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DALLAS, OREGON, MAY 26, 1911.

The way to build up Dallas is to pa-
tronize Dallas people.



THE BALLOT PROBLEM.

At the general election four years ago, eleven measures were submitted to the voters of Oregon under the initiative and referendum. Two years later, the number had increased to nineteen. At the general election held last November, the voter was obliged to wade through a ballot containing 32 proposed measures and about the size of an ordinary horse-blanket. Now with election day more than one year ahead, comes news from the Secretary of State's office that eleven measures have been filed for a place on the ballot, as against only eight measures at this time preceding the last election. At this rate of increase, no one knows how large next year's ballot may be. It may contain fifty measures, and it may contain five hundred. In the face of this increase, how idle the argument in favor of a restricted use of the initiative and referendum! How impotent the plea for a resort to the use of this power only in cases of emergency or of great public need!

It will be noted that the fault-finding and criticism and the plea for a "safe and sane" use of the law is not coming from the element that opposed its adoption, but rather from among those citizens who have played a leading part in the movement to fasten this revolutionary system of lawmaking upon the country. Here we have Governor Woodrow Wilson, all the way from New Jersey, telling us what a grand, good thing we have in the initiative and referendum, but urging us to be reasonable in its use. And who, pray, is to decide what is reasonable? Who is to say in advance what laws are needed, or would be acceptable, to the people of the state? Why has not one man just as good a right to propose a law as another? And why should not all be given an equal hearing? Is it argued that "reason" demands a limit to the number of measures to be placed upon the ballot at any one election? Is the power of the sovereign people to be expressed in mere numerals? If any one of these theorists or faddists entertains any such notion, let him go before the voters of Oregon in their present mood, with an amendment to limit ballot measures to five, ten, or any other number, and see how quickly he will be given to understand that the people are supreme and that they reserve the right at any and all elections to submit that many measures, and as many more as they deem pious.

Another source of agitation is found by these would-be reformers in the large number of names of candidates found upon the ballot since adoption of the direct primary law. These erstwhile promoters of a "free for all" primary are now advocating the short ballot—whatever that may be. But again they leave us in the dark. Who is to decide just how long the ballot should be? How short is a short ballot? How many names should it contain? If the direct primary was adopted to give every aspiring candidate an opportunity to run for office, how are we to regulate the length of the ballot without violating the very spirit of the new law? What aspirants shall we encourage, and which ones shall we smother?

It is evident that there is something wrong with the Oregon system—even if it is true that it is the "Best System on Earth." We have recently had it upon the authority of two no less important persons than Governor Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt that the system is all right, but that it needs fixing. But who is to fix it? And how is it to be fixed? Now Jersey's scholarly Governor does not tell us, and it is noticeable that here is one subject upon which the eloquent Teddy is silent. In the absence of any attempt on the part of these brave and patriotic defenders of the Oregon system to suggest a satisfactory elimination of the undesirable features of which they complain, the suspicion arises that they have no suggestions to offer. It will be useless to look to Mr. U'Ren for assistance, for it is evident that he considers these laws as nearly perfect as human ingenuity could make them. The fond and dotting father cannot be expected to see the flaws and imperfections in his own children.

What, then, are we to do? The Observer must confess that it sees no way out of the predicament in which Oregon just now finds itself. It would seem that the initiative and referendum and the direct primary are here to stay, but this newspaper cannot for the life of it see how the power of the people under these laws can be restricted without violating the very essence and spirit of the laws themselves.

Much of the talk we are now hearing about the future of Dallas College sounds strangely like the talk that was heard just before Charley Spaulding moved his big sawmill from Dallas and deprived the city of a \$4000 monthly payroll.

The fight against the University of Oregon and the Oregon State Normal School will have to be carried on without the newspapers. Every paper in the state, with the exception of the two in McMinnville, is outspoken in its opposition to the attack upon these useful state institutions. The movement is discreditable to those taking part in it, and will do much toward destroying the effect of all the good advertising of Oregon that may be done in the next eighteen months. The plan, however, to destroy the usefulness of these schools is doomed to failure. Oregon will go forward—not backward.

