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DALLAS, OREGON, AUG. 29, 1911.

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

The man who attends strictly to his own business has a steady job.

"Lobsters for the Pacific" is a headline on a prominent editorial in the Oregonian. There is nothing new in this connection. Chorus girls have been finding "lobsters" on the Pacific Coast for years, but nobody ever made a fuss about it. It is said that Portland is full of 'em.

Senator LaFollette has returned to his home in Madison, Wisconsin, and has already begun his explanations as to why the Arizona statehood bill was vetoed by President Taft. LaFollette declares in his newspaper that it was not the judicial recall that Taft vetoed but popular government. The Wisconsin senator should be qualified to judge. He has made a specialty of popular government and popular approval for some time now. Present indications are, however, that he will find the latter an empty honor.

It's all right now. Whatever ideas some people may have had regarding the marriage of Col. John Jacob Astor to a school child have been removed, or at least they should be, for Nat Goodwin has spoken and endorsed, in most pleasing terms, Col. Astor's approaching nuptials. Nat says "it is every man's business to make his life happy, if possible," and he says it's all right for a man to divorce his wife, the mother of his children, and marry a girl young enough to be his daughter, and not a very old daughter, either. Inasmuch as Nat has been married four times, divorcing all of the former Mrs. Goodwin's, it may be gathered that Nat is making a strenuous effort to be happy. Most men would become discouraged after about the third trial.

Much prosperity is assured to the Northwest upon the completion of the Panama Canal and its use by the vessels of commerce. Aside from the enhancement of the lumber industry, which will receive the first and most direct benefit, possibly, every locality on the Pacific Coast will feel an added impetus. The canal will offer a cheap and comparatively rapid mode of transportation for the products of the lumber mills, and of the farm, to Eastern markets, and will have a wholesome effect toward reducing freight rates all along the line. Just about the time the canal is completed, Polk county's large scope of apple orchards will come into commercial bearing and the fruit raisers here will be among the first to feel the benefit of reduced freight rates and the extension of their markets.

President Taft's proposed "twining around the circle" on the occasion of his coming trip to the Pacific Coast only serves to show once more, and most emphatically, the popularity of the chief executive. He has been overwhelmed with numerous invitations to visit all portions of the country and, strangely enough, the bulk of these have come from communities that were supposed to be strongly anti-Taft in their sentiments. At least that was the inference gathered from LaFollette and others of the progressives who declared that the Middle West and Coast states were opposed to the President's Canadian reciprocity policy, and his attitude upon tariff revision. But, as usual, the insurgents were wrong in their position. Later developments show, beyond a doubt, that President Taft is stronger today, in the great heart of the American people than ever before, and not all the attacks and vituperation heaped upon him by the democrats and their republican insurgent allies has shaken the faith of the people in the host of the government, and it is no false statement to say, at this time, that he is stronger than ever before with the people at large. He has had many vexatious problems to settle and he has been menaced and hedged about by numerous political demagogues who sought to overthrow his power and use it as a stepping stone for their personal ambitions, but all of these attempts have failed and in every instance they have acted as a boomerang upon their promoters. Even people who disagree with the President upon some of his policies, and who are fair-minded, realize that he has the courage of his convictions, and is proving himself what his loyal friends have all along contended, that he is one of the greatest statesmen that has occupied the presidential chair.

The Observer is unqualifiedly and enthusiastically in favor of the proposition to build a Carnegie library

building in Dallas and equip it with sufficient books and periodicals to meet the requirements of this community, but we hope that it may be arranged to build at least a \$10,000 building. The present plan to construct a building costing only \$5000 is wrong. While it may possibly do for the city at the present time, it will be only a few years before the library will be too small and crowded. Dallas should profit in this matter by the mistakes of other cities. A building costing \$10,000 isn't so very large and such a structure would be a credit to the city, whereas, a small \$5000 library will not, by any manner of means, do justice to the city, and in a few years the community will have outgrown it. If the matter can be arranged so that we may secure a building of at least \$10,000, so far as The Observer is concerned, it is in favor of abandoning the project until it shall be possible to finance such a plan. Newberg is planning on a Carnegie library, in fact the plans proposed have been approved by the Carnegie library commission. The building will cost at least \$3000, leaving a balance of \$2000 for equipment and furniture. Surely Dallas can do what Newberg is doing and even go a step further. Let us profit by our neighbor's experience and build for the future. It may be so much more easily done now than at a later date. Let us lay aside our swaddling clothes and try and realize that Dallas has outgrown her infant days and her village habits, and remember that a brighter era is dawning. Let us not lag in the procession.

McMinnville is doing away with its ancient system of lighting its streets and will install cluster lights. Every town in this section of the state is moving forward. Dallas cannot afford to be content with antediluvian methods and former makeshifts. If she would attract the capitalist and the new settler she must line up with the other progressive cities in her immediate territory.

TRAINED DOG KNOWS RAIL DANGER SIGNAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—Can a dog tell green from red when displayed on a switch alongside the track of a railroad, and can it learn the significance and importance of the green and red signals as applied to railroad? H. W. Sheridan, superintendent of the Sacramento division of the Southern Pacific company, says that it can, and Sheridan has a mass of evidence to prove his assertion.

