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

## NOT THE FARMER.

The argument so often heard nowadays to the effect that the farmer is responsible for the high cost of living is effectually answered by George A. Dorris, a well-known professional man and a close student of social and economic problems. Mr. Dorris clearly points out the fact that little of the farmer's produce is sold direct to the consumer and that the farmer usually must accept not the price he sets on his product, but the price the middle man is willing to pay. Mr. Dorris says in part:

"It is not strange to me that there should be such a great range of difference between the price paid to the producer of the raw material and the price paid by the consumer of the finished product, and that there is a general wail by the consumers throughout the land that prices are too high. Such conditions are but the logical outcome of our modern business methods. To explain in detail how this is so is beyond the scope of a short article. I can only briefly call attention to a few of the salient points, bearing in mind that in many cases there are exceptions and in some other cases only occasional apparent exceptions.

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"The cause of the higher price of living is due to a combination of conditions, each having relation to other conditions, and each having its effect on the general subject of profits.

"I will call attention to a few of these causes. The first is under production. Necessarily when there is not enough produced to satisfy the normal demands of the people, prices rise, and the producers in such cases usually name the price and make fair profits. But such cases in this country are only spasmodic, usually speedily corrected, and normal conditions are soon restored. Meat is an example now, and the high price of meat is in part, though not wholly, due to its shortage. Now, because the price of cattle and hogs is high, we should not be deluded by the belief that it is the farmer who is responsible for all our troubles. In rare cases is he getting more than an equitable profit for the energy expended. It is true he is now making a fairly decent living, but in most cases he gets for his produce not the price he sets on it, but the price the middle man is willing to pay, and in very few cases does he get for his one crop a year as much profit as the middle man gets out of it in a few days.

"Farmers in the aggregate are rich, mostly in lands, but as individuals comparatively few of them are saving any great amount of money, from the sale of their products. They, too, have their grievances and are the victims of the rapacity of others, which makes it necessary for them to get more for their products than formerly. Those who claim the farmer is the sole cause for the higher cost of living do so from ignorance of the facts or from a motive to distract attention from themselves.

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"Another and the chief cause for the higher cost of living is combination, having as its purpose the destruction of business competition. A protective tariff equal to the difference between the labor cost of production in this and other countries is not particularly objectionable. But a higher rate of duty is almost without exception taken advantage of by those producing the protected article, for their own private enrichment. Being secure from competition from other countries those engaged in the protected industries, combine to limit production and increase the price under the plan known as trusts. So successful were their plans, so easy of operation, and so gigantic were the fortunes built up thereunder, that gradually other producing interests combined on the same general lines, for the same purposes—to destroy healthy competition, and insure greater profits. Then following the example set by their employers, labor also organized, on the same plan, less work and more pay.

"Each protected industry and each trust, and each combination and each labor union levies tribute on each of the others in so far as the others have use for their special product, with the natural result that the finished article now actually costs the producer more than formerly. But we hear only little serious complaint from these. In order to rest secure in their own advantages, they submit to the exactions of the others who are bleeding them, realizing that the added cost together with a handsome profit thereon will be returned to them by the consumer of the finished product,—the man who stands at the end of the line. And he, having no trust or tariff protected article to sell, and being in no combine, has no means of recouping his loss by himself becoming an extortionist, and he it is who is sending up the wail against the high cost of living.

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"There are other causes for the high cost of living. Many of our people are making fabulous fortunes by reason of their favorable business advantages, and are spending in a lavish manner. Many others are making large sums, and nearly all are making a little, but all are spending liberally. The liberality of the people is the opportunity of the retailers to wax fat, and they do not fail to embrace the opportunity. The affluent who have no care for their personal expenditures pay to the retailers who supply their wants, any price asked without a murmur. This fixes the price the poorer class is compelled to pay, willing or unwilling.

"The fact is that throughout our whole business structure from Carnegie and Rockefeller, the high exponents of protection and trust, down to the humblest grocer who buys a sack of potatoes for 75c and retails it for $2.00, and the butcher who buys the steer it took the farmer three years to raise, for $40, and sells it for $100 in a day, and the milliner, who buys a jay bird's wing for 10c and sells it for $7.00, there seems to be a sort of legitimate piracy in the form of exorbitant profits.

"We all know it, and are its victims. Many of us practice it. Many of those who don't, would if they could, and the probabilities are we will continue to submit to it. We could get relief if we would, but the chances are we won't. The interests are too strongly intrenched, and the people are too easily hoodooed.

"The tariff, with all the special privileges it gives, is here to stay. While a few of the trusts are apparently at bay, they are so successfully engaging the attention of the courts of the government that the other trusts can carry on their piracies without fear of molestion. The labor unions are becoming more powerful and insolent, and about as odious as the tariff and the trusts, of whom they are the legitimate offspring. Relief does not seem near at hand."

## ANOTHER FOOL LAW.

Attorney-General Crawford has promulgated the opinion that under a law enacted by the last Legislature Oregon newspapers cannot publish any matter favorable to the claims of any candidate for office, or in the interest of any pending measure, without the same is marked plainly as an advertisement, and contains the name and address of the party responsible for it. This is a rank attempt to abridge the rights of the press; and of all the fool legislation enacted in Oregon of late years it is the worst.

