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The way to build up Dallas is to put revivify Dallas people.



GROWING DALLAS.

Based upon certain estimates and figures in its possession, the Observer has every reason to believe that a pleasant surprise is in store for the people of Dallas in connection with the 1910 census returns. While it is of course impossible to secure any information from the census officials, the Observer has made estimates and reached conclusions sufficient to warrant it in expressing the belief that Dallas with a population of 1271 in 1900, will show a population of not less than 2600 by the 1910 count. Indeed, it is more probable that the count will exceed 2800 than that it will fall below that number. While this paper has no positive information on the subject, it feels safe in advising those persons who are measuring the population at 2500 to add at least 500 to that total. Certain it is that if every inhabitant of the city shall be included in the enumeration, the population within the city limits will show a total of 2600 people. Adding the residents of the immediate suburbs of the city, the actual population of the city and town of Dallas will not fall far below the 3500 mark.

The population of Dallas, according to the official count of 1890 was 846. The count of 1900 gave the town 1271. Much dissatisfaction was heard over the result of the latter count, but the Observer was not numbered among the growlers. The fact is, the 1900 count was carefully and accurately made by a competent and conscientious enumerator. The disappointment caused by the announcement of the enumeration was largely due to the fact that a few overly-enthusiastic boosters had been crediting the town with 2500 inhabitants at a time when the actual population was not more than half that number. Having soared so high into the clouds, an actual count of noses was necessary to bring the people down to earth again.

This newspaper at no time doubted the accuracy of the 1900 enumeration, and its confidence in the correctness of the count was strengthened five years later, when a census conducted by this paper gave the town a population of only 1549.

Two years later, in the Summer of 1907, the Observer made another count. The enumeration—a household count—was made in a thorough and painstaking manner. The result of this count gave Dallas a population of 2086. While the figures showed a remarkable growth in two years, their accuracy could not be disputed. The records showed the names of every resident of each house, and the work was carefully checked over to see that no houses had been missed. This count is still preserved in this office, and has at all times been open to inspection.

It will be noted from the foregoing figures that between the years 1900 and 1905, Dallas gained only 268 people—an increase of less than 60 inhabitants a year. In the next two years—from 1905 to 1907—there was a gain of 550 in population, or a gain of 275 a year. Taking this percentage of increase as a basis for calculation, we think our estimate of 2600 population at the present time will not be lightly questioned.

As a concluding word, the Observer desires to make this appeal to the business men and citizens generally of Dallas: Spare no effort or pains in making it possible to secure every name entitled to enumeration in Dallas. The result will be well worth the trouble and energy expended. Dallas is one of the towns that will not find it necessary to pad the returns to make a desirable showing this year. The honest count is going to prove highly gratifying to even the most loyal and enthusiastic booster, and this newspaper is right here with the prediction that Dallas will not be found among the complaining towns after the result of the count is announced. The estimate given to the public by the Observer today for the first time, while not official, is reliable, and this newspaper believes that it will arouse a sufficient feeling of pride to stimulate every citizen of Dallas to an effort to see that the name of no resident of the city is missing when the rolls are turned over to the Census Supervisor on the 15th of the month. Mark our words, Dallas is going to do some celebrating when the count is announced. So get busy, and see that no names are missed.

DAWN OF BETTER DAY.

An editorial in the Portland Telegram of recent date, under the above head, has a really glowing sound and should be repeated by all the papers in the Willamette valley. It is:

"There is that in the air which makes it plain to everybody that Oregon is on the eve of the greatest period of development known to its whole history. That development has been long delayed, considering the opportunities the state has to offer. It has been due to a great variety of causes, but once the movement starts it is likely to be an eye-opener."

