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COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE PROPOSAL

COMMERCIAL CLUB HEARS DETAILS OF PROPOSED COLLEGE MERGER AND WILL TAKE UP MATTER.

\$30,000 ENDOWMENT ASKED

Movement Started For Adoption of Appropriate Slogan For City; Badges For Dallas Boosters at Albany Celebration; Better Train Schedule Wanted.

Appointment of a special committee to confer with the location committee of the proposed Federated college, the plan of which was outlined in these columns on Tuesday, was authorized at a special meeting of the Dallas Commercial club held on Wednesday night. Prof. D. M. Metzger, dean of the faculty of Dallas college, was present and explained the proposition in detail. He told of the movement to unite the colleges and predicted one of the strongest independent schools in the state. He explained that the \$30,000 asked for was not a cash donation, but in the nature of an endowment, which could be in negotiable securities, the interest of which would be available for the use of the college. It was ordered that the president of the club appoint a committee of seven to investigate the plan and whether it would be advisable to make an effort to raise the endowment in Dallas, and report at a subsequent meeting of the club. The chair announced that the committee would be named at the next meeting.

To Adopt Slogan.
It was announced that arrange-

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GIRLS BOOST STATE ON TRIP EAST

MISS FOLLOWS RETURNS FROM EASTERN EXCURSION.

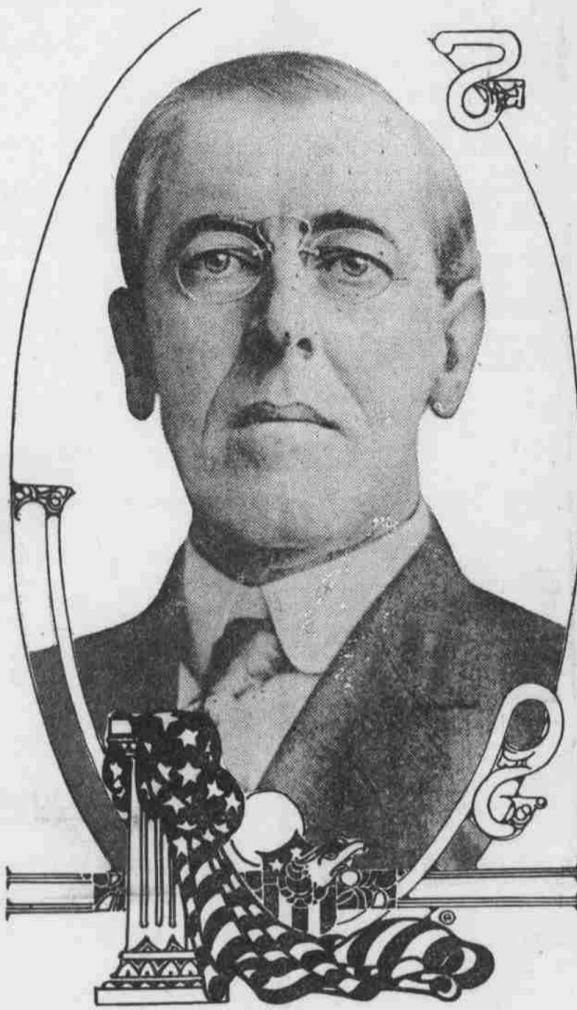
Polk County's Representative Declares Trip Most Enjoyable; Girls Boost Oregon.

Bringing with her delightful impressions gained by a trip through the East and declaring that she enjoyed every minute of the time, Miss Gertrude Follow, Polk county's representative in Phil Bates' Eastern excursion party returned home Tuesday filled with enthusiasm over the journey.

Miss Follow brought with her numerous newspaper clippings from New York, Washington and other papers, together with photographs of the party appearing in every large city visited. All of the big Eastern papers devoted much space to the girls and generally reporters were assigned to accompany the girls on their sightseeing trips about the cities. The girls, judging by the interviews with them, were consistently boosting for Oregon every minute and each one took the position that only place. That great good, from an advertising standpoint was accomplished by the girls is admitted.

One of the pictures shows the Oregon girls with President Taft at the White House and it is noticeable that President Taft wears his usual smile, which under the circumstances can't be wondered at, even if his fate was at the time hanging in the balance at the Chicago convention. Miss Follow says that the party visited the Republican convention on Wednesday of last week and enjoyed the experience very much.

