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



## CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

The writer's career as editor and publisher of the Polk County Observer is as a tale that is told. With this issue of the paper, ownership of the plant and subscription list passes to the Observer Printing Company, a corporation duly organized and licensed to conduct a general printing and publishing business in Dallas.

It is not without a certain feeling of regret that I retire from the Polk County newspaper field, where, for twenty years I have labored to build up a newspaper that would be creditable to the community and to its owner. If, during the years I have guided the destinies of the Observer, the paper has contributed in any measure to the upbuilding of Polk County and to the happiness and prosperity of its people, I am content.

I have at all times endeavored to make the Observer a safe and sane newspaper—avoiding, as far as weak human nature would permit, all personal prejudices and dislikes in the presentation of the news and in the expression of editorial opinion; standing for a greater Oregon, a more prosperous Polk County, a busier and more attractive Dallas; for the greatest possible measure of personal liberty consistent with law and order, and for the overthrow of the fanatic, the demagogue and the slyster. As to the measure of success achieved, the results will have to speak for themselves.

And so, after all these years, the ownership of the Observer changes. It is gratifying to know that the paper is passing into good hands—into the possession of men who have achieved success in other newspaper fields and who come to Dallas bearing the highest recommendations as to ability, enterprise and integrity; men, who, after having investigated business conditions in every portion of the great Northwest, come to make their homes in Dallas and Polk County—to be with us, and of us. While new arrivals in Oregon, these men are not strangers. Having lived in our sister state of Washington for many years, both are familiar with the Northwest; with its past record of growth and its future needs for development and prosperity.

Mr. Eugene Foster, the new editor, comes from the city editor's desk in the office of the Aberdeen World, one of the brightest and most enterprising local daily papers on the Coast. Having devoted his energies and talents to newspaper writing since his boyhood, he is familiar with every phase of the work, and it is certain that the Observer, under his able guidance, will exert a strong influence in promoting the growth and welfare of Dallas and Polk County.

Mr. W. H. Totten, who will have charge of the mechanical department, is an experienced printer and linotype operator. Having been connected with some of the largest publishing houses of the East and on the Pacific Coast, his ideas are those of the modern, progressive printer who appreciates the value of good printing to the twentieth century business and professional man. With Mr. Totten in charge of the Observer's press and composing rooms, it is safe to predict that new machinery and equipment will be added as rapidly as it is needed to meet the demands of a rapidly growing field.

With the business, to which I have given the best years of my life, in such capable hands, I now bid farewell to my readers. To the friends who have accorded to the Observer their business patronage and kindly encouragement, I tender my best thanks, assuring them that this substantial assurance of good will and confidence will not be forgotten. To my brothers of the Oregon press—every one of whom I can proudly count as a friend—I extend my grateful appreciation for numberless kindnesses and courtesies. My long association and wide acquaintance with these loyal Oregon boosters and princes of good fellows will ever hold a cherished place in memory.

And now, I lay down my pen and say "good-bye." It is hard to quit talking after use has been at it for twenty years, but I beg a final word: Boost Oregon. Spare no effort to develop Polk County. You cannot overdo it. Where there are hundreds of people here now, there is room for thousands. Build up Dallas by spending your money with Dallas merchants. Patronize your home newspapers, and patronize them liberally. No other possible investment will yield such large and quick returns. Remember that your home editor is, by the peculiar nature of his calling, in a position to benefit your town and your business more than any other one citizen of your town and county can benefit it, and that he is at all times ready and willing to help you. Bear in mind that the best terms are always the ones that most liberally support their newspapers. Encourage your editors, help one another, vote against populism, pass your streets, and keep an eye on Bill O'Ren.

J. C. HATTER.

## TO OBSERVER READERS

In assuming control of the Polk County Observer, the new publishers do so fully aware of the position that the paper has occupied in the field of Polk county and of Northwestern Ore-

gon during the past 20 years. They know that the paper has long been recognized as one of the leading publications of the state and under the efficient management of Editor J. C. Hatter, its opinions have carried weight and its stand has usually been on the right side. We realize to the fullest extent the task that is before us in keeping the Observer to the fore front of progress, but we want to assure the people of Polk county that we shall labor constantly to make the paper all that it should be and to keep it fully up to the high standard established under the management of its former publisher, who has spent the best years of his life in building up the publication and the plant here in the county of his nativity.

