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



THEIR EFFORTS ARE VAIN

The croakers of evil who have been trying so persistently to connect Congressman Hermann with the Oregon land frauds and thus drag into the mire the honorable name of a man who has faithfully served his state and country for twenty-five years have so far been doomed to disappointment. Not one word of evidence connecting Mr. Hermann with these frauds has been brought out at the trial, nor will there be. Mr. Hermann has been on the stand, and his story of his actions as Commissioner of the General Land Office when the patents to the lands in question were issued was told in a simple and straightforward manner, and showed plainly that there was nothing fraudulent or dishonest in anything that he had done. When Governor Richards, the present Commissioner, was called from Washington to testify, these croakers were in high glee. Knowing that Governor Richards was not particularly friendly toward Mr. Hermann, they predicted that his testimony would prove all the dark and ugly things they had been hinting against the veteran congressman. But again they were doomed to disappointment. Commissioner Richards' testimony was unimportant further than the clearing up of a few minor details concerning the issuance of the patents, and contained not one word that in any way reflected on the integrity or good name of Mr. Hermann. The people of Oregon are becoming heartily sick and tired of these unwarranted attacks on a faithful officer, and the bitter and unreasonable course of the Portland Journal and a few of its little yawping followers is becoming positively disgusting. The people of the First Congressional District voiced their disapproval of this unjust treatment in no uncertain tone at the special election two years ago, and again at the general election held last June, when Mr. Hermann was returned to Congress by a larger majority than before. The people all over Oregon know that not one word of evidence connecting Binger Hermann with the timber land conspirators will ever be produced, for the very simple reason that no such evidence exists.

Wednesday's Oregonian says editorially: "In politics the Oregonian opposed Mitchell and Hermann, many a long year, with such power as it could command. But it knows, and cannot but admit, that any man of Oregon, in public place, would have favored applicants from Oregon—unless they had known the claims were fraudulent—which it was impossible for them to know. Let us see the men of Oregon, in representative places at Washington, who, when the application is made, fair on its face, would turn applicants from Oregon down. Such frauds as the jury may find should be punished; but Mitchell and Hermann could not be on the lookout for them; and they had the right to suppose, as they did suppose, that the applications were lawful. This is said by the Oregonian, that has opposed Mitchell and Hermann from way back, and would have terminated the political career of both thirty years ago, if it could. But it opposed them on grave matters, and it always has been aware, as it is now, that there can be no just attack on them or on other representatives of Oregon, on the ground that they have assisted citizens of Oregon, presumably or apparently honest, in matters at Washington. If you have men at Washington who will not do this, you will not keep them there long."

The Yamhill County Court has decided that liquor may be sold in the county, despite the fact that a majority of the votes of the late election declared for prohibition. It appears that the temperance people in Yamhill county, as in Polk county, failed to file their petition before the adjournment of the regular term of County Court. The Judge of Yamhill county thereafter called a special session of court, and an order declaring the election was made. This special session is now declared to have been illegal, in that requisite notice of a special session—ten days—had not been given. In Polk county, no special session was called, for the reason that there was

not sufficient time in which to give the ten days' notice of the session and the required twenty days' notice of an order declaring an election. The general opinion in Yamhill county is that the prohibitionists will make no effort to have the decision of the court set aside.

David W. Sears, the leader of the Democratic forces (or what is left of them) in Polk county, is out in a letter predicting all kinds of dire disaster in the United States in the next four years. He thinks that the Democrats will rally under some new party name four years hence and give the Republicans the hardest fight in the history of National campaigns. Mr. Sears was one of the ringleaders in inducing his party to adopt Populism in Oregon a few years ago, and is ready to adopt Socialism, or any other "ism" of discontent, in the hope of defeating the Republican party. The Observer opines that such a move, if it is made, will only have the effect of widening the gap already existing in the opposition ranks, as many old-time Democrats will refuse to sacrifice any part of their cherished faith, and would look upon desertion of the party name as little less than treason itself.

The demands for space from Eastern and Foreign exhibitors is so pressing that the directors of the Lewis and Clark Fair have decided to erect another large building. Work on the structure will begin at once. This action of the directors will meet the hearty approval of every progressive citizen of Oregon. The voice of the knocker is no longer heard in the land, and it is universally conceded that prospects point to a great and successful Fair. Now, that the preparations have reached a point where all doubts and apprehensions are at rest, everybody is ready and anxious to help, and the work will be easier for the officials in charge from this time on. The Lewis and Clark Fair will be the "biggest thing that ever happened" in the Pacific Northwest.

