

Polk County Observer

A. Myer, of Falls City, was a Dallas visitor Wednesday.

William Cadle, of Rieckreall, was a Dallas visitor yesterday.

Gilbert Graves, of Falls City, was a Dallas visitor yesterday.

W. E. Newsom, of Portland, was a Dallas visitor yesterday.

M. M. Ellis went to Perrydale yesterday on a business visit.

Sheriff J. M. Grant went to Portland yesterday on a business visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Richmond were visitors in Salem yesterday.

Mrs. A. Whitney, of Independence, visited Dallas friends Wednesday.

Nesmith Dale came up from Portland yesterday on a business visit.

H. Hirschberg, of Independence, was in Dallas yesterday on business.

L. Conner, of Perrydale, was a business visitor in Dallas, Wednesday.

Dan Brown and family went to McMinnville, Wednesday for a few days' visit.

Justice F. K. Hubbard, of Falls City, was a business visitor in Dallas yesterday.

Hon. H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro, arrived in Dallas yesterday on a business visit.

Mrs. Leroy A. Gassoge, of Scio, spent a few days in this city visiting with friends.

County Commissioner J. B. Teal, of Falls City, was down on a business visit Wednesday.

Mrs. Edward Gerlinger came up from Portland yesterday morning for a short visit in this city.

E. C. Richmond returned to Corvallis, Wednesday after a few days' business visit in Dallas.

James Simonton, of West Salem, was in Dallas, Tuesday and Wednesday on a business visit.

Miss Pearl Uglow, of South Bend, Washington, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abel Uglow.

A number of Dallas people will go to Falls City tonight and attend the fifth annual ball given by the Knights of Pythias.

A special meeting of Naomi Chapter will be held on next Tuesday evening February 16, for initiatory work.

Libbie Muir, secretary.

Sheriff J. M. Grant announces that he will be ready to commence the receipt of the taxes in his office by Monday morning, February 15.

Mrs. N. Dornisfe, who returned from Corvallis last week, has been seriously ill for several days, but is reported to be somewhat improved at present.

Petitions for naturalization were filed with County Clerk E. M. Smith, Wednesday, by Carl F. Gerlinger, of this city and Louis Gottlieb Husser, of Rieckreall.

Embroidery corset cover edges, the latest fad, just in at Dallas Mercantile Store. 2-12-1f.

J. H. Morrison, of Pacific county, Washington, is visiting friends and relatives in this city and contemplates returning here to make his home. He was formerly a resident of Dallas.

Elder P. A. Hansen, of Portland, a clergyman of the Seventh Day Adventist church is spending a few days in the vicinity of Dallas and expects to locate in this part of Oregon.

James Harris was in from his claim on the Siletz this week. He reports that the snow in that section has reached an average depth of four feet while in some places it has formed in drifts 12 feet deep.

Owing to the depth of the snow in the mountains which put a stop to all logging work, the mills in Falls City were once more closed this week. It is thought that work may be resumed next week, unless the weather continues unfavorable.

At the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning the pastor will speak on "How God Promises." In the evening at 7:30 a Young People's Rally will be held, in connection with which the pastor will discuss "An Investment of Youth."

The room adjoining Johnson Brothers' confectionery store is being fitted up with baths and other equipments and will be occupied by the Bennett barbershop. The shop will be moved into its new location ready for opening Monday.

The members of the Utopian Society will give a reception in the college chapel tonight in compliment to the members of the Philadelphia Society and the players in the Dallas and Newberg basketball teams. The reception will be held after the game.

Miss Vera Cosper entertained the members of the Endeavor Society at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cosper, Wednesday night. The evening was very pleasantly spent with various social amusements and light refreshments were served. About 25 guests were present.

The Hubbard bowling alley has been removed from the building which it has occupied the past year and the equipments will be stored in the warehouse for the present. The building vacated by this change will be occupied by Tom Stockwell with a furniture and second hand store.

The meetings at the Seventh Day Adventist church are continuing with increasing interest and attendance. The subject for tonight's lecture will be "The Sanctuary and Judgment" and on Saturday and Sunday the speaker will deal with the effects of the Papacy on past and present generations.

The Philadelphia Literary Society will give its open program for this term in the College chapel Saturday night. The program will be commemorative of the Lincoln anniversary and the different selections will deal with the life and achievements of that greatest of America's great men. All friends and patrons of the school are cordially invited to attend.

New Spring hats and men's neckwear at Dallas Mercantile Company. 2-12-1f.

EXAMINATIONS ARE ON

Smallest Class of Applicants For Several Years Writing For Teachers' Certificates.

The smallest class in many years of applicants for teachers' certificates, is writing on the semi-annual examinations at the courthouse this week. Forty applicants are writing for state papers, 17 for county papers and the work of 7 others will be sent in for grading in Polk county, making an actual total of only 64. The average for years has ranged between 75 and 125.

In the whole list of 64, there are only seven men taking the examinations, four for county papers. From that fact, the claim that mail teachers are rapidly retiring from that field of work, seems well sustained.

A number of the teachers from remote districts are staying in the city while the examinations continue, but many residing in Monmouth and Independence come over each morning for their examination work and return home on the evening motor.

