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Handsome Parlor Clocks. I have a select line of clocks that I have bought with great care to workmanship and time value. Handsome parlor or study clocks at very reasonable prices.

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Sell the Lewis & Clark Gold Pins and Teaspoons. The spoons are regular size and both soups of the 1905 fair are unique and handsome.

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### FOR A CLEAN TOWN

City Council Takes Steps Looking to Formation of Citizens' Civic Improvement League.

Dallas, already one of the neatest and cleanest little cities in Western Oregon, will be made still more cleanly and attractive during the coming Spring and Summer months. If the movement started by the City Council this week is taken up by the citizens and successfully carried out. The plan proposed by the city officers is to organize a Civic Improvement League, with a membership open to every man, woman and child in Dallas. The work of this League will be to suggest plans for beautifying the town, and to assist the officers in enforcing the ordinances already prepared for civic betterment. The object of the movement at this time is to arouse public pride and get all of the people interested in making the town attractive to the hundreds of Eastern visitors who will come here this year. The members of the council invite the citizens to meet with them in the City Hall on Wednesday evening, March 23, at 7:30 o'clock, to take steps toward the organization of a Civic Improvement League, and to discuss matters of general interest along this line of work. The women can render valuable assistance in this worthy movement, and it is hoped that many of the fair sex will be present. The councilmen hope to get the school-children interested in the work, and the school teachers are especially requested to be present.

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The special committee of the Greater Salem Commercial Club, appointed for the purpose of making arrangements for the holding of a convention of commercial clubs of the valley in that city, and composed of President Hofer, Frank Davey and J. L. Stockton, has issued a circular invitation to all of the clubs of the cities of Western Oregon, asking them to send delegates to the convention which will be held in Salem on Wednesday, March 23.

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## FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE

Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right

### LIFE IN THE ISLANDS

Walter Nichols Tells of Conditions in Uncle Sam's New Eastern Possessions.

ASINGAN, Pan., P. I., Jan. 22.—(To the Editor.)—When I promised to write you after my arrival in the Islands, I did not know that the climate here could make me more lazy than I was when in Dallas, but if such a thing is possible, I am lazier here than there.

It has been several months since I wrote you. If I remember rightly, I wrote you from Dagupan. We left Dagupan, June 11, for Asingan, a town 30 miles to the East. The trip consumed six hours, and cost us \$7.50 for ourselves, to say nothing of our trunks and provisions.

Asingan has a population of 21,000 natives and three Americans. The Americans are Mr. Sheehan, the principal of the grammar school here, Mrs. Nichols and myself. We have no street lights, sidewalks, sewers, or water-works. Mail service is good here, as compared with some of the more remote towns. Mail is received on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and "States" mail is received three days after it lands in Manila.

The climate here in November, December and January is very much like September weather in Oregon; that is, very hot days and cool nights. Under three large covers, we sleep none too warm at the present time. The climate in Baguio is very much like the Oregon climate—very cool during the winter months, and not excessively hot in the summer months.

Instead of four seasons, we have but two, the wet and dry. The rainy season begins the last of June and continues until the end of October, and the other months are all dry months. The rain here is much different from our "Oregon mist." It seldom rains more than a few hours at one time, but rains as much in one hour as Oregon can produce in six. During the four months of rainy season, I remember but two times when it rained more than one day.

The people in this municipality are mostly weavers and farmers. Before going farther, perhaps it is best to explain more fully the word "municipality." Each island is divided into provinces, and each province into municipalities. Each municipality is divided into barrios, (villages,) and the pueblo, or city proper. Asingan has twenty barrios outside of the pueblo. The entire municipality is about 12 miles long and nine miles wide.

The people, as a rule, have no education except in Spanish and English, and this is usually confined to the pueblo, the boys and girls in the barrios seldom receiving any education at all. The prevailing religion is Catholic. At present the Aglipay branch of the Roman church has a large membership. These people, under the leadership of a man named Aglipay, rebelled against the severe treatment of the friars and established the Independent, or Aglipay, Catholic church. In Asingan, both churches have a large membership, but all worship in the Roman church, because the Independent people have no building.

The principal crop in this section is rice, but fine gardens and fields of corn and sugar-cane may also be seen. Tropical fruits are abundant. Bananas ripen every month in the year. Oranges may also be had, but the ordinary orange is not so good as the oranges we buy at home. Fresh pineapples can be had during the months of February, March, April, May and June, and when many are on the market we can buy them for one and one-half cents each. Bananas cost from one to three cents per dozen, depending upon the kind.

