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



CITY ELECTION.

The city election to be held next Monday promises to be a warm and exciting contest. The campaign is being waged with earnestness by both sides, but it is pleasing to note that bitterness and personalities are being strictly avoided by the candidates and their respective supporters. It is a contest among neighbors and it is being conducted in a neighborly way. This is as it should be. The worst fate that can befall a town is for its citizens to divide into factions and indulge in petty squabbles over questions of public importance. Such a course invariably hurts a town worse than it could possibly hurt any individual. Energy needed for the up-building of the town is expended by individuals in fighting one another, with the result that all the effort is wasted, and the town, not the individual, is the real loser.

Men who have helped to bear the burden of the work know what it means to lift a town out of the cross-roads village class and give it a start on the highroad leading to commercial importance and financial prosperity. They know it means hard work, and lots of it. It means sacrifice of time and money—both to the individual and to the community. It means a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together. True, men may honestly differ in their opinions as to the best method of accomplishing desired results; but this difference will not seriously affect the success of the effort so long as there is behind it, in each man's heart, an earnest desire to promote the prosperity of the community he calls his home. It is only when men and together in cliques or factions to promote their selfish ends, or through jealousy or spite attempt to discredit the efforts of their neighbors, that the good of the community suffers. The town dweller, and especially the resident of the small town, must place the welfare of his community above all selfish or personal considerations, if he would see his town grow and prosper.

Dallas has long enjoyed among its neighbor towns of the Willamette Valley the reputation of being a community where the people stand together as the members of one large family in every important business or social movement looking to the betterment of existing conditions. Petty jealousies and factional differences have been frowned down, and those who would divide the neighborhood into cliques or factions have been taught that such methods would not be tolerated. City officers who have so far forgotten their duty to their community as to attempt to use their power for selfish purposes, or to benefit a few intimate friends, have soon been made to know that their services were no longer desired by the people. It is in this spirit that lifted the shire towns of Polk County out of the village class and gave it such a promising start as a business and commercial center. Having made such a bright start in the race for supremacy a few years ago, it is hardly necessary to add that every loyal citizen of the town desires that the work, so well begun, be continued.

In the campaign now being waged, personalities should have no place. The individual should not be considered. The question is, What is best for Dallas? What of the town? What can we do to make Dallas stronger financially—more prosperous—more morally? Is the town growing as fast as it should grow? Are we keeping up with the communities around us in this most marvelous age of development of the world, and especially the western world, has ever known? We all know of the wonderful increase in the population of Dallas during the first few years of the last decade. We remember how an actual count of noses Friday evening, in Masonic Hall this showed that the number of inhabitants increased from 1523, in 1904, to 2998 in 1907—a gain of 1475 people in less than three years. We know, further, that the next census, in 1910, gave the town a population of only 2124—a gain for those last three years scarcely worth counting. Who is there in Dallas that was not disappointed by this showing, or that does not desire better things for the future?

Another question—a very proper question for consideration at this time—is, why are taxes so high? Why is it that the man who owns his home and has it paid for, is obliged to pay a yearly tax almost equal to interest on his investment? What does this home owner get in return for his money? What does the business man get—the business man who is taxed to the limit on his stock of merchandise and his buildings? The merchant improves the street in front of his store; he pays for his lights and water and street sprinkling and night police service, and for about everything else he uses. It is true he gets protection from fire, but the cost of that protection to the city is so small as to be in the nature of a serious consideration. What, then, does the merchant or the manufacturer get in return for the 10-mill tax he is compelled to contribute to the city treasury? This is a question the business men of Dallas are beginning to ask themselves, and we think none will deny that the question is a pertinent one.

Getting down to cases, the question

Where does the tax money go?

