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



**PLENTY OF SUBJECTS.**

The mill race question is settled. The agency of the prohibition fight is over. The West is Governor of Oregon, and Congress is Democratic. What is left to write editorials about? The city council. Ah, there is a rich juicy subject! Such a rare opportunity does it offer for a little genuine "insurgency," and insurgency in such a popular thing nowadays! And so many things to tell about it! Such, for instance, as the leasing of a part of the valuable city Hall lot to a Mr. Fenton of Portland, for a moving picture show. Thirty feet of ground on a street on which three-story brick buildings are going up, and which promises to be the principal business thoroughfare of the city within the next five years. Thirty feet front and 100 feet depth, for only \$5 a month—and the lease to run 10 years. And the lessee to have the privilege of moving his building off the lot when the time is up, while the rest of us who have frame buildings on leased ground have been required by hard-hearted landlords to leave our buildings on the ground when our leases expire. And nothing said in this lease about the extra fire hazard, or as to who will pay the increased insurance premium on the city Hall that this big wooden theater will surely bring. But, softly! Perhaps the lessee will not be willing to let the council outdo him in generosity and will pay it himself.

Scarcity of subjects for editorials? Not when your present city council is on the job, and the records for the last two years are within easy reach. For here is a little band of patriots whose business sagacity and interest in the people's welfare are "most wonderful wonderful, and yet again wonderful, and after that, out of all whooping!"

What! Did some one whisper about the "referendum"? Down with the long-haired anarchist!

We shall have the single tax in Oregon and we shall have a constitutional amendment empowering the Governor to appoint all other state officers and the sheriffs and prosecuting attorneys. Do not laugh, nor doubt. We shall have these laws because Mr. U'Ren will do it—and when Mr. U'Ren does a thing, it is done, (as far, also, the people.) We have already cleared the way for the single tax and the removal of the sheriffs and prosecuting attorneys, and at the next election it will not be a difficult matter to abolish all of the state offices but that of Governor. Mr. U'Ren will prepare the measure and give it a catchy, high-sounding title—and the voters will vote the rest.

**A GRAIN OF COMFORT.**  
 The Republican defeat this year is not as heavy as it was in 1890. This year the country elects a Congress with a Democratic majority of about 40, while in 1890 it elected a Congress which was Democratic by 148. In 1892 the elections reduced the Democratic majority to 94. Two years later the country was swept by a Republican wave, and the Republicans carried Congress by 142, and Congress has been Republican for 15 years since—Northampton, Mass., Gazette.

**THE SITUATION IN MEXICO.**  
 All over the United States, eyes will be fixed with keen concern on affairs in Mexico. An enormous amount of American capital is invested there, and more than 60,000 Americans are present and actively engaged in the conduct of various enterprises in the country. They have heavy holdings in mining, railroad, rubber, mercantile and other activities, and are, in fact one of the heavy factors in the financial, commercial and industrial interests of the nation. English capital is also heavily interested in Mexican properties, all of which will be in peril if the revolution that seems in progress, forming shall eventuate into considerable proportions.

ual disturbance and of great loss to American interests.—Portland Journal.

**A DANGEROUS TAX LAW.**  
 The one safe rule of taxation is that all property within a commonwealth shall be levied upon equally and uniformly, according to the actual value. This rule has proved the only safe one. Any other opens the way to discrimination, injustice and tyranny. None better or fairer ever has been discovered.

Voters of Oregon have adopted an amendment to the constitution, not only abolishing this rule of equal and uniform taxation throughout the state, but also authorizing each county to legislate, as its voters may desire, under the initiative, without regard to old restrictions of the constitution as to equality and uniformity.

The bill of rights of the Oregon constitution declares against this kind of taxation; so does the bill of rights in other constitutions. The organic law, as handed down from centuries of experience, very specifically ordains that property shall be protected by this old-time principle of justice and economic security. Yet voters of Oregon have cast aside this principle.

All the old limitations and restrictions, founded on experience for protection of property and maintenance of equality and justice have been swept away. Moreover, each county may tax as it sees fit, "subject to any general law that may hereafter be enacted." By this arrangement one class of property may be assessed on a higher basis than another, or be made to pay a higher levy. Property owners of Multnomah County hereafter are not to be safeguarded by the country vote against the proletariat and the socialistic and the single-tax vote of the city. Single tax, which failed to carry Multnomah County two years ago by only 500 votes out of 22,000 cast upon the question, but which was lost in the state at large by nearly 29,000 votes out of 23,000, may now be carried in this county.