I think the Philippine Islands produce, nearly every kind of tropical fruit, but the natives are not progressive in any of their work, hence the farming industry and fruit-raising are at present in need of improvement. The natives follow in the footsteps of their ancestors, and, as a result, the land is not worked any better than it was 100 years ago. This condition does not apply to the people in the pueblos, but only to the people living in the barrios. The rural people have no desire to advance or be more progressive.

The Government is now building and opening industrial and agricultural schools throughout the entire archipelago, with the hope of meeting the needs of the people and encouraging them to use modern methods, implements and machinery, besides teaching all the useful arts and trades.

The hemp industry of the Southern Archipelago has a very bright future at present, owing to the invention of a machine to separate the fibre from the pulp. This machine, so the leading daily papers say, will be to the hemp industry what the cotton-gin is to the cotton industry.

It is glad news to us to hear of the subsidy bill passing Congress, thus giving us mail from home every two weeks. Asingan affords two schools—a municipal school and a grammar

school. Mrs. Nichols is teaching in the grammar school. When I came here in June, there were but three schools in the municipality except the grammar school. Now I have eight, and during the month of February will enroll more than 1600 boys and girls. This number, with the 200 in the grammar school, will give Asingan a large enrollment. It is my intention to have the largest enrollment in the province at the close of the school year, March 21.

From April 1 to June 12, we have a vacation of ten weeks, and will probably spend part of it at Baguio, the summer capital, in the province of Benguet. It is between 40 and 50 miles northeast of Dagupan, and is high up in the mountains. At present, the road to Baguio is not complete, and to reach there one must ride over a trail on a native pony or burro. By the middle of February the Government expects to finish the road so people can go direct in a cart. This road to Baguio has cost the Government several hundred thousand dollars.

One of the greatest needs of this province is good roads and bridges. More than half of the bridges between here and Dagupan were washed out when we came to our station last June; and two have been repaired. Where the large bridges are gone, it is necessary to cross on rafts during the rainy season. As this is a great rice section, the people, of course, have many rice canals and are not particular about keeping the water out of the road. During the rainy season, the people of one barrio use the road for a rice canal, because it is lower than the other land and they do not need to dig a canal.

To make matters worse, the carts on which all heavy loads are hauled are made like the trucks for a car; the wheels are stationary on the axle. Each wheel is made of some native hardwood, four inches thick at the axle, one inch thick at the edge, and about three feet in diameter. This cart, when turned, acts like a plow on the road, because it is impossible to move one wheel without the other unless you slide it. This slipping and sliding over stones soon cuts the roads to a depth that renders them impassable for horses or anything else except the carabao.

If this letter does not put your paper out of business, I will write again. Mrs. Nichols and myself are well, and have not been sick since our arrival. Kindest regards to all our Dallas friends.

W. F. NICHOLS.

### CITY ELECTION OFFICERS

Judges and Clerks Chosen For Annual April Election.

Judges and clerks for the coming annual city election were chosen by the city council, Monday evening. The election will be held on Monday, April 3, at which time a Mayor, Councilman-at-Large, Auditor and three Councilmen will be chosen. The retiring officers are Mayor J. C. Hayter, Councilman-at-Large H. B. Cosper, Councilmen Muir, Muscott and Simonton, Auditor D. P. Stouffer and Marshal J. M. Grant. The hold-over officers are Councilmen C. F. Belt, H. Boals and Dr. H. L. Toney. The Judges and clerks of election are:

First ward—E. Cadwell, J. G. Van-Orsdel, H. Holman, judges; Ralph Morrison, Frank Holman, clerks. Polling place, Dallas Flouring Mill office.

Second ward—T. J. Hayter, W. A. Ayres, S. W. Blessing, judges; H. L. Fenton, U. S. Grant, clerks. Polling place, Council rooms.

Third ward—Joseph Black, F. J. Coad, J. J. Wiseman, judges; W. V. Fuller, Walter Muir, clerks. Polling place, H. L. Crider's office.

The OBSERVER office wants the printing you are particular about.

Portland and Salem are not the only towns that are growing fast these days. Woodburn, Silverton, Dallas and all the towns up and down the Willamette valley are growing, most of them faster than ever before.—Salem Statesman.

An enterprising Dallas photographer is offering to make a fine negative free for every man and woman over 70 years old residing in Polk county. The pictures are to be grouped and will be placed on exhibition at the Lewis and Clark fair. It will prove an excellent advertisement for Polk county, as well as for the enterprising artist.—Amity Advances.

