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The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.



The OBSERVER wishes its readers, one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Supreme Court of Oregon holds that the initiative and referendum amendment is valid, but that it is the province of the legislature and not of the courts to determine when an emergency exists.

The passage of the bill appropriating \$100,000 to secure the right-of-way for the Celilo canal will be hailed with rejoicing by every citizen who wishes to see Oregon retain her proud position among the prosperous Pacific Coast states. This appropriation removes the last obstacle in the way of this greatly-needed improvement, and the Government can now begin the construction of the canal. The Legislature did a great day's work for Oregon when it passed this bill.

The Oregon Legislature did its work promptly and well, and the members can return to their homes with a consciousness of duty faithfully performed. All needed legislation was enacted in less than three days, and the expense of the session will be next to nothing. The defective tax law was repealed, and the old law re-enacted; the Celilo canal bill was passed; the \$300 tax exemption was revived, and a number of bills of minor importance received the approval of both houses. The people did not desire a lengthy session, and their wishes were respected. Hurrah for the Republican Legislature of Oregon.

A pert paragrapher on the editorial staff of the Evening Telegram who never loses an opportunity to make the country publisher the subject of his witticisms, finds great sport in calling attention to the patent medicine advertisements to be found in the columns of the country newspapers. If these ads are so uproariously amusing to him, we would suggest that he can add greatly to his stock of hilarity by looking over the pages of the Evening Telegram, where he will find columns of type shouting the praises of lost manhood restorers, female remedies, electric belts and pennyroyal pills, and exploiting the skill of palmists, astrologers, soothsayers, pile doctors, and the great Mongolian specialists who cure all ailments to which the flesh is heir by the use of their Chinese roots, bark and "yarks." Whenever he tires of the comparatively tame advertisements of sarsaparilla and rheumatic cures in the country exchanges, he can find in his own paper abundant inspiration for funny paragraphs without number.

County Judge J. E. Sibley was a Portland visitor, Monday.

Mrs. Cynthia Gray, of Brownsville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. R. Rich.

The Dallas College basketball team went to Portland this morning and will play the All-Star team tonight. They will leave for the North tomorrow and play in Centralia, Tacoma and Seattle. Returning to Portland on New Year's Day, they will meet the Multnomah team. The boys have been training faithfully for this series of games, and their friends expect to hear good reports of them.

The city council held their regular semi-monthly meeting Monday night, all of the members of the board being present except Mayor Hayter and Councilmen Bools and Shaw. In the absence of the Mayor, President Coper presided. An ordinance regulating the salary of the City Marshal, and an ordinance licensing the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks of the city were read first time. Oscar Hayter was re-elected City Attorney. The next meeting of the board will be held Monday, January 4.

Itching Skin

Distress by day and night—That's the complaint of those who are so unfortunate as to be afflicted with Eczema or Salt Rheum—and outward applications do not cure. They can't.

The source of the trouble is in the blood—make that pure and the itching, burning, itching skin disease will disappear.

"I was taken with an itching on my arms which proved very disagreeable. I concluded it was salt rheum and bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. In two days after I began taking it I felt better and it was not long before I was cured. Have never had any skin disease since." Mrs. Ida E. Ward, Cove Point, Md.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills
rid the blood of all impurities and cure all eruptions.

HARRINGTON IS HELD

Bound Over to Federal Grand Jury on Charge of Impersonating a Government Officer.

Albert Harrington, of Falls City, arrested last Thursday on a charge of impersonating an officer of the United States, was given a preliminary hearing before Acting Commissioner Hardy Holman Saturday afternoon, and at the close of the examination of the Government's witnesses was bound over to appear before the Federal grand jury. His bond was fixed at \$1000.

Harrington was arrested at the instance of Special Inspector A. R. Green, and the principal charge against him is that by impersonating an officer of the United States he induced A. H. Dodd, a clergyman of Falls City, to relinquish his homestead and thereby defrauded him out of \$200. Evidence was introduced to the effect that Harrington has told people in Dallas and Falls City that he is a Deputy Inspector and that he is receiving a salary of \$75 per month and expenses.

A number of citizens appeared as witnesses for the government and Commissioner Holman considered the evidence sufficient to hold the prisoner over to the United States grand jury. The prosecution was conducted by United States District Attorney John H. Hall. J. N. Hart, of Dallas, appeared in the defendant's behalf.

The circuit court room was well filled with spectators during the trial, which lasted the greater part of the afternoon. A large number of people from Falls City were in attendance, among them being many holders of homesteads and men interested in timber lands.

Rev. A. H. Dodd, of Falls City, was the first witness called. He told of the part played by Harrington in inducing him to relinquish his homestead for the sum of \$200, and said he had never thought of giving it up until Harrington advised him to do so. He was doing the best he could to comply with the homestead law as he understood it, and did not think he would be contested until after he had talked with Harrington and was told that he could not hold the claim. He then asked Harrington to get him \$250 for the relinquishment, and Harrington got it. The witness testified upon cross-examination that Harrington said he was acting as an inspector, and was being paid for his services, but could not remember that he said he was acting for the Government.

W. P. Holman, of Dallas, testified that Harrington came into the store where he is employed one evening and told him that he (Harrington) was a Government inspector, and said when he found a man clerking in a store he could not report him as complying with the homestead law.

Robert J. MacBride, of Dallas, testified that some time last July he asked Harrington if he was employed by the Government; Harrington replied that he was; said he was an inspector and was receiving \$75 per month and expenses; said MacBride was not complying with the homestead law.

