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Ernest P. Bicknell, Expert For The Red Cross In Relief Work



ERNEST P. BICKNELL has reduced suffering to a science. It is his business. As national director of the Red Cross society he knows as much about the exact statistics as well as the more humane side of great calamities, such as the San Francisco earthquake, the Omaha cyclone disaster and the floods of the middle west, than any other person for the purpose of relief he reduces suffering to its simplest denomination. He acts. Recently Mr. Bicknell personally was on the ground in Ohio after Dayton, Columbus and other places there were inundated, and he organized the relief work in co-operation with the state authorities.

SEEKS NEW ROUTE BUILDING BOOM ON TO ALBANY AT GUTHRIE

P. E. & E. RAILWAY MAY BUILD COMBINATION OFFICE AND STATION UNDER WAY.

Field Engineer Goes Over Proposed Line; Former Polk County Resident Dies in California.

Independence, May 13.—(Special)—Planning a branch line from this city to Albany which would pass through a rich section of country including the American Bottoms, J. H. McClymonds, field engineer of the P. E. & E. railway made the trip here to get a general idea of the country.

News was received in this city last week of the death of Isaac M. Butler, a former resident of this county and at one time sheriff. Mr. Butler was residing with a daughter in California recently fell and broke his hip. He was taken to a hospital where he died. He was elected sheriff of Polk county in 1860 and re-elected in 1862.

John E. English has received a card of condolence from Holstein, Wis., from Gaston.

Mrs. S. E. Owen went to Toledo Saturday to visit with her father, Mr. Mackey, who lately fell and broke his hip.

Thas. South, formerly of Independence, but now living in Eugene, spent a few days in the city with relatives last week. Mr. South is returning from Europe where he has been studying music under Prof. Bluck, the famous violinist of Vienna, Austria.

J. D. Basene has made arrangements with the merchants an business men to put on a monthly auction sale in Independence in connection with the regular sales day that has been established. The first auction will be on the second sales day, May 31, 1913.

T. W. Hart is putting his traction engine into order for the purpose of using it on the large county grader. They will grade the new county road south from Talmadge and the road south out of Independence to the cemetery hill.

Mrs. N. L. Butler returned to her home in Portland Saturday after spending a few days here looking for a residence. Mr. Butler has rented offices in the Cooper block and will open law offices here June 1.

Henry Mott returned Thursday from Los Angeles where he has taken Mrs. Mott for her health.

Exciting Program Promised At Track and Field Meet

Polk Schools to Contend For Honors in Dallas on Saturday; Winner to Represent County at "Mack."

All arrangements are now practically complete for the Polk County Field and Track meet which will be held in Dallas on Saturday, May 17, and which will be participated in by representatives from many of the schools of the county. The winners of the different events will be accorded the distinction of representing the county at the inter-county meet to be held at McMinnville on Saturday, May 24, and hence the contests are sure to be exciting. It is stated that in nearly every school of the county, pupils have been practicing to enter some of the contests and it is practically assured that all will have sufficient entries to make the affairs interesting.

Base Ball a Feature. A base ball game between the winners of the Southern and Northern divisions of Polk county, will be one of the features of the meet. While

the rainy weather of the past week has greatly interfered with the regular schedule as heretofore published, it is certain that Dallas High will be one of the teams representing the Northern division, and probably Independence in the Southern division. The contest between these two clubs should be interesting and will itself draw a good crowd. This will be for the championship of the county and the winners will represent the county at the McMinnville meet and play the champions of Yamhill county.

Events of the Meet. Following are the scheduled events of the meet: One mile run, 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard dash, 120 yard hurdles, 220 yard hurdles, 880 yard run, relay race one-half mile, tug of war, discus, hammer throw, pole vault, high jump, standing high jump, standing broad jump, broad jump, shot put, javelin. Winners of first, second and third places in each of the above events will represent the county at McMinnville. There is also plenty of band music promised and all indications are for a big crowd.

To Regulate City Restaurants

City Council Would Enforce Ordinances Regarding Drinking By Minors and Others.

Decisive efforts to enforce all city ordinances, especially those regarding the curfew provisions and the better regulation of restaurants and the other matters were undertaken at the council meeting last night following a suggestion by Councilman Hayter that the city officials make a more determined stand in these matters. He said that the curfew ordinance should be enforced and the night policeman should not confine his efforts simply to ringing the bell but should see that all minors are off the streets after that hour. He also wanted the ordinances relative to intoxicated persons more rigidly enforced and thought that the police should remove all such persons from the public streets whenever discovered.

