

# Polk County Observer

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The way to build up Dallas is to pat-  
ronize Dallas people.



## OPPOSES SPECIAL SHOWS

James Elliott Would Combine All Exhibits in One Big County Fair.

DALLAS, Or., March 25.—(To the Editor.)—I see by one of your late issues that we are to have a special Cherry Show in the near future. Good for Polk county and Dallas! It may be news to you, Mr. Editor, but from what I have heard I expect we will soon have a special Cat Show and possibly a few jackrabbits, just to make the thing look a little more spic and humbug the people a little longer. Barnum said we American people liked to be humbugged.

I have no doubt, Mr. Editor, but you will find fault with this rabbit proposition and say it will be impossible for us to compete with several other counties, as there are counties in Oregon that can produce 10 jackrabbits to our one. Well, you know, this can be very easily fixed, as we can call this special cat and rabbit show just about the time we hold our annual Goat Show, right in midwinter when the roads and weather are at their worst. By this plan we can advertise our special show open to all comers and beat every state in the Union.

I have been wondering for a long time how long will the people of Oregon allow themselves to be humbugged by these special shows, and also at the way our agricultural interests are being crippled at our State Fair, where we ought to have one of the finest exhibitions in the United States every year. Our State Fair has become little more than a gambling den—a place to demoralize the youth of our fair state and have an exhibition a class of horses that Oregon has little or no use for.

Strange to say, the people allow these demoralizers to run our State Fair at a time of the year to suit themselves, just when a great portion of our farmers are in the midst of their hop and prune harvest and many of them are not through their grain harvest and hauling. Hundreds of dollars of the prize money are set aside for these things they call horses, while we hayseeds may possibly get \$2.50 for a fine draft stallion, brood mare, or blooded bull, any one of which is worth more to the state of Oregon than all the race horses that have been at the State Fair for the last 25 years. Fine encouragement for an agricultural fair!

I think it is high time for us citizens of old Polk county to wake up and attend to our own business—business that we ought to have attended to years ago, the neglect of which is losing us thousands of dollars each year. Many of us think these special shows do us much good. I certainly think they do, just to a limited few, but for every \$10 they bring to the county, a good, well-arranged County Fair held here every year some time in the last half of October would in a very few years add more than \$1000 each year instead of \$10 as it now is.

Why do we allow this kind of management to go along from year to year, when we have a county that has in it everything to make a Nation? Why don't we use a little bit of common sense, go to work and buy about eight or ten acres in a central place in the county and hold a County Fair each year? Such a location should have good railroad facilities and waterworks, both of which are vitally essential to a first-class fair ground. The ground is right here, almost inside the corporate limits of Dallas, where we could have a good grandstand on an elevated site in the center of the tract, with sheds all around the edges of the grounds and a driveway immediately inside these sheds. On this driveway we could show how our heavy draft horses move when hitched to a wagon; then our carriage horses in harness, our single buggy horses and rigs, and our saddle horses and riders. Inside of this enclosure we could have a plot of ground for judging our show animals.

We would also have a very large building where we could display all kinds of farm machinery, farm products, ladies' needlework, butter, bread, and other farm products. I tell you boys, twenty years from now some of you will feel awfully sorry that you did not go into partnership with that girl that took first prize for bread. You would never have known what dyspepsia was, had you been smart enough to make the trade.

This Mr. Editor, is only a very small description of what we can do right in this county. We have everything here, and in sight, and I think the time is ripe now. There is certainly nothing wanting but the will. I see there is to be a Horse Show in Dallas next Saturday. Why can we not get together and secure some large hall where all the citizens of Polk

county can meet and discuss this very important matter?

JAMES ELLIOTT.

