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The way to build up Dallas is to put
realize Dallas people.



COMPLAINTS ARE IDLE.

For the third time, complaints made in the city council against the management of the Dallas waterworks have fallen flat. The first kick, made soon after the new councilmen were sworn into office, was to the effect that the old council had not made a thorough test of the plant at the time it was accepted from the contractor, and that the head for fire-fighting purposes was not as great as the contract called for. Upon hearing this complaint, Mayor Biddle at once appointed a committee of three citizens to make another test. The managers of the water plant willingly agreed to this second test, being made and offered to do anything in their power to assist the committee in its task. A date was set for the test, and the water company soon had everything in readiness, but when the hour arrived the committee failed to put in an appearance and the test was abandoned. Since that time, no complaint has been heard in any quarter of insufficiency of pressure.

The next complaint heard was to the effect that Mr. Gates was overcharging the city in asking \$17 for the fire hydrants furnished for use in the residence district. A committee of three was appointed from the council to investigate the alleged extortionate price. The committee promptly performed its work, and reported to the council that after obtaining the lowest prices from local hardware men and plumbers it had found that the price charged by Mr. Gates for these hydrants was lower than could be obtained elsewhere. The prices charged by other dealers ranged from \$18 to \$25.

The most recent complaint was that of alleged "discrimination in water rates among private consumers." Again a committee was appointed and an investigation ordered. This committee also performed its duties in a thorough and painstaking manner, and, at Monday night's meeting of the council, reported that it had not been able to discover any discrimination, except in the rate granted to H. G. Campbell two years ago, when the plant was first installed. It appears that the rate granted Mr. Campbell was made through mistake and misunderstanding, and that as soon as the error was discovered the service was promptly discontinued.

So far, the fault-finders have failed to substantiate a single complaint against the water system, or its management, and it is reasonably safe to presume that they will not be able to do so in the future. Councilman Ayres, who has been chosen by Mayor Biddle to head these investigating committees, is a conscientious, fair-minded man, and the result of his investigations must already have made it plain to him that the greater number of these complaints have been inspired by blind prejudice and petty spite. No doubt, Mr. Ayres and other members of the council are becoming heartily tired of this senseless howl against the Dallas waterworks and are willing for someone else to take up the work of investigation—if investigations are to continue.

The Observer has no desire to find fault with the city council, for it believes that the members of that body, or at least a majority of them, are working earnestly for the advancement of the city's welfare and prosperity. But the writer does desire to respectfully suggest to them that they will have little time left in which to work for the real good of the city, if they stop to listen to every kick that is made against existing or proposed public improvements. The important public improvements which the town already boasts would never have been made if past councils had given ear to the voice of kickers.

Dallas has reached its present desirable position in the commercial world by squelching the kickers—and it has squelched them either by ignoring them; or, if it came to a fight, by fighting them to a finish. Dallas has a good name throughout the length

and breadth of the Northwest as a live, progressive town, with more substantial business houses, more live manufacturing concerns, and more important public improvements than any town of like size on the Coast. Go where you will, and you will hear it said that Dallas accomplishes these things "because her citizens stand together." And, indeed, that is the whole secret of this success.

Dallas' present council will serve the people well if it shall discourage strife and dissension in every form, and devote its whole attention to the upbuilding of the town. All this kicking against a firmly-established public improvement is idle and foolish, and nothing good and useful can be accomplished by continuing it. The council cannot afford to promote discord by giving countenance to it. The way to thin the ranks of the kickers is to pay no attention to their knocks. Remember that "Dallas is the town that does things," and that "Forward" is its motto!

DALLAS CHEESE FACTORY.

Dallas needs that cheese factory; the farmers of the surrounding country need it, and Mr. Robinson is anxious to come here and establish it. Not one cent in the way of a subsidy or bonus is asked of the merchants, all of whom would profit greatly by the development of the dairy business in Polk county. All that is asked of the business men is that they shall use their influence with their farmer friends in inducing the latter to agree to furnish the milk of 250 cows to a cheese factory to be located in Dallas, the price to be paid for butter-fat to be the top market price at all times. Mr. Robinson does not ask the farmers to enter into any hard and fast contract binding themselves to furnish milk to him, and to him alone, for a given period of time. All that he asks is that they give him reasonable assurance that the milk of 250 cows can be secured, and the factory will come. If the farmer does not find that he can realize more money from the sale of his milk at home than he can by shipping it to Portland, or some other market, he will be left free to sell where he pleases. This is Mr. Robinson's whole proposition in a nutshell, and it is a fair one.