May Be Democracy's Choice



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WOODROW WILSON

Who leads in the probabilities at the National Democratic Convention now in session at Baltimore. His nomination would indicate a victory for the progressive element of the party.

Prize Offered School Girls In Bread Making Contest

Perrydale Milling Company Would Encourage Use of Soft Wheat Flour; Ten Dollars in Cash First Prize; Barrel of Flour For Second Place.

For the purpose of encouraging housekeepers in the use of soft wheat bread and, at the same time, promoting interest in home pursuits in the schools, the Perrydale Milling company has offered two prizes to be competed for by the school girls of the county at the annual school fair next fall. The proposition from the milling company is as follows:

"Supt. H. C. Seymour, Dallas, Ore.
"Dear Friend.—For the two-fold purpose of encouraging the girls of our county in the art and science of bread making, and that we may get bread making, and that we may get for distribution some valuable information regarding the same, we have concluded to make the following offer:

"We will give a Ten Dollar cash prize to the public school girl who will bake the best loaf of bread from our 'Sunshine' flour, and exhibit the same at our next annual school fair, together with a detailed statement of just how she proceeded in the baking.

"We also offer as a second prize in the above contest, one barrel of our well-known brand of 'Sunshine' flour.

"We have been prompted to make this offer on account of the continuing influx of Eastern people who have been accustomed to use the Eastern hard wheat flour and who don't know just how to handle the soft wheat flour made by their local mills from home grown wheat. For the benefit of these people, and others, who are users of hard wheat flour, who wish to economize by us-

COUNCIL TO LOOK UP SITES

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PROBABLE COST.

Question of Library Location Proves Difficult Problem; Wants Picture of Site With Building Thereon.

Appointment of a committee of three councilmen consisting of Fenton, Staats, and Ayres to investigate the different possible sites for the new Carnegie library building, and the cost thereof, to report at the regular meeting of the council to be held on Monday night, was the principal business transacted at the adjourned meeting of the council on Tuesday night. A motion was also adopted requesting the architects of the proposed library to make a plat of the city hall corner showing how it would appear with the city hall moved around to face on Church street and with the library located on the site of the city hall. This

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ing our flour, we will enclose in each sack of our 'Sunshine' flour a copy of the recipe accompanying the prize winning bread.

"Yours for 'Sunshine',
"H. J. Elliott, manager Perrydale Milling Company."

Actual Construction Work On Armsby Prune Packing Plant To Begin Next Week

MANAGER SWETLAND AND CONTRACTOR MCINTIRE ARRIVE WEDNESDAY AND MAKE DEFINITE PLANS.

Will Use Site on Southern Pacific Tracks Selected Last Fall; Contractor to Employ Home People and Purchase All Material Possible in Dallas, He Says.

With the arrival in Dallas on Wednesday morning of Scott Swetland, Washington and Oregon manager of the J. K. Armsby company, accompanied by A. E. McIntire, contractor for the erection of the plant, all doubt regarding the early construction in this city of the big prune packing plant proposed by the Armsby company, was removed and even the Doubting Thomases now believe that the concern will be a reality.

COUNTY COURT TO AID WARDENS

APPROPRIATE \$50 FOR BUILDING TRAILS IN MOUNTAINS.

Fire Wadens Will Use Money to Good Advantage They Say; Trails Needed in Case of Fire Outbreak.

For the purpose of building trails on the summit of the mountains to aid the fire wardens in locating and extinguishing fires and protecting the forests, the Polk county court has appropriated \$50. This is a move in the right direction and the amount, though small, will help materially in connecting up trails whereby the fire wardens will be better enabled to patrol our timber lands.

The matter of the proper expenditure of this money has been left in the hands of W. V. Fuller and Frank Hayden who, from long experience in the timber lands of the county, know where the work is most needed.

Horse Trail to Summit.
The first work to be undertaken will be to open a horse trail to the summit of the mountains from a point where the Falls City and Siletz Basin road crosses the summit, to connect with the old Boulder Creek trail which passes the Riley cabin in section 12, township 8, range 8.

This will greatly assist the fire wardens in getting supplies in the event that they find it necessary to put in a crew of fire fighters in that vicinity. Next year it is the intention to connect this trail with, and open up the old Crowley trail which follows up the divide between Mill creek and the LaCreole.

Some counties are doing nothing to assist the fire wardens while others, realizing the necessity of protecting their timber from the ravages of fire, are helping very materially. Coos county, for instance, is spending \$500 per month, during the dangerous season, for this purpose.

