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## INTEREST INTENSE IN COMING GAME

### CROWD OF 500 MAY GO TO McMINNVILLE ON SPECIAL TRAIN SATURDAY NIGHT.

#### MILITIA AND BAND TO GO

Plenty of Music to Enliven Occasion; Reserved Seats on Sale in Dallas; Train Leaves at 7:00; Fare For Round Trip Placed at 75 Cents; Badges For All.

Intense interest is being aroused in the coming basket ball game at McMinnville on Saturday night between company G team of this city and Silverton and present indications are that fully 500 people will take advantage of the special excursion train which will be run to the Yamhill county town and return on that night. According to present plans fully 40 members of the Company G, O. N. G. will attend the game in uniform. The Dallas band in full uniform will also go and enliven the occasion with their inspiring music.

The special train will leave Dallas over the Southern Pacific promptly at 7:00 o'clock and the fare for the round trip will be 75 cents. The train will leave McMinnville on the return trip immediately after the game.

#### Buy Seats Here.

On Monday Ballantyne and Gates of Company G team made a trip to McMinnville and completed final arrangements for the game. They brought a plan of the seating arrangements of the hall with a block of seats reserved for the Dallas contingent. These may be secured at the Fuller Pharmacy and reserved, as is done when the games are played in this city. It is advisable for those who intend to go to call at the drug store and reserve their seats as soon as possible in order that they may be sure of accommodations at the game, for it is certain that the big auditorium at McMinnville will be crowded to its capacity. The idea of having the train leave early is to permit the crowd to arrive in time to hold a street parade by the band and the militia company before the game.

#### 'Mack' Will Welcome Crowd.

Citizens of McMinnville are preparing to give the visitors a royal welcome and every arrangement will be made for the comfort of the visiting teams and people from Dallas and Silverton. In addition to the Dallas special train, a special will be run from Silverton and it is expected that 300 or 400 will attend from that city.

So far as the Dallas line-up is concerned it will be the same as that which brought defeat to the Silverton crowd on the occasion of their visit here. Every member is in the pink of condition and confident of his ability to do his share in bringing the laurels of victory to Company G's colors. The Silverton line-up will be slightly changed Cooley taking the place of Dohl at guard. It may be said in passing that the Silverton aggregation is just as confident of winning the game and the championship, so the contest should be exciting enough for the most pronounced bug. The Dallas crowd will be adorned with badges and everyone is expected to bring along his enthusiasm.

## REWARD FOR SERVICE

### Dallas School Board Adopts New Plan For Benefit of Teachers Who Continue With Local Schools.

Reward for continuous service in the schools of Dallas through substantial increases in salary, is the plan advanced and recently adopted by the school board for the teachers who remain here year after year. While the general average of the salaries has not been materially increased, a maximum and minimum has been established with a sliding scale between for the teachers. For instance a teacher, who has not had any previous experience in the work, will begin on a salary of \$50 per month, while those who have taught heretofore will receive \$55 per month. For the second year they will receive \$60 per month, and for the third year \$65 per month. Sixty-five dollars will be the maximum and \$50 the minimum paid to teachers. The board has adopted this plan in order to encourage the teachers to remain with the schools and is further based on the idea that the longer a teacher remains, the better service she may give her pupils.

## Base Ball Summons Fans As Basket Ball Time Nears End

### Dallas Fans Turn to Diamond For Entertainment; Good Team in Prospect For High.

(By F. B.)

Whatever may be the private opinions of those who do or do not want base ball in Dallas this season, it is agreed that there is an abundance of good material for a classy team here. With the closing of the basket ball season this week it will be natural for the fans to prepare something in the base ball line for the summer. The work of Barham and Herzog last season is vivid in the minds of those who watched their battery work. Besides these there are such stars as Ray Boydston, Earl Barham, Pritchard, Hiestand, Woods, Campbell, Cadle, Lockman, Matheny and Gardner, nearly all of whom are eligible to a place on the High school team which has already done preliminary practice. This team has already ordered uniforms, the college grounds have been in preparation for games and enthusiasm accumulated awaiting the closing of the indoor games. Asides from these are the two Shaws, Syron, Floyd Meyers, Tooga, Fred Boydston, Lloyd Rice, Ballantyne and several others who are players more advanced in the art, and who are outside the ranks of the school players who could at any time lead the Dallas fellows to victory. Meyers is a well-tried slab artist and has several wood games to his credit, although it is understood, he has not been consulted as to his willingness to play this season, having moved a short distance from Dallas.

Ground Problem Solved.

