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

OREGON STATE TAX.

Polk County has been slimed and chouzled so long in the apportionment of its share of taxes to be paid to the state treasury that any relief from the unjust burden seems almost too good to be true. For years Polk's share of the state tax was in the neighborhood of $20,000, which was probably about right, in view of its taxable wealth as compared with that of other counties of the Willamette Valley and of the amount necessary to be raised for state purposes. Then came the iniquitous law lasting each county's share of the state tax on the annual expenditures of that particular county without regard to property valuation. Under the new arrangement, Polk's share of the state tax was suddenly raised to a figure close to the $35,000 mark, and with each succeeding year the amount was increased until last year the county was made to contribute the enormous sum of $39,000.

With a comparatively low state levy this year, and with the apportionment fixed on a property valuation basis, Polk County will pay only $26,267. This reduction cannot be charged to any attempt of the county to make a low assessment and thus evade a just proportion of state tax, for while the State Board of Equalization has not strictly followed property valuation in determining the amounts to be paid by the various counties, it is a fact worthy of note that the valuation fixed by the Polk County board has been slightly reduced by the state officials. The county board's valuation was $15,982,630, while that of the state board is $12,276,269—a reduction of over half a million dollars.

This action of the state board comes as a welcome surprise and relief to the long over-burdened taxpayers of Polk County. No longer being compelled to pay so much more than its just share of the state's expenses, the county will now be able to make many greatly needed improvements without placing a crushing weight of taxation on the shoulders of its people.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

The Observer is proud of its corps of correspondents and believes that its readers, after enjoying the many well-written and entertaining neighborhood items printed elsewhere in this issue, will agree that this pride is partionable. We are going to take our good neighbors over the county into our confidence and tell them that what we would like to do would be to give them the entire first page of every Friday paper. That would make a showing of which no other country newspaper in Oregon south coast. Not only would it make the Observer a county newspaper in fact as well as in name, but it would prove a splendid advertisement for Old Polk. Just a few more letters would do it. There are six columns of reading matter on that page and six or eight more communications each week would enable us to fill them.

The Observer now has twenty regular correspondents and there are only seventeen precincts in the county outside of Dallas. It will therefore be seen that we have as many correspondents as there are precincts, and more. There are a few precincts, however, in which we have no reporter, and in addition there are several large neighborhoods that are not represented, such as Airlie, Oak Grove and West Salem. We would also be pleased to print weekly letters from Butler, Wilhamina, Perrydale, McCoy, Greenwood, Parker and other important neighborhoods. If any of our readers are willing to report the news happenings of these communities for us, or can recommend to us the name of some competent person whom they think might be willing to undertake the work, we shall be pleased to have them write us for further interesting particulars.

We want our readers to feel that the Observer is their paper, and for that reason we desire to increase the number of neighborhood news columns in each Friday paper until every nook and corner of Polk County shall be represented. Any assistance our readers may see fit to extend in helping us to accomplish this result will be gratefully appreciated.

Independence is planning to put down several blocks of smooth pavement this year. City officials favorable to the improvement were elected without opposition.

The astronomers say that Halley's comet will brush the earth May 18 between the hours of 4 and 10 o'clock p. m., and the "brush" will be something spectacular. The earth will then pass through the tail of the 20,000,000-mile tail of the celestial visitor, and the result ought to be as dazzling a piece of fireworks as this generation has ever seen.

FIGHT ON CANNONISM.

William Allen White, editor of the Emporia Gazette, and an undoubted authority on national politics, is of the opinion that Cannonism will not outlive the Sixty-first Congress. So far as Kansas is concerned, Mr. White believes that if Cannon representatives are not defeated in the primaries, the state will send a Democratic delegation to Congress—saving only Representative Murdock and Madison, Republicans, who are practically certain of re-election. To provide against this party upheaval—which does not appeal at all to the editor of the Gazette—Mr. White has inaugurated an Insurgent Congressional movement in Kansas and the strongest Progressives to be found will contest in the primaries with all of those representatives who supported the Cannon rule. Already the movement has gained great headway, and the news of it has commanded the attention of the Chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, who, it is reported, has let it be known that no financial help will be forthcoming to Insurgent nominees. Said Mr. White in his editorial sanctum:

"I hear that Representative McKinley says that all Insurgent nominees who are nominated will have to be elected without the aid of the National Congressional Committee. I know of five Insurgents running against Cannon Congressmen in Kansas who do not want a cent of the National Committee's money if they are nominated. They want to feel free to represent their people as Republicans and not as puppets who have been bought and paid for in advance by the Cannon-Aldrich outfit."—Everybody's Magazine.

VALUE OF GOOD ROADS.

As reports of the result of the different road meetings are received they confirm the belief that the coming year will see Washington county engaged in a general scheme of permanent road building not exceeded in magnitude by any other county in the state. The almost unanimous action in voting the special levies reflects much credit on the sound business sense of the property owners, especially as in some cases the additional tax will prove a burden. But while it may prove a present burden, there is abundant evidence from the experience of other counties that in the end it will prove a most profitable investment. The man who a few years hence sells a portion of his holdings at a price far beyond what he dreamed it might bring will have no regrets for the temporary inconvenience entailed.—Hillsboro Independent.