ABANDON EASTERN CANVASS

President Winter, of College, Expected to Remove From Dallas.

A special meeting of the board of trustees of Dallas College was held in the president's office Wednesday afternoon to consider some of the present problems of the school. There was an expression of general satisfaction among the trustees with the work done in the institution during the year, and also with the liberal response of the church for the increase of the endowment fund for its maintenance. It was realized that this was a critical moment in the history of the College, and of the Academy as well. In view of the confederation of interests with the Evangelical Association, and probably with the United Brethren Church, the board was unanimously in favor of continuing the College work without any interruption. The decision as to a permanent location of the school was recognized as very essential to the larger development and welfare of the institution. Dallas was preferred to all other places, but in view of the result of the recent election it was considered best to leave the matter for further consideration.

At the annual meeting of the board in April, President Winter was appointed financial agent, and the local interests of the College and the Eastern canvass for the endowment were placed in his hands. At Wednesday's session, he was relieved from the present from this work, as the board felt that the success of the canvass would depend absolutely upon the permanent establishment of the College, which must, therefore, be settled first. President Winter will, for a time, assist the presiding elder by taking charge of one of the fields left to be supplied in the Oregon conference, and will likely move with his family from Dallas soon after commencement. "We had hoped," said he, "to plant a fine campus by the aid of a landscape artist, to lay out the athletic field, and to erect a new administration building and a gymnasium this year, but this, for reasons known, has failed. However, there are times when our seeming defeats result in our greatest victories. We shall have to await patiently new developments which may arise from the consummation of our plans, either here or elsewhere, doing the best we can with each situation as it comes."

"We reluctantly leave Dallas, for we esteem very highly the many lasting friendships we have formed here. It is not out of choice that we go, but circumstances have determined this for us."

Professor D. M. Metzger will have charge of the interests of the school during vacation and will do the field work for the new students.

PLEASANT AFTERNOON PARTY

Mrs. W. H. F. Manston Entertains Friends at Five Hundred.

The leading social event of the city for a number of weeks was a very delightful Five Hundred party given Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. H. F. Manston, in compliment to a number of her friends. The afternoon was pleasantly spent with cards, Mrs. George L. Hawkins winning first prize.

Those present were: Mrs. O. E. Williams, Mrs. E. W. Fuller, Mrs. G. L. Hawkins, Mrs. W. J. Keeth, Mrs. C. L. Crider, Mrs. Lee Crider, Mrs. C. B. Sundberg, Mrs. U. S. Loughery, Mrs. R. L. Chapman, Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. E. A. Hamilton, Mrs. J. L. Castle, Mrs. J. C. Uglow, Mrs. C. L. Barnes, Mrs. W. A. School, Mrs. I. N. Woods, Mrs. E. Jacobson, Mrs. W. L. Soehren, Mrs. D. P. Patterson, Mrs. D. M. Metzger, Mrs. William Greenwood, Miss Nora Robertson, Miss Pearl Uglow, Miss Anna Stalrin.

WILL ADVANCE POSTOFFICE

Increase of Business Done Brings Higher Rating From Department.

In the staid, methodical unwinning of red tape, following the extraordinary increase in business done by the Dallas postoffice during the beginning of the year, Postmaster C. G. Coad has at last received notice that the office will be raised to the second class at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1.

Various advantages will accrue to the office by reason of the advancement, but they will not be announced until later.

