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



With the entrance of Mr. Geer into the race for the Governorship, it is probable that all of the candidates for that important office are now in the field. They are all good rustlers for votes, and a lively campaign is promised. Here in Polk county the opinion is generally expressed that C. A. Johns, of Baker City, will have a lead over the other candidates, for the reason that this is his old home, and his acquaintance among the voters is wider than that of any one of his opponents. Mr. Johns practiced law in Dallas for many years, filled the office of County Judge in a highly satisfactory manner, and made friends of all with whom he became acquainted. He married a daughter of one of Polk's prominent pioneer families, and was closely identified with the social life of the town and county. The people of Polk county have followed his career with interest since he moved to Baker City, and have rejoiced with him in the success he has achieved. It will, therefore, not be surprising if Mr. Johns leads all his opponents by a handsome majority when the vote of Polk county is counted next April.

The merchants of Dallas, without a single exception, report record-breaking holiday sales this season. Every one seemed to have money to spend, and the number of credit sales was much smaller than usual. This report of conditions cannot be other than pleasing to every citizen interested in the welfare and prosperity of Dallas. When one considers the fact that between \$50,000 and \$75,000 was taken from circulation in this community by the Lewis and Clark Fair; that the farmers of Polk county made no profit on their wheat crop this year, and that hops were sold at the lowest price in four years, the proof of the prosperity of the people in spite of these conditions, as shown by the immense Christmas trade, is doubly gratifying. The secret of this healthy condition of trade can easily be accounted for: Every laboring man in Dallas has employment at fair wages. The sawmills and numerous other manufacturing institutions, railroads, hop yards, farms and orchards all give steady employment to working men, and new money is continually being brought into the town and distributed among the wage-earners. The people of Dallas have learned by experience that the town that provides employment for labor will grow and prosper. If the working man is looked out for, all other business will take care of itself. Dallas is making a steady and healthy growth, for the reason that honest and industrious laboring men can come here and find work.

"Now that all the Oregon appointments worth while have been made, you shall have all proper consideration from me in making appointments in your state." While not the exact wording, this is the substance of a letter written by the President to Senator Fulton. Aspirants for postmasterhips at Eola, Long Tom and Scappoose should lose no time in making their wants known to Oregon's senior senator.

Active preparation is being made in the County Clerk's office for the registration of voters, which is to begin next Tuesday morning. The necessary books and blanks have been received from Portland. The new election law requires that voters shall register before taking part in the primary election, and it is expected that the registration during the months of January and February will be much livelier than usual.

The fruit growers of Polk county are getting together for the purpose of waging war on orchard pests. Every fruit-growing county in the state should follow the lead of prolific and progressive Polk.—Toledo Leader.

Scrofula

Is very often acquired, though generally inherited. Bad hygiene, foul air, impure water, are among its causes. It is called "the soil for tuberculosis," and where it is allowed to remain tuberculous or consumption is pretty sure to take root. Hood's Sarsaparilla Removes every trace of scrofula. Get Hood's. For testimonials of remarkable cures send for Book on Scrofula, No. 1. C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

Goats and poultry will be on exhibition at the annual fair of the Polk County Mohair Association, to be held at Dallas next month. The profits that have been made in both goats and poultry would indicate that not enough of either are being produced in this state, and anything that will increase the scope of the industries is entitled to earnest support from all who are in any way interested in promotion of diversified farming. With eggs selling at 40 cents per dozen and the fresh article so scarce as to be almost unobtainable, it is a certainty that our poultry flocks are too small and infrequent.—Oregonian.

UNWILLING TO SEEK OFFICE

The statement made the other day by Hon. E. L. Smith, of Hood River, when asked if he intended to be a candidate for the Governorship, gives expression to the thought of many of the most worthy men, as to seeking office under the new primary law. "You may say for me," said Mr. Smith, to a reporter who asked him, "that I have not been, am not now, nor do I intend to be a candidate for Governor of Oregon. Furthermore, I would not by initiation seek any office in the gift of the people."

Thus it is that the law of primary election and nomination virtually rules out a large class of sensitive and most worthy citizens, who are unwilling to appear in the role and character of office-seekers.