In this connection Mayor Van Orsdel suggested that, if the regular

police officers could not attend to this matter as it should be handled that a number of private persons be appointed as special officers to serve without pay in keeping the boys off the streets at night.

To Regulate Restaurants. Councilman Gohrke declared that something should be done toward regulating the restaurants of the city. He said that he had seen minors drinking beer and other intoxicating liquors in a certain restaurant after midnight, and at other hours. He also declared that in certain confectionery stores he had seen young boys playing cards late at night and he thought that the officials should take these matters in hand.

Mayor Van Orsdel also took a hand in the discussion and suggested that the proper manner to handle this question was to arrest the proprietors of such places so offending and fine them heavily. He thought that this action would have a tendency to regulate the conduct of the place in future.

Five Dollars For Five Errors

No One Finds Cash Winning Error in Tuesday's Paper; Look for Another in This Issue.

People are still reading the advertisements in last Tuesday's Observer in the hope of finding the mistakes that carry with them a prize of \$2.50 each, when presented at this office, but as yet the lucky individual has not appeared. More than 100 replies have been received from parties in every portion of Polk county but the majority of them note the same error which, of itself, shows that they are not on the right track, as the error in question occurs in but two papers. In Fidler's advertisement occurred a typographical error, the word "top" being spelled "pop" and many of the replies which have been received have indicated this mistake. There was also a misspelled word in the advertisement of the Federal Trust company, the let-

ter "e" being omitted from the word "Worcester" referring to the company's office building in Portland.

As stated in Friday's issue, both mistakes are transposed syllables in two different words, that is, the first syllable has been transposed and made the last one and is very easily recognized.

A Dollar for An Error. In an advertisement in this week's issue is another transposed word. It appears in five different papers and these copies have been mailed to some subscriber in Dallas. We will pay one dollar for each of these papers returned to this office and there are no strings to the offer. Remember the error is not a misspelled word, but simply a transposed one and you'll know it when you see it. If you find it, bring it to this office and get a dollar. We want you to find it; we don't know where the papers have gone and are depending upon some subscriber to tell us. Look it up—it may be in your paper.

NEW LODGE IS ORGANIZED

Modern Brotherhood of America in Dallas Has Fine Future.

Monday evening, May 12, a lodge of the Modern Brotherhood of America was instituted in the W. O. W. hall by State Manager J. Max Goar, assisted by old members. Before closing the meeting the lodge decided to hold a special membership campaign from May 13 to May 16, during which time a large reduction will be made in the joining cost.

This lodge has an excellent set of officers and members and it is a safe prediction that it will shortly be one of the largest flourishing lodges in Dallas. Following are the officers elected and installed: President, P. C. Danmion; vice-president, S. S. Fryer; secretary, B. Y. Allen; chaplain, Martha Remington; conductor, Robert Sachtler; sentry, Jane Allen; trustees, Allen, Wilson and Remington.

Popular Couple Married. George Wesley Vaughn and Emma Alice Wenzel were married by H. John Vine pastor of the Baptist church at the home of the minister, church at 7 a. m., May 13, 1913. They left at 7 a. m. the early morning train for a short wedding trip.

FEAR TROUBLE MAY ENSUE

Medical Men Fear Practical Working of New State Law.

That there is abundant opportunity for trouble in obeying the new state law which goes into effect early in June relative to medical certificates for permits to marry, is the contention of physicians. Under the terms of the law, before the county clerk may issue a marriage license, the applicant must furnish a medical certificate signed by a practicing physician, declaring that the applicant is free from disease and sound in mind and body. Physicians declare that it is often impossible to comply literally with the provisions of this law and that they may be laying themselves liable when they issue the certificate for the reason that often the applicant may be afflicted with disease and still have no symptoms when examined.

County Clerk Robinson has forwarded to all the physicians in the county the proper blanks for the necessary medical certificates.

Attending Convention. H. John Vine pastor of the Baptist church, is attending the West Willamette association of Baptist churches being held in Carlton May 13-15.

COURT GRINDS ON DAMAGE SUIT BY SNYDER

INDEPENDENCE CLERGYMAN WANTS BALM FROM RAILWAY FOR SMASH AT WEST SALEM.