"No recent event has contributed more to this feeling than the visit of Mr. Hill, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Louis Hill and two New York directors of the Great Northern who have been spending several days in and near the city. It was manifest from what was said at the Wilcox dinner last evening, and even more in what was said privately than what was said publicly, that those railroad forces have determined upon a campaign which is destined to bring a quickening influence to every corner of the state. In this campaign the Willamette valley is likely to come in for a great deal of consideration. In

the work which is now about to be undertaken the main line south will be only an incident for, in electric roads, it is the feeders that count. There the Hill interests have practically an open field to themselves. In that one valley, as Mr. Hill said, with all its land utilized, the combined product will more than equal in value the world's annual gold output. The surface has been scarcely more than scratched. The greatest developing agency for a proposition such as that presented in the Willamette valley is the electric road. It reaches to the very door of the producer and its many trains remove the last objection to suburban residence, while it places the producer within speedy reach of the markets.

"Montana and Idaho are now on the crest of the wave. New settlers are fairly flocking in there. It is but a step across here. Already the advance guard is beginning to arrive. By next year it will be in full motion. Within five years marvellous changes will be wrought in Oregon. People are already flocking into central Oregon. The west ones are getting in even ahead of the railroads, so as to get the choicest chances to select land.

"There never was a time in our whole history when one could pin his faith with such confidence to Oregon. Its real story of progress is only about ready to be told."

PEOPLE WILL CHOOSE.

(Morning Oregonian)

Noble critics of Republican assembly in Oregon declare the assembly will nullify and supplant the primaries and break the primary law. Such talk is an affront to the intelligence of the electorate.

All members of the assembly must pass scrutiny of party-voters in the primaries and be approved by them, else they will not go on the ticket for the election. It is quite likely that all nominees will not be accepted by voters in the primaries and that voters will name candidates of their own choice for some of the offices, just as electors of Portland did at the city primaries last year, rejected several of the nominees of the city assembly. Most of the nominees of the city assembly were accepted, however, because their merit was plainly visible to the voters. Subsequent events in city administration have justified the assembly selection, and acceptance of them by the people in primaries and election.

Politicians who declare the people will not have sense enough in the primaries to pick out men whom they want in office from among the candidates suggested by assembly and by other bodies of citizens and by petition of individuals are endeavoring to hoodwink the electorate. Voters will determine in the primaries and the election whether they want Jones or Smith in office from the personal and political qualifications of Jones and Smith, and they will not be so stupid as blindly to swallow any "dose" that assembly might wish to "force down their throats. The people will have their primaries in which to exercise their fullest prerogative.

PRAISE FOR MONMOUTH

Harold B. Davis, of Monmouth, has been in the city this week circulating a petition among the people, the object of which is to let the voters decide upon the question of maintaining state normal schools. He met with success here and his labors are for a good and worthy cause. At least two state normals should be supported liberally by the state, as the benefits derived from the training therein is of untold benefit to the rising generation. The normal at Monmouth is the oldest in the state and hundreds of teachers have received training there that has been of the greatest good in past years and will be for years to come in educating the children in the public and district schools. We believe it is a grave mistake to turn down anything which leads to a higher and better education.—Springfield News.

Chapel Car Visits Falls City.

Father H. J. McDevitt passed through Dallas Saturday, in the Catholic chapel car, "St. Anthony," on his way to Falls City, where services were held on Sunday. Father McDevitt says he is well satisfied with the progress being made in the construction of the new church in Dallas and expresses the opinion that the building, while small, will be one of the neatest and most comfortable homes of the church in the Willamette Valley.

Will Move Body.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrison, of Independence, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Campbell, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have made arrangements for the removal of the remains of their son, Archie, from the Salt Creek burying ground to the Old Fellows' cemetery south of Dallas. Archie Morrison died while the family was residing in Dallas about sixteen years ago.

Harvey East Drops Dead.

Harvey East, a member of an early Oregon pioneer family, and for many years a farmer of Polk County, died of heart disease while plowing on the McCarthy farm, 10 miles southwest of Salem, Friday, May 6. The remains were brought to Polk County for burial. He left a wife, Mrs. Geo., of Polk County, and a sister, the late Mrs. Richard Perkins, of Portland.

Sales of Real Estate.

