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Patronize One Another for the Upbuilding of Town and County.

It is well known how enormous is the damage done by fires to the forests of the northwest, but there are other enemies of the trees of this region. Insects are also active destroyers of live timber. The Forest Service has lately found that in one locality in Washington a species of bark beetle—*Dendroctonus ponderosae*, the entomologists call it—has been killing spots of thirty young Douglas fir and doing thousands of dollars worth of damage. These beetles ordinarily breed only in small numbers between the bark and wood of damaged, dying dead or recently felled trees, but when suitable breeding places become particularly numerous and favorable, they increase so enormously in numbers that they are forced to take up their residence in living trees, which they promptly kill. The fact that these bark beetles find such favorable breeding places in old logging works is a strong additional reason, the Forest Service concludes, for burning over slashings after logging. If the beetles become excessively abundant only when they have the unconsumed debris from logging to breed in, and if they will kill valuable timber when they do become excessively abundant, foresters ask why leave this debris to facilitate propagation? The United States government considers the investigations of the preservative treatment of timber of such importance that the business of one group of men in the Forest Service is given over entirely to the work of experiments in co-operation with railroad companies and individuals in prolonging the life of railroad ties, mine props, bridge timbers, fence posts and transmission poles. Advice and practical assistance is furnished all who request this

advice of the district forester at Portland. The lengthening of life of timber means the saving of thousands of dollars annually through doing away with the heavy expense of labor and cost of materials for renewals.

The growth of a town should be the first consideration of each and every one of its property owners and inhabitants. Continued growth is only possible where such town keeps up with its surrounding towns in the way of new industries and modern improvements. No capitalist of today cares to or will invest his money in the placing of manufactures where the town's present inhabitants show a lack of desire for progress and do not evince a willingness to promote all sorts of city improvements and keep up with the times. The capitalist will shun such a place like he would a pestilence and put his money in a town where it has been already shown that men of his stamp await him—a place that is constantly adopting new measures for its own benefit and the enhancement of the value of its property. Even men without capital prefer the live town—the town that is always doing things, and not content to sleepily wait for someone else to come in and do the things that they should do themselves. The working man knows that in a live town, he will generally find something to labor at; the merchant knows that in a live town new people will be constantly attracted to its advantages and that business will be brisk and continuous; the homeseeker knows that the property he purchases will not decrease in value; and the capitalist knows that such a place is a safe investment for his money and the interest on it cer-

tain and sure. The making of a live town depends greatly on the coöperation of men whom the citizens elect to take charge of its welfare. Its city officials can make or mar its present condition and do much to influence its future. A body of men who hold back improvements by reason of cost or otherwise are not advantageous to a city's progress. Conservatism, while well enough in its place, can easily be carried to such an extent as to become mossilackism. Every town must either progress or retrograde. There is no standing still. The minute you begin to slip back down the icy incline of inactivity, it is such easy going that oftentimes much damage is done ere the fact is fully realized by those concerned. When city officials have been found who are progressive, who are doing their best to subserve the town's interest in every way, who go freely of their time and experience to do so, without hope of reward or pecuniary benefit, other than that the satisfaction of their own consciences as to labor well performed, the Itemizer thinks that they should be kept in office as long as they volunteer to serve. Such is our honest and candid opinion in the matter, looking at it from an entirely unbiased standpoint, and thinking only of the city's welfare, individually and collectively.

The contractors for the county road work were out to look at the city quarry the other day, and had nothing but praise to say of it. These men are of large experience in these matters, and they say it is undoubtedly the best arranged quarry in the state, and boldly assert that on account of its convenient arrangement rock can be quarried there at least 20 cents cheaper on the yard than elsewhere. Our city council showed their good judgment in taking advantage of a natural location, and the city has already been saved hundreds of dollars in the cheaper crushing of their rock by their farsightedness. This advantage will be more and more recognized as the street work continues. Had other sites offered been chosen, our street work would have been much more costly than it was. Our town is to be congratulated in having had a city government who have so faithfully attended to their duties, and labored so earnestly to in every way decrease expenses and yet keep improvement work continually going on.

