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



### CITY ELECTION.

With the annual city election only three days distant, the general apathy and indifference so much in evidence two or three weeks ago has disappeared, and the contest for the various offices to be filled, while characterized by the best of feeling among the several candidates and their respective supporters, promises a lively campaign and an exciting finish at the polls. Two candidates are in the field for the Mayoralty, one for Councilman-at-Large, and two for City Auditor and Police Judge. The Second Ward leads in the number of candidates for the office of Councilman, three aspirants having filed their petitions with the City Auditor. The voters of the First Ward have exercised their nominating prerogative by placing only one candidate for Councilman in the field, but the Third Ward has two aspirants for the same office.

Such lively interest in the selection of men to administer the affairs of the city for the coming two years speaks well for the citizenship at large and promises good things for the growth and prosperity of Dallas. In the absence of important issues or personal animosities, it proves that the people of the enterprising capital of Polk county are deeply and earnestly interested in securing the very best attainable results for the upbuilding of the city and in keeping pace with the rapid march of progress now being made by all of the enterprising communities of the state.

The growth and prosperity of any city depends largely upon the attitude of its city officers toward any movement having for its object the general good of the people. With a Mayor and Council ever alert in leading all proper support and influence to enterprises and movements of public moment, as well as wisely and faithfully

fully carrying out all necessary municipal improvements, no city can fail to prosper. It is therefore of the greatest importance that the voters exercise the utmost care and discretion in selecting none but the most capable and broad-minded business men to fill the city offices.

One fact that should be borne in mind by every voter, and that should awaken in him a full measure of his responsibility as a citizen, is that a wise and proper administration of municipal affairs is fully as important to him in a financial way as is a judicious expenditure of public funds for state and county purposes. It is probably fair to assert that the taxpayer in the average city or town in Oregon finds his city tax each year nearly or quite equal to the amount he is obliged to pay for county purposes. It is doubtless true that in some of the larger cities, his city tax is as heavy as his county and state taxes combined. Little or no complaint is ever heard of a lack of interest in state or county elections, and there would seem no good reason why a taxpayer should not show an equal amount of interest in the selection of fit and proper men to administer municipal affairs.

One new feature that has recently entered into the financial life of Dallas and made the election of competent officers of more than usual importance is that all of the money needed for public purposes now has to be raised by direct taxation. A city has only two methods of raising revenue—by licensing certain occupations and by taxation of property. When either of these sources of revenue is cut off, the other has to be resorted to. Dallas is now receiving \$2000 less each year from the license source than it did before the local option law went into effect in Polk County. In calling attention to this fact at the present time, it is not our purpose to question the wisdom of the verdict of the voters last June, but merely to call attention to a condition that confronts the taxpayer. The license loss was heavy for a town of Dallas' size, amounting as it did to nearly one-half of the total revenue of the city. Citizens who have been inclined to complain of the excessive city tax levy of the present year should bear in mind that 3 mills were required to cover this loss, even with property valuations increased over 150 per cent. Under the old method of valuation, the levy necessary to cover this loss would have reached at least 6 mills.

While this heavy loss of revenue makes the most rigid economy necessary, yet there are certain expenses that must be met, and the only method left to the council to raise the money to meet these expenses is to tax the property of the citizen. It is therefore of the greatest importance that men be selected for office who are prudent, capable business men, to the end that Dallas may continue to grow and improve without placing an undue burden of taxation on the shoulders of the property-owner. Dallas cannot afford to resort to a "penny wise,

pound foolish" policy; neither can it afford any unnecessary extravagance. What is needed, under present conditions, is a conservative, and yet progressive, middle course.

It is to be hoped that the voters will turn out to a man next Monday, no matter how pressing personal business interests may be, and participate in the selection of the men who will be called to take charge of the city's affairs for the next two years. A large vote will not only indicate the sentiment of a real majority of the people, but it will make a good showing for the growing city of Dallas as well.

Hotel Astor in New York plans to erect a \$20,000 depot for airships. This is taking time by the forelock with a vengeance, since it appears that no one has as yet invented an airship that could be positively relied upon to land or anchor at any fixed particular point. The only law thus far that the aeroplane and dirigible balloon can be positively relied upon to obey is the law of gravity.

Accepting the estimates of acreage and average yield made by Leo Peterson, publisher of the Commercial Review, who has just returned from nearly a month's tour of the great Northwestern cereal empire, the wheat crop of 1909 should reach 80,000,000 bushels (barring unfavorable climatic conditions.) This means an increase of 17,000,000 bushels over the previous record yield of 63,000,000 bushels in 1907.—Telegram.