While we come to you as strangers we sincerely hope that we will not long continue so, but that we shall become acquainted with the good people of Dallas and of Polk county. We do not deem it necessary at this time to outline at length the policies that we shall pursue in the future publication of The Observer. We will only state that we shall at all times enlist our best endeavors to make the Observer a newspaper in the fullest sense of the word and to print the news as we shall find it, without fear or favor. We shall at all times work for the upbuilding of Dallas and of Polk county, believing that this community offers more to the home-seeker than other sections of the Northwest, and because we are confident that the time is not far distant when Dallas will take her place as one of the most enterprising and progressive cities in all this fair state.

So, with malice toward none, and charity for all, realizing our shortcomings, but giving the assurance that whatever mistakes we may make will be of the hand and not of the heart, we cast our lot in this favored city and invite you all to come in and get acquainted.

EUGENE FOSTER, W. H. TOTTEN.

The only safe and sane pathway to the world's championship lies through the woolly, according to B. Nelson. If ambitious bruisers will take this suggestion seriously and get busy with Mother's winter fuel, there may be some excuse for the "profession" after all.

The war cloud in Europe now appears to be on the decline, with the announcement from France that she really didn't mean what she said in that Moroccan affair. The diplomatic passages, however, and the war-like rumors had the effect of stirring up the British lion, and the clear and definite statement of Premier Asquith did much to clarify the situation, and it is probable that all difficulties will be settled by arbitration.

Enactment of new laws and the promulgation of additional safeguards do not seem to protect the forests from the ravages of the fire fiend and each year, promptly on time, the widespread destruction of green timber and other property in the wooded districts begins, and continues until rain comes or further fuel for the flames is exhausted. So long as the people generally refuse to co-operate with the wardens in this matter, just so long will the annual destruction continue, irrespective of all the laws on the statute books.

Newspaper reports from Washington state that Senator Chamberlain will not be a candidate for re-election when his present term shall have expired. What's the matter with the senatorial toga that it affects the Northwest statesmen so unfavorably? Senator Piles, of Washington, voluntarily retired after a one-term try at the job, and declared that he wouldn't have the position again as a gift. Perhaps his resignation mania may have something to do with the unwillingness of statesmen to longer offer their services for the good of the country.

Said the governor of Oregon to the governor of California: "Keep Willie and we'll go nix on that exposition appropriation." Said the governor of Oregon to the governor of Oregon: "You're bluffing—you wouldn't do that." Said the governor of Oregon to the governor of California: "If Willie is indispensable to you—keep him, and we'll credit the exposition account." Said the governor of California to his peace officers: "Send Willie back, we really can't find a place for him anyway." And that was what Governor West wanted in the first place.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good" is a true saying and it is being practically exemplified for the benefit of the Polk county hop-growers this year. Reports from overseas indicate that the hop crop will be exceedingly short in foreign countries, all of which, of course, tends to increase the price paid for the local crop. Well, it's too bad that the growers of Europe must suffer as a consequence, but if disaster must come to them it is just as well to have it happen when we have an abundant crop in this country. Each week sees a strengthening of the hop market, and as every indication now points to a large yield, there is abundant reason for rejoicing on the part of Polk county growers.

The suggestion coming from Representative Foss, of Illinois, former chairman of the house naval affairs committee, that the old fighting machine, the Oregon, lead the procession of naval ships from New York to San Francisco upon the opening of the Panama canal, finds an answering response in the heart of every loyal citizen of this state, as well as of the nation at large. The Oregon has entrenched itself in the hearts of all patriotic people and, while it is admitted that the "bulldog of the navy" has perhaps outlived its usefulness, and must be relegated to the rear because of the advances of modern vessels, still, like the Constitution, and other old vessels that have given a good account of themselves in the years that are gone, a halo of romance clings to the Oregon and the special honor for the ship proposed by the Illinois member comes as a fitting recognition of the good that the vessel has done in the past, and when much depended on her seaworthiness and the ability of her commander to get her to the front on time. The people haven't forgotten that memorable voyage of 36,000 miles from the Pacific to the Atlantic and the following recognition of the vessel that the destruction of Cervara's fleet off Santiago.