Texas is to have a humming-bird banquet. This looks like a direct bid for a Taft visit.

It is said the Standard Oil company has cruised out for Polk county timber lands. It is stated the reason the Standard Oil Co. wants to secure timber on this coast is that the timber supply in the east is fast diminishing, and it will not be long before the company will have to send to this coast for its mining timbers and other lumber used in its operation. It is thought the company will operate its own mills and in that way save a lot of money.

Senator Knox is the only man who was ever practically elected to a cabinet office by both houses of congress, but a century ago Secretary Gallatin was practically elected by the Senate to remain in the Cabinet.

Some conception of the expense of war may be gathered when it is known that it costs as much money to fire a 12-inch gun as an editor makes in two years.

An Ohio clergyman asserts that kissing is intoxicating. That may be a good idea to get out the old looms and return to homespun.

If it takes only \$1.80 worth of wool to make a \$50 suit of clothes, it would be a good idea to get out the old looms and return to homespun.

"A new crack has been discovered in the old Liberty Bell," says the Buffalo Express. Still, the old constitution remains many cracks ahead of its nearest competitor.

An exhibition of the works of Missouri artists is to be held in New York. These Missourians insist upon being shown.

Boston calls Dr. Edward Everett Hale "the chaperon of the Senate." The Senate needs a chaperon. It "shure do."

Our national income is ample. It is our national outgo that is foolish and wasteful.

RICKREALL.

Mira and Kenneth Lucas were in Dallas Tuesday.

Mrs. W. W. Rowell was visiting in Independence Tuesday.

Mrs. B. F. Lucas and daughter, Mira, were Salem visitors last Friday.

Mrs. Jim Nesmith and Pauline, were visiting in Salem one day last week.

G. C. Dunham and Alva Byers, of Independence, visited in this city Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Allen visited their daughter Mrs. Oliver Wait, here Sunday.

Mrs. John Vaughan and daughter, Hazel, visited in Independence one day last week.

Sam Orr came up from Portland last Wednesday to look after his farming interests here.

The four act comedy drama on rural life, "The Corner Store" will be played in Rickreall by local talent, in the near future. Watch for the date.

FOR COUNTY FAIR.

Matter to be Brought Before Protective Association.

A prominent merchant of Dallas informs us that at the next meeting of the Dallas Protective association he will bring up the matter of organizing a county fair, and endeavor to get such a move fully before the people of the county. The Itemizer believes that such a project is a feasible one, and that before many years such an institution will be a regular annual diversion for the residents of Polk county. You can hardly find a grower or breeder but what would like to see such a chance of exhibiting his commodities in operation, and all the project really needs is for some man or some association of men to get together on the proposition and push it to completion. Everyone realizes the tremendous advantages that would accrue to our farmers by reason of the experience gained in putting up their products in competition, one against another, and the wonderful impetus such exhibitions would give to the better growing of every kind of produce and the better breeding of stock. It would, if held at the proper time, also furnish relaxation for our residents, at the time when after the successful harvesting of their crops they stood in special need of some diversion, congenial to all, and amusement features could be so interspersed with the educational part of the fair, as to furnish just what was needed by all classes.

The financing of the problem is the great drawback at present and in the future, but it seems to us that a proposition of such acknowledged merit should not have far to seek for the needed capital to begin operations. Its future depends solely on the ability shown by its promoters in making it of sufficient interest to draw the necessary attendance to make it a paying venture. These few remarks are made to let the people of Polk county know such an institution is in contemplation, and to hear it there is any discussion to be made or suggestions offered.

Although we are not permitted as yet to give any name, it is an almost certainty that a noted capitalist will this spring erect an up-to-date two story brick in our thriving city. We hope to give definite news of it in a few weeks.

UNDER THE BIG CLOCK.

What Our County Officials Have Done Since Our Last Issue.

PROBATE.

Guardianship of Della R. Williams et al, minors—bond filed and approved; Carl J. Swenson, James Middleton and Joseph Sherwood appointed appraisers.

Estate of Vrena Schindler, deceased—final account approved; estate closed and administrator discharged.

