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



The superiority of some men is merely local. They are great, because their associates are little.

THE VALUE OF ENERGY.

By an overwhelming majority the Jackson county proposition to issue \$1,500,000 in bonds for the construction of good roads in that county, was accepted by the voters and, thus, while the Governor and others were spending time threshing out a premature plan for an extra legislative session, Jackson county solved the problem of making the best of the present law and thus sets the pace for the balance of the state. According to the Jackson county plan the proposed highway to be constructed under the recent bond issue, will be a trunk thoroughfare, running north and south through the center of the county and connecting the cities of Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass with smaller communities adjacent.

In connection with this vote it is interesting to note that the largest majorities for the bonds came from the cities, the opposition generally being strongest in the rural communities which, in the event that the road be built, will profit the most. The only opposition to the bonds worthy of note, in the cities, came from Ashland, where a determined effort to defeat the issue was apparent long before the election, and it was in this community that the fight for and against the proposition was hottest.

In this connection Ashland only maintained its reputation, and did what everybody expected. There are a number of citizens in that beautiful Southern Oregon city, happily now in the minority, who for years opposed all attempts at progress and improvement. They insisted that paved streets were unnecessary, that concrete sidewalks were too expensive and that new people would come there anyway, because of the splendid climate and other natural advantages. They slept, like many other Oregon communities, and continued their slumber until, finally, they awoke to the fact that they had been left so far behind in the race for commercial supremacy that they can only play second fiddle, and a very poor second at that, in Jackson county. Medford, a flag station and a water tank, when Ashland was the commercial metropolis of Jackson county, and was the largest town in Southern Oregon south of Roseburg, had grown into a metropolitan community while Ashland still retained its village manners and its antiquated, back-number ways. Then Ashland awoke. Her boosters got busy. They said that Ashland must be up and doing, and must improve if she expected to take her place as a live western community. But the knockers, that have hindered and obstructed the growth of so many Oregon towns, were there in abundance. They objected to the modern methods. They didn't want the streets paved because they never had been paved. Their fathers got along very well with the mud, and they didn't see reason for a change. They didn't want a municipal lighting plant, because coal oil was less expensive, it didn't require a bond issue, and was good enough. They didn't want the streets graded, because their fathers had been content to climb over them and nobody had ever complained. But new blood and new energy had invaded the old town, and the new people said they wanted to see Ashland progress. They had no sympathy with the old traditions and conservatism that had held the community in a narrow rut. They took pride in the city. They started agita-

tion for public improvements and, after years of endeavor, they were successful, though they met the determined opposition of the knockers at every turn.

Today Ashland probably owns and enjoys more public improvements than any other city of its size in the state, some of those who were most determined in their opposition in the past have become the town's most aggressive citizens. Ashland is a city of wealth, and just there lies its greatest drawback, strange as it may appear. Hundreds of its residents consist of wealthy men who have made their fortunes in fruit, and who live in the city and farm in the country. They selfishly consult what they believe to be their own interests, and have no spirit of public enterprise. They oppose any plan which may increase their taxes, without giving thought to the future, and they cannot see that progressiveness means prosperity. It was this element that opposed the proposed bond issue.

No city can have a greater asset than a large number of energetic young business men, thoroughly imbued with the spirit of progress. It is such people that make empires and it is such energy that has made Washington a state with a population nearly twice as large as Oregon, notwithstanding that the latter was a state when the former was only a territory, and a very sparsely settled one at that.

Energy and wide-awake activity are at all times required to build up any community, and the city, town or village that has these attributes in the greatest abundance will outstrip its neighbors as certainly as the sun shines.

THE BEST TEST.

Agitation which demands a more liberal interpretation of the church discipline in a certain religious organization, is now being carried on. The church rules, in question, deny its members the privilege of attending dances, theaters and card parties, but the more liberal members ask that this restriction be removed, and members be permitted to consult their own consciences regarding what they do, and do not, attend. It is questionable whether the Discipline will be amended as asked, but, after all, individuality is the surest test of Christianity, it would seem. People who do not do this or that, because their church says it is wrong but who, in their hearts really want to do it, it appears are a long way from sanctification. It is such provisions that makes hypocrites and brings criticism upon religious organizations, from those outside their membership, but who might possibly be induced to embrace their faiths.

