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



PROJECT NOT FEASIBLE

The OBSERVER has no desire to discourage the promotion of any enterprise having for its object the up-building of Oregon unless such enterprise shall show upon its face that it is visionary and impracticable. For this latter reason, this paper is of the opinion that it is only a waste of time and energy to advocate the building of a railroad from the Siletz Reservation to King's Valley, over the Luckiamute mountains, and we further believe that the youngest child now living will never see such a road completed and in operation. With an old-established road within a stone's throw of the lower Siletz timber, and another road building to the upper portion of the tract by an easy and direct route, there is no prospect of any road being built to the valley over the high mountains between these two routes.

Residents of Lincoln county who are familiar with every foot of the Siletz country and the mountain ranges between the coast and the valley scout the idea of a railroad over the Big Luckiamute range. They say that the Falls City route is so much shorter and the grade so much easier that there would be no object in building the other road. They further say there would be little or no traffic for the Luckiamute road, for the reason that all the timber on the upper Siletz and its tributaries will be shipped out by way of Falls City, while the lower Siletz timber will go the natural route to Toledo, and thence to market over the Corvallis & Eastern road.

The OBSERVER recently published a communication from a rancher on the lower Siletz, in which the assertion was made that a road over the mountains to Kings Valley would be entirely feasible and of great benefit to the people of the Siletz country. Becoming somewhat interested in the claims set forth by the correspondent, we have made it a point to discuss the project with a large number of well-informed residents, timber dealers and claim owners in that section of the country, and we have yet to find a single man who agrees with our correspondent. A little talk with any of these men who are thoroughly familiar with the timber and topography of the Siletz country will convince any man that it is only a waste of time to advocate the building of a railroad by way of the Big Luckiamute, when there is one road already in operation within a few miles of the Siletz timber, and another road being built to it by the shortest route and the easiest grade between any point in the Willamette Valley and the Pacific Ocean.

CLEAN MAN FOR SENATE

A circular letter addressed to this office, and, in fact, copies of the same have been sent to every republican paper in the state, says that Hon. H. M. Calkins, who is asking to be a candidate for the United States Senate, is using the Oregon Development League as a political machine to boost himself into prominence, which, by the way, is absolutely false; but if it were true, we can't for the life of us understand why it should give Richard M. McCann, the writer of the circular, such an unmerciful cramp.

Mr. Calkins is a man of energy and push; a man of ability and integrity; whatever he undertakes, goes. As president of the Portland Commercial Club and one of the men whose efforts made the Lewis and Clark fair a glorious success, and in fact, as a man who has devoted his energy to pushing every enterprise that would benefit Portland and bring to the notice of the world the resources and advantages of Oregon, Mr. Calkins' name has become familiar to almost every reader, and they have looked upon him as a friend and a mighty good man to tie to. In the United States Senate he would "do things," and that's the kind of men Oregon wants, and we are sure the voters are

going to look at the things he has done rather than to believe the representations of a few kickers.

When Mr. Calkins decided to go after the nomination, he immediately resigned as president of the Commercial Club, which left him free to go before the party and ask for the nomination at the primary election, and we believe he will get it by a big majority. The "Protest from Portland" will prove a benefit to him, as will the postal card campaign of Jonathan Bourne, which is considered more of a crude joke than anything else.—Hillsboro Independent.

HERE'S COMMON SENSE

The insistence with which our friends of the Democratic party demand that Republicans shall carry out that extreme feature of populism in the direct primary law is becoming almost consistent; in fact nearly every Democrat in Oregon today declares that the Republicans should be bound to carry out the provisions in that little "nigger" known as "Statement No. 1." In their platform adopted at the banquet last Tuesday night the Democrats declared as follows:

"We advocate the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. This has always been one of the cardinal principles of democracy. The Republican party and its candidates are of necessity legally and morally bound to carry out the provisions of the direct primary law by voting for the individual receiving the highest number of votes at the polls for United States Senator."

These two clauses will stand some study and a little bit of demonstration. To begin with, both parties for a number of years have acceded to what they considered a demand from the people for a "buncombe plank" in their platform favoring the election of United States Senators by a direct vote. Whether this has ever been a cardinal principle of the democratic party or not is questionable. In fact, if history tells truly, the founder of the democratic party and the man to whom that party points with a great deal of pride, that is to say, Thomas Jefferson, was one of the men who wrote and framed the constitution of the United States which set forth the present plan of electing United States Senators, believing that in this way the senate would retain an element of conservatism, as representative of the states, that might be lost to it were its members selected through a campaign after the manner of the selection of congressmen, etc. Just whether this was the right principle or not is not so much the aim of the writer to demonstrate in this discussion, although he is frank to say that he believes so, but the fact that our democratic brethren need not take unto themselves such unaction as they apparently do in this matter.