From among the hardened artists on the basket ball court there are many recruits who would prove fast players as against amateur teams. The matter of defraying expenses of preparing grounds suitable and convenient should not now prove a barrier, in case the city decides to purchase grounds for the fair which have been selected. As base ball is included in the list of high school contests for Polk and Yamhill counties, it might be possible to secure the use of the same grounds at a small expense. A local player assures The Observer that there are enough fast amateurs in Dallas to organize two teams who could oppose each other in regular practice and be in condition to furnish the public with an exceptionally good quality of base ball. He thought, after the fumes of the basket ball caldron had been swept away, that the public would yearn for the equally clean sport on the diamond field. Good teams will no doubt be organized in Yamhill and Washington counties and it should be an easy matter to secure at least one game a week. It was suggested that the Commercial club might take the matter of expense of grounds up in connection with the matter of furnishing suitable grounds for field meetings of Polk and Yamhill counties, now under consideration.

## TO PROCEED WITH BUILDING PLAN

### HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION DECIDES TO BEGIN WORK.

#### Old Board is Re-Elected; New Officials Are Chosen; Small Block of Stock Must Be Sold Without Delay.

Election of the old board of directors, the selection of new officers and the definite decision to proceed with the proposed building plans at once, formed the more important items of business transacted at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dallas Hospital association held at the county court rooms on Monday night. The old board of directors consisting of Dr. A. B. Starbuck, Dr. W. C. Staats, Dr. B. H. McCallon, Dr. W. S. Carey and Dr. L. A. Bollman, and Oscar Hayter and F. J. Coad were re-elected for another year and, at the meeting of the board held later, F. J. Coad was named as president; Dr. B. H. McCallon, vice-president; Miss Edith Starbuck, secretary-treasurer.

New plans for the hospital building have been practically agreed upon. The proposed building will be of wooden construction with three stories and a basement, and will provide 16 rooms including two wards. It will be equipped with all modern conveniences for the comfort of patients and the safe and advantageous handling of cases of all kinds. In order to build, it will be necessary to dispose of the remainder of the stock but it is believed that but little trouble will be encountered in doing this. Bids for the building will be asked for at once.

## NEW FIRM BUYS IN DALLAS

### Emmerson & Nash Dispose of Furniture Business to Baker Parties.

Through a deal which was closed last week, Messrs. Davis & Horn, of Baker City, Oregon, will soon come into possession of the Emmerson & Nash furniture business on Main and Washington streets, involving of the stock will begin on Monday, March 31. Both members of the new firm are experienced mercantile men. Mr. Davis having been actively engaged in the furniture business for the past 10 years. Both have families and they will become permanent residents of this city. As for the retiring members of the old firm, it is probable that Mr. Emmerson will remain here although he says he is undecided as to his future occupation. Mr. Nash will eventually move to some point east of the mountains.

#### Premiums Attract.

The Observer's prize premium offer as announced last week has already attracted considerable attention among the schools in different portions of the county and several inquiries have been received at this office regarding further particulars. Two districts have already announced their intention of going after one of the more expensive prizes.

## PLAN TO PURCHASE GRAVEL BAR IS OPPOSED

### JUDGE TEAL OBJECTS TO INVESTMENT AND EXPENDITURE OF LARGE SUM OF COUNTY MONEY.

#### TAXPAYERS DON'T ENDORSE

#### Fails to See Merit in Alleged Expensive Plan to Secure River Gravel For County Roads; Teal Also Objects to Purchase of Grading Machinery.

Opposition to the plan proposed for the purchase of a gravel bar in Marion county just across the river from Eola has been heard by The Observer from several of the heavy taxpayers of this vicinity. With the idea of learning more about the scheme an Observer man interviewed County Judge Teal regarding the matter Monday and ascertained that such a plan was actually under consideration by the court although Judge Teal expressed himself in no uncertain terms against the proposition and declared that he would oppose it with all the force at his command. The Observer has not had the opportunity to ascertain the views of Commissioners Petre and Wells.

#### Would Be Expensive.

Judge Teal bases his objections on the ground of expense. He says that the owner of the land, which comprises about 10 acres, has agreed to dispose of it at \$100 per acre or \$1,000 for the piece. The plan is to install a clam dredge and convey the gravel across the river to the Polk county side by means of a heavy cable wire operated by a donkey engine. On the Polk county side a sidetrack would be constructed, and the one near the site might be used, and the gravel loaded into cars for transportation to any part of the county that it might be needed. It is estimated that the cost of installing a plant of this kind would approximate something like \$5,000 or \$6,000 aside from the first cost of the land, and it is Judge Teal's opinion that it would be very expensive to operate.

#### Proposition Unsound.

"I am unalterably opposed to the entire plan," declared Judge Teal.