The most important question of all—and it can be properly asked without the least intimation of official impropriety, for not a man in Dallas will say he believes a single penny of the public fund has been used dishonestly. The records will not show that the city tax has been used dishonestly, but they will disclose the fact that much of it has been spent foolishly. Where does the money go? A little here, and a little there—some of it spent wisely, but most of it wasted. If it is not wasted, why is it that taxes today are nearly four times as high as they were five years ago, with no corresponding increase in benefits? In 1905 the city levy was 6 1/2 mills on an assessed valuation of \$214,950. This year the property owners are paying 10 mills on a valuation reaching the enormous total of \$1,116,228. A 6 1/2 mill tax on \$514,080 in 1905 raised \$3213. A 10-mill tax on \$1,116,228 this year will raise \$11,162. Is there a man in Dallas who will say that the needs of the town are over three times as great as they were five years ago? Has the town made a growth sufficient to justify any such enormous increase in the amount of money wrung from the people by a 10-mill levy? Are public improvements any better or more numerous? Is it not a fact that the number of electric street lights today is practically no greater than it was then, and that the cost of these lights is no higher now than formerly? And is it not true that in the residential district, which covers a large portion of the city, winter pedestrians walk through mud now instead of on crosswalks as they used to do? It must be remembered that in addition to the \$11,162 taxes this year, the city is setting \$2400 saloon license and probably \$400 or \$500 from miscellaneous sources. What is the taxpayer getting for \$14,000 a year now, that he did not get for one-third that amount five years ago? Consider this question, and see if you can think of a single item, if you cannot, then why continue to pay the present enormous tax—a tax nearly as great as your county, school and road tax combined—a tax which would have required a levy of more than 21 mills had the same amount of money been raised five years ago, when the property of the city was assessed at only \$514,080.

The Observer will never kick against taxes, no matter how high they may be, so long as it believes the property owners are being given value received for their money. This newspaper realizes that good things cost money, for a town as well as for an individual, and that we cannot build up Dallas without spending money. But it also realizes that we can spend money wisely when we build up Dallas. One course means new population, new industries, and increased prosperity. The other means financial burden, industrial stagnation, and the driving away of men who come to town with the intention of investing their money.

The Observer hopes and believes that the voters of Dallas will consider well these questions when casting their ballots next Monday. This newspaper has no personal feeling against any candidate; in fact, it cares nothing for the personality of any man, or set of men, in this complaint, though every tube was sold under a positive guarantee. It is good for nothing but the eyes. Ask your Druggist.

Vote for Armory Appropriation, No. 19 X "Yes"

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BAND CONCERT WON FAVOR

Large Audience Enjoys Well Rendered Program at Hall.

The Dallas band delighted the music lovers of the city and received many plaudits in return, at its opening concert held in Woodman Hall Wednesday evening. The program was composed of numerous entertaining features, and those who took part were warmly endorsed by an enthusiastic and appreciative audience. The members of the band made their first appearance in their new military uniforms, which arrived just a few minutes before it was necessary to use them. Many highly complimentary comments upon the proficiency of the band were made, and it is safe to say that the city has a very high opinion of its musicians. Every reserved seat was sold, and there was a large attendance.

Those who assisted as accompanists and whose names were not mentioned on the program, were: Professor William Caldwell, Miss Laura Poling, Miss Hallie Gibson, Mrs. R. E. Wastell.

Mrs. Nellie Tatom took the part of "Miss Columbia" in the beautiful military tableau. The guardsmen who participated were: First Sergeant Peter S. Greenwood, Sergeant Wayne Greenwood, Sergeant A. W. Bennett, Corporal S. Ramsdell, Private A. H. Harris, and Private George Fuller.

After the performance an informal luncheon was enjoyed by the members of the band and those who took part in the performance. The gross receipts amounted to about \$175.

There Is Still Time. Will be here two or three months before going to Portland, and anyone wanting fine pictures or duplicates from old negatives should come in, and I will do my best.

T. J. CHERRINGTON. 3211/2

Read in Sunset Magazine "Motoring Through California," by Lloyd Osbourne; beautifully illustrated in four colors. "The Spell," a romantic serial by C. N. and A. M. Wilkerson. "In the Shadow of the Dragon," by Grant Carpenter; descriptive story of San Francisco's Chinese quarters. April issue now on sale; 12 cents.