The publisher of the Guard owns this paper, and is responsible for what appears in its columns. He thinks he has a right to say what shall be printed in it, and how it shall be marked or designated, if at all, amenable only to the libel laws for criminal prosecution or damage suits should he slander an individual; if the course of this paper should not suit the community they do not have to extend their patronage for its support. But we dispute the right of the State of Oregon to lay down rules for the conduct of the paper, thus establishing a censorship over it. It is an infringement of the rights of the press that no sane court would sustain for a moment. This censorship of the press is, we understand, another of the many brilliant reform ideas emanating from the over-worked brain of the Oregon City statesman, U'Ren.—Eugene Guard.

## FREE COUNTRY, THIS.

(Morning Oregonian.)

Republicans will hold assembly to recommend candidates for nomination. These candidates may win at the primary, and then the nominations will go to the general election, for approval or rejection.

What harm, or wrong, or impropriety, in this course? None whatever. The political action of every citizen will still be open and free. Every man can do just as he pleases. He can vote for the assembly candidates at the primary or at the election, or against them.

The assembly is a method of organization and concentration without which no political party can exist. Democrats as well as Republicans will hold assemblies to recommend candidates. Democrats have done it heretofore, and will again; but their assemblies have been composed of small cliques, whose candidates have been nominated, as heretofore shown—right down the line, and for the most important offices elected by help of Republican votes.

Republican assembly is to be an effort to make the Republican party in Oregon stand for something and give it a chance to win. The assembly will suggest candidates—that only; and they who don't want to vote for these candidates can't be made to do so. Nobody moreover will try to compel them. Then what's the use to scream?

Free country this is. They who want no assembly or its candidates, who want no party organization, or effort to concentrate for effective party action, needn't have it. But just as soon as any of this description may obtain nomination from a plurality faction, by denunciation of party organization and assembly, they will claim the support of all party men and think organization in their behalf a fine thing.

**Big Tinware Sale.**

The attention of every housewife in Polk County is directed to the announcement of Guy Brothers' annual tinware sale, printed elsewhere in this issue. Bargains in tinware that cannot help appealing to every prudent buyer will be offered on April 7, 8 and 9. Thirty crates will be sold at unheard-of low prices. On Thursday, April 7, all silverware brought to the store will be cleaned free of charge. One hundred mirrors will be given away to adults during the three days' sale.

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**House for Sale.**

New nine room house, city water and toilet. 5 blocks from public school. Sell or rent. Inquire at this office. 3-29-1t.

**For Sale.**

An Olds gasoline engine. 2-horsepower. Nearly new. Hugh Hayes, Dallas. 1-28-tf.

**Land Plaster.**

Just received, a car of land plaster. Southern Warehouse Co. 24tf.

**Piano for Sale.**

The Dallas Trade Company has a nearly new piano for sale at a bargain. 322-tf.

**Wanted.**

A small home of five or six rooms in Dallas; south or west part preferred; good house, good large lot. Or one or two lots in a desirable location. Must be a bargain. Mrs. M. E. Carter, Eugene, Or. 41-1t.

**Eggs For Sale.**

Eggs from full blooded Rhode Island Reds; extra good, all-round birds; $1 for setting of 15. Mrs. A. L. Wood, Dallas, Oregon. 38-tf.

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I want to exchange equity of $7000 in improved country home of thirty acres near Portland for Angora goats. 314 Lumber Exchange Building, Portland, Oregon. 325-2t.

**Wanted.**

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

**House for Rent.**

Neat cottage, suitable for two or three persons, one block from Courthouse. Inquire at this office. 215-tf.

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McBee & Castle will pay the highest cash price for mohair and wool. We also have mohair sacks for sale. 311tf.

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We pay the highest market price in cash for all produce. We make a specialty on hogs, veal, chickens and eggs. East Side Produce Company, Portland, Or. Reference, East Side Bank. 38-1m

**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.

**Building Lot For Sale.**

A beautiful building lot in West Dallas, in fine residence section; runs back to mill race. $350. H. G. Campbell. 225-tf.

**For Sale.**

One fine blooded Rhode Island Red and one Barred Cockerel, for sale at $1.50 each; also, some fine Barred Rock hens at $1. H. G. Campbell. 225tf

**For Sale.**

My entire flock of White Leghorns; one 240-egg "Old Trusty" Incubator and two Brooders. J. E. Miller, Levens street and Ellendale avenue, Dallas, Oregon. 310-tf.

**Two Bargains.**

Good, old wagon for sale cheap; also a good buggy. Will sell at a very low price to move quickly. Apply at this office. 322tf.

**Horse For Sale.**

Dark bay horse for sale; true to pull single or double; first man along with $120 takes him. Dallas Trade Company. 225tf.

**For Sale.**

I have on hand two first-class pianos that I had to take over for an eastern firm. Each one retails for $350. Have orders to dispose of the two for $300 or $175 for one and $125 for the other. Can arrange terms. See me at my law office.
3-18-tf. L. D. BROWN.