LATE NEWS EVENTS

Happenings in Oregon and Elsewhere Told in Hour of Going to Press.

The Government will pay $1200 a year for expert farmers. The appointments will be restricted to graduates of agricultural colleges.

The year of 1909 was one of unequalled prosperity. New high records were made in all lines showing an average gain of one-fourth.

The bachelors of Columbia County, Washington, have organized a Bachelors' Club.

Portland's postal receipts show a gain for the year 1909 of 15.09 per cent.

The death rate at Portland for the past year was 7.90 for each 1000 inhabitants. This is believed by authorities to be the lowest death rate in United States.

Snow fell in Fresno, California, Saturday for the first time in 15 years.

A catch of 140,000 halibut was made in three days on the banks in the open ocean to the west of the Queen Charlotte Islands. These banks are from two to eight miles off the coast which makes the catch a remarkable one.

Multnomah County reports 2740 marriage licenses issued during 1909.

The American University at Washington, D. C., which is the educational seat of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, has just received a gift of $50,000. The name of the donor is not given.

A movement is on foot to induce Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt to return to this country by way of the Pacific coast. He will complete his hunting trip in February and then will be apprised of the plans for his return.

Unprecendented floods are reported in California, especially in the southern part of the state.

Two army officers will attempt to sail to the South Pole in a dirigible balloon next Summer.

It is reported that the cold weather in the Northwest has seriously injured the potato crop, much of which remained unharvested.

President Taft is reported as being in favor of raising the battleship Maine which was sunk in Havana harbor.

One hundred and sixty less marriage licenses were issued in Clark County, Washington last year than the year before.

Some entertaining accounts of flying feats have been given by the papers recently. The first news of the most notable flight ever reported came from a coast guard who, while walking his lonely beat on the middle of the coast of Long Island, heard a noise in the air, and on looking up saw a light pass quickly overhead. The incident was reported in the papers the next day, and the day after a dispatch came from Worcester, Mass., telling how a Mr. Tillinghast, of that place, had flown down to New York in the night, and after circling the Statue of Liberty at a height of 1,000 feet had returned home. The incident was made more remarkable by the statement of Mr. Tillinghast that he had carried two mechanics, and that at one time he stopped his motor for forty-five minutes and floated in the air while repairs were made to the engine. The whole story sounded as like a dream that little attention was paid to it till a few days later when one night a light was seen to float around Worcester for between two and three hours to a most storm, and it is claimed by some of the 1,500 inhabitants of that city who witnessed the phenomena, they could hear the hum of the engines. The next morning Mr. Tillinghast claimed to have been in the machine that does the hum.

Another account pushes this claimer first place in the annals of flight. Mr. Weatherby, of Tacoma, Washington, is said to have invented a wonderful aeroplane in which, with two others, he went soaring through the air like an eagle, after circling the top of Mount Rainier he alighted on the edge of the crater nearly 11,000 feet above sea level. After remaining there for fifteen minutes he glided home. The feature of the machine is the substitution of undulating planes for propellers. These planes work back and forward. And the hum were overtones.

The Observer wants the printing you are particular about.

Have you seen the new Stump Pullers at the Dallas Iron Works?

We make everything we sell at the Dallas Star Bakery.

Nine dozen 75 cent shovels for 50 cents as long as they last. Guy Bros.

Fresh at the Dallas Star Bakery: Lady-fingers, cocoanut macaroons, almond macaroons, spice drops, pies, cakes and cookies of all kinds.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

(Advertisements under this head are charged at the rate of 1 cent per word, first insertion; ½ cent per word for each insertion thereafter; 30 words or less, $1 per month. No advertisement inserted for less than 15 cents.

Bottom Land For Sale.

Two acres of fine bottom land, just outside Dallas city limits, for sale on installments. H. G. Campbell. 17-tf

Corner Lot For Sale.

Fine corner lot left in Levens Third addition, for $275. H. G. Campbell. 17-tf.

For Sale.

Hay for sale. H. G. Campbell.

Wanted.

Place for a school girl to assist in housework in return for board. Apply to Box 57, or telephone Bell 462.

For Sale.

Forty acres of fine second-growth fir, with cabin on same; four miles from town, $12 per acre. Inquire of R. W. Craven. 9-tf.

For Sale.

One National Cash register at $75, and one Columbia Cash register for $50, also one Oliver typewriter model No. 5, good as new, $70. One 6 foot Cigar Case $22.50. 1-4-10.

Wanted.

All kinds of iron, rubber, brass, copper, zinc and hides. Highest cash prices paid. A. N. Halteck, Monmouth, Oregon. 3-12-tf.

Wood For Sale.