Zimri Hinchshaw, of Falls City, testified that Harrington told him that he was getting \$75 per month and expenses; said Harrington never told him in so many words that he was a Government inspector, but that was what witness understood from Harrington's talk; said Harrington told him that some of the people back in there couldn't live on them; Harrington said he would have to get after Al Stump and Isabel Riddell because they weren't living up to the homestead laws. Upon cross-examination, witness said he could not swear that Harrington had ever said he was in the employ of the Government.

Ferris A. Lucas testified that he is a resident of Lincoln county, and that his occupation is that of holding down a homestead; that some time in the middle of the Summer, Harrington talked to him about his homestead, and said "You can't hold down that homestead." Witness said he talked to Harrington and got his confidence, and Harrington told him that he had a good position; that there were matters up here to be inquired into, and that he was getting \$75 a month and expenses and the promise of a raise; that he was the best inspector in Oregon. Witness said he warned Harrington that a Government officer had no right to speculate, and that Harrington replied that he had not been speculating; that the \$600 represented two claims instead of one. Upon cross-examination Mr. Lucas testified that Harrington said Patterson told him he was the best inspector he had ever had, because he could ferret out things without kicking up any fuss.

B. F. Beezley, of Falls City, said he had seen letters from Inspectors Patterson and H. Hobbs to Harrington asking Harrington to do certain things in connection with homestead matters and instructing him how to proceed.

A. R. Green, special inspector of the Land Office, testified that Harrington is not connected with the Land Department; that he telegraphed to the Secretary of the Interior asking if Harrington was a Government officer, and that the Secretary replied that no such person is in the Government's employ. The Commissioner of the General Land Office had also answered his telegram to the same effect.

William Butz, of Dallas, who purchased the relinquishment to the Dodd claim, testified that he paid \$200 for it.

The prosecution rested their case here, and Mr. Hall moved that no further testimony be taken and that the prisoner be held over to the Federal Grand Jury. After hearing the argument of counsel on both sides of the case, Commissioner Holman bound Harrington over in the sum of \$1000. The prisoner promptly furnished bail, and was released from custody.

The special session of the Oregon Legislature ended Wednesday night at 11:15 o'clock, and most of the members are eating plum pudding with their families today.

J. Crowther arrived in Dallas from Cicero, Wash., yesterday and will spend the holidays with his family. He reports the new shingle mill of W. V. Fuller and partners to be doing business on a large scale. Mr. Crowther will probably move his family to Cicero early next Spring.

Reed Miller's songs have become standards, and will be found in the repertoire of almost every well-known singer. The favorites among his works are "Thou Art Like Unto a Flower," "Du bist wie eine Blume," written to a translation of Heine's oft quoted poem; "The Lily of the Valley," "Could I But Love Thee More," and "Autumn."

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
Digests what you eat.



The healthy woman need not fear the change which comes at the beginning of life's autumn. It is the woman who lawns out, run down and a sufferer from womanly diseases who naturally dreads the change of life. This is the critical period of woman's life, and the prevalence of womanly diseases makes it the duty of every woman who would avoid unnecessary suffering to take special care of herself at this time.

The ills which vex so many women at the change of life are entirely avoided or cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It makes weak women strong, and enables the weakest to pass through this trying change with the tranquility of perfect health. "I have been a very healthy woman, and this time has been very hard with me," writes Mrs. Maggie Morris, of Stinson Station, Clearfield Co., Pa., Box 16. "I am come to the time of change of life, and I have been sick a great deal of late. When Mrs. Holmes moved beside me I was sick in bed, and when she came to see me and we were talking over our sickness, Mrs. Holmes told me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery,' also 'Pellets.' I got her to bring me a bottle of each from the drug store and I used them. They did me a great deal of good, and I got two more bottles of Favorite Prescription. I never saw such a wonderful cure. Before I commenced my remedies I was for nothing, and was in such misery. I hardly knew what to do with myself now I can do all my work myself and feel well."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are easy and pleasant to take.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

PROBATE.

Guardianship of minor heirs of Gust Peterson, deceased—report of December 1, 1930, approved subject to final account.

Estate of C. G. Fisher, deceased—sale of real property confirmed.

Estate of W. W. Johnson, deceased—certificate of death of Mary E. Johnson filed.

Estate of David Whitenker, deceased—final account filed, and Saturday, January 23, 1931, at 10 o'clock set as time for hearing.

Estate of C. C. Walker, deceased—final account set for hearing on Saturday, January 23, 1931, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Estate of Ferdinand Williams, deceased—T. D. Rickes appointed administrator; bond fixed at \$1000; H. N. Wilkening, John Holm and Arthur Traglie appointed appraisers.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Mary T. Cressy, guardian, to F. A. Douly, part of lot 2, block 3, Independence, \$393.33.

Lucy L. Whiteaker, administrator, to Johanna O'Brien, 135.87 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$3764.04.

J. T. Ford, sheriff, to Mary A. Ramp, 55 acres, sec 26, 28, 33 and 34, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$10.70.

C. and Barbara Lorence to Paul Tacheron, 3 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$100.

James E. and Annie DeHass to Frederick K. Ehrmann and Stanislaus Zynda, 100 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$3700.

David L. Matheny to Elizabeth R. Heise, 90 acres, t 7 s, r 3 w, James White D. L. C. \$3500.

A. Prescott et ux and J. A. Veness et ux to N. D. Hillard and W. M. Plymale, part of lot 4, block 1, Hills Independence, \$900.

S. T. Burch to J. J. Burch, 1.08 acres, town of Rickreall, \$1.

H. J. Ellis et ux to heirs of Henry Ellis, 2091 acres, t 6 s, r 5 w, \$800.

Clara J. Bell to Atilla H. Bell, 70 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$437.50.

Lucy L. Whiteaker to Johanna O'Brien, 134.43 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$1.

City Marshal J. M. Grant made a business trip to Southern Oregon this week.