Sealed Bids Wanted.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon. In the matter of P. E. Chase, Bankrupt. The undersigned will receive sealed bids at his office, No. 7 First street, Room 8, Portland, Oregon, up to 12 o'clock, noon, of Wednesday, May 31st, 1911, for the following property belonging to said estate: A stock of merchandise of the inventory value of \$2938.71, consisting of the following items:

Jewelry \$1421.33
Furniture 629.83
Paints, Oils and Glass \$77.90
Also a lot of store fixtures of the inventory value of \$143.20, all of said property being located in the store of said bankrupt at Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon; also 4 shares of stock in the Monmouth Creamery Company of the par value of Ten Dollars per share. An inventory of the above property is on file at the office of the undersigned, and the property may be inspected on application to the Western Realty Company at Monmouth. Bids may be made for the said stock as a whole or for each separate line of merchandise. Cash or a certified check for ten per cent of the amount offered must accompany each bid, and the right is reserved to reject any and all bids, said sale being made subject to confirmation by the Court.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, May 26th, 1911.

R. L. SABIN, Trustee.

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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.)

Notice.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern, that the undersigned has given his adopted son, Vernon I. Kaegi, his time, and will not be responsible for any debts that the said Vernon I. Kaegi may contract.

Dated at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 19th day of May, 1911.

T. N. KAEGI.

Horses For Sale.

Some fine young horses and colts for sale at the C. N. McArthur farm, one mile east of Rickreall. 254tf519

For Sale.

Two good brood sows; will weigh about 160 pounds each. C. W. Minnich, Phone 4 on A. D. line. 265-530

For Sale.

\$175 piano credit check, or exchange; write terms. Box 336, Dallas. 264-62

Sale or Trade.

Big house and seven lots, for sale or trade in on a good farm. Albert Fennell, Dallas. 262tf526

Girl Wanted.

Good girl for housework; wages \$5 per week. N. Selig, Falls City. 263tf526

Rhubarb For Sale.

Come to my garden in East Dallas and get your rhubarb for 1c a pound. Delivered in Dallas in 50-pound lots at 1 1/2c; smaller quantities, 2c. Phone 1554. W. P. Miller. 257tf523

Men Wanted.

Ten men wanted to work on steam hay baler during July and August. Engage now. C. C. Warkentin, Dallas. Phone South Red 251. 259m-616

For Sale.

Six milk cows, good; 3 heifers, 1 Jersey bull, full blood. Will quit dairying. Prices to sell; 1/2 mile southeast of Sheridan. Stockton Bros., Sheridan, Or. 261-526

To Rent.

Five-room house, barn, garden nearly all planted; from June 15, to April 1, 1912, or longer, to right person. Inquire at E. E. McVicker's on Ellis street, between Washington and Court; or phone 404. 256tf523

Sweet Cream For Sale.

Get cream for your strawberries of W. P. Miller, delivered anywhere on Holman's milk route at 20c per pint for 30 per cent cream. W. P. Miller, Phone 1554. 258tf523

Ducks For Sale.

Twenty-five Indian Runner ducks. Inquire S. D. Steffy, Dallas. Phone 535. 250tf516

Mare For Sale.

Weight 900, age 4 years. Phone 1594. 253tf519

To Let.

A furnished house. Inquire at Lynch's blacksmith shop. 252tf519

For Rent.

Two furnished light house-keeping rooms with use of bath. Phone 774. 248tf516

Hay For Sale.

Good vetch and oat hay for sale. Ewing Brothers, Polk Station, Phone 15, Smithfield No. 1. 248-526

Practically New.

One two-horse power International gasoline engine used three months; price for quick sale, \$90. Oregon Power Company, 615 Mill street, Dallas. 255tf519

For Sale.

Good, fresh Jersey cow; also, good gentle driving horse, gentle for lady or child to drive. M. Martin, Independence R. F. D. 1. 241tf57

Eggs at Half Price.

S. C. R. L. Reds, high-class, prize-winning stock, great egg-laying strain. Eggs \$1 per set. J. S. Macomber, Dallas, Oregon. Phone Black 25. 241tf57

New Wall Paper.

Wall paper, direct from the factory—a very select line—at W. P. Holman's. 233tf425

For Sale.

Old buggy and harness, and set of double work harness; cheap. A. H. Harris, Jeweler. Phone 453. 233tf425

For Sale.

Oak and Cedar posts. Soehren Warehouse Company. 11-18-tf.

Wanted.

