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

BOOSTING DALLAS.

The Observer heartily agrees with the Itemizer in the suggestion that when the citizens of Dallas get ready to do a little boosting, they will find two well-equipped boosting plants right here at home. No town in Oregon of equal size has better printing plants than are to be found in Dallas, and it might be added that there is machinery and equipment in this town that cannot be found in many towns twice or three times as large as the county seat of Polk. If illustrated booklets are needed, they can be had in any quantity and quality right here at home, at prices lower than can possibly be quoted by any high-rent city office. If reliable information is wanted as to the opportunities, resources and advantages of Polk County, it can be found every week in the two newspapers printed in Dallas. Speaking for himself, the writer desires to say that for the last eighteen years he has been boosting Dallas—not only boosting it in the columns of his paper, but digging down into his jeans and contributing cash to every public improvement and industry; doing not only that, but quitting his business for days at a time and tramping up and down the street soliciting subscriptions from others. And it affords him a certain degree of satisfaction to be able to say that he usually got the money he started out to raise. It is true that the Observer was usually found up near the head of the list in the amounts donated, along with business concerns that were doing ten times the business of this print shop, and when the subscriptions came due it often took every cent the writer had in the bank to pay his share. It is an almost universal rule not to ask the publisher of a newspaper to contribute money to public enterprises, as it is considered that when he gives the support of his columns, he gives enough. But the writer has always done more. He has done more because he wanted to see Dallas grow and prosper, and because he has never wanted to see his town take one backward step. He expects to continue boosting Dallas through his newspaper as long as he remains a citizen of the town, but he will hereafter contribute cash only in proportion to the extent that the merchants of Dallas see fit to encourage and support the Observer. There are many firms in Dallas that are regular patrons of the home papers. There are other merchants who do not advertise to the extent of a five cent nickel. The Observer has no complaint to offer on this score, however, for the business man who neglects to advertise in this day and age is himself the real loser. Our readers will bear us out in the assertion that we have never begged any man for business. We didn't do it in the years when we were hard up and struggling for a foothold, and we have no desire to begin now, when we have succeeded in building our business up to a profitable basis. We hold to the theory that the newspapers of Dallas can get along without the people of Dallas as well as the people of Dallas can get along without newspapers, and we know that each is necessary to the other. For that reason, we have always advocated the use of printer's ink as a business proposition, and not as an act of charity toward the publisher. There is no law on the statute books of Oregon to compel any man to run a newspaper, and if he cannot conduct it on a dignified, business basis, he would better get out of the business. But it is not fair, it is not right, it is not business to expect a newspaper to boost year in and year out for the town, and its publisher to dig up his cash besides in promoting the public good, unless the public does its full share in return by supporting and encouraging the newspaper. The Observer is today enjoying a prosperous business. The patronage it receives from Dallas, it appreciates. To make up for the loss occasioned by home merchants who contribute little or nothing to its support, it does a general job printing business for the merchants of neighboring towns. The amount of money received from these outside sources reaches into many hundreds of dollars in a year. The office pays out thousands of dollars in Dallas every year for wages and other expenses, every dollar of which goes directly into the coffers of Dallas merchants. Its publisher believes that as long as he conducts a paper that is loyal to Dallas and worthy of Dallas' support, such support should be accorded him. He believes further that when Dallas has any money to spend for boosting purposes, it should refuse to pay it to outsiders, where it will never be seen again, as long as there are well-equipped boosting plants at home. For that reason, the publishers of the Dallas newspapers must be excused if they do not exhibit any marked degree of enthusiasm over the proposed plan to continue spending outside of Dallas a lot of good Dallas money for that which can be obtained just as effectively and as reasonably at home.

UNJUST CRITICISM.

The Medford Tribune's caustic criticism of Governor Benson for appointing Frank M. Calkins to succeed Judge Hanna in the First Judicial District falls flat before the many messages of approval and commendation coming from lawyers, newspapers and citizens in all parts of Southern Oregon. In Medford, the home of the Tribune, the bar prepared and wired to Governor Benson an enthusiastic approval of the appointment. Jacksonville and Gold Hill lawyers also joined in the endorsement. At Grants Pass, eleven out of thirteen members of the bar were strongly favorable to the appointment of Mr. Calkins to the judgeship, and Democrats and Republicans united in recommending it. The Ashland Tidings says that in Ashland not only were the many personal friends and acquaintances of Mr. Calkins pleased with the news, but every practicing attorney in the city heartily endorsed the appointment. Judge Hanna, himself, in handing his resignation to the Governor, recommended Calkins as his successor. It was doubtless this latter feature of the case that aroused the Tribune's ire when the appointment was made, for what Editor Putnam thinks of Judge Hanna wouldn't look well in print. The memory of the aged jurist's cruel and unjust ruling in the Medford libel suit still rankles in the Tribune editor's breast, and no fair-minded man can blame him for harboring a feeling of ill-will toward his persecutors. But in bitterly assailing Governor Benson for appointing a man who was eminently satisfactory to the bar and people alike, merely because his ancient enemy had joined in the recommendation for the appointment, Editor Putnam carries his resentment to the point of childishness.