Notice to Contractors. Bids will be received by the County Clerk of Polk County, Oregon, at his office in Dallas, for making cuts and fills, estimated amount of work, about 17,000 cubic yards, up to 10 o'clock, a. m., of April 1, 1911, and said bids will be opened by the County Clerk at the hour of 10 a. m., of said day. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Specifications will be on file on and after March 23, 1911, in the office of the County Clerk. Certified check for five per cent of the amount of each bid will be required.

By order of the Court, this 16th day of March, 1911. E. M. SMITH, County Clerk.

200,000 Tubes. Of Sutherland's Eagle Eye Salve were sold in 1908 and not one word of complaint, though every tube was sold under a positive guarantee. It is good for nothing but the eyes. Ask your Druggist.

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Plymouth Rock Eggs For Sale.

Plymouth Rock eggs for sale; choice strain; 40 cents a dozen. Mrs. W. J. Sargeant, near Perrydale; Phone 552. 2-28-11

Hay and Straw For Sale. Clean, baled out hay for sale, \$12 per ton at barn. Baled out straw at \$4 per ton. Delivered, hay \$11, straw, \$5. H. G. Campbell. 2-21-11

For Sale. Good driving mare; rubber-tired buggy; set of harness; also steel-tired buggy. Kerlake's Furniture Store, Dallas, Oregon. 3-24-11

For Sale. Seven-room house, and lot; modern improvements; three blocks from court house. Also, nearly new two-horse wagon. A. H. Harris, Jeweler. 3241/2

Eggs For Hatching. S. C. R. I. Reds, high-class, prize-winning stock, great egg-laying strain. Eggs \$2 per 15. J. S. Macomber, Dallas, Oregon. Phone Black 25. 2-24-11

Well Drilling. Sloper Brothers, of Independence, have the latest machinery for well-drilling, and are ready to visit any part of the county. Prices reasonable. Phone or address at Independence. 211-523

Donkey Engine For Sale. Seattle donkey, 9 by 10 1/2. Fifteen hundred feet 1-inch line; about 2500 feet trip rope; all necessary blocks. Inquire of Pedee Lumber Company, Airdie, or D. D. Good, Dallas, Oregon. 2101/2

Very Fine Thoroughbred Eggs For Sale. We have S. C. Brown Leghorns, Speckled Hamburgs, White and Barred Rocks, and Buff Orpingtons. \$2.50 for 15, well selected. Monmouth Real Estate Company, Monmouth, Oregon. 3141/2

For Sale. House and lot, corner Washington and Lewis streets, Dallas, Oregon. Will take good team of horses and wagon as part payment. For further particulars, write A. D. Norton, Black Rock, Oregon. 317-1/2

For Sale. Five Vista farm, 297 acres, John L. Riggs, owner. Excellent for farming, dairying, hops and fruit. Will divide. Also, other North Polk County farms, and a sawmill, Barton Z. Riggs, Real Estate, Amity, Oregon. Route 2. Phone Dallas 523. 1311/2

Your Water's Wood. Order your slab wood now and be sure of having a good dry supply for winter. I can sell you either slabs, blocks, or trimmings. Can furnish any other kind of wood desired. Plenty of good oak and fir. Send in your orders by either phone, Mutual, 1196 Bell, 443. AUGUST DOMAN.

Citation. In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk. In the matter of the estate of and of the County of Polk, Oregon, incompetent. To Mrs. L. J. Murphy, and to the next of kin, unknown, greeting: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, at the Court Room thereof, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if granted to sell the following described real property belonging to said Napoleon E. Nelson, an incompetent: The North and South halves of the Southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 36 South, Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, Oregon, and containing 120 acres, more or less.

Witness the Hon. Ed F. Coad, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, in said County of Polk, at the seal of said County, this first day of March, A. D. 1911. (SEAL) E. M. SMITH, Clerk

Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, William M. Shewey, has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, administrator of the estate of Harvey Tingle, deceased, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present their claims, verified with proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice to the said administrator at his residence in the City of Dallas, in said County of Polk, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated and first published March 3, 1911. WILLIAM M. SHEWEY, Administrator of the estate of Harvey Tingle, deceased. Oscar Hayter, Attorney.

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