

# Polk County Observer

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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.

## AN ABSURD CLAIM.

The Salem Statesman makes the astonishing assertion that Salem is the goat center of Oregon, and says that Dallas is disputing the honor. It will be news to the people over on this side of the river to hear that Dallas is contending for an honor that is already her own, and the OBSERVER would be inclined to treat the Statesman's extravagant claim as a joke were it not for the fact that it is evidently made in all seriousness. We have always admired the nerve of the Salem papers in claiming everything in sight, but this latest boast is nothing short of absurd. The truth of the matter is, Polk county has about five goats to Marion county's one, and Dallas is recognized throughout the Northwest as the center of the goat industry, not only of Polk county, but of the whole state of Oregon. Polk county ranks fifth among the goat-raising counties of the United States, and Dallas is the only town in America where an Angora goat show is held every year. The census returns set forth the fact that of the 100,000 goats in Oregon, about one-third of the entire number are in the Dallas district. Marion county has only two flocks of registered goats; Polk county has twenty-seven. Marion county has only one prominent goat breeder; Polk county has no less than a dozen breeders whose names are familiar to every goat man in the United States and Canada. The Stayton, Marion county, mohair pool contained about 5000 pounds of mohair last year; the Polk county pool contained 75,000 pounds. Further comparisons of the relative importance of the industry in the two counties could be made, and it would be found that the foregoing proportions would hold good all the way through. Dallas is in a goat-raising section; Salem is not. None of the mohair grown in Polk county is marketed in Salem. Nine-tenths of it is sold in Dallas, and the remainder is sold in Yamhill or Benton counties, or is shipped East by the farmers. The Statesman evidently thinks Salem is the goat center of Oregon because a wool merchant of that city occasionally buys the mohair in the Polk county pool and ships it direct from Polk county warehouses to the Eastern mills. If this is the case, the Capital City will do well to look to its laurels, lest some shrewd outside buyer outbid all competitors at the 1905 sale and thus make Portland or Seattle the goat center of Oregon.

The report of the State Biologist sets forth a fact that has been known to the people of Dallas all the time, namely: That the city has an abundant supply of pure water. It is gratifying, nevertheless, to have assurance of its purity from a competent official source, as such a report will be of value in convincing others of the fact.

Prospects are bright for a good price for the 1905 wool clip. The Oregonian says that the Wallowa sheepmen are in a happy mood, rejoicing in the fact that they have a "clinch" on 16 cents a pound for next year's clip. A contract for 1,000,000 pounds was closed at this figure last Wednesday. The sheepmen have already received \$53,000, this being one-third of the contract price of the wool. This amount will relieve the flock owners to a great extent, as money is always scarce with them at this time of year, and they are compelled to borrow at a high rate of interest.

Benjamin B. Herbert, the veteran editor of the National Printer Journalist paid the Portland Oregonian a high and well-deserved compliment when, in a lecture before the Kansas University, he placed that paper first in a list of ten model newspapers in the United States. Mr. Herbert's selection is as follows: Portland Ore-

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It will be a source of interest and pride to Oregon people to learn that Portland will lead the world as a lumber-cutting point when the figures for 1904 are made known. Minneapolis will rank second and Tacoma third. The output of the Portland mills for the year now closing will be approximately 438,500,000 feet. Minneapolis will not be far behind. Mills in the Columbia river district outside of Portland cut 150,000,000 feet. This will make the total for the section 588,500,000 feet.

The OBSERVER office now has a mutual telephone, the instrument having been put in Wednesday. With both phones in the office, we are enabled to keep in close touch with the people in all parts of the county. If you have a news item, or wish to advertise the sale of any article, call us up and tell us about it, and the favor will be gratefully appreciated.

The condition of the Winter wheat crop of Oregon is superior to that of any other state. Prospects for a big yield were never brighter at this season of the year, and the farmers are looking forward to a bountiful harvest in 1905.

## BOTH COMING HOME

**Mitchell and Hermann Demand Full Investigation of Reported Charges Against Them.**

Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann left Washington Sunday night for Portland to appear before the Federal grand jury and face charges which, they have been advised, have been made implicating them in Oregon land frauds. Both Mitchell and Hermann declare in most positive terms that they are absolutely innocent and have nothing to fear from returning to Oregon. Both assert with equal positiveness that the time has come when this "outrageous persecution must stop."

They will insist upon the right to go before the grand jury and make answer to all charges that are to be made against them, confident that they will be able to establish their innocence. They will arrive in Portland Friday night and expect to have a hearing on Saturday.

On Saturday, Senator Mitchell received telegrams from friends advising that it was currently reported in Portland that S. A. D. Pater, Mrs. Emma Watson and others recently convicted of conspiracy in the Oregon land-fraud case had made confession implicating both himself and Hermann, and advising him to hasten to Portland to defend himself. He determined to do so at once.