The theory of the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people may be right or wrong; but there is one thing absolutely sure, and it is thoroughly demonstrated today, and clearly so, the Oregon primary law is not so worded as to bring that thing about in this state, nor can any state law accomplish that purpose while the constitution of the United States stands in the way. It will be noticed that our democratic friends in this same platform in no wise pledged their candidates to "Statement No. 1," but they did not hesitate a moment in pledging ours. This, of course, was very kind of them, and no doubt relieved us, in their estimation, of the necessity of adopting a platform for ourselves.—Salem Statesman.

In line with the plan agreed upon by all the Assessors of valley counties, Assessor Graves will adopt the full valuation basis in making the assessment this year. Since the state tax is no longer based on property valuation and there is no opportunity for any county to evade the payment of its just proportion of the state expenses, there seems to be no good reason why the full valuation plan should not be adopted in Oregon, just as it was adopted years ago in many of the large and prosperous states east of the Rocky Mountains. Valuations no longer cut any figure in raising revenue for state purposes. Each county's proportion of the state tax is now based on the amount spent by that county for purely county purposes, and the value of taxable property has nothing to do with the amount to be paid into the state treasury each year. With all the other valley counties doubling their valuation and cutting their levy one-half, Polk county cannot afford to continue the old plan of low valuations and high levies. A half valuation would place the county in a bad light before home-seekers and outside capitalists, many of whom would never stop to inquire as to the basis of the assessment, but would merely consider the size of the levy itself. Assessor Graves is a painstaking, conscientious officer, and will endeavor to the best of his ability to make a just and equitable assessment of all classes of property. In this effort, he should, and doubtless will, have the support and co-operation of every taxpayer in the county.

Hon. Milt Miller, of Linn county has filed a petition to succeed himself in the Senate. He did not sign Statement No. 1. It will be noted that few Democrats are taking that pledge. They are not willing to place themselves in a position where they will be obliged to vote for a Republican Senator, should the Republicans win in June, but they are insisting that Republican candidates should pledge themselves to vote for John M. Gearin.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Cures Cough, Croup and Whooping Cough.



No woman can look beautiful without good health. A woman's good health depends on those organs peculiarly feminine, and which as often become disordered, causing misery and dragging down pain. Nature's laws are perfect, health comes if you obey them, but disease follows disobedience. The disordered complaints of women are often brought about by catching cold at a critical period, breathing foul, impure air and long hours of work and nervous tension. Go straight to Nature for the cure—in the future, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is Nature's cure for the disordered complaints of women. Prof. King, M. D., in his American Dispensary, says of Black Cohosh or Black Root: "For early American Indians set a high value on this root in diseases of women. It is supposed to be an other drug, in comparison with the root where there are dragging pains and tenderness."

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In the event that gentleman should happen to be successful at the polls. How much longer will the Republican party, with its 90,000 majority in Oregon, permit itself to be worked by a few Democrats and Populists?

Comes now Isaac H. Wheelton, of Bridgeport precinct, and circulates his petitions, setting forth the fact that he aspires to the office of Representative from Polk county, asking that his name be placed on the Democratic ticket, and promising not to withdraw from the race if nominated at the direct primary election on April 1. There appears to be no great scramble for the office of Representative among the Democrats this year, and many leaders of the party are of the opinion that Mr. Wheelton will have no opposition in his own party ranks.

Judging from the present outlook, Johns will win the nomination for Governor, with Withycombe a close second. Geer will be a poor third, and the remaining candidates will have no show of even finishing in the money.

WAS PIONEER OF 1852

Mrs. S. L. Irvine Passes Away at Home of Her Daughter, Mrs. J. T. Ford, in Dallas.

Mrs. S. L. Irvine died at the home of her son-in-law, Sheriff J. T. Ford, in Dallas, Wednesday, March 7, 1906, aged 84 years. Her death was caused by a cancer, and she had been a constant sufferer for many months.

Mrs. Irvine's maiden name was Spioey Lucinda Duncan. She was born in Tennessee, February 17, 1822. She moved with her father's family to Missouri in the early '30s, and was married to Samuel H. O. Irvine, January 7, 1838. Mr. and Mrs. Irvine emigrated to Oregon in 1852, and located a donation claim in Marion county. Her husband died August 25, 1864. Grandma Irvine and family moved to Independence, Polk county, in 1870.