The Jacobson Land Company closed two real estate deals yesterday. W. F. Allen, of Corvallis, purchased a 40-acre farm three miles west of Dallas and will move his family to the new home in the near future. In the other deal, the company sold a 60-acre tract south of town to Aaron Maytes.

Pastors Are Assigned.

The annual conference of the Evangelical Association, which closed in Monmouth, Sunday, returned L. C. Hoover to the Monmouth church, J. A. Goode returns to Lewis, N. Shupp goes to the Puxet Sound district as presiding elder.

Losses Valuable Animal.

S. D. Steffy, of Liberty, lost a valuable 4-year-old horse one day last week. The animal's death was caused by some unknown internal disorder. The loss of horses in Polk County this Spring seems greater than usual.

A Snap.

Take a look in the Red Front Store windows and see those 5-cent Glass Dishes. The greatest snap that ever hit Dallas. This week only.

Legal blanks for sale at this office. 2-18-10.

\$ 10,000 SACRIFICE SALE

Still on at Shore's Dept. Store

Special For This Week BLANKETS

\$4.00 Blankets for	\$2.95
3.00 " "	2.15
2.50 " "	1.75
2.00 " "	1.48
1.50 " "	1.10
1.00 " "	.75
2.50 Quilts for	1.69
2.00 Quilts for	1.48

All our Shoes at wholesale cost.
All our Millinery at wholesale cost.
All our Men's Hats at wholesale cost.
All our Boy's Hats at wholesale cost.
Buy your Dry Goods here and save big money.

Shore's Department Store DALLAS, OREGON

Shipped Choice Mohair.

U. S. Grant shipped the clip of mohair from his blue ribbon flock of Angoras last Saturday. The hair was purchased by the Multnomah Mohair Mills. The price paid for the 550-pound shipment was not made public, but it is known that the mill company paid a fancy price for it.

Basket Social at McCoy.

Some person neglecting to stain his or her name writes the Observer that a basket social will be held in the church at McCoy on Friday evening, May 20. The writer says a good time may be expected, as McCoy is noted for its sociability, its good cooks and its good baskets.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until the 23d day of May, 1910, at 12 o'clock noon, for the construction of a four-room addition to the Falls City schoolhouse, in Falls City, Polk County, Oregon. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for at least 5 per cent of the contract price, which check will be returned 48 hours after the contract is signed, but shall be forfeited if the bidder shall fail to qualify within 48 hours from the date and hour specified for the closing of the bids. The Board will require the bidder who is awarded the contract to furnish a satisfactory bond from some reliable surety company, or other persons, the amount of the bond to be 40 per cent of the contract price. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All work must be done in accordance with the plans and specifications, which may be seen in the office of the County Superintendent of Public Schools in Dallas, Oregon. All work must be completed on or before October 1, 1910. Send all bids to M. G. Ellis, District Clerk, Falls City, Oregon. In order of the Board, Ira McHenry, George Tice, C. F. Vick, Directors.

Notice to Contractors.

April 3, 1910.
The Board of School Directors of District No. 42 are now ready to receive sealed bids for the building of a one-room school house. The plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the County School Superintendent in Dallas; at the home of the District Clerk, or at the home of Alex Nairn, one of the directors. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved, and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 10 per cent of the bid. The bids will be opened at 2 o'clock, p. m., Wednesday, June 1, 1910, at the home of the Clerk.
HARTON E. BIGGERS, District Clerk, District No. 42.
Amity, R. F. D. 2, Oregon.
F. J. Bissell, G. A. Woods, Alex Nairn, Directors.

Notice of Sale of School Bonds.

Notice is hereby given that the Directors of School District No. 2, of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for the sale of \$48,000 five percent bonds of said district, interest payable semi-annually; bonds to run 10 years, after which one-third of them to be redeemed annually. Bids will be opened May 23, 1910.
By order of School Board of District No. 2.
H. G. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

(Advertisements under this head are charged at the rate of 1 cent per word, first insertion; 1/2 cent per word for each insertion thereafter; 30 words or less, \$1 per month. No advertisement inserted for less than 15 cents.)