The Polk County Mohair Association will hold a meeting next Saturday to arrange for the annual goat show. The breeding of Angora goats is an industry of comparatively recent date, but it has already assumed proportions of considerable importance. The goats in most cases have not only proved remunerative as producers of mohair, but, on account of their habits of feeding, have also proved of great value in keeping down stubble and brush on land. As an article of food goat meat is not much superior to Belgian hare, but the goat has other merits that warmly commend it to the Willamette Valley farmers.—Oregonian.

Editor Steele Moorhead, of the Junction City Times, never miscalculates words when dealing with any question of public interest or importance. He says he "opposed the rotten initiative and referendum on account of its narrow and cheese-smelling requirements, even though his party, under threat of the Populist ghost dancers, incorporated it in its platform." He also "opposed the adoption of the primary election proposition because it is un-American, is in the interest of the rich, and in the interest of the politician."

The Independence Enterprise printed an item last week to the effect that all the Dallas city officers were threatening to resign. Being called down for this incorrect and unwarranted statement, he now thinks there are a few people in Dallas who would like to see these officers resign. That is probably a little nearer the truth. Better acknowledge that you butted into something that you know nothing about, Brother Lyon.

Will Elect City Officers. The annual election of city officers will be held in Independence next Monday. At a mass meeting of citizens Monday night, the following ticket was nominated: Mayor, W. A. Messner; councilmen for two years, J. R. Craven, August Sperling and W. W. Percival; councilmen for one year, C. D. Calbreath and W. H. Walker; recorder, W. G. Sharman; marshal, C. D. Walker. The ticket is made up of substantial business men. Seven candidates for marshal were in the field and put up a lively contest for the nomination.

Leakage is Stopped. The water in the city reservoir was drawn off this week, and a new coat of cement was applied to the walls. The work was successfully performed, and the reservoir is now absolutely water-tight. During the hot summer months, it was impossible to build a tight wall on account of the cracking of the cement, and the leakage up to the time of making the recent improvement was about two gallons a minute. This waste has been effectually checked, and no further trouble is anticipated.

Broke Two Ribs. Starting down town Saturday morning, D. W. Allen, proprietor of the cigar store on the corner of Main and Mill streets, slipped and fell on the wet walk in front of his house, striking his side against the edge of the porch and breaking two ribs. The injuries are not serious, but are very painful, and Mr. Allen will not be able to resume work for several days. Horace Webster has charge of the store during the absence of the proprietor.

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OLD PEOPLE BANQUET

W. C. Brown Celebrates His Eightieth Birthday By Giving Dinner to Old-Time Friends.

One of the most unusual as well as enjoyable gatherings of old people was held at the Cottage Hotel in Dallas, Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being the 80th anniversary of the birth of W. C. Brown.

The scheme as worked out was the idea of Mr. Brown himself, and was unique to say the least of it. Invitations were issued only to men who had reached the age of 70 years, the wives of these men, and aged widows. He also gave orders to Landlord Dunn that he did not want any hifalutin, stylish dinners set before his guests, but just a good, solid, old-fashioned dinner—similar to those dished up on like occasions away back in the early '50s, and it is needless to add that Mr. Dunn carried out these instructions to the letter. While no bill-of-fare were issued, the happy-go-lucky reporter got an itemized list of good things, after making a number of friendly overtures to the good-natured chef.

The following will give a faint idea of the elegant spread: Oyster stew, salmon salad, baked chicken with dressing and brown gravy, mashed potatoes, cream corn, tomatoes, cold meats with jelly, celery, cottage pudding with hard sauce, mince and custard pie, assorted cake, tea, coffee and milk, bonbons, nuts and fruits.

The dining room was tastefully decorated for the occasion with ripe grain and autumn leaves, intermingled with chrysanthemums, sweet peas and cosmos, and added to this were the heavily-laden tables, which combined to make a most pleasing sight.

After all the guests were seated in the dining room, Mr. Brown arose and made a few appropriate remarks, in the course of which he stated that he hoped that all present might reach the age of 90 years. He was followed by T. J. Cummings, who spoke at some length on matters of long ago and wound up his remarks with a funny little story which everyone enjoyed.