All kinds of iron, rubber, brass, copper, zinc and hides. Highest cash prices paid. A. N. Halleck, Monmouth, Oregon. 2-12-tf.

For Sale.

Fir 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 525. 131tf

Your Winter'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, 1195 Bell, 443. AUGUST BOMAN.

Summons for Publication in Foreclosure of Tax Lien.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County. Department No. 2.

Ruth Graves, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel Rodgers, Defendant.

To Daniel Rodgers, the above named defendant. In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby notified that the 31st day of December, 1908, by the Tax Collector of the County of Polk, State of Oregon, for the amount of Three & 66-100 (\$3.66) Dollars, the same being the amount then due and delinquent upon the real property assessed to you, of which you are the owner as appears of record, situated in said County and State, and particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

South West 1/4 of South East 1/4 in Section Fifteen (15), Township Seven (7) South, Range Six (6) West of the Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, State of Oregon.

You are further notified that said Ruth Graves has paid taxes on said premises for prior or subsequent years with the rate of interest on said amounts as follows:

Year's Tax. Date Paid. No. Amount Interest
1908. March 11, 1909. 222 \$2.00 15 per cent
1909, 1st half. March 15, 1910. 2725 1.45 15 per cent
1909, 2nd half. Sept. 12, 1910. 3385 1.45 15 per cent
1910. March 15, 1911. 215 1.15 15 per cent

Said Daniel Rodgers, as the owner of the legal title of the above described property as the same appears of record, and each of the other persons above named are hereby further notified that Ruth Graves will apply to the Circuit Court of the County and State aforesaid for a decree foreclosing the lien against the property above described, and mentioned in said certificate. And you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the first publication of this summons exclusive of the day of said first publication, and defend this action or pay the amount due as above shown together with costs and accrued interest, and in case of your failure to do so, a decree will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said taxes and costs against the land and premises above named.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable Ed F. Coad, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, and said order was made and dated this 12th day of April, 1911, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 14th day of April, 1911. All process and papers in this proceeding may be served upon the undersigned, residing within the State of Oregon, at the address hereinafter mentioned.

For Sale.

Ten tons baled vetch and oat hay, first class; 300 bushels white oats, extra good. G. W. Carroll, Rickreall, Oregon. 245-530

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, Department No. 2.

John R. Robbins, Josephine Robbins, G. H. Robbins, Louis Robbins, Mary C. Dennis, Oliver E. Dennis, Olive A. Farley, John M. Farley, Ella Kraber, and William H. Kraber, plaintiffs, vs. Carrie E. Skipton, William L. Skipton, Ralph H. Casey, Lorraine Casey, Otto G. Muhlig individually and as guardian of the persons and estates of Lorraine Maud Muhlig, Ruth Muhlig, Edward Herman Muhlig, minors, Lorraine Maud Muhlig, Ruth Muhlig, Edward Herman Muhlig, Walker, S. B. Walker, May Campbell, Herbert Campbell, Sarah Catherine Hartman, formerly Elliott, G. W. Hartman, Fred Tatom, Lillian Tatom, Thomas Tatom, May Tatom, Mark Tatom, I. N. Woods, Eva Woods, Edwin Jacobson, Mada I. Jacobson, William Ross Ellis, Minnie Ellis, Bertha Tannis, Curtis O. Tannis, Cora Ellis Miser, and Haver L. Miser, defendants. No. 2903.

To Ralph H. Casey, Lorraine Casey, Ruth Muhlig, Edward Herman Muhlig, Sarah Catherine Hartman, formerly Elliott, G. W. Hartman, Fred Tatom, Lillian Tatom, Thomas Tatom, May Tatom, Mark Tatom, Mary A. Tatom, Cora Ellis Miser, and Haver L. Miser, defendants above named:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are required to appear and answer the amended complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons to-wit: the 14th day of May, 1911, and if you fail to answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to said Court and take a decree against you for the relief demanded and prayed for in said amended complaint, viz:

1. For a sale of the parcel of land described as Lot No. 4 in Block No. 3 in the Gen. Addition to the Town of Dallas, in the County of Polk, State of Oregon, now held by the plaintiffs and defendants as tenants in common, and a division and distribution of the proceeds of sale between the parties to this suit according to their respective rights.

