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



REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Governor,
JAY BOWMAN.
Congressman,
WILLIS C. HAWLEY.
Supreme Justice,
HENRY J. BEAN.
Thomas A. McBride,
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School Superintendent,
L. R. ALDERMAN.
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WILLIS DUNWAY.
Labor Commissioner,
O. P. HOFF.
Railroad Commissioner,
FRANK J. MILLER.
State Engineer,
JOHN H. LEWIS.
Water Superintendent,
JAMES T. CHINNOCK.
Circuit Judge,
I. H. VAN WINKLE.
Percy R. Kelly,
Joint Senator,
C. L. HAWLEY.
Joint Representative,
FRED W. CHAMBERS.
Representative,
IRA C. POWELL.
Sheriff,
W. L. BICE.
County Commissioner,
JOHN B. TAYLOR.
County Clerk,
E. M. SMITH.
County Treasurer,
JOHN L. CASTLE.
County Surveyor,
B. F. BEEZLEY.
Coroner,
R. L. CHAPMAN.

ANOTHER ARGUMENT EXPLODED.

One of the favorite arguments for
"dry" rule is that people pay their
debts better in a "dry" county than in
a wet county. At first thought, this argu-
ment would seem reasonable; but when
the cold figures are brought to
bear on the subject, the average busi-
ness man will have to admit there is
nothing to it—at least, here in Polk
County. And in its present campaign
of facts, the Observer is devoting its
attention strictly to Polk County.

The writer has interviewed many of
the large and small business concerns
of Dallas in the last few days, and this
is what the merchants interviewed
tell him:

First—That while collections are
reasonably easy, they are not easier
than they were two years ago.

Second—That men who drank when
the county was wet are not paying
their bills more promptly now than
they did then.

Third—That very few of the drink-
ing men who had owed them for a
considerable time before the county
went dry have paid up their old ac-
counts since the saloons were voted
out.

Fourth—That the loss from drink-
ing men's accounts under wet rule was
no greater than the loss from the ac-
counts of people who did not drink.

Fifth—That the monthly purchases
of goods by men who drink are appar-
ently no heavier now than they were
when the county was wet.

As names and figures can not be
printed from these merchants' ledgers
without divulging private affairs, the
Observer's readers will readily un-
derstand why detailed statements are
not printed here. This newspaper is
trying to bring out actual conditions
as they exist in Polk County today, to
the end that when men vote on the
prohibition question in November, they
may be able to vote intelligently, and
for this reason it would like to print
what it knows about some of these
merchants' outstanding accounts. But
any reader will thoroughly un-
derstand why the results of its inves-
tigations along this line are not given
to the public in detail. However, the
Observer does not mind printing a few
figures from its own office records,
knowing that such figures will prove
of interest to all. A newspaper does
business with all classes of people,
and the accounts found on its
books are fairly representative in a
showing of this kind.

Two years ago, the publisher of this
newspaper leased his plant and volun-
tarily retired from business for a year.
After collecting the accounts due him
from his regular customers among the
business concerns of the county, he
found remaining on his advertising
and job work ledger accounts amount-
ing in the aggregate to \$415.15. It
must be sorrowfully admitted that by
far the greater part of this amount
was owed by persons who did not
drink. Do not look doubtful when
you read this, and do not challenge
the truth of the statement unless you
are willing for us to prove what we
say. The Observer is sticking to facts
in this campaign, and it is insisting
that everyone else do the same. Re-
sides, none of these accounts have ever
been paid, and if you doubt our word,
come into the office and let us know
what you mean business, and we will
gladly sell you these accounts at 10
cents on the dollar.

But, as we started out in May, aside
from the accounts of reliable business
firms, we had on our books \$415.15 in
outstanding accounts when we retired
from business in the summer of 1898.
A goodly portion of our spare time

during a year's vacation was spent in
an effort to clear our books of these
accounts. By sending out numerous
statements, by suing some, threaten-
ing to sue others, and coaxing still
others, we have collected \$91.05 of this
"old hose" in the last two years, leav-
ing a balance of \$325.10 still outstand-
ing.

All these accounts have been stand-
ing out the entire 27 months Polk
County has been dry, and all show
the same totals today as they showed
27 months ago, not one dollar having
been paid on any of them. It is rather
a sorrowful showing, especially for the
abstainers on the flat; but it is true. To
any person who doubts it, we repeat
our offer to dispose of a lot of these
accounts at bargain-counter prices—
although common honesty prompts us
to warn possible customers that they
are not bargains.

