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

"The man that dares traduce because he can with safety to himself, is not a Man."—Cowper.

THE OREGON SYSTEM.

Judging from the attitude of members of the United States Supreme Court as evidenced by the interrogatories of the Justices at the hearing on Oregon's initiative and referendum system on Saturday, the decision of the court will be favorable to the system. Whatever the outcome, it is just as well to have its constitutionality settled now for all time. The Observer does not believe that the highest judicial tribunal in the land will decide the case otherwise than on its merits. There is a possibility that the Oregon system is unconstitutional. If so, let it be known. On the other hand, if it will stand the test of constitutionality, let it be decided now and the matter cleared up for all time.

This newspaper is not attacking the system. While we believe that the initiative and even the referendum has been abused in this state and used, in a very large measure, to further the ambitions of a coterie of alleged "leaders" still primarily, the plan is all right for it offers the nearest approach to popular government that man has yet been able to devise, and, as such, no valid argument may be offered in opposition. But we believe that such restrictions should be thrown around it, by legislation or otherwise, as will hold it sacred for the people and permit its use by them in a sensible manner and with a clear understanding of its aptitude as a means for popular government. Divorced from Ureism the Oregon system is all right, but separation should be enforced before it will prove a bright and shining success for Oregon and her people generally.

OVERLOOKING THEIR HAND.

The Observer is of the opinion that the Dallas Commercial club missed something for the good of Dallas and Polk County when it failed to take advantage of the opportunities offered for the exploitation of the resources of the county at the recent land show held in Omaha. The writer is in receipt of several copies of the Omaha Daily Bee containing special articles on the land show and in each of them considerable space is devoted to the showing made by Benton and Marion counties, their exhibits being praised very highly. A number of cuts showing the products of the soil is shown and in their entirety the articles cannot fail to result in much benefit to the localities named. The Omaha newspaper has a circulation of many thousands among the farmers and homeseekers of Nebraska and Iowa and the space devoted to Oregon will be read by many who may thus be attracted to the Pacific coast.

This land show was no small affair. It lasted for two weeks and occupied several buildings in Omaha as exhibition places. It was visited by immense crowds each day, and the major part of those who came were farmers and others who had heard much of the resources of the Great Northwest and who wanted to see for themselves evidences of the truth of the reports they had read. Exhibits at county and state fairs are all right, as far as they go, but, to secure the real benefit, they should by all means be extended to include Eastern land shows and other occasions where it is possible to reach

a class of people who are not found by other means.

AT HIS OLD TRICKS.

It now appears that Gifford Pinchot was trying to "slip one over" as the saying goes, on the people of Alaska when he told the Seattleites on his return from a recent trip to that country, that he had "fixed matters up and the Alaskans knew better now" with reference to their former belief that the conservationists had tied up their coal deposits. On the strength of that assertion Seattle wine and dined the former forester and sent him on his way East rejoicing. When the Alaskans heard of their action they waxed wroth and the Fairbanks commercial organization adopted stinging resolutions denouncing the Seattle people for their warm reception of Pinchot and even threatened to boycott Seattle wholesalers.

It appears that Pinchot didn't make himself familiar with the populous centers of the Northern country. He kept away from the cities and towns and spent his time in hiking over the trails and camping along the rivers and lakes. He looked at the coal deposits and found them magnificent and he beheld the timber and called it grand. He related his conservation theories to the granite hills and as they didn't object he called it unanimous and came back and patted himself on the back. He had showed the world that he wasn't afraid to "visit the enemy's country" and came back with stories of his own regarding the trip.

The Lorimer investigation forms one of the strongest arguments in favor of direct election of senators. It is said that the expense of the investigating committee while in Chicago approximate \$750 per day and the end is not yet in sight. This "investigation" has now been in progress nearly two years and still the Illinois senator retains his seat. It merely shows that there is a screw loose somewhere in a structure of government which permits of such expensive procedure merely to prove that a Senator was elected by corrupt means.