\$5,000 IN CASH WOULD HELP

Jury Visits Scene in Special Motor Furnished by Railway; Grand Jury Probes Grande Ronde Affairs and Questions Youthful Pilferers; Other Notes of Department No. 1.

Grand Jury. R. C. DeArmond, farmer, Independence. A. M. Tillery, farmer, Ballston. Allen T. Clark, clerk, Monmouth. S. B. Walker, farmer, Independence. John Middleton, farmer, Dallas. Ezra Hart, farmer, Dallas. C. S. Graves, farmer, Ballston.

The suit for damages instituted by Sanford Snyder of Independence, against the Salem, Falls City & Western railway is occupying the attention of a jury and the court in Judge Kelly's department No. 1, which opened for business Monday morning. Following the hearing of several demurrers and other motions on Monday morning the grand jury was drawn immediately after the noon recess and began their deliberations. They have been busy since and will probably not report before late this afternoon. Yesterday afternoon was spent in questioning the youthful culprits implicated in the many acts of pilfering unearthed last week in Dallas and today the jury has been busy with a case from the Grande Ronde country and other matters.

Immediately after the jury had been secured in the Snyder case, they were taken to West Salem in a special motor car over the Salem, Falls City & Western where they were permitted to view the scene of the accident where plaintiff alleges he was seriously injured. The jury at once returned to the city and the case was taken up this morning.

The case of John Simon against Antoni Zieloskowski, over trouble in settlement of a lease, was called yesterday afternoon, but after the jury had been secured and the plaintiff's evidence submitted the case was non-suited on motion of defendant's attorney.

Court Calendar.

Action as follows was taken on cases on the docket prior to the convening of the jury Monday afternoon: Ferdinand Freiman vs. A. Freiman et al, action for money; sale confirmed. E. M. Aekerman vs. John Doe, action for money; dismissed without costs in accordance with stipulation. Lydia M. Howard vs. Ben J. Werner, action for damages; motion for new trial overruled. The A. H. Averill Machinery Co. vs. J. B. Schaffer et al, action for money; nonsuit without costs. Falls City Lumber company vs. H. A. Wilson, action for money; dismissed on motion of plaintiff. Wm. Wright vs. H. Holman and J. M. Grant, action for damages; (Continued on Page Six)

EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS

A. V. R. Snyder is Complimented by Old Friend Over Reunion.

Expressing the highest good will and personal esteem, A. V. R. Snyder, of this city is in receipt of a letter from Frank Davey, of Burns, Oregon, receiver of the United States land office at that place and editor of the Harney County News. The letter was suggested by the publication in The Observer of the cut of the recent family reunion in Dallas and is as follows: "Dear Old Al.—From the front page of The Observer you are looking out at me just now surrounded by a happy group, in all members of which I know you are taking the pride and comfort of a father and grandfather. I am much pleased to note the reunion of the scattered elements of a home where I have been aware for many years that so much of pleasure and confidence and companionship has existed. "We are getting old. I, too, am a grandfather, but, in many respects, I feel as young as 20 years ago. I am every morning sweeping my office clean preparatory to turning it over to my Democratic successor who is married, by the way, to Miss Swain, a former Dallas girl. He is a Missourian, Sam Mothershead."

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City Council Grants Third License to James V. Chitty By Vote of Four to Three

DALLAS TO HAVE THREE THIRST PARLORS AFTER JUNE 1; MORE THAN 2500 INHABITANTS HERE

Marshal and Night Policeman Named, at Special Session; To Improve City Park; All Rock Hauling Bids Rejected; Many Other Matters Discussed by Aldermen.

New City Officials. Marshal Jeff D. Bevens. Night Police David H. Grant. To be Members of Park Board. Dr. Mark Hayter, A. P. Risser. City Engineer, Street Commissioner, City Attorney and City Treasurer, no action taken.

Three thirst parlors will contribute to the irrigation of dry and parched throats after June 1, according to action taken by the city council in special session Monday night, when a saloon license was granted to James V. Chitty by the vote of four to three. Previous to the granting of the license Attorney Glen O. Holman representing Mr. Chitty, ex-

CLUB'S NEW PRESIDENT.



Mrs. J. R. Craven elected president of the Dallas Woman's club at its meeting on Tuesday, May 6. Mrs. Craven is one of the best known women of the city and for two years has served as secretary of the organization of which she is now the head. Her election to this office is looked upon as a fitting recognition of her talents and a reward which she has richly earned.