SETTLERS' TURN NOW

Will Ask Investigation of Acts of Special Agents.

At the Congressional hearing which is expected in the Siletz homestead cases, an effort will be made to have the special agents of the Interior Department given a touch of the probe, as well as the settlers. An investigation of the staff of these functionaries maintained in Oregon by the $1,000,000 appropriation made by Congress at the time of the land-fraud howl, and through the regular appropriations, the services they have been performing, pay received, and how they have been reporting on cases, it is alleged by the homesteaders, will make a very interesting chapter of the Siletz controversy. For a long time there has been practically no provocation for special agent presence here, except for the Siletz settlements. The immense acreage in Eastern Oregon which is yet untaken was not sought by the homesteader or other land claimant. Only where there was a good stand of timber has there been any material homestead activity, and Siletz was the only appreciable offering in this line.

"We want the special agents to have a day before Congress, as well as the homesteaders," writes one of the original locators. "We want the privilege of putting before Congress a few facts as to the way these agents have performed their duty. We can show that where we, the homesteaders, poor and struggling for existence as a rule, have spent every day we possibly could out in that dreary forest, Winter and Summer, the luxurious special agents, who have been reporting against us, have often been staying at the Portland Hotel on Government money, and too often never went on or even near the land which they said we were not entitled to hold. Just study this situation for a moment, and see what you think of the system.

Braved Wilderness Hazards.

"Every man now before Congress for relief did his very best to comply with the homestead law. He went into the almost impenetrable forest, cut trails, built rope bridges and cleared enough for his garden. From Washington came the aristocratic special agent in a Pullman sleeper. He went to the Portland Hotel, drawing his big salary and bigger expense allowance. Then he found somebody who claimed to have been out on the Siletz, and who was ready to declare against the homesteaders, not having the fortitude and courage even to follow out where the homesteaders had blazed the trail, they performed their duty by remaining in the city and declaring that the poor devils out in the wilderness were not complying with the law.

"We know that very few of these special agents ever went on the land. Of course, they now hold that the settlers own declaration as to the time spent there defeats them. In other words, they admit that the men who went out there were so honest that they told frankly how much time they had spent on the land, and insisted that their poverty would not permit a longer sojourn there.

"Then look at the beneficent results achieved, if the special agents win in their contention against the poor homesteaders. These men who went into the forests and worked like Trojans, while their families were often hungry, being thrown off their lands by the special agents quartered in Portland Hotel rooms, have to see the batch of squatters come in, live on the claims eight months, commute by making a small cash payment, and immediately sell the land for its timber. Where does the Government profit by this? The $1,000,000 appropriation is used to keep a swarm of special agents at the hotels. They prove their usefulness by attacking the original entrymen, report adversely without seeing the land, and succeed in having these entries canceled. Squatters who have been encouraged to rush upon the property, file another homestead entry, wait six months before taking up residence there, then live on the property eight months, immediately get patent by commuting without any complaint by the special agents, and as soon as title is secured, sell the land for its timber.

"We want Congress to pass on the point whether the Government and the people make anything by this transaction. Is this style of law enforcement worth the price?"

As soon as a committee has been designated by Congress to give the Siletz cases a hearing, it is the expressed purpose of the homesteaders to gather all possible evidence bearing on the record of special agents in Oregon during the past six to eight years. It is conceded that such will not affect the law in any manner, but the settlers insist that Congress should know how the big appropriations are being used, and the manner in which public service is being performed.

Improvements at Library.

The Public Library was closed for several days last week while cleaning and repairs were going on. The first day of opening brought out nearly one hundred visitors, nearly all of whom took books. Fine inlaid linoleum has been laid all over the floor, and the old carpet has been sent away to be worked over into a big center rug. Two new book cases have been added; the cushions and fire screens have been re-covered, and cheerfulness pervades this pleasant spot. All are cordially invited to call and see the many improvements.

Cherrington's photograph gallery will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, while Mr. Cherrington is in Portland. His customers will please take notice.

LOW RATES TO EAST

Railroads May Grant Low Fares For Summer Months.

Railroad men are now deeply interested in seeing what class of low tourist rates will be granted eastbound during the coming summer. This is due to the fact that most of the important conventions which regularly draw hundreds of thousands of delegates and visitors will be held in the East or Middle West this year.