Asked why he had decided to return to Portland at this time, after having declined to go as a witness when summoned by subpoena a week ago, Senator Mitchell said:

"I was advised by telegrams from Portland that it was reported there that Pater, Watson and others of that gang had made confession implicating me, and that there would be an effort made to indict me and Hermann before the grand jury which meets Monday. A week ago, when I was called as a witness, I had no intimation that it was claimed I was implicated in any way, and I did not feel it my duty to go and sacrifice public business; but the moment I was being attacked personally I concluded I was justified in sacrificing public business and everything else to go and defend my character against the assaults I know to be without any foundation whatsoever."

Representative Hermann, before leaving, made the following statement: "Information having been received that probably an attempt would be made to involve Senator Mitchell and myself in the grand jury investigations as to land frauds in Oregon, I believe it to be my duty to proceed to Portland and there ask the privilege of meeting any charges which may be preferred."

"For nearly six years I was Commissioner-General of the Land Office here in Washington, and during that period of time I performed the duties of that office according to the law as I understood it, and to the best of my ability, and without any favoritism to any one."

"No act was ever done by me as Commissioner that was not believed to be conscientiously right, and in strict accordance with law."

"I was necessarily compelled to rely upon reports and recommendations of many subordinate officials. If any of these reports or recommendations were erroneous or false, I had no knowledge of the same. Persons guilty of defrauding the Government of any portion of its domain should be prosecuted and severely dealt with; and I shall be only too glad to render the Government any aid within my power to that end."

Mr. Hermann said that inasmuch as the President advocates a "square deal for every man," and as the grand jury in Portland has established the precedent of allowing the accused to appear before it to answer charges, he felt confident he would be permitted to reply to whatever accusations may be lodged against him before the grand jury.

## Cottage Hotel

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# Good Boys

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When a boy glums the rough sports of his companions he is apt to be a weakling, and to be conscious of the fact.

A great many mothers have testified to the wonderful curing and strengthening power of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. All strength comes from food after it has been perfectly digested and assimilated. By curing disease of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, "Golden Medical Discovery" enables the perfect nourishment of the body, which is thus built up in the only way a body can be built up—by food.

There is no alcohol in "Discovery," and it is entirely free from opium, cocaine, and all other narcotics.

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## WILL AID GOAT SHOW

**Railroads Will Grant Usual Liberal Reductions in Freight and Passenger Rates.**

The committee appointed by the Polk County Mohair Association to make arrangements for the sixth annual Oregon Goat Show, to be held in Dallas, January 19-20, are actively at work, and are sparing no efforts to make the coming exhibit better than any that has been held heretofore. The railroad companies have granted their usual liberal reductions in freight and passenger rates, and the committee is receiving substantial encouragement on every hand. The following circular is being mailed to goat breeders in all the Pacific Coast states:

DALLAS, Ore., Dec. 20, 1904.

The Sixth Annual Angora Goat Show for the State of Oregon will be held in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, on Thursday and Friday, January 19 and 20, 1905, under the auspices of the Polk County Mohair Association. The show will also be open in the evening of the first day. Diplomas will be given to all prize winners. We would be pleased to hear from you, in what class you will enter, so that we may make our arrangements accordingly. No entrance fee will be charged. Feed will be furnished to exhibitors free.

There will be two grades of goats eligible for entry—registered in one class, and unregistered in another class. The following 45 prizes will be awarded in the registered class, and the same number of prizes will be awarded in the unregistered class, making 90 prizes in all:

First, second and third premiums on buck kid born before March 15, 1904; same on buck kid born after March 15, 1904; same on buck 1 year old and under 2; same on buck 2 years old and under 3; same on buck 3 years old and under 4; same on buck 4 years old and over.

First, second and third premiums on doe kid born before March 15, 1904; same on doe kid born after March 15, 1904; same on doe 1 year old and under 2; same on doe 2 years old and under 3; same on doe 3 years old and over.

First, second and third premiums on aged doe, one buck, one yearling doe and one doe kid. Remember that the same list of premiums is offered in each class. First, second and third sweepstakes for best buck of any age and the same for doe; same in each class.

Free space will be given to all those who desire to make an exhibit of sheep and poultry. The latter exhibits will be entirely independent of the goat show, this arrangement being made simply to give the sheep growers and poultry raisers an opportunity to show their blooded stock.

The Southern Pacific Company and the Dallas & Falls City Railway Company will charge their usual rate on all animals sent to the show for exhibit; but, upon presentation of a receipt from the Secretary of the Association, these companies will return all animals to the point from which they were shipped free of charge.

The Southern Pacific Company will also grant a passenger rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip from any point on its lines in Oregon. The Dallas & Falls City Railway Company will grant a like reduction in passenger fare. Call on your local agent for certificate.

Yours for success,  
U. S. GRANT,  
W. A. AYRES,  
H. L. FENTON,  
JAS. RIDDELL,  
G. W. McBECK,  
Committee.