DALLAS HIGH AGAIN IS VICTOR

McMinnville Defeated 11 To 6 in Friday's Contest.

Game is Slow and Featureless With Exception of Triple by Pritchard; Bevens Makes Good Record.

In a ragged and exceedingly slow exhibition of the national game, the sturdy athletes of Dallas High vanquished the McMinnville contenders on the base ball diamond at the latter city on Friday, to the tune of 11 to 6. Outside of a fierce wallop by Pritchard in the eighth which permitted him to attach himself to the third sack before the ball was returned, and which netted the team two scores, the game was featureless.

Bevens opened the game for the Dallasites on the mound, and did very well until the fourth stanza when the Yamhillers found his delivery for three bingles and one score. Barham, who had been warming the bench in anticipation of the next day's contest with Salem, was sent to the box in the fifth and straightway proceeded to whiff the first three up. Barham was then sent to left garden replacing Matheny, and Bevens again opened the battery work. He got along all right until the seventh when two passes and a single netted the McMinnville aggregation three runs. At this point the Dallas manager ordered Barham back into the box, but the ump said nix so Bevens was compelled to finish which he did with credit to himself. While he was wild at times his record for the game was good, striking out 12 and

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plained the law in the matter and declared that no action of a former council was binding upon the present body unless in the form of a contract, and that they were not bound to recognize any "agreement" made by the former council. Taking up the understanding that the number of saloons in the city should be limited to "one for every 1000 inhabitants, or major fraction thereof" he declared that the council was itself the arbiter of this question and it lay within its power to determine whether or not there were sufficient inhabitants to permit three saloons. Councilman Fenton opposed the granting of the license on the ground that the council should live up to the ordinances of the city and the granting of the license would override the provisions of one ordinance at least. Mayor VanOrsdel stated that the matter lay entirely with the council and they could either allow the license or reject it as they saw fit. Councilman Hayter moved that the license be granted and the motion carried by the vote of four to three; those voting "yes" being Barber, Gohrke, Hayter, McBe; voting "no" Barham, Fenton, Risser.

Previous to action on the license application, Councilman Gohrke presented and had read by the auditor an ordinance amending section three of the ordinance limiting the number of saloons to one for each 1000 inhabitants. The new ordinance removes this restriction entirely and permits the granting of as many licenses as the council may vote. To this ordinance was attached an emergency clause making it effective immediately after its passage which will probably be on Monday night at the next regular meeting of the council.

Officials Elected

Following the reading of the applications for the different city offices to be filled, a vote was taken which resulted in the election of Jeff D. Bevens for marshal by the vote of four to three for P. S. Greenwood; and D. H. Grant for night policeman by the vote of four, to three for Henline.

The matter of employing an engineer for the city road roller and other employees, was left with the street committee with power to act. The employment of a city engineer and street commissioner was also left with the street committee. The matter of the selection of a city treasurer went over, and no action was taken in the employment of a city attorney, Ed F. Coad, the present incumbent being retained.

Mayor VanOrsdel voiced his belief that the street commissioner should be placed on a flat salary rather than the fee system and wanted a resolution to that effect.

An ordinance reducing the fees of the city treasurer from one-half of one per cent to one-fourth of one per cent for all moneys handled by him, was read the first time.

To Improve City Park

Mayor Van Orsdel announced the appointment of Councilmen Hayter and Risser to act in conjunction with the city park board consisting of J. E. Miller, U. S. Grant and W. L. Guy in park matters and the sum of \$150 was allowed the board for the improvement of the park. This will take the form of placing water in the park, the planting of shrubbery, construction of sanitary arrangements and other general improvements in accordance with recommendations previously made by the park

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\$20,000 FIRE AT FALLS CITY

O. M. MAHR STORE DAMAGED BY SATURDAY BLAZE.

Insurance of Approximately \$10,000 on Stock; Firemen do Valiant Service; to Rebuild at Once.

Falls City, May 13.—(Special)—Fire which originated in the basement from some unknown cause, resulted in damage to the building and stock of O. M. Mahr at this place about 9 o'clock Saturday night, which approximates between \$16,000 and \$20,000, with insurance at about \$10,000. While not much of the stock was destroyed, the heat and the smoke rendered it practically valueless.

The fire department did good work and extinguished the flames after much difficulty and hard exertion. Mr. Mahr plans to build on another location as soon as he can arrange his affairs.