Estate of Frank Borden, deceased—bond approved; G. L. McMurphy, R. R. Bettis and S. H. Tetherow appointed appraisers.

Estate of Wm. F. Muscott, deceased—petition of Margaret E. Muscott to be appointed executrix, granted; E. B. Hubbard, A. E. Myer and H. C. Coulter appointed administrators.

Estate of Mary Neal, deceased—final account set for hearing April 28, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Estate of Clyde S. Keep, deceased—final account approved and administrator discharged.

Estate of Loraine Maud Muhlig et al, minors—petition for sale of real estate filed; next of kin and all persons interested ordered to show cause April 28, at 10 o'clock.

In re estate of T. P. Jack, deceased; final account filed and set for hearing April 30th.

In re guardianship of Della R. Williams, a minor, inventory and appraisal filed and approved.

In re estate of Preston Richardson, deceased—estate admitted to probate; Mrs. Iva L. Bennett appointed administrator, bond filed and approved.

Marriage Licenses.
 Henry W. Quering and Agatha Dyck. Albert E. Buck and Bertha D. Fuqua.

Hop Contracts.
 C. N. Mitoma to S. Rosenwald & Co.—3.
 W. P. Bevens to S. Rosenwald & Co.—3.
 Mrs. R. L. Murphy to Rosenwald & Co.—3.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

John H. Collins et ux to Peter Kurze, 20 acres, t 8 s, r 4 w, \$ 2000

John L. Burns et ux to H. Hirschberg, 150 acres, t 9 s, r 5 w, 10

Mabel H. Ireland and hd to Della L. Thomas, 10 acres, t 7 s, r 3 w, 2700

J. W. Brown to T. A. Riggs, part of lots in Monmouth, 60

C. P. Wells et ux to A. W. Cooper, 100 acres, t 9 s, r 4 w, 3,200

Catherine Bayne et al to T. L. and R. J. Hackett, 114 acres, t 7 s, r 3 w, 6900

R. J. Hackett et ux to John Schindler, 115 acres, t 7 s, r 3 w, 8662

George G. Bingham et ux to R. J. Hackett et ux, 58 acres, t 6 s, r 3 w, 3500

George Hagood et ux to J. M. Card, 8.91 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, 100

W. L. Gilson et ux to Harry Hubbard, 167 acres, t 9 s, r 5 w, 5427

S. H. McElmurry et ux to Henry P. Whiteaker, 94 acres, t 8 s, r 4 w, 5500

Joseph Radek et ux to Isaac Baumgardner, land in Monmouth, 3000

Carl S. Graves et ux to B. H. McCallon, 100 acres, t 7 s, r 6 w, 1400

J. T. Chamberlain, late marshal of Falls City, was adjudged insane Saturday and committed to the asylum, where it is hoped his health will be greatly benefited.

The largest petition filed in our city election was brought in by John Lynn and G. W. McRee to the auditor's office Monday, it being for H. C. Eakin for mayor and having 207 signatures.

Rev. Spahr, the new Methodist minister, arrived with his family from Kansas Monday. Mr. Spahr comes highly recommended and will prove a valuable helper in ministerial work here.

A. Y. M. C. A. has been effected at the Dallas high school by the election of the following officers: President, Miss Anne Garner; vice president, Miss Una Campbell; secretary, Miss Ollie Coulter; treasurer, Miss Ruth Nunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Richmond have returned to their home here, after a residence of several months at Corvallis.

It seems to us that a road grader could be used effectively on our streets just now in easily and quickly removing the mud, and making much less dust after a few days sunshine.

A special meeting for men will be held in Chapman's chapel next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Pastor Evangelist Reeves will speak on "A Politician's Dilemma." The male quartet will sing.

We will pay 25 cents in trade for mohair—Dallas Mercantile Co.

Mr. Ferguson is putting up two residences in Levens addition, which it is presumed will be for rent.

Moss Walker has leased the Little Palace hotel at Independence of F. W. Treanor, taking charge today. He will entirely remodel and refurnish the building. Moss can surely make good in the hotel business.

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