Mrs. Almira McLaughlin was granted a divorce from her husband, William McLaughlin, in Multnomah county last Friday. When the case was first brought, the husband prepared to contest, but later settled matters with his wife outside of court and agreed to allow the case to go by default. Upon his wife's testimony, McLaughlin was recently convicted in the Federal Court of sending her an obscene letter through the mails. Since the settlement of the divorce case, Judge Bellingher has set aside the jury's verdict in the criminal action, and McLaughlin is again a free man, with no stain of crime against his name.

### BUMPER CROP PROMISED

Weather in Willamette Valley Has Been Highly Favorable to All Vegetation.

Prospects for a bumper crop in the Willamette Valley were never better at this time of the year than they are this season. Fall grain, of which there is an unusually large average, is growing nicely. The warm sun has given vegetation of all kinds a great start, and farmers are plowing for Spring seeding. A few fields have already been sown in Spring wheat, and if the good weather continues another fortnight, farm work of all kinds will be well under way. The cold snap of last month did little damage to the Fall-sown grain, but, on the other hand, had a tendency to kill the wild oats and weeds. A few lots of Winter oats were frozen out, but damage along this line is very slight.

Owing to the fact that last year's Spring crop was almost a failure, farmers in this section of the Valley took advantage of the splendid Fall weather, and sowed most of their available land before Christmas. The Spring-sown acreage will be as large, if not larger, than the same acreage of 1904, and the seed will have the advantage of being in the ground a month to six weeks earlier than that of last year. If March proves a favorable month for farmwork, the bulk of the grain crop will be seeded by April 1, whereas last season's seeding was all done in April and May.

Although the wheat acreage will be large, many farmers will sow a greater portion of their Spring fields in barley and oats. Timothy, cheat, clover, and vetch hay will all be grown in great quantities in the Valley this year, while potatoes and other garden truck will receive more attention than for some years past. Farmers are anticipating large demands from Portland during the Lewis and Clark Fair, and many of them will be on the market with big supplies of vegetables, poultry and eggs.

Hop yards are being plowed and put in shape for Spring work. Growers report their yards in good condition, especially those that were set out last year and the year before. If the season is a good one, Oregon's hop crop will be a record-breaker.

Fruitgrowers are a little uneasy over the present state of the weather, for they fear an early growth that may be injured by late frosts. Fruit trees are beginning to bud, and if the weather should turn cold and frosty, great damage might result.

Stockraisers are feeling jubilant over the mild Winter and the early starting of grass in their pastures. The months of January and February were all that could be desired by stockowners, especially sheepraisers, who report an excellent lambing season, with a very small per cent of losses. Sheep owners are also elated over the wool outlook, many of them having refused to contract the coming clip at 20 cents per pound. The supply of Willamette Valley hogs will be considerably larger than last year.—Dallas cor. in Friday's Oregonian.

### FIX DATE FOR MOHAIR SALE

Polk County Pool Will Be Sold April 1—Growers Plan Fine Exhibit for Fair.

The Polk county mohair pool will be offered for sale in Dallas, on Saturday, April 1. This date was decided upon by the growers at a meeting of the Polk County Mohair Association, held in Brown's Hall in Dallas last Saturday afternoon. No mohair will be received in the pool after Wednesday, March 15.

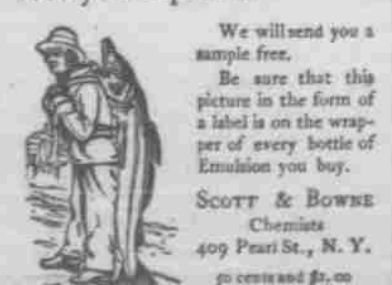
H. L. Fenton, secretary of the Association, informs us that the pool will be as large or larger than that of last year. Practically all of the growers in the county have already listed their hair, only a few scattering lots remaining outside at the present time. Applications to join the pool are being received and accepted every day.

The officers of the Association suggest that it would be a good plan for the farmers, while shearing their goats to save the finest samples of mohair for exhibition at the Lewis and Clark Fair. Any such samples brought in to the Secretary will be properly prepared for display, and will be labeled with the grower's name. The goat men of Polk county are wide awake to the importance of the Angora industry, and never lose an opportunity to advertise the excellence of their flocks. It is therefore certain that the farmers will heartily co-operate with the officers of the Association in preparing an exhibit of fine mohair that will prove of inestimable benefit to all parties concerned.

Ralph Butler, of Dallas, came over to the Capital City Saturday for the purpose of entering the Capital Business College, where he will take a business course.—Statesman.

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