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## PATRIOTS SLOW TO FILE

### Aspirants For City Offices Proving Modest; J. G. VanOrsdal Only Candidate So Far For Mayoralty.

With but a few days remaining before the final limit for filing for city offices expires, there appears to be a wonderful lack of forwardness on the part of local patriots. Up to last night, J. G. VanOrsdal was the only aspirant for mayoralty honors who had signed his intention of making a run for the office. In the councilmanic field, Mark Hayter has filed for council-at-large, while W. L. Barber has filed from the second ward. Others who are reported as having petitions in circulation are John E. Miller from the third and Henry Gohrke in the first. Many others have been mentioned but their petitions have not yet appeared. All filings must be in the hands of the city auditor by Tuesday, April 1, and it is probable that none will be left at the quarter pole.

#### Now at Albany.

Charley Mann who formerly officiated as "hotel runner" for the Gail and the New Scott hotels in this city is now employed in a like capacity for the Hotel Hammel, in Albany, an elegant new hostelry which was opened to the public recently. Charley says he likes his new position and will welcome his Dallas friends at any time.

#### \$1,000 IN ONE CAR

Falls City Lumber Company Shipped Biggest Car Load of Lumber East.

Loaded with 100,738 feet of finishing lumber valued at \$14,000, what is declared to have been one of the largest cars of lumber ever shipped from a mill in Oregon, left the plant of the Falls City Lumber company on Monday. The entire load consisted of finishing lumber and filled an immense box car to its full capacity. It was consigned to Kansas parties.

## Injured Workmen Ask Cash From Willamina Company

### Dallas Attorney Counsel for Plaintiff in Damage Suits Before Yamhill Circuit Court.

Two damage suits of more than ordinary importance are among the cases which will be heard in the regular session of the circuit court for Yamhill county which convened at McMinnville yesterday. Oscar Hayter of this city is attorney for the plaintiffs in each case and he will be assisted in their trial by Harry H. Belt, his office associate. The cases are for damages in the sum of \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively and are directed against the Pacific Face Brick company, of Willamina.

In the first case, Roy Schaller is demanding the money from the company by reason of an accident alleged to have been the direct result of the company's carelessness which occurred in December, 1912. Schaller was operating a dry pressed brick machine which, it is alleged, was defective and that, by reason of such defect, his hand was caught beneath a heavy set of plungers or dies and very badly lacerated, laying him up for a long time and rendering it impossible for him to earn money at his usual means of livelihood. His hand is still in a maimed condition and it is said to be doubtful whether he ever regains the use of his fingers.

In the other action, Robert Horn is the plaintiff and the complaint states that he was injured as the result of the caving of a bank at the company's plant in September, 1912, while he was working in the pit. A Portland firm of attorneys appear for the company and it is declared that the case will be warmly fought on both sides.

## Concert is Planned for April 16

### Program Committee Promises Evening of Unexcelled Entertainment; Vocal Solos and Reading to Be Feature.

At a conference of the executive board and director of the Dallas Band this week it was decided to select Wednesday, April 16, as the date for the annual concert and entertainment. A program committee was appointed by President Dungan at the request of the band, and the committee is already at work preparing the program which it is thought will even excel that of last year. The program will be made up of readings, perhaps a vocal solo or quartette, two orchestra numbers, and band pieces, making an entertainment that will be varied in character and a pleasure to all. The orchestra will be selected from the city's best musicians, and there are many of them, and this feature will perhaps be a treat to lovers of music. Dallas also has several entertainers who have been heard in the past and they will be asked to contribute to the evening's pleasure. Following the program, those who assist will no doubt be invited to a light luncheon by the band. Mr. Downey, the new instructor, is well pleased with the showing made by the band at rehearsals and says he is sure to have the organization in the best of shape by the date set for the concert. Rehearsals are now being held on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights and several new pieces are being taken up.

## Humphreys Sleep in Family Plot

### Execution at Salem Saturday Featureless; Declared That Both Men 'Confessed' to Jail Offenses.

The mortal remains of George and Charles Humphreys who were executed at Salem Saturday for the murder of Mrs. Eliza Griffith at Philomath in June, 1911, were buried in the family plot in the old Dallas cemetery Monday morning. The bodies reached the city on the Salem, Falls City & Western 9:40 passenger and the services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Barr G. Lee, of Salem, who had acted as their spiritual adviser during their last hours before the mandate of the law was carried out.

The execution at Salem on Saturday was unattended by any unusual features. Both men went to their death serenely and with hardly a spoken word on the scaffold, except to again assert their innocence. It has been reported that they confessed to the officials the night before their execution, and that the confession implicated Dr. North who was once arrested and charged with the crime but subsequently freed. It is said that the brothers declared that they only assisted him in the deed, but not much credence is given to this statement, it is said.