The intent, or real basis, of this law is the expectation that the citizen will announce himself a candidate, and then go before the voters and "scrup" with rival candidates for the nomination. There are many whom it will not suit to do this. They might accept office, but will not seek it.

There is no intention of casting reflections of any kind on those who have no hesitation in coming before the people as seekers of office, contending with others for nomination thereto. At the same time, the idea held by many of the most excellent men that such course on their part would not consist with their sense of dignity, and propriety, is comprehensible.

But Oregon intends to give this primary law a fair and full trial. Its actual merits or demerits can appear in full only through experience.—Oregonian.

DALLAS WINS BOTH GAMES

The Dallas College basketball team defeated Multnomah by a score of 18 to 14 in Portland last night. Shaw threw 5 baskets, Reynolds 1, and Teats 1. It was Dallas' game from start to finish. On Wednesday night, Dallas defeated Vancouver by a score of 37 to 27.

Merry Party.

A merry holiday party was given by Miss Laura Poling to a number of her young friends at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Poling, Wednesday evening. Games and music were enjoyed until a late hour, and dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Almada Fuller, Laura Poling, Roberta McCallion, Nava Chambers, Ruby Wilson, Nada Scott, Edna Scott, Ethel Poling; Messrs. Roy Finseth, Pete Greenwood, Carl Williams, George Morton, Clarence Reynolds, Vern Launer, Lloyd Launer and Glenn Elkins.

Dallas Defeats Newberg.

The Dallas College basketball team defeated the Newberg team by a score of 31 to 7 at the Gymnasium last Friday evening. The Newberg boys were no match for the sturdy lads in crimson, and the ball was in Dallas' territory throughout the game. The game was exceedingly rough, but good-natured. Arthur Wilson, of Newberg, a former well-known Dallas player, officiated as referee.

Build New Sidewalk.

The residents of South Dallas living along the Cooper Hollow road are building 650 feet of sidewalk from the Southern Pacific railroad crossing to connect with the city walk at Field Allen's residence. The new walk is two feet in width and constructed in a substantial manner. This will give these families a continuous sidewalk from the courthouse to the Hibbard farm, a distance of nearly two miles. The enterprising citizens building this walk are R. B. Carpenter, C. L. Hubbard, Emerson Black, J. B. Nunn, H. S. Butz and the Hibbard family.

Circuit Court next Tuesday.

Miss Emma Ludwig is up from Portland on a visit. Mrs. Harry Wagoner, of St. Johns, is visiting relatives in Polk county. Lee Smith and Miss Bertha Barry were married in Grants Pass recently, and will come to Dallas to reside.

License to wed was issued to Mrs. Carrie I. Ward and A. J. Muckie, in Portland, Wednesday. The contracting parties formerly resided at Falls City.

We publish Candidate Toome's platform this week; next week we shall give Huston space for his. Every man his own platform! Queer thing, this direct primary!

Prof. A. M. Sanders, principal of the Roseburg High School, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Uglow. He says Roseburg is making a steady growth, the population of the town having almost doubled in the last five years. Dr. James Withycombe, of Corvallis, was a Dallas visitor yesterday. The Doctor was here in the interest of his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination, and spent the day in getting acquainted with the voters. He says he is pleased with the outlook favoring his chances throughout the state.

"COMPLETELY DISCOURAGED"



Is the feeling and plight of women who are "run-down" so low that work drags, head aches, back aches, hands tremble, voice quivers, irritability, nervousness, and "everything goes wrong." Look the other way just a minute and see what Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has done for more than a half-million women in the last thirty years. What it has done for others it can do for you. Believing that alcoholic, stimulating medicines were doing much harm, Doctor R. V. Pierce turned his investigating mind upon the problem of producing a remedy for the use of weak and suffering women that should be free from alcohol and at the same time EFFECTIVE AND SAFE.

Nature has provided abundantly for such needs and Dr. Pierce found in native medicinal plants such as the roots of GOLDEN SEAL, LADY'S SLIPPER, BLACK COHOSH, UNICORN and BLUE COHOSH, the needed medicinal properties which by peculiar processes strictly his own, without the use of alcohol, he has extracted, preserved and combined in exact proportions to secure each its best effect. Thus compounded his "FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION" is a remedy for the pains and drains, weaknesses and inflammation of the uterine system that has won worldwide fame by curing more than ninety-nine out of every hundred who have used it properly.