**For Sale.**

The E. Kimball place of 44 acres, 2½ miles west of Dallas, on the county road. Good well, plenty of running water; about 20 acres in cultivation; 5 acres easily cleared. Ideal place for fruit. For further particulars, see Ben Thompson. Mutual phone Black 4.

**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

**For Sale.**

Three-year-old bull. Full blooded Jersey cow, just fresh. Heifer calf. A bargain. Box 352, Dallas, O. E. Dennis. Phone Black 515 . 3-29-3t

**For Rent.**

Five-room cottage, newly papered, near sawmill; $7 a month. Mrs. J. R. Hubbard. 318-tf.

**For Sale.**

Pure American Wonder potatoes. Best seed potatoes. Call at my place near Crowley, Oregon. A. G. Roberts. 3-25-2t.

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Modern six-room cottage, three blocks from Courthouse; well improved and a bargain. Inquire at this office. 31tf.

**Buggy For Sale.**

Rubber-tired top buggy for sale. Inquire at this office. 329-2t.

**Restaurant Outfit for Sale.**

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A first class self-feeding Hay press. Would sell or trade for team of horses. Address I. Schneider, Dallas, Or. 322tf

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This is a fine home, 40 acres on main thoroughfare, close to school and railroad, new $1300 house, and barn 20x26 feet with lean on one side 16x26, lean on other side 14x20 feet, a good well of water with the latest improved pump, the land is a-1 valley soil and 20 acres in cultivation, and 10 acres more about clear, which is in pasture, and 10 acres of light timber. The price on this, **$4000,** and good terms can be had.

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House and two lots in Dallas, close in. New house, plastered, with wood fibre, and has five rooms and outbuildings. Price **$1250,** half cash. Will trade stock.

382 acres within 3½ miles of Dallas on the Salem road, nearly all of which can be cultivated. There is some ash timber. Moderate improvements. All first-class land, and there is considerable beaver dam land. Nearly all can be cultivated. Price **$65** an acre if the whole place is taken, or 70 acres will be sold off at **$85** an acre.

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160 acres five miles from Falls City. Sixty acres in crop. Good orchard of apples and pears. Good seven room house, large barns and outbuildings; $2000 worth of wood on west 80, live springs on place and water can easily be piped to residence. All under fence and 12,000 feet of fencing on hand. One mile to railroad. A bargain at **$45** an acre.

156 acres, known as the Henry Zumwalt place, 30 acres ready to plow, the most of it being good bottom land. Small house and good barn. Family orchard. School house on the place. Located three miles from Perrydale, 5 miles from Ballston, in Salt Creek vicinity. Price **$25** an acre. $1000 cash, balance on good terms.

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No. 78—75 acres, 3 miles from Dallas (the goat mohair center of the United States.) Dallas holds a goat and poultry show every year that is accepted by the leading journals as a national show. Polk county took prizes at the St. Louis and Lewis and Clark fairs for the best goats and also for mohair. This farm is a pleasant home, having 2½ acres of family orchard consisting of prunes, pears, cherries, apples and other fruits, 10 acres lately set to prunes, 12 acres cleared and cultivated, with 17 acres grubbed but not plowed, a good 3-room house and large barn and goat shed. Price **$2800.** Can give terms.

No. 221—10 acres right in town, 6-room house and good barn; 600 fruit trees, berries, etc. Here is a place which, with proper attention, a family can live and farm independent of outside employment or resources. An ideal place for some man of moderate

16½ acres near Pioneer school house, about six miles from Dallas. Unimproved and covered with good second growth timber. Only **$500.**

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1¼ acres in City of Dallas. ¾ acre in bearing fruit; 8 room house and good barn; 2 chicken houses; a 2 story blacksmith shop being rented; City water and 2 good wells. Price **$2400.** $1000 cash, 5 years time on balance at 8 per cent interest.

10 acres of bottom land, of which 5 acres is in hops, all nicely cultivated, with wire trellis. The balance of the place is in cultivation. Other improvements consist of a small cabin and chicken house. It is within 1½ miles of Falls City, and the price is **$1000,** on good terms.
means that wishes to take life easy for the balance of his days. Price **$2700.**

No. 174—76 acres, 2½ miles from Dallas, new 7-room house and good barn, 20 acres under cultivation, 5 acres of orchard, mostly apples and pears, but a variety of mixed fruits for family use, plenty of fine water, some oak timber and 200,000 feet of fir timber, and a down-hill pull to Dallas. We had samples of fruit from this place that were A-1. To see this place in the fall when the fruit is on the trees is to buy it. Price **$3500.** Can give terms.

No. 243—5 acres, 1 mile from Dallas College, sidewalk to town, 10-room house and a good barn, two wells and pumps at the barn and one at house; 2¾ acres of orchard that pays from $80 to $150 without attention, besides all the fruit that owners can use. The orchard consists of prunes, pears, apples, plums and cherries; balance garden and meadow. A beautiful home, giving the quiet easy life of a farm and the advantages of a city. Price **$3500,** terms $1500 cash, balance time to suit.

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