Uniformity in tax legislation, has been found one of the essentials of government. Uniformity has proved necessary in other subjects also, among them punishment of crimes and misdemeanors, divorce, elections of state and county officers, rules and procedures in court trials; building of highways and support of common schools. Most important of all is uniformity of taxation.

This new amendment is a menace to property and to the fiscal system of the state. It puts a large city, as Portland is, at the mercy of the non-taxing element. It detaches Portland from the conservative rural electorate. It was enacted because it professed to repeal the detested polltax. Such enactment as this gives setback to the cause of direct legislation. But the initiative, that produced this monstrosity, can undo it.—Oregonian.

**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.**  
 For sale, two Petaluma brooders, 100 and 200 chick size. Also, one Mann's green bone cutter; cost \$25; will sell for \$15 if taken at once. C. L. Ballard, Rickford, Or. 11-25-10.

**Lost.**  
 A medium-sized dog, of bull terrier type. Color, yellow, and hair short. Liberal reward for information leading to his recovery. J. B. Embley, Alford, Oregon. Phone 2 on Camp. 11-25-10.

**For Sale.**  
 General merchandise store; inventory about \$2500. Would take some real estate or trade. Address Box 143, Independence, Oregon. 11-25-10.

**HARMFUL MOVING PICTURES PLEASANT FAMILY REUNION**

Here is a Field for Some Real Reform Work.  
 Proprietors of the two dozen moving picture shows that last week were censured by a committee representing the several women's organizations of the city for conducting shows in buildings that were improperly ventilated and badly lighted, will meet the committee late this afternoon and talk over the matter of improving conditions, says the Portland Telegram.

The managers of the show houses say they are willing to meet all the requirements of a reasonable censorship; that they aim to put on pictures of the sort that can be patronized safely by young people, and that they will do what is possible to correct the bad ventilation and do away with the darkened house during the performance—a feature that was strongly condemned by the committee, as affording opportunity for various evils.

It is probable that at the meeting this afternoon a permanent committee will be appointed to correct the defects of their entertainment system. We have no desire to injure their business so long as it is carried on in a manner that makes for clean enjoyment, and does not demoralize the young people.

**Wild Turkeys Are Raised.**  
 Gene Simpson, of Corvallis, reputed to be the most successful China pheasant raiser in the northwest, has begun experimenting to raise wild turkeys, famous in eastern states. So far he has been successful. He has the assurance if he can propagate them successfully that a large number of the turkeys will be purchased and turned loose in one of the northwestern states thereby adding another game bird to the sporting world.

**His Last Horseback Trip.**  
 Judge Burnett started for Tillamook Saturday on his last trip to that city as Circuit Judge. The Judge has been making this trip regular for the past 18 years, starting from Yamhill and going over the mountains on horse back. A gentle smile flitted over his countenance when he thought of this, his last trip in this manner.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

**Notice of Final Settlement.**  
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of William Grant, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, Multnomah County, and that Saturday, the 24th day of December, 1910, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court room of the said County Court in the City of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

**Summons.**  
 In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, Department No. 2.  
 George A. Purvine, Plaintiff, vs. William Lawson and John Long, Defendants.  
 To William Lawson and John Long: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; to-wit, on or before the 21st day of December, 1910, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court room of the said County Court in the City of Dallas, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

**Administrator's Final Notice.**  
 In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Lizzie Mae Schwartz, deceased.  
 To all whom it may concern notice is hereby given by T. K. Ford, the undersigned administrator of said estate, that he has filed his final account and that the Court has fixed Saturday, the 24th day of December, 1910, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the County Court room in the County Court House at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing any objections to said final account and the settlement thereof; and that notice therefore of publication in the Polk County Observer, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Dallas, Oregon, once each week for four successive and consecutive weeks preceding the date of said final hearing, to-wit, on or before the 21st day of November, 1910.

**Notice to Creditors.**  
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the estate of Harriet Orchard, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and has qualified.  
 All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned executor for his residence in the town of Dallas, Polk County, within six months from the date of this notice.

**Call for Warrants.**  
 Notice is hereby given that all Polk County Warrants created and entered "not paid for" on or after October 22, 1910, will be presented at my office, paid upon presentation at my office, paid upon presentation at my office, paid upon presentation at my office. No interest will be allowed after date of this notice.  
 Dated this 18th day of November at Dallas, Oregon.  
 ED. C. DUNN,  
 County Treasurer.

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