In taking this you will know what you take and take what you know to be good. If in any doubt as to what is best for you, write and ask advice of Dr. R. V. Pierce, 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y., and reliable medical advice will be sent you by return mail in securely sealed envelope. All correspondence free and strictly confidential.

Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets the favorite family laxative. One "Pellet" a favorite, two "Pellets" a cathartic dose.

INDEPENDENCE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Frazier spent Christmas in Albany.

The merchants here all enjoyed a good holiday trade.

Mrs. Wm. Barnett visited in Salem Monday and Tuesday.

Prof. T. J. Newbill is spending the holidays with his parents in Ballston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Chambers, of Eugene, visited relatives here this week.

Mrs. Corwin Townsend, of Seattle, Wash., spent Christmas with relatives here.

Julien Hurley, of Fossil, visited his mother, Mrs. A. M. Hurley, during the week.

Miss Nellie Pomeroy, a teacher of Seattle, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pomeroy.

Miss Dorothy Cooper, who teaches school in Centralia, Wash., is visiting at the home of her father, J. S. Cooper.

Miss Myrtle Scroggs, who is teaching in Olympia, Wash., is spending the holidays in town with her parents.

There were Christmas trees and appropriate exercises at the Christian, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

The Eastern Star lodge installed their new officers Tuesday evening. A very pleasant social time and banquet was enjoyed.

Miss Bessie Butler and Miss Helen Cooper attended the wedding of Miss Bessie Burkhardt, in Albany Wednesday evening.

Mrs. M. E. Hendrick and little daughter, of McMinnville, are visiting her sister, Mrs. U. G. Heffley, of Monmouth, and friends here.

The dance at the Auditorium Monday evening was largely attended, and was one of the most enjoyable social affairs of the season.

Miss Clara Gard, of Albany, and Mr. E. W. Cooper, formerly of this place, were married in Albany Wednesday evening. Miss Gard is one of Albany's popular teachers, and Mr. Cooper is a real estate agent at that place, and is well known throughout Polk county, where he lived for many years.

The Butler family held their annual Christmas tree at the residence of J. B. V. Butler, in Monmouth, as has been their custom for 25 years. The house was beautifully decorated, and there was an orchestra to provide music, besides other music. There were sixty guests present and all thoroughly enjoyed the family reunion. Punch was served by Mrs. Jane Ground. A beautiful tree was laden with presents for all.

To the Members of the Oregon Fire Relief Association.

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the Association will be held at Burns' Hall in McMinnville, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, at 10:30 a. m., for the purpose of electing three trustees, and attending to such other business as may properly come before the meeting. All members are respectfully invited to attend this meeting.

W. C. HAGERTY,
Secretary.

A BARGAIN

Having given up farming, I offer for sale my Threshing Outfit, consisting of one 24-horse-power traction engine, with round tanks, pumps and hose complete, and one 32x54 inch, 20-bar, large cylinder Separator, with patent adjustable riddles and wind-stacker; together with cook house, cook stoves, tanks, cooking utensils, etc., and a full set of wagon racks and forks, all ready for first-class work. All the machinery and wagon racks have been carefully housed and kept in the dry when not used. Although this machine has only worked about 69 days, I now offer the whole outfit for cash, or on time, at much less than one-half its first cost.

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Dallas, Oregon.

CAPACITY IS INCREASED

Rickreall Mill Now Turning Out Hard-Wheat Flour of Very Best Grade.

Equipped with the very latest improved machinery, recently installed at a cost of several thousand dollars, the Rickreall flouring mill is now one of the best of its class on the Pacific Coast. The capacity of the mill has been increased from 150 barrels to 250 barrels a day, and the entire plant has been enlarged and improved. The mill is now equipped with the latest-improved Plan-Sifter separating system—a separating process far superior to anything heretofore known to the milling world. This system is being installed by leading milling firms in all parts of the United States, and is giving universal satisfaction. The new machinery is running smoothly, and the mill is being operated to its capacity.