Sheridan secured his evidence recently while conducting an efficiency test about 100 miles north of Sacramento, California. With several assistants he changed the light on one of the switches from green to red, then waited to see if the crew of the next train would observe the wrong light and stop the train before it reached the switch.

The dog began to bark as soon as the red light was shown in place of the green. It ran around the signal for several minutes and then to the quarters of the section foreman, a half mile away. Shortly after the foreman appeared with a lantern and a shotgun, led by the dog, and Sheridan and his assistants had a difficult time in explaining the red light to the satisfaction of both the dog and its master.

of keeping train and engineers on the alert. After a crew has run over the same line day after day without mishap, they, in common with other mortals, are likely to become careless and fail to observe a danger signal at a critical moment. Such an oversight is fraught with danger that makes one shudder to think of it—hundreds of lives might be snuffed out in the twinkling of an eye, should a train or engineer fail to observe a signal. To guard against such a contingency the Southern Pacific company has 21 efficiency tests, ranging from the changing of the color of signal lights, and extinguishing lights entirely to placing fuses and torpedoes on the track. Failure to observe any of these signals means most severe discipline for the offender. Last year the Southern Pacific made 7025 of these tests and only in 41 cases did the crew fail to observe the signal, giving a percentage of 99.42 per cent perfect.

The dog that caused Sheridan's temporary discomfiture, knows the significance of every light, according to the section foreman owning it, and walks a certain stretch of track every day with its master. It is possible that the animal could be sent out along the track alone and would be competent to report a light out altogether, or at least the wrong one burning.

Many Efficiency Tests. These efficiency tests are conducted throughout the year for the purpose

Green Prunes Wanted.
I am offering the highest market price for green prunes in large or small quantities. Must be picked by stem from the trees and delivered at Soehren's warehouse. Also want pears—Bartlett's or late varieties; must be free from seal, etc. For further information, address immediately, W. N. Sayre, Box 298, Dallas, 887.

A Cold
Is not necessarily serious, provided it is taken care of. It is frequently the starting point of many dangerous diseases. When it comes use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Look for the bell on the bottle.

BUSINESS LOCALS
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For Sale, Cheap.
Come to my office and I will sell you a lot 60x144, with a large barn on it, for \$300. Also have a house close in with five large rooms, besides hall, closets, bath, etc. Plastered, electric lighted, city water and large lot, 60x140, for \$1200. Terms, \$50 cash, balance to suit purchaser. F. E. Cook, Real Estate, Dallas, Oregon. 353-1m829

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Clean vetch and cheat seed for sale in lots to suit. O. E. Focht, Ballston, 348-2m829

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Hop Land.
Two hundred acres hop land for sale. Five miles from Monmouth in Luckiamute bottom; \$60 per acre if taken at once; good terms. Inquire Western Realty Company, Monmouth, 345-1f825

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Vetch seed and oats; half and half. Phone Dixie 515. A. G. Rempel. 344m825

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Ten yearling registered Cotswold bucks, extra good. Write or phone G. W. Carroll, Rickreall, Oregon. 341-1m916

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I want to rent a farm of about 60 acres under cultivation and balance in pasture for stock. Must have good improvements. Leave word at Observer office, or address J. D. Abbey, Dallas. 326-1f815

For Sale.
Thirty acres fruit land; ten acres set to prunes, four years old; one acre English walnuts, six years old. Family orchard, 125 trees, bearing; 500 logan and black berries. Ten acres bottom land, can be irrigated. Price \$8000, one-half cash, balance five years at six per cent. Address, "A" Observer. 331-1f88

Notice to Prune Growers.
We are again in the market for green prunes for drying, and are paying the highest market price. S. P. Kimball, phone 9X25. 337-1f815

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Neat five-room cottage, with electric lights, closets, fruit room, toilet; close in. 710 Hayter street. Bargain if sold at once. Address Mrs. M. E. Carter, Enterprise, Ore. 335-1f811

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Good team; new wagon and harness. Call 1001 Uglow avenue, corner Burch, Dallas. 330-1f88

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For sale, or trade for small farm, paying mechanical business in Dallas, at invoice; about \$2000. Don't answer unless you mean business. Address J. R. M., care Observer. 334-1f88

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Wanted, good dairy cows; also cows for sale at all times. R. A. Campbell, Sheridan, Ore. 328-1f84

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Mare, six years old, weight 1050 pounds. Phone 3 Blue. 270-1f63

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Something Doing Every Minute. Balloon Ascensions daily, Slide for Life and other Great Free Acts every day. Free Baseball games, Band Concerts each evening, Public Speaking, Parades.

Wednesday, Sept. 6 - - - - Artisan's Day
Thursday, Sept. 7 - - Independence Day
Friday, Sept. 8 - - - - - Falls City Day
Saturday, Sept. 9 - - - - - Dallas Day

Great Baby Show on Saturday!
Bring Out All the Babies.
Public Wedding on Saturday!
\$50.00 in Household Furniture to Couple Getting Married.
DON'T MISS IT!

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE: The Salem, Falls City & Western Railway Co., Regular trains as usual. Special trains leaving Dallas for Falls City and Black Rock at 10:15 p. m. Friday and Saturday nights, August 8th and 9th.