She was the mother of 10 children, of whom only three are living. They are: Jackson P. Irvine, of McMinnville; Samuel B. Irvine, of Independence, and Mrs. Mattie J. Ford, of Dallas. Early in life, she united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church, but later became a member of the Congregational church. She was a kind, Christian woman and had many friends.

The funeral services will be held in the Presbyterian church at Independence at 11 o'clock this morning. Dr. C. C. Polling will preach the funeral sermon. The pallbearers will be her eight grandsons, Clara, Sam, Charles, Clarence, Jesse and Roy Irvine, Mark A. and Walter I. Ford.

Falls City Notes

Miss Sadie Myer, of Smithfield, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Seymour.

B. Buell is building a house to rent near the Falls City Lumber Company's mill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bryan have been visiting in Dallas.

Arthur Watkins and family have returned to Portland.

Miss Ola Grant, of Dallas, has been visiting friends here.

P. A. Finseth was a business visitor in Falls City this week.

Our school has been closed all week, but will open again Monday.

Mrs. Al Stewart and children have returned home from a few days' visit in Dallas.

Work on the new bakery is progressing rapidly, and our town will soon boast a new enterprise.

Miss McCormick has returned from Portland, and has again taken up her work in the millinery department of Lucas' store.

Down's Little Early Risers
The famous little pills.

HOLDS SHORT SESSION

County Court Disposes of Accumulated Business in Four Hours and Adjourns.

The February term of the Polk County commissioners court was one of the shortest in the history of Polk county, the session lasting only four hours. All the members of the court were in attendance. Commissioner Kings having recently returned home from his six weeks' vacation in California. The expenses of the court for February were light, and the work of auditing claims was soon disposed of. Aside from paying bills, making a settlement with the County Treasurer, and vacating certain streets in West Salem, little business came up for consideration.

CLAIMS ALLOWED

Against County \$270
Wm. Herren 370
P. W. Sayre 82
Johnson Lumber Company 2714
Shaw & Shoppe 80
C. O. Sargent 120
N. F. Gregg 2000

SALARY AND FEE

Frank Butler 300
J. E. Deady 4285
J. N. Holmes 4500
A. M. Treat 4000
E. M. Smith 13079
H. B. Cooper 6000
M. A. Ford 5000
O. S. Graves 10000
J. B. Nunn 4900
Ed F. Coard 8588
P. L. Starr 15888
J. T. Ford 15888
Seth Biggs 400
William Biddell 2250

FATHER ACCOUNT

D. G. Meador 1100
Gertie Williams 800
Mrs. S. E. Robinson 1200
W. R. Howe 1000
C. E. Huntley 5000

COURTROOM ACCOUNT

Dallas Water Company 1000
J. E. Beasley 1000
Dallas Electric Light Co 2500
Vaughn & Weaver 350

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE

G. C. Schaeffer, livery hire 300
Glass & Prodhomme, supplies 3075
G. C. Coard, postage 1050
Stafira Drug Company, misc 200
Expense teachers examination 6000
Miscellaneous for indigent soldiers 2500
OBSERVER, printing 2500

Energy and Business Ability.

Mr. Hawley is one of Oregon's brightest men, is a good speaker and a man of great energy and business ability.—Merrill Record.

Dr. C. C. Polling is holding revival meetings at Rickreall.

County Clerk E. M. Smith issued license to wed to Astell McCarter and Miss Minnie Bird, Wednesday.

BUSINESS LOCALS

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

Hop Yard For Rent.

Hop yard for rent. Inquire of F. B. Brown, Dallas, R. F. D. 1.

For Sale.

A good peddling wagon. Enquire at this office.

For Sale.

Four year old gelding; weight about 1400. W. C. Lewis, Rickreall, Or.

Lost.

A sack of hides and furs between Dallas and Salem. DALLAS-SALEM STAGE.

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Choice Italian Prune trees. Write for prices to F. M. CRABTREE, Washington Co., Laurel, Or.

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Personal.

If Daniel Haley, who about twelve years ago lived in Southern Oregon, and who once had a brother living in Pasadena, Cal., by the name of Michael Haley, will correspond with the undersigned he can learn of something to his advantage.

WM. FORBES.

Clerk of Woodmen of World, Pasadena, Cal.

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