The Observer has heretofore voiced the belief that it is impossible to legislate religion into a man's heart; impossible to make a bad man really good by rule or rote. For one to embrace religion and still to wander after the flesh, or at least wish to do so, is to miss the mark aimed at by the churches. Laws are made for the protection of society and, by the same token, religious societies lay down certain laws or rules which are supposed to govern those who affiliate. But there is this difference between the sinner and the righteous: On the one hand, the law says that the latter shall not do thus and so, while on the other, if he has really and truly embraced the faith, he is not supposed to wish to do the things which his church forbids. Then why the rule? The supreme test of Christianity is a radical change in one's life. The breaking away from former customs and former beliefs; the adoption of a new life and of radically opposite views, and the enjoyment and complete satisfaction that must come to such as believe that therein and lies the only pathway to immortality.

The Observer is inclined to the belief that the liberal element in the church above mentioned has the best of the argument. Each adherent of the faith should settle such matters for himself unbound and restricted by rules of righteousness. Salvation is the aim of all religions and the primary foundation upon which they are built. For one to be a true disciple he should cling to that which he believes to be good, renouncing all that corrupts and makes for his undoing. But he should do it of his own free will. The man who wears a sanctified countenance on Sunday and on Monday morning comes down to his place of business with his mind filled with plans to outwit, by questionable means, his brother in the church, or the sinner in the world, is aiming at immortality for himself

with a mighty poor marksmanship. The conscience is a true teacher and every man must and should settle the questions of right and wrong unaided and unguided by rules and regulations.

ELECTIONS IN MAINE.

People who have wondered why the result of the recent voting in Maine was so long in doubt, won't wonder so much when they understand the methods employed in getting the returns from the villages to the centers of population. The following, which comprises the official report of the Town Clerk in one of the Maine villages sheds light on how they conduct elections in Maine:

"Dear Sir—I am submitting to you my third and, I believe, my final report for the official tabulation. When I telephoned election night that it had gone wet by 32 to 7 I supposed that I was telling you the truth. I was not there myself, because I was busy at home, but I sent my sister's husband, whose photograph I enclose, if you see fit to publish it, to keep tally and let us know how it went. He was invited over to Hi Chase's house just before the polls closed, and when he got back the folks had gone home. He asked Ed Pease how it went, and Ed, who is a great joker, and once played in a show in Bath for two nights for the benefit of the Grange, said 32 to 7 wet, just as I said to you. It went over the phone, as before reported.

"I now find that it has gone dry, but I don't know how much, as the figures are not yet available. I have asked everybody that I could and how they voted, and all of them said they voted dry, but I think some of them voted otherwise, and if I were you, under the conditions, I would make the figures, dry 20, wet 6. That makes allowance for Fred Pugsley, who was arrested for ill-use of liquor just before the polls opened and who did not get bailed out till afterward, but I have put him down wet, as he was very, and would have voted so if he had a good chance, as he is a disgrace to the town, although his wife is a good woman and sings in the choir practically all of the time.

"If I get anything late I will let you know, but I think this is near enough.

"P. S.—Change that vote to 20 wet and 6 dry. I find that money was sent here, although thus far I have obtained no genuine evidence, but a neighbor tells me the vote was wet, and he thinks there was bribery, as Ellery Hastings has a new pair of pants which cost him not less than \$2 if they cost a cent, and he has a gang that follows him. I will look into the details at once. It is an appalling revelation and I wish that I had gone to the polls. Times are very dull down here."

The young couple who had agreed to be married in a ballroom at the Clark county (Washington) fair grounds are now confronted as to the legality of the proposed ceremony. The problem appears to be, how high above the earth does the sovereignty of the state extend. It might be awkward, too, if the couple, with a license secured in Clark county, Washington, should drift in the air bag over Multnomah county, Oregon. This getting married in the air may be all right but, ordinarily, a fellow wants to stand on the solid earth when taking such a step. He'll be "in the air" soon enough thereafter.

Many newspapers are offering all sorts of suggestions to Roseburg for the elimination of the illegal liquor traffic in that city which, while it is supposed to be a dry town, is in reality as wet as the dampest. The "recall of the police" is advised. Why all this bother? Roseburg is no damper than it wants to be. If the people of the city or at least the majority of them, didn't relish conditions they'd stop them soon enough. Public sentiment is a strong incentive for the enforcement of laws, or, otherwise, their violation.

The war on the Mediterranean, the strike on the Harriman lines and all other important news pales into insignificance just now in comparison with the news from Vernon where the Portland and Vernon baseball teams are struggling for the pennant of the Coast League. The contest is so close that the fans hold their breath as they listen to the click of the telegraph. "Can Portland come back" appears to be the all-absorbing question. Here's hoping she can.