For Sale.

Good loose chest hay, W. P. Miller, Mutual phone 1205. 5-10-10.

For Sale.

53-acre farm close to Rickreall. All under high state of cultivation; well adapted for fruit or grain; fertility of soil and location cannot be beat. Terms: Also 20 acres 3 miles southwest of Dallas; small part cleared; enough oak wood on place to pay for it. This is a snap for the small investor. Price, \$600. John W. Orr, Rickreall, Or. 5-10-10.

Wanted.

1500 cords wood, hauled and loaded on cars at Black Rock. Willamette Valley Lumber Co. 5-10-10.

Will Trade for Goods.

The Red Front Store has lots of new goods, and will trade for second-hand goods in good condition. 5-6-10.

Strayed.

Bay mare with white spot in forehead, 6 or 7 years old. Mrs. F. W. Mathews, R. R. 2, Phone Mutual, White 25. 4-29-10.

Folding Beds for Sale.

Two good folding beds for sale cheap at Red Front Store. Want the room for other goods coming. 5-6-10.

Organ for Sale.

Good organ for sale at a bargain. Mrs. Belle Elliott, Dallas. 4-22-10.

Men Wanted.

By the Willamette Valley Lumber Co., for mill and yard work. Telephone No. 491. Both phones. 419-10.

For Sale.

An Olds gasoline engine, 2-horsepower. Nearly new. Hugh Hayes, Dallas. 1-23-10.

For Rent on Shares.

Farm near Dallas for rent on shares, if ready equipped for farming at once. Inquire at Observer office. 4-15-10.

Land Plaster.

Just received, a car of land plaster. Boehren Warehouse Co. 2410.

Hay For Sale.

About 2500 pounds loose hay, oats and vetch, for sale. Dr. Mark Hayter. 5-5-10.

For Sale.

An A-1 extra light buggy and harness for sale. M. Hyster, Dallas, Ore. 419-10.

For Sale.

For sale, a cart. Also, to rent, a three-seat hack and an open buggy. Red Front Store. 5-4-10.

Room For Rent.

Furnished room for rent. Terms moderate. Inquire at this office. 5-3-10.

House and Lot For Sale.

New six-room house, with good woodshed; on nice lot, 60 by 150, corner Ash and Ellis streets. Price \$1400. A. K. Ollar, Mutual phone 376. 5-1-10.

Pups For Sale.

Thoroughbred Cocker Spaniel pups for sale. Robert Sechtler, Mutual Phone 42. 5-1-10.

For Sale or Trade.

Two light driving horses, weight about 1000 pounds, six and nine years old. Will sell, or trade for heavier horses. Inquire at this office. 412-10.

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. 32210.

Wanted.

All kinds of iron, rubber, brass, copper, zinc and hides. Highest cash prices paid. A. N. Halleck, Monmouth, Oregon. 3-12-10.

For Sale or Trade.

A first class self-feeding Hay press. Would sell or trade for team of horses. Address J. Schneider, Dallas, Or. 32210.

For Sale.

Eighty acres of fine land all under cultivation 1 1/2 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, \$4250. Inquire at this office. 1-21-10.

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 1195; Bell 441. August Bowman. 4-6-10.

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Our Spring Jackets and Suits for Ladies and Misses are moving too slow to suit us. We therefore offer you a special price for 10 Days beginning

FRIDAY, MAY 6th, 1910

All sizes for Misses 13 to Ladies 36 inclusive

All \$ 4.50 Garments at	\$ 3.00	All \$19.00 Garments at	\$15.00
" 5.00 " "	3.25	" 22.50 " "	19.00
" 7.00 " "	5.00	" 25.00 " "	21.00
" 8.50 " "	5.50	" 27.50 " "	22.50
" 10.00 " "	7.50	" 32.50 " "	25.00
" 12.50 " "	9.00	" 40.00 " "	30.00
" 15.00 " "	12.00		

For Ten Days Only

WHAT Is He Going To Do Next?

Watch this Space and it will tell you