Mr. Robinson is a man of life-long experience in cheese manufacturing, and he understands the business in its every detail. He operates one factory in Tillamook county, and two in Coos county, and sells cheese in all the principal markets in the country. He wants to come to Dallas because his experienced eye tells him that the surrounding country is peculiarly adapted to dairying. He says he is willing to begin operations with the daily milk product of 250 cows, for the reason that inside of twelve months he will be able to obtain the milk of 500 cows if he needs it.

It is to be hoped that every merchant and farmer will encourage the proposed industry. It would certainly be no difficult matter to secure the assurance of the milk of 250 cows within a radius of five or six miles from Dallas. There are over one hundred families on each of the two rural routes leading out of Dallas, and the great hill country back of us is scarcely touched by these routes. Then there is the rich farming country to the east and north of town, and the fertile valley of the Luckiamute tapped by the Dallas and Falls City railroad—all ideal stock country, and all tributary to Dallas.

It is to be hoped that the people of Dallas will not let this matter rest until the required number of cows is secured and the cheese factory is added to the town's already long list of manufacturing industries. Merchants, talk it up with your farmer customers, and get them to put down their names for a given number of cows. Ask the farmers to talk it among themselves, and invite them to investigate the proposition to their own satisfaction. A determined effort will secure the factory, and the result will be worth all the work it will cost to secure it.

The communication from the pen of W. V. Fuller in another column in this paper is worth the careful perusal of every man interested in the subject of timber land. Mr. Fuller clearly points out the wrong that would be perpetrated upon the poor man by the passage of the proposed act of Congress providing for the sale of public land at auction, and also calls attention to existing evils. Mr. Fuller has made a close study of the timber business, and his opinions are those of a man who knows what he is talking about.

The next legislature should pass a non-compact law, forbidding the board of fire insurance underwriters operating in Oregon. The board is a monopolistic, arbitrary affair, with no regard for its promises, as has been shown in connection with the business of Albany.—Albany Democrat.

The business men of Portland asked such a law from the last Legislature, but were turned down flat. It remains to be seen whether the next legislative body will be less under the domination of corporation influence. The proposed insurance law is one of Oregon's great needs.

Senator Fulton is vigorously opposing the proposed repeal of the timber and stone act, provided in the Hansbrough bill. He contends that the proposed plan of disposing of timber is inadequate for the proper development of the timbered areas of Oregon and would stop the growth and retard business if adopted. Senator Fulton is right.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
Cures Cough, Croup and Whooping Cough.



The Agent of marriage is always a baby. Without it, wedlock is a barren field that never blooms, a flower that never buds, a night without stars, a sermon without a benediction, a prayer without an Amen. There never was a husband worthy of the name, who did not a wife to be the father and the grandfather of healthy, capable children, to hand down his name and the fortune accumulated by his sweat of the brow, from generation to generation. There never was a wife fit to bear that noble title, who did not wish to wear womanhood's most glorious crown, the acquirement of motherhood. Thousands of wedded couples, otherwise happy, fall short of wedlock's greatest happiness because they are childless. In the majority of cases this is because the wife, through ignorance or neglect, suffers from weakness and disease of the organs distinctly feminine. For woman who suffers in this way there is one great medicine that does not fail to accomplish its purpose. It is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It acts directly on the delicate organs concerned and makes them strong, healthy, vigorous and virile. It always inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and tones the shattered nerves. It fits for wedlock and motherhood. It quickens and vitalizes the distinctly feminine organism. It banishes the maladies of the expectant months and makes baby's introduction to the world easy and almost painless. It insures the little new-comer's health and nourishment in plenty. It is the best supportive tonic for nursing mothers.

Mrs. J. H. Smith, of Spokane Co., Wash., writes: "I am glad to tell of the good results of your great medicine—Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It gives me strength. I have no tired feeling and my baby is the picture of health. I feel better than I have in years."

In cases of constipation Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets should be used as an adjunct to "Favorite Prescription." They are a perfectly simple, perfectly natural and insure prompt and permanent relief.

Hon. Walter L. Toozee was in Dallas yesterday, interviewing Republican voters in the interest of his candidacy. Mr. Toozee is making an earnest and effective campaign, and reports from all portions of the district indicate that he is steadily gaining in strength, inspired articles like the one appearing in Sunday's Oregonian from Salem to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Independence & Monmouth Railway Company is showing commendable enterprise in providing new rolling stock for its road. Another large engine and a combination passenger and baggage coach have been purchased, and the small engines and motor cars will soon be discarded. A change in the time schedule, whereby the traveling public will be greatly benefited, will be announced in the near future. Manager Hirschberg is sparing no expense to give the people better service, and his efforts will be duly appreciated.