Interest in the forthcoming Progress Edition of the Observer is widespread in Dallas, as was expected, and it now appears that the enterprising people of this city will co-operate in this paper's efforts to bring the advantages of Polk county more generally to the attention of the outside world.

A lone and insignificant man, who is the father of 11 daughters, all of whom are living, and whose spouse is very much in evidence, declares that

No. 61 Leads

No. 2	21,620	No. 66	16,195
" 3	16,625	" 67	7935
" 4	12,575	" 79	11,665
" 8	7900	" 112	7325
" 52	7540	" 122	21,120
" 53	1,444,437	" 137	6220
" 54	34,750	" 151	27,285
" 55	1,404,005	" 152	162,962
" 61	1,469,595		

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DALLAS,

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he is in favor of equal suffrage. We don't doubt it. A man equipped like that would certainly be finally won over to the majority.

No, Alice, those fellows in the picture with fezzes, are not subjects of the Sultan. They are harmless residents of Dallas who have joined an organization with an Arabic name, Oriental customs and an American thirst.

Congressman Lafferty, who will be a candidate for reelection, says he will make his campaign on his record. Which one, Laff, old boy? Official, matrimonial or flirtatious?

"The Sultan has been advised to yield," says a headline in a daily paper. If the Italians keep up their present speed this advice will be superfluous in a few days.

It is a bit strange that the chief movers for the repeal of the present oleomargarine law before the recent congressional hearing were representatives from southern states, where for every dollar which cotton belt farmers receive for cottonseed oil made into bogus butter they receive \$107 for bona fide dairy products. It looks as if these beef trust allies from the south were putting a small cart before a pretty good sized horse.

An Ayrshire cow, Netherall Brownie IX., owned by J. W. Cise of Seattle, Wash., has lately completed a year's test in which she surpassed the record previously held by any cow of this excellent breed. She gave 18,110 pounds of milk containing 820.91 pounds of butter fat, equivalent to 958 pounds of butter. While this does not establish a world's record for cows of any breed, it is a performance that Ayrshire breeders of the country are much pleased with.

A Woman Wants The Home Paper



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After October 1, I will be in rooms 4 and 5, new National Bank Building. Dr. L. A. Bollman. 386-1031

Horse Wanted.
Wanted, riding horse for keep during winter; good care. Phone 14X3. 388-106

For Rent.
Two furnished rooms with use of bath; fire if desired. Call at residence, 304 Mill street, between 5 and 6 o'clock. 389-106

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About 200 graded Angora goats, principally nannies. Will sell cheap. Inquire J. M. Briggs, phone 14X3. 382-10-10

For Sale.
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For Sale.
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Neatly furnished rooms with board; heated and near center of town; working men preferred; \$18 per month. Apply McBee & Castle's office. 374-1017

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Fourteen acres, two miles northwest of Dallas. Good water, barn, chicken house and outbuildings; half acre strawberries. For quick buy will sell for \$1900. Inquire A. Observer office. 362-1f-912

Seeds.
Oats, vetch and cheat seed for sale. Phone East 35. Evan Evans, Dallas. 362-1f-912

Wanted.
Man and wife want farm job for a year; house and garden; state terms; write quick to George Darby, Aumsville, Oregon. 380-106

Prune Farm For Sale.
Large tract of very choicest fruit land, especially adapted to prunes; easy terms. Address "Owner," care Observer. 363-1f-912

For Sale.
Clean vetch; also grey oats and vetch mixed. H. G. Campbell. 364-1f-912

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New, six-room house, near court house square; modern arrangements; large up-to-date porch; lot 50x140, with fine large fruit trees and small fruit. Address "O," care Observer. 369-1f-915

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We are again in the market for green prunes for drying, and are paying the highest market price. S. P. Kimball, phone 9X15. 357-1f-915

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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. 326-1f-815

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Clean vetch and cheat seed for sale in lots to suit. O. E. Focht, Ballston. 348-2m-829

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 \$6000, one-half cash, balance five years at six per cent. Address, "A," Observer. 331-1f-88

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Wanted, good dairy cows; also cows for sale at all times. R. A. Campbell, Sheridan, Ore. 328-1f-84

For Sale.
Oak and Cedar posts. Soehren Warehouse Company. 11-18-1f.

Wanted.
All kinds of iron, rubber, brass, copper, zinc and hides. Highest cash prices paid. A. N. Halleck, Monmouth, Oregon. 3-12-1f.

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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 BOMAN.

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