Fire Wardens Appointed.
Frank Hayden who did such good service last year has been reappointed chief fire warden for Polk county, and W. V. Fuller, of this city, has been appointed a fire warden to serve without pay in the event that his services are needful.

WELL KNOWN WOMAN PASSES

Mrs. Walter G. Vassall Answers Final Summons Thursday Morning.

Mrs. Emma Vassall, wife of Walter G. Vassall, cashier of the Dallas City bank, died at the family residence on Oak street, at 1:30 a. m., June 27, of spinal tuberculosis, at the age of 43 years, five months, 14 days.

Mrs. Vassall was born in Saline county, Missouri, January 3, 1869. The funeral will be held at the residence on Friday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Edgar W. Miles officiating. Interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

W. M. Hudson and wife, of Dallas, were registered at Multnomah hotel at Portland, Monday.

UNBALANCED MIND BRINGS DEATH TO PAUL

SUVER RESIDENT SENDS LOAD OF SHOT INTO BODY WHILE SHERIFF GOES TO SERVE LEGAL PAPERS.

CAREFULLY PLANNED DEED

Albert J. Paul Calmly Sits on Floor of Woodshed and Placing Barrel of Shot Gun Against His Breast Snuffs Out His Life; Inquest is Held.

With a ragged hole from a 16 gauge shot gun in his right breast and lying in a pool of blood, the dead body of Albert J. Paul was found last Tuesday morning in the woodshed of his home a mile north of Suver station, by Raymond L. McCready. McCready at once notified J. J. Thurston, a neighbor, of the discovery. Thurston made an investigation and established the fact that Paul had been dead some time, and that all indications pointed to suicide.

In the meantime, Sheriff Grant was on his way to Suver with legal papers to serve on Paul, and, knowing nothing of his death until he reached the store of J. M. Larsen, at Suver. He at once made an investigation and later notified Coroner Chapman. Mr. Chapman, accompanied by Dr. A. B. Starbuck, Deputy District Attorney J. E. Sibley and an Observer representative left for the scene, reaching Suver soon after 3 o'clock.

Inquest is Held.
After an examination of the body, Coroner Chapman empaneled a jury consisting of Grove A. Peterson, J. M. Larsen, J. H. James, R. L. Collins, M. I. Conger and J. E. James and examined R. L. McCready, J. J. Thurston, Sheriff Grant and Dr. Starbuck. All evidence tended to prove the suicide theory and the jury brought in a verdict to that effect, as follows:

"We, the jury, find that the said Albert J. Paul came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by his own hand."

Was Mentally "Off."
All evidence of witnesses at the inquest, and from others of the neighbors of the dead man, showed that Paul was subject to periods of mental depression and it was generally believed that he was "off." He had trouble with his family, as the result of his wild imaginings, it is said, and on Thursday, June 20, he drove them all off the place. In addition to Mrs. Paul, the family consisted of Raymond McCready and his sister, who had been living with the Pauls for four years or more. On Saturday, following her expulsion from her home, by her husband, Mrs. Paul visited Dallas and began proceedings for a legal separation from Mr. Paul and it was papers in this suit that Sheriff Grant carried when he left for Suver Tuesday morning.

Had Threatened Suicide.
It is said that Paul had often threatened, by implication at least, to kill himself. While he has owned the place for several years the family has not lived on it continually. They resided in Portland for some time where Mr. Paul had employment with a machinery house and he has only been a continuous resident of the Suver home since February. While both McCready and Thurston testified that Paul had never actually threatened to kill himself, he had implied that he would do so, and had remarked to Thurston as late as Sunday, that he "would soon be gone." McCready told of returning to the farm after the family had been ejected on Thursday, to attend to the chores and of talking with Paul who seemed to be depressed and conversed in a rambling manner.

McCready said, during his four years' residence with the family, that Paul had had many bad "spells" and often threatened to "do things" but he had always forgotten about his threats in a few minutes, and none

Band Concert Saturday.
The regular band concert of the Dallas band will begin on the Court House plaza at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night. Director Grant announces no special program for this event but says the selections will be "by request." He says he has received so many requests for the repetition of special selections that the entire concert will be devoted to this plan. He guarantees plenty of music.

Attending State Board.
County Superintendent H. C. Seymour is in Salem this week in official attendance at the state superintendent's office as one of the state examining board.

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