The matter of low rates is now in the hands of the Transcontinental Passenger association for final settlement at its next session, January 28. The association ordinarily does not establish a low fare good throughout the whole season, but will probably grant a number of short seasons for reduced fares. Among the big gatherings that will draw heavily from this territory are the meeting of the Mystic Shrine, at New Orleans, April 12-14; the Women's clubs at Cincinnati in May; the World's Sunday school convention at Washington, May 19-24; National Educational association at Boston; the Elks, at Detroit, and the Baptist Young People's Union, at Saratoga, all of National importance are scheduled for later in the summer.

Teacher's Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Polk County will hold the regular examination for applicants for State and County papers at the County Court House in Dallas, as follows:

For State Papers.

Commencing Wednesday, February 9, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 12, at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, History, Spelling, Physical Geography, Reading, Psychology.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Bookkeeping, Physics, Civil Government.

Friday—Physiology, Geography, Composition, Algebra, English Literature, School Law.

Saturday—Botany, Plane Geometry, General History.

For County Papers.

Commencing Wednesday, February 9, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 11, at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, History, Orthography, Reading, Physical Geography.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Physiology.

Friday—Geography, School Law, Civil Government, English Literature.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1910.

H. C. SEYMOUR,
School Superintendent of Polk County, Oregon.

Bids For Wood.

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, will receive bids for furnishing 50 cords of grub oak wood, to be not less than two inches nor more than six inches in diameter; also, 50 cords of good quality second-growth fir wood. All to be delivered at the Courthouse in Dallas, Oregon, on or before September 15, 1910. Bids will be opened on the first day of the regular February term of said Court, towit: On February 2, 1910, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

E. M. SMITH,
Clerk of County Court.

Rebekahs Install.

The newly-elected officers of Almira Rebekah Lodge were installed by Miss May Shelton, district deputy president, Wednesday night. A banquet followed the installation. The new officers are: Past noble grand, Mrs. Lorena Castle; noble grand, Miss Sadie Lynn; vice grand, Mrs. Minnie Ellis; secretary, Mrs. Ora Cosper; treasurer, Miss Ollie Howe; warden, Mrs. Hester Fiske; conductor, Miss Etta Watters; chaplain, Mrs. Jennie Gaynor; R. S. N. G., W. A. Ayres; L. S. N. G., Mrs. Ida Manston; R. S. V. G., Dr. B. H. McCallon; L. S. V. G., Mrs. Mabel Guy; sentinels, Miss Vera Cosper, Miss Nola Coad.

George Myer, the slayer of Police Officer Thomas Eckhart of Salem, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Oregon penitentiary, Wednesday. Meyers received his sentence without concern, and returned to the jail, chatting happily with the officers. His case will be appealed.

The Observer wants the printing you are particular about.

Announcement.

John H. McNary and Charles L. McNary announce that on and after February 1, 1910, they will remove from their present quarters and establish their law office at rooms 305-306-307-308 United States Bank Building, at corner of State and Commercial Streets, Salem, Oregon. 6t

Keen Cutter Channg Dishes at Craven Bros.

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.

For Sale.

One two-thirds heifer Jersey calf. N. Carmichael, Dallas. tf.

For Rent.

Two houses. One $7 and one $8 per month. Mrs. J. R. Hubbard. 1-11-tf.

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.

For Sale.

Silver-Laced Wyandotte roosters for sale. J. L. Castle. 118-3t.

For Sale.

Thirty-five acres good standing timber 4½ miles northwest of Dallas. A bargain if sold soon. Address or call. Harry M. Hill, Dallas. 1-18-4t.

Wanted.

Place for a school girl to assist in housework in return for board. Apply to Com. Box 97, or telephone Bell 403.

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. Halleck, Monmouth, Oregon. 3-12-tf.

Do You Want to Sell?

If you want to sell your business of any kind, or if you want to sell your property, and will make the price right, I would like to hear from you. Give description and price. Address J. E. Smith, 513 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Oregon. 6t.

For Sale.

Eighty acres of fine land all under cultivation 1½ miles west of North Yamhill. 8 acres in hops, yard trellised. Hop house, dwelling and barn. Close to Yamhill river. Price if taken at once, $6250. Inquire at this office. 1-21-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 443. August Bowman. 8-4-tf

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

DALLAS STATION TIME CARD

SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

LEAVING DALLAS.		ARRIVING DALLAS	
Passenger No. 74	6:45 a. m.	Passenger No. 77	11:05 a. m.
Passenger No. 76	2:30 p. m.	Passenger No. 75	7:55 p. m.