2. That the general costs of this suit together with fees of referees and other disbursements shall be paid out of the proceeds of said sale.

3. That the plaintiffs may have such other and further relief as to the Court may seem equitable.

This summons, by order of the Honorable Ed F. Coad, County Judge of Polk County, Oregon, made at Chambers in the City of Dallas, on the 22d day of May, 1911, is served upon you by the publication thereof for a period of six consecutive weeks immediately prior to the 5th day of July, 1911, in the Polk County Observer, a newspaper of general circulation published at Dallas, in said County of Polk. The date of the first publication of this summons is May 25, 1911.

OSCAR HAYTER, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Ralph H. Casey, has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County administrator of the estate of Joseph H. Savery, deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them, duly verified, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the said administrator at his residence, near the Salt Creek School House, in said County of Polk, Oregon, on or before the 15th day of July, 1911; and if you fail to answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to said Court for a decree that certain mortgage given by the defendants D. W. Randolph and Ida L. Randolph to the plaintiffs on the 18th day of April, 1910, recorded on the 15th day of June, 1910, at page 231 of book 289 of the records of mortgages for Multnomah County, Oregon, and recorded on the 1st day of July, 1910, at page 128 of book 30 of the records of mortgages for Polk County, Oregon, and now owned and held by the above named plaintiffs be foreclosed, and that the lands and premises described in and covered by said mortgage, viz: The Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 22 in Township 7 South, of Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian in Polk County, State of Oregon, and also Lot No. 15 of Taylor's Subdivision of Section 2 Township 1 South, of Range 2 East of the Willamette Meridian, containing five acres, more or less, in Multnomah County, State of Oregon, as per plat of said Subdivision recorded in book 271, at page 35, do be sold in accordance with law and the practice governing the sales of real estate upon execution, and that proceeds of said sale be applied to the liquidation of the amounts due plaintiffs on said mortgage and the note and indebtedness secured thereby, together with costs and disbursements, attorney's fees and interest, all as stated in said complaint, and the costs and expenses of such sale, and further, the plaintiffs will apply to said Court and take a decree against you for all relief and singular the relief prayed for in said complaint.

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Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, Department No. 2.

Felix Noel and Susie Noel, Plaintiffs, vs. D. W. Randolph, Ida L. Randolph and C. W. Conway, Defendants. No. 2921.

To D. W. Randolph, Ida L. Randolph, and C. W. Conway, defendants above named:

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 suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before the first day of July, 1911; and if you fail to answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to said Court for a decree that certain mortgage given by the defendants D. W. Randolph and Ida L. Randolph to the plaintiffs on the 18th day of April, 1910, recorded on the 15th day of June, 1910, at page 231 of book 289 of the records of mortgages for Multnomah County, Oregon, and recorded on the 1st day of July, 1910, at page 128 of book 30 of the records of mortgages for Polk County, Oregon, and now owned and held by the above named plaintiffs be foreclosed, and that the lands and premises described in and covered by said mortgage, viz: The Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 22 in Township 7 South, of Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian in Polk County, State of Oregon, and also Lot No. 15 of Taylor's Subdivision of Section 2 Township 1 South, of Range 2 East of the Willamette Meridian, containing five acres, more or less, in Multnomah County, State of Oregon, as per plat of said Subdivision recorded in book 271, at page 35, do be sold in accordance with law and the practice governing the sales of real estate upon execution, and that proceeds of said sale be applied to the liquidation of the amounts due plaintiffs on said mortgage and the note and indebtedness secured thereby, together with costs and disbursements, attorney's fees and interest, all as stated in said complaint, and the costs and expenses of such sale, and further, the plaintiffs will apply to said Court and take a decree against you for all relief and singular the relief prayed for in said complaint.

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