Ellis Simonton, the junior member of the firm of Gibson & Simonton, owning and operating the mill, was in Dallas last Friday, and while here informed the OREGONIAN that the mill is now grinding bluestem wheat imported from Eastern Washington. This wheat was shipped from a new wheat-raising district in that state, and is superior to any heretofore used by the firm, it being a well-known fact that wheat grown in a new county produces a better quality of flour than any raised in an old farming community. The new flour manufactured at Rickreall is known as "Blue Stem Blend," and is second to no flour in the world.

The company continues to manufacture the well-known "White Lily" flour and another grade known as "Rickreall Hard Wheat." The "White Lily" brand has been sold in Portland and the valley towns for many years, and large quantities of this flour are shipped to China and Japan. The "White Lily" grade is manufactured from valley wheat, and has established an enviable reputation for the Rickreall mill. The company is also turning out excellent qualities of Graham and Breakfast Flour.

Mr. Simonton says that with the addition of the new hardwheat flour known as the "Blue Stem Blend," the company is now producing as good qualities of flour as can be obtained anywhere in the United States, and as a consequence the merchants of the valley towns are finding out that it is no longer necessary to send to Portland or Washington points for first-class hard-wheat flour, and are placing their orders at the Polk county mill. Business has increased to such an extent that the company has found it necessary to establish a branch office in Portland, where there is a lively demand for the products of the Rickreall Milling Company's goods among the leading city grocers and provision merchants.

GREAT MUSICAL EVENT

Madame Calve and Company Soon to Appear in Portland.

Already music lovers throughout the entire state are looking forward with fond anticipation to the coming of the world's greatest singer, Madame Calve, and her excellent company of artists, who come to the Marquam Grand Theatre for one concert only, Monday evening, January 22. The demand for seats will be so large that it has been deemed necessary to receive mail orders from in and out of town, beginning Monday, January 8. Each order must state clearly the number of seats wanted and be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope inclosing money order or check made payable to W. T. Pangle, Marquam Grand Theatre, Portland, Oregon. This will give out of town patrons the same opportunity as those living in Portland. The orders will be filled and mailed in the order they are received and seats assigned as near as possible to the location desired. The regular sale will open Monday morning, January 15, 1906. This will afford young men, fathers and husbands, also big brothers, an opportunity to make a unique New Year's present in the shape of Calve tickets. This is a gift the recipients will not forget in a day, it being nearly half a month between the giving of the present and its realization.

Madame Calve's company consists of Miss Argyra Kastron, violinist; Mme. Isabel Barnard, pianist; Mr. Berriek Von Norden, tenor; Mons. M. Bouxmann, basso; Mons. Louis Fleury, flutist.

Prices: Parquette, \$5.00; first two rows in parquette circle, \$5.00; last five rows in parquette circle, \$4.00; first three rows in balcony, \$5.00; second 3 rows in balcony, \$4.00; seventh, eighth and ninth rows in balcony, \$3.00; last 3 rows in balcony, \$2.50; first two rows in gallery, \$2.00; third, fourth, fifth and sixth rows in gallery, \$1.50; last six rows in gallery (not reserved) \$1.00; boxes and loges, \$25.

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Horses For Sale. Two large work horses for sale. A. BURKHALTER, Polk Station, Ore. Postal address, Dallas, R. F. D. 1.

Found. Found, near Dallas, a man's overcoat. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this notice.

Notice. All our accounts have been placed in the hands of Oscar Hayer for collection. All accounts must be settled by cash or note by January 1. S. C. DODSON & CO.

Estray Notice. Strayed from my place in Siletz Basin, about May last, one large steer; 3 or 4 years old; grayish white color, with dun-colored nose; had bell on when last seen; branded as follows: Square crop off left ear; anchor brand on right hip, and letter A branded on right ham. The ear cut and letter A is my brand; the anchor was on him when I bought him. Liberal reward to the person who finds him and notifies CLARENCE ALKMAN, P. O. Falls City, Oregon.

Annual Club Meeting. The annual election of officers for the LeCreole Club will be held at the club parlors in the Woodman Building, Sunday, December 31, at 2:30 p. m. All members are requested to be present.

F. H. MORRISON, Secretary.

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