Let us pursue the subject farther. A
few days ago, a merchant of more or
less prominence in Dallas, showed us
his books to prove his assertion that
collections have been no better in Polk
County during 27 months of "dry"
rule than they were prior to that time.
"Here," he said, "is a book containing
accounts more than two years old. Let
us look at the first fifty accounts and
see how many persons have paid up
since the county went dry." Putting
the action to the word, he turned
through the first 50 pages, and how
many paid accounts would you guess
he found? He found just two. Forty-
eight accounts on which not one dol-
lar had been paid in 27 months! And
judging from its thickness, this ledger
must have contained not less than 250
or 300 accounts. The Observer will ven-
ture the opinion that one would have
to argue with that merchant about a
day and a half to convince him that
dry rule makes men more prompt in
paying their debts.

Asking to classify these accounts as
nearly as he could from his personal
knowledge of the habits of the men
contracting them, the merchant hand-
ed us these totals: Due from abstain-
ers from liquor, \$219.15; from moder-
ate drinkers, \$72.59; from men who
sometimes drink to excess, \$20.50.

It must not be thought by any per-
son that the Observer is trying to
prove that abstainers from liquor are
less prompt in paying their debts than
others; for we do not believe that they
are. Neither will this paper admit for
an instant that men who drink in
moderation are less prompt in paying
than are the men who refrain from all
forms of alcoholic beverages. Let it be
understood that we refer here to
classes, not to individual cases—for we
must all sorrowfully admit that there
are horrible examples on both sides.
The writer has found, in a business
career covering a period of more than
twenty years, that the man who is
honest and really wants to pay his
debts will find some way to pay them,
whether he is a drinking man or a tee-
totaler. He may not be able to pay the
whole amount at one time, but if he
really desires to pay, he will not let
27 months go by without making some
effort to reduce the total amount of
his obligation. Where there is a will,
there is a way.

Most men who drink liquor, even in
moderation, would probably be better
off without it. We shall not argue for
an instant that they would not. What
we are trying to prove here is that
there is absolutely nothing in the argu-
ment that men pay their bills better in
a dry county than they do in a wet
county. We believe that if all of the
ledgers in the business houses of Dal-
las could be examined today, it would
be found that collections are no bet-
ter and no worse than they were two
years ago, and we believe it would far-
ther be found that, taken class for
class, the laborers who take their
drink pay their bills quite as promptly
as their brothers who abstain from the
use of liquor in any form. The Obser-
ver only regrets that it is not able to
print the figures in support of this
opinion. It has told the truth con-
cerning the books in its own office, and
here in Dallas tonight is a merchant,
well known to you as an honest and
worthy man, who knows that the fig-
ures printed from his books are truth-
fully and accurately set forth.

AN UNWARRANTED ATTACK.

The Observer is a Republican news-
paper, and, as such, it desires the suc-
cess of Republican candidates. While
advocating Republican men and Re-
publican measures, however, it tries to
be fair and decent toward all whose
names are mentioned in its columns. It
has no use for a campaign of vilification,
abuse and mud-slinging. It recognizes
in the candidates of other political
parties men who are true Americans
at heart; good neighbors, loyal friends,
and fellow laborers in the work of bet-
tering the social, moral and financial
conditions of our common country.
Some of the editor's warmest personal
friends are found among the officers
elected by opposing political parties,
and he would consider himself a poor
excuse for a man if he did not rally
to the defense of a friend whose pri-
vate character was being assailed.

In a newspaper published in Polk
County, a letter attack has been made
against the character of the man who
occupies the important and honorable
position of Sheriff of Polk County. It is
charged in this paper, both by innu-
endo and direct accusation, that Sheriff
John Grant is in league with the mis-
erable outcasts known as "boot-leggers"
and "blind-piggers" in the county.
It is further charged that he has
repeatedly failed to do his duty in fer-
reting out crimes and criminals, and,
by allusion, the accusation is made
that he has the nerve to perform his
duty as an officer "only when he has
a bottle of whiskey in his hip pocket."