### Matthieu Celebrates Anniversary.

Francois Xavier Matthieu, one of the most noteworthy characters in the early history of Oregon, today celebrates the ninety-first anniversary of his birth, which occurred April 2, 1818. He bears the distinction of being the sole survivor of that historic 52 who voted on May 2, 1843, at Champeong, for the organization of the first civil government west of the Rocky Mountains, known in history as the Provisional Government of Oregon.

The semi-final debate between the Monmouth and Independence teams of the Polk County High School League will be held in Monmouth today. The second Monmouth team and the Ballston team will debate in the latter place tomorrow night. The final debate between the winners in these two debates will be held about the middle of the month.

Miss Jennie Muscott, librarian for the Dallas Free Library, reports a total circulation of 723 volumes during the month of March, 428 of which were fiction, 33 non-fiction and 202 children's books. During the month 1611 persons visited the library during the librarian's hours and 17 new borrowers' cards were issued.

A chance for you to try your skill as an entertainer on amateur night at the Star Theater, Thursday night, April 8. Prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$2 offered for performers gaining the greatest amount of applause.

### COURT HOUSE NOTES

Items of Interest From the Records in the County Offices Briefly Told.

#### PROBATE.

Estate of T. P. Jack, deceased—final account set for hearing April 30, at 9:30 a. m.

Guardianship of Della R. Williams, a minor—inventory and appraisal filed and approved.

Estate of Preston Richardson, deceased—estate admitted to probate; Mrs. Ira L. Bennett appointed administratrix; bond filed and approved; letters to issue.

#### REAL ESTATE.

James E. Elkins et ux to Walter L. Tooz, land in Falls City, \$153.

C. W. Thomas to Cyrus D. and C. Ray Saunders, 354 acres, t 9 s, r 4 w, \$850.

E. J. Boyd et ux to S. M. and Emma Ray, 1/2 interest in lots in Dallas, \$2,200.

George R. Lowe et ux to Jeremiah Snyder, land in Falls City, \$175.

W. M. Bernard et ux to T. and Jessie Bernard, 12 acres, t 7 s, r 3 w, \$660.

Charles Hayes et ux to Olaf Johnson, 1 acre in Dallas, \$365.

William Ellis, trustee, to Edward Richards, lots in Dallas, \$155.

B. L. Crowley et ux to Willard Cooper, lot in Independence, \$300.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Kaerth Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kaerth entertained a number of friends at their home Wednesday night with a pleasant 500 party. The evening was spent in a most delightful manner and dainty refreshments were served. Prizes were won by Mrs. Mark Hayter, Mrs. George Gerlinger, R. E. Williams and George Gerlinger. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Soehren, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLennan, Dr. and Mrs. Mark Hayter, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel O'Brien, Misses Ida and Anna Staffin, Nora and Maude Robertson and Jennie Muscott; Messrs. Fonso Manston, R. E. Williams, Harry Gaynor and Dr. A. B. Starbuck.

#### New Reservoir Progressing.

W. L. Soehren reports good progress in the construction work on the new reservoir for which excavation is being made just south of the one now in use. The new reservoir will be completed within a comparatively short time and when finished, will give a much larger reserve of water than could ever before be secured. This will insure better fire protection and will lessen the danger of a water famine during the months of the summer season, when the supply of water brought down from the intake at Canyon Creek is at the minimum.

#### Progressive Pinch Party.

Hon. and Mrs. George L. Hawkins entertained a number of their friends Tuesday night with a very pleasant party. Progressive Pinch was played and delicious refreshments served at the close of the game. Those present were: Professor and Mrs. H. H. Dunkelberger, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Guy, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Soehrer, Misses Nora and Maud Robertson, Flora McCollon, Effa Brown, Evangeline Hart, Mina Hughes, Frances Dempsey, Ollie Howe; Messrs. R. E. Williams, N. L. Guy and W. H. Gaynor.

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### A WORD OF WARNING

Just recently a citizen of Patterson, New Jersey, contracted leprosy by wearing clothing that was sprinkled through a Chinaman's mouth in a Chinese laundry. Dr. Spaulding in charge of the department of contagious diseases of Chicago says: "The method of doing up clothes in Chinese laundries is dangerous and ought to be prohibited by law." Phone us and our wagon will call at your door. We want your bundle, large or small. Your linen will last longer when laundered by one who knows how. Special attention given to shirts, collars and cuffs.

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80 acres near Pedee store, school and postoffice; 5 miles of Airie, has large 6-room house, cost, \$1000; 2 barns; 25 acres of fine deep red up land under plow; 30 acres fine young fir timber; 3 good small orchards; balance pasture. This is a good little farm and is a snap at \$2500. Possession given first of next October.

H. G. CAMPBELL,

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Dallas, Oregon

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