Isn't it peculiar that these straw vote schemes conducted by newspapers always turn out overwhelmingly in favor of that particular newspaper? The Portland Journal has just concluded one in which it is found that LaFollette will sweep Oregon by a great majority over all other possible candidates and that President Taft is at the bottom of the list. Of course the fact that the Journal is a rabid supporter of the Wisconsin man doesn't signify.

Dallas has received much advertising, much of it in a more or less sarcastic vein, ament the secret committee of the Commercial club and its mandate on soliciting schemes. For the benefit of hundreds of enterprising book agents it may be stated that the provision of the committee doesn't apply to them. The gates are still open to them and to the representatives of the Sunset magazine.

The movement started at the last meeting of the Dallas Commercial club for a proper exhibit of Polk County prunes and horticultural products at the coming Horticultural show in Portland, is a move in the right direction. No opportunity should be overlooked to display Polk's manifold advantages before the world. That's boosting that counts.

Publishers of the Benton County Republican announce that the first issue of the "Daily Republican" will appear about January 1. It would appear that two daily papers in a town of 4500 people ought to be sufficient for the needs of the public for some time.

That seedless apple which has been propagated in California won't be popular. What's to become of the "core joke" if we are to have seedless apples? There's a limit to the activities of these fruit scientists.

The Same Everywhere.

Our people are greatly pleased with the work that has been done on our streets the past summer and every indication points to more paving next year. With the experience of the past summer fresh in our minds it behooves us to begin the preliminary work early. — Forest Grove News-Times.

Legal blanks for sale at this office.

SHERIFF OUSTS TENANT

Writ of Ejectment Forces Occupants of Dallas Hotel to Vacate on Short Notice.

As a result of a writ of ejectment served by Sheriff J. M. Grant, Mrs. L. A. Chipman, lessee of the Dallas Hotel, on the corner of Mill and Church streets, was forced to vacate the premises on short notice last Saturday. The action taken is the result of legal proceedings brought by J. L. Brown, owner of the property, to obtain possession of it. The case was tried before Justice of the Peace Hardy Holman, and judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, Brown, for restitution of property and costs. A previous action was commenced against Mrs. Chipman, August 29, but bonds for appeal were given and the matter was taken into the circuit court.

The work of taking an inventory of the furnishings, part of which belonged to the Brown heirs, was in charge of James Harris, representing Sheriff Grant.

Henry Muscott, who has leased the hotel, has moved in and has started a thorough renovation. The hotel will be completely refurnished from one end to the other, and Mr. Muscott hopes to be able to open it to the public within a month.

COMIC OPERA CAST IS NOW COMPLETE

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acters:

Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., First Lord of Admiralty, Ralph Wastell
Captain Coreoran, commanding H. M. S. Pinafore .. L. P. Gilmore
Ralph Rackstraw, common sailor, in love with Josephine,
..... Rev. E. W. Miles
Dick Deadeye, common sailor,
..... Norval Gates
Boatswain F. W. Zeller
Boatswain's Mate B. A. Teats
Josephine, the Captain's daughter
..... Laura Poling
Hebe, Sir Joseph's first cousin,
..... Mrs. Ella J. Metzger
Buttercup, a bumboat woman,
..... Mrs. F. W. Zeller

Sir Joseph's sisters, his cousins and his aunts: Addie Boydston, Florence Barham, Blanche Day, Roxana Fiske, Lillian Fellows, Mrs. L. P. Gilmore, Elva Lucas, Louise Miles, Edna Morrison, Ruth Shaw, Modella Burke, Ruth Campbell, Carolyn Gohrke, Georgiana Fiske, Beuna Fiske, Anna May Longnecker, Alice Miles, Ruth Morrison, Inez Ridgway, Julia Nixon.

Sailors, marines, etc.: Charlie Boydston, Ray Boydston, Glen Brock, Earl Day, Norval Gates, Elza Houser, E. W. Miles, Chas. Poling, R. Singleton, B. A. Teats, F. W. Zeller, William Boydston, Ray Bicknell, Melvin Cutler, Rhinehart Dornheeker, Carl Graves, Willford Keyser, Robert Muscott, Willis Simonton, Norman Ramsey, Laird Woods.

Mrs. Ralph Wastell, accompanist.