Trains Nos. 4 and 74 connect at Sheridan Junction for North Yamhill, Forest Grove, Hillsboro and way points. Trains Nos. 3 and 75 connect at St. Joe for Independence, via Dallas. Nos 1 and 77 connect at St. Joe for Independence, Corvallis and way points.

SALEM, FALLS CITY & WESTERN RY.

East Bound.

TRAIN NO. 1.
Lv. Dallas ..... 7:45 a. m.
Ar. West Salem ..... 8:25 a. m.

TRAIN NO. 3.
Lv. Black Rock ..... 10:45 a. m.
Lv. Falls City ..... 11:00 a. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 11:35 a. m.
Ar. West Salem ..... 12:15 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 5.
Lv. Dallas ..... 3:15 p. m.
Ar. West Salem ..... 3:55 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 7.
Lv. Falls City ..... 6:00 p. m.
Ar. Dallas ..... 6:30 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 9. (Sunday only.)
Lv. Dallas ..... 12:00 m.
Ar. West Salem ..... 12:40 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 11. (Sunday only.)
Lv. Black Rock ..... 3:15 p. m.
Lv. Falls City ..... 3:30 p. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 4:05 p. m.
Ar. West Salem ..... 4:45 p. m.

West Bound.

TRAIN NO. 2.
Lv. West Salem ..... 9:00 a. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 9:45 a. m.
Lv. Falls City ..... 10:15 a. m.
Ar. Black Rock ..... 10:30 a. m.

TRAIN NO. 4.
Lv. West Salem ..... 1:25 p. m.
Ar. Dallas ..... 2:05 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 6.
Lv. West Salem ..... 4:30 p. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 5:15 p. m.
Ar. Falls City ..... 5:45 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 8. (Sunday only.)
Lv. West Salem ..... 1:25 p. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 2:10 p. m.
Lv. Falls City ..... 2:40 p. m.
Ar. Black Rock ..... 2:55 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 10. (Sunday only.)
Lv. West Salem ..... 5:00 p. m.
Ar. Dallas ..... 5:40 p. m.

Train No. 3 connects at Dallas with morning train from Portland and way points.

INDEPENDENCE & MONMOUTH RY.

Dallas Division.

LEAVING DALLAS.		ARRIVING DALLAS.	
Passenger No. 65	8:30 a. m.	Passenger No. 64	6:40 a. m.
Passenger No. 69	1:00 p. m.	Passenger No. 68	11:20 a. m.
Passenger No. 71	5:00 p. m.	Passenger No. 70	6:55 p. m.
LEAVING INDEPENDENCE.		ARRIVING INDEPENDENCE.	
Passenger No. 64	6:00 a. m.	Passenger No. 65	9:15 a. m.
Passenger No. 68	10:50 a. m.	Passenger No. 69	1:25 p. m.
Passenger No. 70	6:15 p. m.	Passenger No. 71	8:25 p. m.

Airlie Division.

LEAVING AIRLIE.		ARRIVING AIRLIE.	
Passenger No. 62	8:15 a. m.	Passenger No. 61	7:50 a. m.
Passenger No. 72	4:05 p. m.	Passenger No. 73	3:25 p. m.
LEAVING INDEPENDENCE.		ARRIVING INDEPENDENCE.	
Passenger No. 61	7:00 a. m.	Passenger No. 62	9:25 a. m.
Passenger No. 73	2:30 p. m.	Passenger No. 72	4:50 p. m.

Train No. 69 leaving Dallas at 1:40 p. m. connects at Monmouth for Airlie. Trains Nos. 62 and 72 from Airlie connect at Monmouth for Dallas and way points.

One More Week

OF THE

January End of Season Sale

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

$40 Suits for.....$18.00	$25 Suits for.....$11.75	$20 Suits for.....$ 9.00
$32.50 Suits for.....$15.00	$22.50 Suits for.....$10.00	$16.50 and $15 Suits for.....$ 7.00

$2.00 Further cut on all suits left.

Many Good Bargains left in the Men's and Boy's Suit Department

We Have Shoes to Close Out at LOW PRICES

Men's $5 Patent Leather at....$2.25	Children's $1.85 Patent Leather at $1	Ladies $2.50 Kids.....$1.45
Boy's $3.25 Patent Leather at..$1.85	Misses $1.50, $1.65 and $1.75 at 85c	Children's $1.45 Kids.....85c
Boy's $2.25 Patent Leather at..$1.10	Misses $2 and $2.25 at.....$1.00	Children's $1.10 Kids.....50c
	Ladies $2.50 Flintstone.....$1.45	

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

An odd lot of our famous $3.00 Hats will go at, your choice, - $1.50

Wool Shawls and Head Scarfs at One-Third off.

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

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

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

Many more Bargains left all through our Big Store

Dallas Mercantile Company

DALLAS, OREGON