## CIRCUS ADVERTISING

Newspapers to Get a Larger Share Than Heretofore.

One of the results of the agreement which has been made between James A. Bailey and the Ringling Brothers, who control the two largest shows in this country, will be the abolishment to a great extent of billboard and window advertising and the use of the money which would have been spent in that form of publicity for liberal display newspaper advertising.

This action is simply in line with that of many other amusement proprietors who, as a result of many years of experience in the publicity field, have finally found that the best

results are obtained through the newspapers.

## Circle Elects Officers.

Mistlofee Circle, No. 33, Women of Woodcraft, has elected officers for the coming term as follows:  
P. G. Neighbor, Mrs. Nellie Tatam, Guardian Neighbor, Mrs. Mary Starr, Adviser, Mrs. Mildred Allen, Banker, G. N. Cherrington, Clerk, Mrs. Ann V. Dunn, Attendant, Mrs. Anna Finseth, Magician, Mrs. Hester Fliske, C. of G., Mrs. Emma Kerlake, Musician, Mrs. Grace Cherrington, Inner Sentinel, E. C. Hutton, Outer Sentinel, Lucy Harris, Manager, Mrs. J. C. Gaynor.

## PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

R. C. HUNTER, M. D.  
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DALLAS, OREGON

## HOLIDAY GOODS

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Cups & Saucers 10c to \$1  
Souvenir Plates with Oregon scenery 25c to 50c  
Vases, Bohemian 10c to \$2.00  
Matted Pictures 10c, 15c and 20c  
Kid-body Dolls, 15c up  
Books—Standard size—Good print, 10c up, and many others at prices as reasonable.

Come and see what we have for young and old.

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## Simmons Watch Chains

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75 acres—Nice Homelike place, with good buildings and fences—10 acres in cultivation—lots of fine timber.....\$1500  
5 acres with a good little House and Barn—all fenced and under cultivation, only.....\$650  
Nice 13 acre tract, finely situated—worth \$70 per acre—only \$32  
Fine 100 acre farm, well improved.....\$5000  
Well improved farm of 117 acres \$2500  
Finely improved farm of 400 acres.....\$9500  
Stock Ranch—200 acres under cultivation—Can't be beat.....\$9000  
Nice little Home of 15 acres.....\$1100  
Stock and Grain farm of 230 acres—a dick nailing good place at a bargain.  
164 acres—30 under cultivation—Buildings—Fenced—a good place—cheap as dirt—only.....\$1500  
Here is the cheapest place in Oregon 81 acres, House, Barn, and other improvements—worth \$1200 at least—for only.....\$800  
I have all classes of Ranches and Farms for sale—I can suit you in quality or price.  
**HENRY CAMPBELL,**  
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# The Year is Drawn to a Close

and we take this opportunity of thanking our friends and customers for all favors we have received from them. Our support from them in the way has been splendid indeed.

Now we have arranged to distribute to our customers some Gifts or Tokens of Our Gratitude. At considerable expense, we have had them made in Germany

## 500 Souvenir Plates, a Plaster of Paris Our Court House.

To each of our customers that purchase a certain amount of goods, we will present one of these. We have also had manufactured for us some very pretty

## Novelties in Lacquered Wood Very Useful Articles.

To each of our customers that purchase a certain amount of goods, we will present one of these Japanese Novelties. We have also arranged to get a number of these world-famous

## Lewis and Clark Souvenir Gold

one of the handsomest gifts that will be given to any one this coming year. To each of our customers that purchase a certain amount of goods, we will present one of these the value of which, even in the near future, will make them very precious. As long as you are with us, you are welcome to them.

There is no use to say to you that we sell the best, and we do sell cheaper than any other store.

You Know This as Well as we do  
Yours truly,

**ELLIS & KEYS**  
Phone 246. MAIN STREET

## Christmas Tree Buds

BEAUTIFUL JAPANESE GOODS—Our new line of Christmas goods direct from Japan must be seen to be fully appreciated. Following is a partial list and prices:—  
Spice Cabinets, 8 drawers, in several catchy designs, \$1.25 to \$2.25  
Handkerchief Boxes from 50c to 1.25  
Jewelry Cases from \$2 to 3.50  
Crumb Tray and Brush.....50  
Necktie Boxes up to \$1.00  
Work Boxes, from \$1.00 to \$2.00  
Cuffs and Collar Bars from 50c to \$1.00  
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Besides other beautiful as well as useful hand carried

## LATEST PERFUMES—Our showing of Perfumes is

and a greater part of this line is packed in Holiday and can not help but make a pleasing Xmas present. are from such noted houses as: Paul Rieger & Co., and A. S. Hilbert & Co., of Milwaukee.

Our Holiday line of Children's Books are proving to be the people want—drop in and see them.  
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## Dallas Ice Cold Storage

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL  
Cold Storage Rates are Cheap. Our Ice is made in Mountain Water.

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