letitia Shewey. Address to the class, Prof. D. M. Metzger.

Presentation of Diplomas.

Class flower, Marchiel Niel rose. Class motto: "We build the ladder by which we rise and we mount to the summit round by round." Class colors: Lavender and green.

WHITEAKER WELL WAITS

Workmen Delayed by Non-Arrival of Proper Tools; McBee Drill Now in Porous Sand.

Further operations at the Whiteaker oil well prospect await the arrival of proper tools to remove the broken casing. These are expected daily when an attempt will be made to pull the casing from the hole, clean it out thoroughly and resume drilling.

At the McBee well the drill is now passing through an encouraging porous sand strata after penetrating a lime rock formation and every indication is said to be encouraging. The drill is now down about 1,000 feet and still going.

ARTISANS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Officials For Term Beginning July 1 Are Chosen Monday Night.

At the regular meeting of the Dallas lodge of Artisans Monday night, the following officers were elected and will be installed on the first meeting night in July:

Mrs. Emma Miller, M. A.; John R. Sibley, Supt.; Jerry Mescal, Inspector; Miss Hattie Smith, Senior Con.; W. A. Shoel, master of ceremonies; A. Robinson, Jr. Con.; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson, field commanders.

Independence Defeats Dallas.

To the tune of 7 to 2, a base ball team representing Independence but comprising pick-ups from the four points of the compass, defeated a nine from Dallas Sunday, at the former place. Myers, who was pitching for Dallas, sprained his ankle during the contest and for a portion of the time the team played with only eight men.

PICNIC ATTRACTS FAIR CROWD TO CITY

FAVORABLE WEATHER ADDS TO ENJOYMENT OF FIRST ANNUAL AFFAIR BY DALLAS ARTISAN LODGE.

PARK PROGRAM INTERESTS

Parade is Feature of Morning; Decorated Automobiles Attract Notice; Lodge Officers Speak at Park; Exciting Ball Game Feature of Afternoon.

With a fair sized crowd in attendance, and with very favorable weather, the first annual picnic given by the Dallas lodge of United Artisans in this city last Saturday, may be said to have been a success. There were one or two rough edges, but no more than usually happens upon the first occasion of this kind, and the big crowd saw plenty to amuse them.

The parade of the morning was slow in starting, being purposely delayed on account of the expected arrival of Governor West. It moved about 10:45 and followed the line of march as published in The Observer to the city park, where the morning program was followed out, substantially as advertised. The parade committee had interviewed many of the Dallas business men and received assurances from them that they would place industrial floats in the parade but, at the last moment, all except Craven Bros. found it impossible or impractical to do so, and the result was that the only floats appearing were those of the United Artisans and Craven Bros. The former was a very creditable display. It was fashioned to represent "Faith, Hope and Charity" the mottoes of the order, and was very cleverly arranged. The committee of judges awarded it the first prize.

The parade was led by the Dallas band and was followed by the floats and automobiles. Some of the latter were very tastefully decorated and called forth the admiration of the crowd. The largest "goat" in captivity formed the comical feature of the display, and was unique in that it was the first time that anybody ever saw horns and whiskers on a donkey.

While it was advertised that Governor West would be in attendance, the committee was innocent of attempting to deceive the people, as it was supposed that he would be here. It was learned, however, that he had promised to speak at a picnic held on the same day at Spring Valley, but it was supposed that he would be driven from that place to Dallas in time to address the crowd at the park, but he failed to put in an appearance.

Exercises at the Park.

The program at the park was opened by a selection by the band. Rev. C. P. Gates acted as master of ceremonies and delivered the invocation. Previous to this the audience arose and united with the special Artisan choir in singing "America" to accompaniment by the band.

Mayor J. R. Craven was introduced and warmly welcomed the visitors and gave them the freedom of the city. He said he "never knew before what the Artisans goat looked like and he was impressed with its appearance."

Two selections by the special choir under the leadership of Mrs. Ella J. Metzger, entitled "Carmena" and "Love's One Sweet Song" were features of the program.

J. W. Mills, of Portland, supreme treasurer of the order gave a history of the Artisans and urged all to affiliate with it. Dr. Olmstead, of Portland, supreme medical examiner also delivered an address which kept the crowd in good humor. The exercises closed with a selection by the band.

In the Afternoon.

The afternoon program of sports was restricted to ball games between teams composed of married men and single men which resulted in a de-

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To Be Represented.

That Polk county will be represented in the young women's excursion which Editor Phil Bates, of the Pacific Northwest will send to the principal Eastern cities from Portland on Thursday, is probable owing to developments within the past 24 hours. Miss Gertrude Pollow who was decided upon by the Commercial club committee to represent the county had fairly good success in her canvass, and she has been ably assisted by local enthusiasts and also boosters in other towns of the county. Miss Pollow must be in Portland tomorrow where the young ladies will be entertained at a luncheon at the Multnomah Hotel by the Ad club. The excursion will leave for the East Thursday morning. Tickets of admission have been secured for the delegation to the Republican National convention where they will stop on their return trip.