THREE MENTIONED FOR CONGRESS

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announced himself, nor has Mr. McNary, but friends of each of them say that there is a strong probability of their entering the race.

Mr. Hawley is certain to be a candidate for re-election. At present he is making a trip in the southern part of his district before returning to Washington. He has visited a number of other parts of the district since his return from the capital.

Issues Not Known.
What issues will be drawn by the various candidates is a little difficult to determine just at this time. Mr. Hawley is known to be strong with the administration and is a personal friend of President Taft. It is probable, assert their friends, that Mr. McNary and Mr. Dimick will align themselves with the progressive element, providing they become candidates.

In addition to these three men probably there will be others in the race. The name of George F. Rodgers, of this city, has been mentioned and it is understood there will be at least one or two candidates from the southern part of the district.

Fine Concord.

Mrs. M. J. Cosper brought to The Observer office last week a fine sample of concord grapes grown on a vine at her home east of the Court House square in Dallas, that is thirty-five years old. The grapes are of fine quality, large and luscious and of an exceptionally fine flavor. Mrs. Cosper says that the vine on which they grew was planted by Grandfather Howe.

George N. Rooker, manager of the "new business" department of the Oregon Power Company, with headquarters at Eugene, is in the city looking after the interests of his company.

SPECIAL SALE To Reduce Stock

Great Price Cutting Event

—ON—

Ladies' Suits AND Long Coats SPECIAL DESIGNS

Positively the Most Genuine and Bona-Fide Bargain Offer Ever Made to the Ladies of Dallas and Polk Co.

Values Sacrificed in Every Instance

Come Early While the Assortment is Still Unbroken

Dallas Mercantile Co.

A DRY SADDLE WHEN IT RAINS IF YOU WEAR

TOWER'S FISH BRAND POMMEL SLICKER
The long service and the comfort it gives makes it the Slicker of Quality \$3.50 Everywhere
A. J. TOWER CO. BOSTON
Tower Canadian Co., Ltd., Toronto PCB11



Laurel Steel Ranges

The largest part of a woman's duties are performed in the kitchen. If this room is well appointed her work becomes a source of enjoyment.

* The selection of a right range is an all important point. A Laurel Steel Range will complete the arrangements of an other-wise "up-to-date" kitchen, and be a comfort and a joy to the user.

"Something Different and Something Better"

is our claim. That Laurel Steel Ranges have all the features of other ranges is easily proven. Laurel Patented Features in addition—make the difference and confirm our assertions of superiority. These special features are too numerous to be all mentioned.

The Laurel Two-Flue Construction The Laurel Quick Heating Reservoir are two.

Let us explain all the merit points of Laurel Steel Ranges to you. We will be glad to see you at any time.

CRIDER'S General Store DALLAS

Big Removal Sale

IS STILL GOING ON AT THE

Dallas Variety STORE

and will continue until we begin to remove our stock into our new quarters about the 1st of December.

We have an excellent line of

HAND PAINTED CHINA

that we are offering for sale at greatly reduced prices. We are also offering our entire line of KITCHEN HARDWARE, EXTRACTS, and SPICES at cost as we do not intend to carry this line any longer.

We have the most up-to-date line of

Ladies' and Children's Shoes

ever shown in Dallas at the following prices

Ladies' high cut 17 button fans	\$3.00
Ladies' high cut 17 button patent leather	\$3.00 to \$3.50
Ladies' high cut 17 button gun metal	\$3.00 to \$3.50
Ladies' dress shoes in patent leather	\$2.75 to \$3.00
Ladies' gun metal shoes	\$2.50
Children's gun metal shoes size 5 to 8½	\$1.25
Children's gun metal shoes, size 9 to 11	\$1.50
Children's gun metal shoes, size 11½ to 2½	\$1.75
Children's patent leather shoes, size 5 to 8½	\$1.50
Children's patent leather shoes, size 9 to 11½	\$1.75
Children's patent leather shoes, size 11½ to 2½	\$2.00

We also have a line of

BOY'S SHOES

that we are offering at reduced prices.

Dallas Variety Store

MRS. CHARLES GREGORY, Proprietor