The examinations for county papers will close tonight and the applicants will be able to learn the results of the grading sometime tomorrow. The state examinations will continue until Saturday night. The grades on those papers cannot be given so promptly as in the case of the county examinations owing to the fact that the papers must be sent to the State Board.

Assessor C. S. Graves returned Wednesday from Salem, where he had been summoned to appear with the other assessors of the state before the State Equalization Board for the purpose of giving them the information necessary in its work regarding the 1909 state levy. Mr. Graves says that he expects the state levy for Polk county to be reduced somewhat by the decisions of the board.

F. H. Pepper and Clark Groves went to Salem, Tuesday afternoon, to present a petition from the people of Dallas to the State Legislature, asking that under the local option law the precinct be made the unit instead of the county, thus giving cities the power to regulate the sale of liquor within their own limits independent of rural precincts which would be in no way effected by the city government.

A Kansas paper contains the following concerning a family reunion at which Mrs. K. L. Coad, formerly of Buell, was present: "On January 30, 1909, all the brothers and sisters of J. A. Lotspeich met with him and his family at their home near Randall, Kansas, for a reunion. Four brothers and four sisters are still living, the youngest of whom is 48 years of age and the oldest 67. An interesting feature of this reunion was the presence of one sister, Mrs. K. L. Coad, from Oregon, who had not met with the family for more than twenty-five years."

A new line of ginghams and percales just arrived at the Dallas Mercantile Company. 2-12-1f.

WANT THREE SCHOOLS

Bill For Appropriation For Only One Normal Re-referred To Ways and Means Committee.

The Normal school battle was opened in earnest in the House Wednesday, when the bill for an appropriation for a single centrally located school was brought up for consideration.

"Advocates of three normal schools won the opening skirmish in the House by a vote of 38 to 27 the bill recommended by the committee on ways and means was rejected. At the same time the House re-referred the bill to that committee with instructions to make provision for the three schools at Weston, Ashland and Monmouth.

The bill came up as a special order at 10 o'clock in the morning, Jones, Lincoln and Polk, immediately moved the re-reference of the bill, with instructions that provision be made for state support of the three schools as recommended by a majority of the Board of Normal School Regents. Hawley, also of Polk, the home of the Monmouth school, supported Jones by contending that the geographical conditions of the state are such as naturally to require at least three normal schools.

Opponents of the Normal school combination, however, gained one slight advantage when, by a standing vote of 32 to 18, they adopted a motion instructing the ways and means committee to report three separate bills—providing separate appropriations for each of the three schools."

Confer On Water Rates.

The committee appointed by the city council held a conference with Hon. H. V. Gates, proprietor of the Dallas waterworks, yesterday for the purpose, principally, of discussing a proposal for lowering the water rates. Mr. Gates offers as soon as the council shall pass ordinances doing away with unsanitary conditions in the sewer districts, to place meters on the sewer service, the result of which will make a material reduction in the cost of that service to the water users. The proposition of the purchasing of the water system by the city, at a price to be set by a board of arbitration, was rejected by Mr. Gates. The time limit on his offer to sell at a flat figure of \$40,000 has expired and it appears improbable that he will offer the city another opportunity to buy.

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Dr. Donohoe, Dentist, Uglow Bldg

Legal blanks for sale at this office.

Hank Hays the plumber and tinner at Craven Brothers' hardware store. 2-9-1f.

L. D. Brown, attorney; abstracts; collections. Office in Uglow Bldg. 2-5-1f

Remember the best amusement place in Dallas—the Colosseum rink. Skating Saturday night.

World's Best Quick Meal Ranges at Craven Brothers' hardware store. 2-9-1f.

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Skating at the Colosseum rink Saturday night.

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Look for the liberal magazine offer published elsewhere in this issue by the Dallas Mercantile Company.

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Special prices on Lisks Granite Ware at Craven Brothers' Hardware. 1-26-1f

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Highest market prices paid for all farm produce at M. D. Ellis' Grocery.

All 1908 merchandise greatly reduced for the balance of this month. Some odds and ends to go regardless of price. Dallas Mercantile Company. 1-22-1f

Don't fail to look for the Dallas Mercantile Company's liberal magazine offer in this issue of the Observer.

Dry fir cordwood wanted in any quantity up to 500 cords; to be delivered in Dallas or Falls City. For further particulars, call on, or address, Salem Falls City & Western Ry. Co., Dallas

The Dallas Mercantile Company is making a liberal magazine offer which will be found fully explained in their advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the Observer.

W. R. Ellis, agent for Daily Oregonian and Evening Telegram. Have a daily paper delivered at your house by the week, month or year. No extra charge for delivery.

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A WORD OF WARNING

Just recently a citizen of Patterson, New Jersey, contracted leprosy by wearing clothing that was sprinkled through a Chinaman's mouth in a Chinese laundry. Dr. Spaulding in charge of the department of contagious diseases of Chicago says: "The method of doing up clothes in Chinese laundries is dangerous and ought to be prohibited by law." Phone us and our wagon will call at your door. We want your bundle, large or small. Your linen will last longer when laundered by one who knows how. Special attention given to shirts, collars and cuffs.

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