THREE APPLICANTS GET CITIZENS PAPERS

JUDGE GALLOWAY HOLDS SHORT BUT BUSY SESSION OF HIS BRANCH OF CIRCUIT COURT.

SEVERAL CASES ARE HEARD

One Divorce is Granted by Default; Civil Actions Disposed of and Cases Set For Trial Later in Month; New Equity Suits Filed

Three new citizens of the United States, clad with the full panoply of freemen in a free country, were created Monday morning in department No. 2, of the Polk County Circuit court, Judge Galloway presiding when William Mackie, Peter Peterson and Gust Frederikson received the final papers following an examination conducted by the court. Several civil cases were disposed of during the Court's session and other actions were set for trial during the month, as follows:

Tlghman Hinshaw vs. A. M. Hinshaw, L. D. Brown attorney for the plaintiff. Amended application filed, citation hearing set for June 18 at 11 a. m.

Elizabeth Porter vs. D. E. Emmett, action for partition. Set for hearing January 17, at 1 p. m. Oscar Hayter for plaintiff; Simpson & Lewis for defendant.

C. F. Vick vs. Falls City Lodge No. 148, I. O. O. F., et al, sale confirmed. F. J. Lafky vs. Frank Hogue, foreclosure; default entered as to all defendants except J. E. Reynolds and wife, dismissed as to them, decree of foreclosure as prayed for. F. A. Turner for plaintiff; H. B. Dickman for defendant.

B. Grammar vs. Samuel Whilmore, action to recover on partnership, set for hearing June 18 at 9 a. m. John Bayner for plaintiff; Oscar Hayter for defendant.

Harry E. Frink vs. Clara Kauffman, foreclosure of lien; set for trial June 18 at 1 p. m. L. D. Brown for plaintiff; C. L. McNary for defendant. Cora E. McAllister vs. E. S. McAllister, divorce; default entered, testimony taken and decree as prayed for.

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Buys Ford Autos.

Guy Bros. local agents for the Ford automobiles, have disposed of two more of this popular car, one to County Superintendent H. C. Seymour and one to John Holman. The machines are the regular type of five-passenger touring cars and were brought back from Portland yesterday, a number of local men making the trip. They were N. L. Guy, H. C. Seymour, John Holman, James Holman, William Howe and Ben Beesley.

ELECTRIC SOCKET COMPANY GETS LOCATION

NEW INSTITUTION TO BEGIN AT ONCE CONSTRUCTION OF FACTORY, SAYS MANAGER MINNICH.

ON S., F. C. AND W. TRACKS

Building to Be of Substantial Frame Construction; Company Plans to Manufacture Several Articles Here; To Sell Sockets Through Agents and by Mail.

Work on the construction of a building for the Adjustable Electric Socket company will begin immediately, according to a statement made yesterday by Charles W. Minnich, manager of the concern who has just returned from Portland where he held a conference with other members of the company and where their future program of operations was outlined. Monday Mr. Minnich closed a deal with J. G. VanOrsdal for the purchase of a site for the factory. It is located on the Salem, Falls City & Western tracks about three blocks below the mill of the Dallas Lumber & Logging company and is officially described as Lot number 5, in Block number 23.

The first building, of what is planned to be a number of individual units to be utilized in the manufacture of the various articles for which the company has patents, will be 40x60 feet in size and will rest upon concrete foundations. It will be of substantial frame construction covering

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WANT SIGNATURES FOR TAX BILLS

"RATIONAL REFORM" PROPOSED IN FOUR NEW STATE LAWS.

Petitions Now in Dallas Await Names of Voters; Proposed Measures Have Endorsement of Tax Law Expert.

For the purpose of submitting four measures for what is declared to be genuine tax reform, to the voters of the state by initiative, petitions prepared by the committee appointed by resolution of the last legislature, have been received in Dallas and are awaiting signatures. One of these petitions may be found at the assessor's office in the court house and others have been left at different real estate offices where those who believe in tax reform are urged to call, inspect the proposed bills, and sign the petitions.

Briefly outlined the measures proposed in these petitions are as follows:

A constitutional amendment authorizing the taxation of incomes.

A law to exempt from taxation household furniture, wearing apparel and similar non-productive personalty.

A law to exempt mortgage notes and other credits from taxation, thereby abolishing double taxation for the same property value.

A revision of the inheritance tax law, following the model law recommended by the National Tax association. The proposed law would increase the state revenue from indirect sources.

All of the above proposed measures have been carefully considered by tax law experts, it is declared, and have been universally commended. The majority of the county assessors of Oregon are on record as favoring their passage.