After a pleasant hour at the tables, the party broke up, all the guests wishing Mr. Brown many more years of happiness and prosperity. The entire company was grouped on the veranda of the hotel at 1:30 o'clock, and Mr. T. J. Cummings, the photographer, made several exposures with his large view lens. It is safe to say that some excellent photographs will be the result.

William C. Brown came from Ohio to Oregon in 1847 and settled at Albany, where he helped to lay out the first town lots. Two years later he came to the isolated settlement of Dallas. Soon after his arrival, he met, wooed and married Miss Martha Townsend. Shortly after his marriage, he took a job of hauling out rails for Granville Baber at 25¢ a day, to be taken out in grain which he used as seed the next year. From the money he received from this crop, he found it possible to engage in farming on a larger scale, both himself and wife having received land under the Government donation act. In 1855 he started the first store in North Dallas, and afterwards moved his stock across the river to the present townsite, where he continued in business for many years. During all this time he continued his farming operations, and gradually increased his holdings until today he is classed as one of the wealthy men of Polk County.

At the present time, he owns in Dallas five brick business buildings, the Cottage hotel, two farm store buildings and fifteen dwelling houses. He also owns two large hop yards, and a 100-acre farm north of town, besides other property scattered over the county. Mr. Brown is the man, who, in 1902, scattered two thousand nickels to the school children of Polk county, an event that attracted widespread interest throughout the county.

Mr. Brown was elected to the Legislature in 1874, but since that time has never sought to hold office. His family consists of three sons and one daughter: John G. and Henry Brown, of Dallas; Joseph Brown of Stayton, and Mrs. William Kersey, of Dallas. His wife and one son, Alonzo, died several years ago.

Following is a list of the guests present at Wednesday's dinner, with the age of each:

- Mrs. Polly Robinson, 81. Mrs. Mary Hubbard, 79. Mrs. H. N. Webb, 68. Mrs. Harriett Shreve, 75. Mrs. Eliza Emmens, 87. Mr. Lydia D'Lashtutt, 74. Mrs. Jane Friok, 73. Mrs. Amanda Harris, 82. Mrs. Mary Wagner, 65. Mr. Josephine Boyle, 74. Mrs. Sarah Irvine, 82. Mrs. Margaret Peterson, 78. Mrs. E. Lawrenson, 73. Mrs. Martha Brown, 70. Mrs. A. N. Williams, 73. Mrs. Edwin Cadwell, 43. Mrs. Cornelius Hughes, 68. Mrs. F. M. Collins, 65. Mrs. J. M. Campbell, 60. Mrs. W. C. Poland, 45. Mrs. W. W. Miller, 65. Mrs. J. P. Starr, 62. Mrs. T. C. Nye, 74. Mrs. J. C. Hunter, 48. Mrs. J. L. Collins, 56. Mr. Samuel Coad, 48. Mrs. Thomas Elliott, 72. Mr. F. Ludwig, 65. Mrs. A. Schultz, 74. Edwin R. Cutler, 88. J. T. Williams, 75. E. T. Miller, 75. M. Guy, 79.

How Health is Gained.



The story of a great deal of the unhappiness of women is a story of lost health. Wonder how it is that little by little the form loses plumpness, the cheeks grow hollow and fallow, and they feel tired and worn-out all the time. In a large proportion of cases when women are weak, run-down and falling off in flesh and looks, the root of the trouble can be traced to womanly diseases which undermine the general health. The proof of this is that women who have been cured of painful womanly diseases by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription have recovered their general health, gained in flesh and in appearance.

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"I suffered for three years with ovarian trouble," writes Mrs. Ann Quinn Treasures, Woman's Athletic Club, of 202 Sacramento St., Milwaukee, Wis. "The treatment I took did not do me a particle of good, until a good night Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription advised me to give it a trial. The next day took my first dose, and it was my first real rest since I began to suffer. In nine weeks I was a different woman; my flesh which had been falling away became firm, complexion clear and my eyes bright. It was simply an indication of the great change within, pain and suffering to health and happiness."

- Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets invigorates stomach, liver and bowels.
- Monroe Miller, 77. Absalom Byerley, 72. Alex McDonald, 80. Thomas Elliott, 75. F. Ludwig, 71. N. W. Allen, 76. George D. Robinson, 73. A. Schultz, 81. C. G. Rowell, 71. W. C. Poland, 70. W. W. Miller, 73. J. P. Starr, 72. T. C. Nye, 77. Dr. J. C. Hunter, 70. J. L. Collins, 72. T. J. Cummings, 71. Samuel Coad, 72. John Ashbaugh, 83. W. W. Hayes, 74. Edwin Cadwell, 70. Cornelius Hughes, 70. F. M. Collins, 70. J. M. Campbell, 71. C. H. Chapman, 75. Those invited and not able to be present were: Mrs. Judith Shelton, 87. Mrs. Ellen Levens, 78. Mrs. E. Miller, 73. Mrs. Thomas Bailey, 71. Mrs. Lindsay Robbins, 70. Thomas Bailey, 83. Lindsay Robbins, 84. E. Hughes, 84.

Bankrupt Sale. Fifty head of cattle will be sold at public auction at the McNary farm, near Eola, tomorrow. Miscellaneous lot of farming implements will be also sold at T. W. Brunk farm at 10 o'clock a. m. Terms of sale, cash.

W. H. McDANIEL, Trustee.

Hop Market is Quiet.

Local hop dealers report the market quiet, and say there is no immediate prospect of improvement. Few hops remain in the hands of the farmers, the most of the unsold crop being controlled by speculators. Wednesday's Oregonian says: "There is no Eastern or European demand at present, and consequently buyers are out of the market. Growers are also lying on their oars and not pressing sales. The feeling among speculators is weaker. England has stopped buying—whether or not for the rest of the season remains to be seen—and English brewers still have a large quantity of hops on that side to draw upon. This leaves the grower here at the mercy of the American brewer, and this individual appears to have gone into hiding. Should he emerge later and pay asking prices, things will take a turn for the better; if not, the market is likely to drift along as it has for the last fortnight."

Are Indians Citizens?

B. F. Jones, of Toledo, attorney for Louis Savage, the Grand Ronde Indian who was recently convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Foster Wachon last April, announces that he will take an appeal from the judgment of the court on the ground that the Federal court had no jurisdiction of the case and of his client, owing to the fact that the defendant was a citizen of the state of Oregon and had been since 1895 when the Indians received their lands in severalty. Since that time, the Indians on the Grand Ronde reservation have voted and exercised all the rights of citizenship, and this being the case, Mr. Jones contends that the state circuit court had jurisdiction of the case and the United States court had not. The case will be made a test, and if it is ascertained that the federal government still has jurisdiction and control of the Indians, efforts will be made to prevent them from hereafter exercising the elective franchise.

Christmas silverware—1847 Rogers Brothers—at Chase the Jewelers, Monmouth.

The open season for hunting Chinese pheasants closed Wednesday. These beautiful game birds were scarce this season than for many years past. A prominent Linn county sportsman says that if the slaughter continues the next two seasons as it has this year, the birds will be practically exterminated in Oregon.

MRS. DEWEY'S EXPERIENCE

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To the public: I was a patient under Dr. Darrin's care eight years ago and wish to relate my experience that others might benefit by it. For many long years I had been afflicted with diseases peculiar to my sex, accompanied with pain in my chest, heart and stomach. I had lost flesh until my weight was 105 pounds. After a few months electrical and medical treatment by Dr. Darrin, I recovered my health and gained 40 pounds, and am now enjoying good health. Mrs. F. E. Dewey, 386 Davis St., Portland.

Adolph Wunder, a German Citizen, Relates His Experience.

To the Hotel Gail, Dallas: After reading and hearing of so many cures by Dr. Darrin, I concluded to try him for deafness in one ear, although I had little faith in his mode of treatment by electricity. On my way to his office I could not hear the noise of the street car or wagons rolling over the stone pavements. After treatment I am able to hear without difficulty the church services, the ticking of a watch or a pin drop, and all sounds of life. I wish you to publish this, as it may give others courage to have the new treatment. I consider the cure little short of a miracle. My address is 205 Morris street Upper Albina, Oregon. ADOLPH WUNDER.

We regret to announce that Dr. Darrin's stay in Dallas is limited to December, 23 only, and parties wishing to see this famous physician should do so at once. He has made many wonderful cures in this vicinity, as the testimonials heretofore have shown.

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