INDEPENDENCE NOTES

Revival services are in progress at the Evangelical church.

Mrs. Arthur Moore was a Dallas visitor the first of the week.

Thomas Fennell has sold his blacksmith shop to Jacob Brown.

Postmaster M. Merwin was a passenger to Portland, Wednesday.

W. A. Messner was in Vancouver and Portland the first of the week.

Hon. B. F. Jones has been appointed by the city council, as city attorney.

Harry Wilcox, of Portland, is visiting at the home of his uncle, G. A. Wilcox.

Charles Denison, of Salem, has put on an amusing launch on the run from here to Salem.

Mrs. J. C. Morrison and daughter, Miss Veva, have returned from a visit with relatives in California.

A merchants protective association has been organized with A. Huston, president and Ed Simon, secretary.

An amusing game of basket ball was played at the auditorium Friday evening, by the "fats" and the "leaves" of the town.

The Rebekah lodge will hold a special meeting Friday evening, at which time the President of the Assembly, will visit the order.

Mayor E. E. Paddock and the members of the city council expect to go to Newberg, during the coming week, to inspect the gravity water system.

Mr. Ernest Gamble
Is a most polished artist. His voice is of beautiful quality, good volume, is perfectly placed, and has that fine breadth and reserve, all of which enter so largely into the making of a great artist. With these excellent qualities for a foundation, Mr. Gamble has added a splendid style, a true polish which gives him musically and intellectually a masterful command, and enables him to give free and unhampered interpretations. Mr. Gamble will sing in Woodman Hall, February 22.

Tom Stockwell, trap drummer in the Woodman orchestra, has purchased a fine set of professional orchestra bells.

Notice of Final Settlement.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, the estate of W. R. Birks, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that C. C. Scroggin, administrator of the estate of W. R. Birks, deceased, has filed his petition for final settlement and final account of said estate, and said petition has been set for hearing on Saturday, March 10, 1906, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., at the Court Room of said County of Polk, in the City of Dallas, Oregon, at which time all persons having objections to said report (if any there be) are notified to appear and present the same to said court, and upon their failure to do so, the undersigned will apply to said court for an order approving said account, and that the estate be closed and the administrator discharged.

Dated at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 24th day of February, 1906.

GEORGE W. CONKEY,
Administrator of said estate.

Administrator's Notice.
Notice is hereby given, to whom it may concern, that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Fannie H. Conkey, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and said report has been set for hearing on Saturday, March 10, 1906, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., at the Court Room of said County of Polk, in the City of Dallas, Oregon, at which time all persons having objections to said report (if any there be) are notified to appear and present the same to said court, and upon their failure to do so, the undersigned will apply to said court for an order approving said account, and that the estate be closed and the administrator discharged.

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COURT HOUSE NOTES.

PROBATE

Estate of C. E. Brown, deceased—final account approved and estate closed.

Estate of D. F. Boyer, deceased—certain personal property ordered set apart for the use of widow; petition to sell certain real estate granted.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

In the matter of filling vacancies on election boards—ordered that the following persons be appointed to serve: N. M. Dickey and L. F. Tharp, clerks, in Douglas.

John F. Smith, clerk, and T. J. Berry, judge, in North Mouth.

W. J. Crawford, judge, in Spring Valley.

C. L. Masterson, clerk, and A. J. Wilson, judge, in North Independence.

W. S. Bennett, judge, in Salt Lake.

O. N. Harrington, clerk, in North Dallas.

Bond of M. Scraftford, in sum of \$500, for relief of indigent soldiers approved.

Contract for furnishing 20 cords of fir wood for county, awarded to L. M. Humphrey; bid, \$2.20 per cord.

Contract for furnishing 40 cords of oak grub wood awarded to C. Domaschofsky; bid \$2.47 a cord.

Ordered that \$134.60 be transferred from the General Fund to the Indigent Soldiers' Fund.

Ordered that the sum of \$363.10 be transferred from the General Fund to the School Library Fund.

Road supervisor's bonds of R. F. Loe, J. Becker, E. Chamberlain, Theo. Zozel, D. P. Stapleton, Ralph Savery, G. H. Crawford, J. M. Farley, J. A. Hannum, Percy Hadley, A. R. Southwick, Jacob Smith, J. H. Mutkey, Chester Guthrie, G. S. Nelson, James Boydston, J. N. Jones and Ira Yocum, approved.