[The OBSERVER desires to lend its heartfelt indorsement to Mr. Elliott's advocacy of a County Fair, and we believe that a large majority of the people of Polk county are strongly in favor of such an enterprise. Sentiment in favor of an annual County Fair has been growing steadily for many years, stimulated largely by the success of the goat shows, poultry exhibits, apple fairs, and other industrial exhibitions, and all that is needed to get the enterprise under way is for a few enterprising farmers and business men to take the lead. The people will be found ready and anxious to do their part. While indorsing Mr. Elliott's views on the County Fair question, the OBSERVER cannot tolerate for a moment his assertion that the people are being humbugged by the goat shows, apple fairs, and other special shows. Mr. Elliott is an enterprising farmer and a conscientious citizen, but he is clearly in the wrong when he attempts to build up a County Fair by belittling the work of the men who have made these special shows such a valuable factor in the development of Polk county. The Goat show alone has done more to advertise Polk county in every state in the Union than all other agencies combined, and it has also built up and strengthened an industry that not only brings thousands of dollars to the pockets of the farmers each year but is of more value than all other agencies in clearing the waste lands and preparing them for profitable cultivation. The Apple Show, held in Dallas last Fall, did more to quicken interest in fruit-growing than could have been accomplished by talk in forty years. While the exhibit was small, it demonstrated the fact that Polk county is capable of producing apples equal to the best in the world, where care and intelligence is exercised in handling the orchards, and the farmers went home with a determination to produce better fruit in future by trimming and spraying their long neglected trees and converting into a source of profit one portion of the farming industry that for many years had yielded them no revenue whatever. The Poultry Shows have added to the wealth of the county and the benefits of the School Children's Industrial Fair last Fall were great beyond measure. The OBSERVER believes that Polk county will have a County Fair, and that soon; but if such an enterprise is established, it will be because these special shows have paved the way for it by educating people to the value of the greater exhibition. The promoters of the Goat Show and other special shows are the strongest advocates of a County Fair and stand ready to do their full share in getting the project under way. Let us have the County Fair, but let us continue to encourage and support the smaller shows until such time as the people shall see fit to combine them all in one big exhibit.]

It is funny to hear some of the candidates for re-election howling their heads off for a rock-crusher, who were working as strenuously for the defeat of the movement two years ago. The rock-crusher idea is not new. It was started by the old council, but lost out by one vote, being savagely fought by some of the same men who are now asking for office on the claim that they favor street improvement, although they have had two years in which to improve the streets and have done nothing (but raise taxes to the highest limit ever known in Dallas). Now, of a sudden, they want a rock-crusher. Looks like a sort of death-bed repentance, doesn't it?

The OBSERVER heartily favors the purchase of a rock-crusher by the city. The streets of Dallas have been neglected until they are a positive disgrace to our otherwise beautiful town. But remember, friends and neighbors, that the undertaking is large and that the financial end of the improvement will have to be most carefully handled at all times, else the already over-burdened taxpayers will find it the heaviest load they ever attempted to carry. The improvement will be all right, if it is handled right.

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Two good milch cows for sale; also, a set of second-hand harness. D. A. CRITCHLOW, Dallas.  
**Shakes For Sale.**  
Shakes for sale at Pedee mill, on good county road. Inquire of J. V. RONCO at the mill.  
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Thirty thousand second-hand brick for sale cheap. Inquire of WILLAMETTE VALLEY CO., Dallas.  
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Full-blood Buff Leghorn eggs for sale at \$1 per setting. E. M. SMITH, Dallas, Or.  
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For sale, clean vetch and grain, or grain hay. W. C. LEWIS, Rickreall; Bell Phone 66.  
**For Sale or Rent.**  
Six room house, good outbuildings and four acres, in South Dallas. Inquire of F. M. JACKSON.  
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JAMES ELLIOTT.  
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Notice is hereby given that by order of the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, sealed bids will be received at the County Clerk's office for 20 cords of clean, straight, oak-grub wood and 20 cords of old-growth fir wood; grub wood to be not less than 2 inches nor more than 10 inches in diameter; all wood to be delivered at the same time, at the courthouse, not later than September 1, 1907. Bids will be opened April 3, 1907, at 1 o'clock p. m. The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
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