To the older residents of Polk Coun-
ty—to men and women who have
known John Grant since his child-
hood, a defense of his character
against such accusations would be
wholly unnecessary. It is not to these
old neighbors and friends that the Ob-
server is now addressing itself. Rath-
er, it is to the men and women who
have only recently come to make their
homes among us, and who may not
have had the opportunity to meet
Sheriff Grant personally, that this pa-
per desires to say that a more cruel
and unjust attack was never made upon
a faithful and courageous officer
and an honorable and upright citizen.
We who have known John Grant
since his boyhood, when we saw him
industriously performing his daily
tasks on the old Luckamute farm;
who noted his studious ways while he
was a student at LaCrosse Academy;
who traded with him in his Dallas
store and found him the soul of hon-
or in his business dealings; who, for
eighty years, trusted to his hands the
preservation of the peace and good
order of our town and never once
found our confidence misplaced—we
know that John Grant is not in league
with "boot-leggers" or any other class
of law-breakers. To our new friends
and neighbors, who do not know him
as we know him, we ask you to ac-

cept our word when we say that a
most unwarranted attack was never
made on a faithful and conscientious
officer.

As to his courage as an officer sworn
to protect the peace and good order
of his county, let memory drift back
to a Sunday morning in the Autumn of
1909, when the word came from the
quiet little hamlet of Eugene, Va., that
hidden in the heavy undergrowth of
timber on the banks of the Lucka-
mute were lurking four desperate ani-
mals in human form, compared to
whose cruelty and lust for blood the
dreaded tiger of the Asiatic jungles
would have seemed a generous and
merciful lion. Or that, memorable
morning, while Sabbath bells were
ringing their message of peace to the
sons of men, there crossed the border
into Polk County four convicts as
desperate as ever escaped from prison
walls. Red with blood was the trail
behind them, and quick and merciless
would be the death of the officer who
attempted to stay their flight and fail-
ed.

What account did Polk County's
Sheriff give of himself in this emer-
gency that called for every ounce of
courage in a strong man's make-up?
Choosing three trusted deputies, he
plunged into the wilderness of under-
growth, which lined the river's banks,
and with never a trace of fear began
the hunt which was to mean death to
the hunter or to the hunted. Sudden-
ly, without a moment's warning, the
officer found himself face to face with
the leader of the convict gang. A
blinding flash of fire, and a bullet
grazes the officer's face! The convict
crouches, and with both hands stead-
ies his murderous revolver for a sec-
ond and surer shot. But he never fires.
A quick report from the officer's rifle,
and the would-be murderer sinks to
earth with a bullet in his brain. So
true has been the Sheriff's aim that
the convict's trigger finger is torn
away by the officer's bullet. Any show
of fear there? Any sign of weakness in
the crucial test? All the Observer has
to say in answer to the miserable ac-
cusation that John Grant has the
courage to do his duty "only when he
has a flask of whiskey in his hip pocket"
is to venture the fond belief that
any county in Oregon would be proud
to furnish its sheriff a full quart of
the same brand under like circumstan-
ces.

The truth of the matter is, Sheriff
Grant is a sober, right-living and con-
scientious officer. He is asking the
people of Polk County to give him the
office for another term, and this is
his right as an American citizen to
do. He is conducting his campaign
quietly and decently, and is treating
those opposed to him in a courteous
and gentlemanly manner. He has a
right to expect the same treatment in
return. If he shall be defeated by hon-
orable and manly methods, no citizen
will have any just grounds for com-
plaint. Should the ballot prove favor-
able to him, the people of Polk County
will still have as their Sheriff a man
against whom the only truly mean
thing that can be said is that he is a
Democrat.

Never mind about the Observer.
This newspaper is not concerned in the
least about any little fling that may
be thrown its way by the editors of
other newspapers. It will be quite
useless to attempt to draw the Obser-
ver into any petty personal scraps in
this campaign. The voters of Polk
County have many questions to settle
this year that will require their best
thought and most deliberate judg-
ment, and we are not going to permit
ourselves to be drawn into any little
mud-slinging fights which may be
started to divert the voters' attention
from the important issues. This is one
campaign in Oregon when all appeals
to passion and prejudice should be put
aside as idle and unworthy. We will
need all of the senses we possess this
year to pass intelligently upon the im-
portant questions which have been
placed before us, and we will better
employ our time in getting at the truth
of things than in engaging in childish
quarrels with each other. The Obser-
ver is going to try to be decent.