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## RECALL CRAZY.

The women of Seattle are recall crazy. A few months since, one of the warmest municipal campaigns ever waged in any community held the Washington city in its grip for more than two months, and the result of that fight was the recall of Mayor Gill and the substitution of George W. Dilling, who stood as the reform candidate. Gill had been accused of bargaining with vice and running the city under a wide-open policy since his induction into office, and the anti-Gill movement grew so rapidly, and took such a firm hold upon the people of the city, that he was recalled by a substantial majority and Dilling named in his stead. Dilling made a frank and open campaign. He told the people of Seattle what he would do, if elected, and he has kept all promises, according to statements from those who know. He at once reorganized the police department and to his best advantage has run the city as a business. He succeeded to a certain extent, and probably Seattle is now freer from graft and civic uncleanness than ever before in recent years, but it appears that the people are not satisfied. At the general election in November, 1910, the women of Washington were given equal suffrage and the Gill recall was the direct result of the extension of the ballot to women. Prominent leaders of the suffrage party were instrumental in starting the agitation, and the campaign against Gill was conducted for the most part by women leaders. By a strange freak of fate, the same women politicians who handled the Gill recall and were most pronounced in their denunciation of the former Mayor and friendly to Dilling, are behind the movement to oust the present Mayor. Mrs. Catherine Stritan, one of the suffrage leaders of Washington, is at the head of the movement for a new recall.

Immediately after Dilling's election and his assumption of the duties of his office, Mrs. Stritan, who is something of a faddist, and a "reformer" with a capital "R," endeavored to inaugurate what she called needed "prison reforms" in the management of the city's criminals. Mayor Dilling had ideas of his own in these matters, and he refused to adopt the plans suggested, and insisted upon his own suffrage leader. His troubles then began. Mrs. Stritan didn't propose to have her pet theories thus summarily disposed of by "mere man" and she didn't permit any venture to propagate under her pedal extremities. She said, "well, if Mayor Dilling won't do what I think he should, I'll just recall him and put in somebody else." So she started an agitation that bids fair to plunge the Washington metropolis into another bitter fight and run up an additional bill of expense for the taxpayers.

The moral of this Seattle mix-up isn't a victory for the recall idea, especially in a woman suffrage state. Encouraged by their overwhelming victory of last March, the suffrage leaders are anxious to extend their power still further and absolutely dictate the policy of Seattle even in the most petty particulars. That is the actual fruits of the recall when the privilege is abused. There is nothing really wrong with the Dilling administration. It is admitted by even Mrs. Stritan that he has managed the affairs of the city economically and with credit to himself and his constituents. Yet merely because he refused to permit outsiders to dictate a certain policy which, in itself, only affected those who happened to come under the ban of the police, the city is to be held up to ridicule and its burden of taxation increased.

Under present conditions the recall may be made a vehicle of great good for the people, but when its privileges are abused as they most certainly have been in the Seattle instance, it is no wonder that many good citizens object to the provisions of the law. His application in Seattle, in a state where all women are given the right of the ballot, offers a field for study for the friends of equal suffrage and those opposed to the plan.

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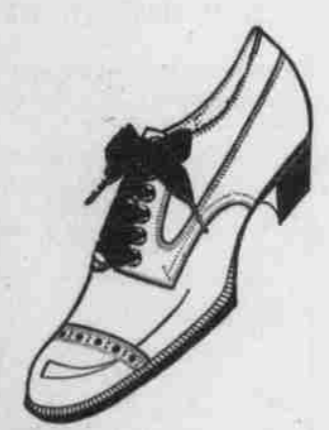
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