A well-known Dallas man, in talking of the matter Monday, admitted that the boys had told him on Friday before their execution, that they had committed the crime, "but," said he, "I don't believe them. I don't think they know anything about it, and if I had said to them, 'now the fact is you didn't kill Mrs. Griffith, did you, I am certain that either one of them would have replied in the negative. I know that they could be induced to say anything, and to say exactly the opposite a few minutes later. They had no mind of their own as those who know them best will testify and so far as I am concerned, spoken word on the scaffold, except to again assert their innocence. It has been reported that they confessed to the officials the night before their execution."

## Council Talks Paving Plans

### Special Meeting Devoted to Discussion of Numerous Details; Another Meeting For Tonight.

Discussion of the proposed plans and specifications for the hard surfacing of the various streets of the city which the city council proposes to undertake during the coming season, occupied the attention of the city lawmakers for more than two hours at a special meeting held on Monday night. City Engineer Flagg submitted the details, and the many specifications and other minute matters in connection therewith required considerable discussion. Owing to the fact that some members of the council were not present, and that the councilmen desired to consider the matter further, the plans and specifications were referred to the street committee and to the ordinance committee with instructions to report at another special meeting which will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) night. It is the intention of the council to adopt plans and specifications for the work and then advertise for bids permitting bidders to specify any materials they may choose, the lowest and best bid to be determined by the council and the contract awarded in conformity thereto. This, it is believed, will result in securing for the city the best figure possible for the proposed work irrespective of the material to be used.

On motion of Councilman Fenton the Dallas Lumber and Logging company was instructed to clear their waterway of debris where the same crosses Main street, to prevent the water from backing up and overflowing the adjacent territory.

There were no property owners present interested in the proposed paving and no further protests against the plan were heard.

## SEIZES STOCK OF DRY GOODS

### Sheriff Collects Taxes From Late Dallas Mercantile Concern.

To secure a claim for \$96 in taxes, Sheriff Grant on Monday morning seized the remainder of the stock of the Polk County Mercantile company as it was stored in the station building of the Southern Pacific here awaiting shipment out of the city. Under the law all stocks of goods brought into a county for temporary

## COUNTY TEACHERS' MEETING IS SUCCESS

### INTERESTING PROGRAM ENJOYED BY WELL ATTENDED SESSION IN DALLAS ON SATURDAY.

#### MANY PLEASING FEATURES

#### Addresses by Government Agent and State Official Warmly Received; Class Recitation in Reading Interesting; No Location for Field Day Settled.

With an encouraging attendance and much interest manifested in the program which was followed substantially as published in The Observer, the regular county teachers' meeting held in this city on Saturday, is declared to have been a success in every way and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Teachers from all portions of the county were on hand and assisted by their presence and active participation in the work.

In the absence of Assistant State Superintendent Carleton who was unable to be present, the time allotted to him was taken up by J. C. Muerman, of the United States Bureau of Education, who has been sent to Oregon to make a study of the school system. Mr. Muerman will spend several months in this state, making his headquarters in Salem and will spend the time in investigating the methods employed in the rural schools of three counties of which Polk will be the first. He will visit every school and familiarize himself with the work and especially with the home credit plan.

#### Makes Interesting Address.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting was the address on "Individuality in the School Room" delivered by E. S. Evenden, of the department of education, Monmouth. Mr. Evenden showed a thorough familiarity with his subject and his remarks were attentively listened to and many compliments band regarding it.

An address by N. C. Maris, state field worker for industrial affairs was also a feature of the program. Mr. Maris told how the work under his supervision was progressing and gave many encouraging indications of the growth of the sentiment throughout the state in this department of educational work.

Another pleasing feature of the afternoon was a class recitation in reading conducted by Miss Jessie Todd, of the Oregon Normal, Monmouth. Ten pupils took part in this demonstration and the work of the pupils

## PROSPERITY LOOMS FOR RICKREALL

### LIVELY BURG ASPIRES TO HONORS AS HOP CENTRE.

#### Interested in Loganberry Culture Increases; Salem Firm Promotes Big Tract For Berry Culture.

Rickreall, March 24.—(Special).—From every appearance Rickreall will this year become the center of the hop industry, instead of Independence or Dallas, who have divided these honors in years past. The growers have been satisfied with the prices of the past year in this community and, as a result, there will be an increase in the acreage in this section. Stakes for the yards in Polk county which are now being set, will reach 3,000,000, it is estimated, and the Rickreall territory will have its share.

A Salem firm has bought a large tract of soil east of here and it will be divided into small tracts for raisers of loganberries. Promoters at this place are expecting that a sowing and planting factory will be among the 1913 improvements. The place has made rapid strides during the year past, supports a fine band, has a new \$10,000 high school building and is a little city filled with genuine live wires. The price of land has reached the \$200 mark close to the place and, it is expected, with the many natural rural advantages the price will go much higher this year.