SUPPORT THE NORMALS.

If there is a school in the state
which ought to appeal to the average
citizen who is interested in the na-
tional welfare of his own children,
or those of his neighbors, it certainly
is the Normal School, for this class
of schools educate, train and develop
the teachers who, as a rule, into the
rural communities of the state and
instruct the children. If an individual
secures his training in the Law School,
the Medical School, the Agricultural
School, the Mining or Engineering
School, all of which are conducted,
maintained and operated by the state,
at state expense, he may use this
knowledge to his own particular good
without giving the benefit of it in any
way to his neighbors; but the individ-
ual who takes his training at the Nor-
mal School, in order that the train-
ing may be of any benefit to himself,
must put into practice the lessons
and precepts which he has here learned,
and thus give to the State itself a
direct return for what it has given him
if he makes any use of it to his own
personal ends.

The question is definitely before the
people for settlement. Monmouth has
clearly taken this issue out of politics.
We believe that the voters of the State
will see their best interests when they
look at this matter fairly and vote to
open this school. A tax of four cents on
a valuation of one thousand dollars
will accomplish this, and this tax can
not be more until the law is subse-
quently amended by the people them-
selves.

The Portland Journal (mugwump)
quotes one "Clifton Parker," of Dun-
doe, Oregon, as declaring that Yam-
hill County is all for Oswald West.
That may be true, fishy as it sounds.
But this rural prognosticator goes far-
ther. He crosses over the line into
Polk County and tells the Journal
that here, too, he finds the people op-
posed to Mr. Bowerman. Right here is
where the Republicans of Old Polk
will arise and inform this Clifton
Parker, whoever he is, that he is sadly
off his base. If the Journal's extran-
eous claims of strength for Mr. West
are founded on nothing more accu-
rate than this Yamhill County farm-
er's estimate of Polk County, Mr.
Bowerman will be elected Governor
of Oregon by about 28,000 majority.

A Demo-Republican-Populist ex-
change says its friend of Senator
Chamberlain or Jonathan Bourne will
say there is a Chamberlain-Bourne
alliance in this campaign. Did anyone
expect this?

CHAMBERLAIN'S INCONSISTENCY.
Naturally, Senator Chamberlain is
opposing Jay Bowerman, Republican
direct primary nominee for Governor.
As a matter of fact, the only objection

Chamberlain is able to urge against
the Republican nominee is that he
received the endorsement of the as-
sembly. But is Chamberlain consist-
ent in taking this position? We think
not. It has been only four years ago
that Chamberlain himself in a letter
to A. D. Stillman, of Umatilla county,
recommended that the Democrats
hold both state and county assemblies.
In that letter, Senator Chamberlain
said:

"I do feel that it would be proper to
call an assembly of Democrats both in
the several counties and in the state to
adopt a declaration of principles and
to suggest to the voters capable and
trustworthy men to be nominated at
the direct primary nominating election
and to be voted for at the general
election."

How is this for a change of front on
the part of our Democratic Senator?
In view of Chamberlain's unequivocal
endorsement of the assembly four
years ago, how seriously are we to take
him now when he undertakes to de-
nounce that very plan?

Christian Church News.

A genuine revival at the Christian
Church every Lord's day. Two con-
fessions last Lord's day. A great in-
gathering is expected here next Lord's
day. Baptizing takes place at the close
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lovers. Professor Caldwell is certainly
leading us on to great heights in this
his splendid chorus of voices led
by a great orchestra. You cannot af-
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member the time, 10 a. m.

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ing Man when he squares Deal."
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taxes; five-room house; corner lot 75
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children can ride or drive. Lee Smith,
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right person. Apply at Observer office.
10-11-11.

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cow, three years old, no marks or
brands. A reward will be paid for any
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E. West, Falls City. 10-11-11.

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dependence, Oregon. 9-28-11.

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eral housework. No washing; good
wages. Write or apply to Mrs. N.
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ticket and believing myself qualified to
attend to the duties of that office, I wish
to say to the voters of Polk County
that any thing done in my behalf will
be very much appreciated.

Candidate's Announcement.
As candidate for the office of Rep-
resentative I respectfully solicit the
support of the voters of Polk County.
If I am elected, I will, during my term
of office, uphold the principles of the
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methods and all grafting, and repre-
sent the whole people as best I know
how.

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