Do you need wood? In preparing to place your orders, remember that I am able to furnish you all kinds of slab wood from either of the Dallas sawmills at the best possible rates. Send in your orders by either phone. Mutual 1196; Bell 442. August Bowmun. 9-4-tf

Making Life Easier.

Everywhere life is being made more safe through the work of Dr. King's New Life Pills in Constipation, Biliousness, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Liver troubles, Kidney Diseases and Bowel Disorders. They're easy, but sure, and perfectly build up the health. 25c at all druggists.

Now in Regard To Trusses

One half of the trusses that people wear do not fit them. They cause continual annoyance. Tell us your troubles along that line. We carry a large stock and claim to be expert at truss fitting.

Fuller Pharmacy

Petaluma Incubators

Patent regulating device.
Danger of fire eliminated.
Made of best material.
Larger percentage of hatchings guaranteed than any other machine.

FIRELESS BROODERS
Something New

Craven Bros., Agents

Farm, City and Town Loans

Five Per Cent interest, Nine years' time with privilege of paying at any time. Return payments monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually, to suit borrower. For particulars,

The Jackson Loan and Trust Co.
310 Century Building Denver, Colorado

DALLAS' POPULAR GROCERY

We carry the famous DIAMOND "W" brand of Extracts, Spices, Coffee, Tea and Canned goods. Fresh bread daily. The very best of fruits and vegetables can always be found at our store.

Simonton & Scott Dallas, Oregon

Big Reduction
IN PRICES

Every article in the store, except stationery, will be sold at

25 Per Cent Discount

during the month of January.

Dallas Crockery Store
MRS. E. J. METZGER, Manager

Dallas Appreciates
AN UP-TO-DATE LAUNDRY

As the year closes we want to say thank you for your liberal patronage. We appreciate every bit of it. Our business has grown beyond our expectations the past year and plans are now under way, which, we believe, will be mutually profitable for we are aiming at even a higher standard of quality than ever before. We trust that the approaching year will bring joy and prosperity to all of our customers.

Dallas Steam Laundry
THOMPSON & HIESTAND, Proprietors

January End O

Season Sale

Clearance Sale of Seasonable Goods Began

MONDAY, JAN. 3, 191

This is the time we want to clean up our stock of all Odds and E We consider that we have done our Fall and Winter season business all left we will give the people of Polk County a rare opportunity real bargains. Out of a large line of Ladies' Tailored Suits we have 18 left and we are going to sell them regardless of what they cost. want all new Spring stock in February.

$40 Suits for $18.00
$32.50 Suits for $15.00
$25 Suits for $11.75
$22.50 Suits for $10.00
$20 Suits for .....
$16.50 and $15 Suits for .....

In This Sale of Men's Suits We Offer You a

$17 Suit for $8.00
$15.50 Suit for $6.50
$12.50 Suit for $7.00
$12 Suit for $6.75
$12.50 Suit for $6.00
$11.50 Suit for .....
$11.50 Suit for .....
$10 Suit for .....

Also an Astonishing Reduction on Many Other Suits of Our Big S

BOY'S SUITS ON SALE AT

A $6.50 Suit at $3.00
A $5.50 Suit for $2.50
A $5 Suit for $2.00
A $4 Suit at $1.85
A $4 Suit for $1.95
A $3.75 Suit for $1.75
A $3.50 Suit for $1.75
A $3 Suit for $1.40
A $2.50 Suit for .....
A $2.25 Suit for .....
A $3 Suit for .....
A $2 Suit for .....

We Have Shoes to Close Out at LOW PRIC

Men's $5 Patent Leather at $2.25
Boy's $3.25 Patent Leather at $1.85
Boy's $2.25 Patent Leather at $1.10
Children's $1.85 Patent Leather at $1
Misses $1.50, $1.65 and $1.75 at 85c
Misses $2 and $2.25 at $1.00
Ladies $2.50 Flinstone $1.45
Ladies $2.50 Kids .....
Children's $1.45 Kids .....
Children's $1.10 Kids .....

We have a new complete line of Men's Hand-made $4.00 Shoes which place on sale to start them at $2.75.

An odd lot of our famous $3.00 Hats will go at, your choice, - $

Wool Shawls and Head Scarfs at One-Third off.

A big line of broken lots of Men's, Women's and Children's Underw at prices that will pay you to buy.

That bumper line of 20c Wool Sox for this sale 2 for 25c

The swellest line of Fancy Ribbons ever shown in Dallas. 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c and 85c values for this sale to close at, per yard

Fancy Sofa Pillow Tops. Drawn Center Pieces, some of our Fancy W stock left will be placed on sale. Also one of those surprise sales on L and Embroideries that you can't afford to miss.

In this sale we will include many pieces of our Dress Goods, Silks, Waists, wool waists, also a fine line of Ladies' and Children's Hose.

This is a bonified Odd and End Clean-up Sale. We are through these lines and if you can be fitted, it will pay you to buy. We will show you many other bargains, something in almost every line of big stock.

Dallas Mercantile Compan
DALLAS, OREGON