CLAIMS ALLOWED

ROADS AND BRIDGES

City of Independence, \$51.00; Wagner Bros., \$8.15; Jacob Becker \$31.70; P. W. Sayre, 93c; I. A. Hooker, \$4.50; Jacob Smith, \$97.50.

SALARY AND FEES

J. R. Shepard, \$7.45; B. Wilson, \$52; J. H. Moran, \$3.40; J. T. Ford, \$157.35; M. A. Ford, \$50; Dan P. Stouffer, \$75; A. N. Holman, \$65; E. M. Smith, \$142.14; J. E. Beasley, \$98.75; C. L. Starr, \$55.48; Mrs. U. S. Loughery, \$15; J. H. Nunn, \$22; A. M. Trent, \$40; E. F. Coad, \$66.65; C. S. Graves, \$100.50; Mrs. F. A. Wolfe, balance, \$100.

PAUPER ACCOUNT

Mrs. S. E. Robinson, \$36; D. G. Meador \$11; Gerlie P. Williams, \$8; W. R. Howe, \$20; C. E. Hundley, \$56; D. Nachtigall, \$80.

COURTHOUSE ACCOUNT

Dallas Electric Light Company, \$31; Dallas Water Co., \$10; C. L. Grider, \$1.20; C. H. Morris, \$7; H. J. Osfield, \$60; D. L. Key, \$64.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE

Dr. W. S. Cary, insane account, \$5; George Brunk, same, \$3.30; Glass & Prudden, same, \$3.30; E. M. Smith, repair typewriter, \$2.50; F. M. Treanor, insane account, \$3.50; H. C. Dunsmore, same, \$3.50; A. S. Newton, same, \$3.50; Dr. B. H. McCallan, same, \$5; H. L. Fenton, \$5.00; West Side, printing, \$52; Portland Typewriter Co. \$35; R. E. Williams, tax rebate, \$16.50; J. A. Wash, pub tax list, \$91.05; J. W. Wankey, error in tax, \$2.24; Osburn printing, \$80.90; C. G. Coad, postage, \$10.60; B. F. Mulkey, error in tax, \$18.64.

Donate Road Work.

Tracy Staats visited relatives in the Luckiamute country, Sunday. He says the farmers in the Airie neighborhood are so well pleased with the results of their last year's road work that they have determined to donate more work this year than ever before. Probably 400 days work will be pledged this spring. These farmers maintain an active road organization, and are going about their work in a well-planned and intelligent way.

House For Sale.

My residence in Dallas, situated on mill race one block north of court house is for sale; also, two lots, one 7x150 feet corner east and south front, the other 50x150 ft., 12 story house, six good rooms and wood shed; a splendid well water. E. V. Datzon, Dallas, Oregon, with R. Jacobson & Company.

Mathews & Madison have purchased

an \$800 music box. It is provided with drum and cymbal accompaniments, and is a fine instrument.

Strayed or Stolen.

From the farm of Pierce Riggs, on the Independence road, Polk county, one bay mare 8 years old, one brown horse about 15 years old, and one sucking colt, black. Liberal reward for their return, or for information that will lead to their recovery. Address A. J. Brown or An Ger, Independence, route 1.

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Colt For Sale.
Three-year-old grade colt, part Clydesdale, for sale. J. BOWLER, Dallas R. F. D. 1.

Hay For Sale.
Good baled timothy, \$8 per ton; cheat, \$7. Call at, or phone to McArthur farm near Derry.

Goats For Sale.
27 head of good grade goats for sale. Rural phone.

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Busy Selling Reliable Goods at Low Prices

We made many homes happy this Christmas time and hundreds learned that this store is the best place to trade. Our plan of quoting After-Holiday Prices before Christmas brought the crowds of happy shoppers here. We wish to thank our many patrons and friends for their liberal patronage in the past and wish them all "A Happy and Prosperous New Year"—We know you will have a prosperous year if you continue to buy your Dry Goods, Clothing, Furnishings, Footwear, etc., at

THE BIG STORE

For it will ever be our aim to sell the best goods at the most reasonable prices and courteous treatment to all. Remember when you want genuine bargains come here.

Many New Articles Arriving Every Week. Our Stock is Always Up-to-date and Reliable.

ELLIS & KEYT

PHONE 246.

MAIN STREET

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Dr. Hayter, Dentist. Office over Wilson's Drug Store, Dallas, Oregon.

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