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

RELIGIOUS COMMERCIALISM

It appears, from reports, that the net results of Gipsy Smith's religious campaign in Portland, a few weeks since, are not what they should have been and, statements that "thousands were converted" have now dwindled until the number is placed at a few hundred and very few have united with any of the church organizations. The interests that constructed the huge tabernacle in which the meetings were held are holding the sack of a several thousand dollar deficit and bemoaning the day that Smith included Portland in his route list. It is even stated that many of those who signed cards declaring their intention to lead religious lives, gave false addresses and misrepresented in other ways.

All of which serves to impress upon the mind of the layman, at least, that this sort of conversion isn't really conversion at all. Sentiment sways the mind at big meetings of this kind and all that is required to stampede thousands is a lachrymose demonstration on the part of the gifted evangelist and a vivid word picture of eternal damnation. People who are stampeded into religious frenzy and rushed into the church on a toboggan greased with plenty of tears and demonstrative vocalisms are not apt to stick after the excitement wears off and the exhorter has departed for other fields. The person who really experiences a change of heart and means it, is not gathered, usually, by such methods. The old time "protracted meeting" had its uses and did much good in the community, but this modern venture with the high priced soul-saver and his retinue of vocalists and employees, operated on a business basis and in accordance with the shekels that result is not a success—for the churches—although it is remunerative for the evangelist. This saving of souls at so much per head savors too much of the business world to have place in the curriculum of true religion.

Disgusted with the mud and its entailing discomfort, the people of McMinnville are discussing the paving question and there is strong probability that the coming year will see much of this work done in the Yamhill metropolis. The time will come, and that soon, when Dallas will face the same problem—in fact it's here now. Those who have opposed paving "because the city is not large enough nor property values sufficient to warrant the expense" will discover here, as they have elsewhere, that the surest way to increase property values and keep abreast of the times is to adopt modern methods. After all is said, the fact remains that, where street paving has been undertaken, while it faced much opposition at first, in the end, those who opposed the expense have finally become the strongest advocates of the plan. Dallas is now about the only town of over 2,000 inhabitants in the entire Willamette valley that has not either a few miles of paved streets or at least has considered the subject.

Salem newspapers have finally recognized the Angora goat show now being held here, although the item had to be somewhat in the nature of a "knock." Last Saturday's Statesman had this:

"The goat raisers are told that mohair prices in Oregon the coming season will not be as high as last spring; but they will go on raising the fleeces just the same, as the price they will get will be a living one any way—and the goat show will be held at Dallas next week, and probably be on a more extensive plan than ever."

Any time Dallas or her industries

receives mention in the columns of the Salem morning publication, the fact should be noted in the red book.

In order to familiarize himself with actual conditions in the state penitentiary, Governor Hooper, of Tennessee became a voluntary inmate of the prison recently but it required only one night's stay in the institution to impress him with the fact that a reform was necessary in its management. Involuntary inmates of like institutions have often come to the same conclusion heretofore, even as the result of a much shorter sojourn. They have invariably discovered that reform in their personal lives was most needed, however.

This ominous silence from the dim and dark recesses of the Outlook sanatorium is becoming oppressive. The question now agitating all minds is—"will he, or won't he?" The Observer believes he will—if he's pushed, and it will not require a very strenuous job of pushing either. Soon after the New York scrimmage a few months since, the Colonel, dimly discerning what he took to be the "handwriting on the wall," emphatically declared that he would, "under no circumstances, again be a candidate for the presidency." But, times have changed and it is but reasonable to suppose that the Colonel has changed also. The Roosevelt talk has had a disconcerting effect upon LaFollette's Ohio campaign and it is now announced that the Wisconsin man will withdraw if Roosevelt stands as a candidate. News to this effect from Oyster Bay is sure to chase all the "progressive" leaders to the tall uncut.

Carl D. Shoemaker, a newspaper man from Columbus, Ohio, has purchased the plant and good will of the Umpqua Valley News, published at Roseburg, relieving B. W. Bates who retired from the ownership and management of the paper January 1. Editor Shoemaker comes to the Coast highly recommended as a competent quill pusher and publisher and The Observer welcomes him to the ranks of Oregon's enterprising newspaper men.

It required 11 years for "Success" magazine to score a failure, and discover that it was misnamed. What's in a name anyway.

COURT HOUSE PICK-UPS

Court Items, Real Estate Transfers, Farm Names Filed and Other News Briefly Told.

Marriage Licenses.

Andrew H. Holmes, of Dallas, and Marie B. Miller.
Ivan Jackson, of Oregon City, and Millie Hurlburt.

Ministerial Licenses.

Oscar N. Blair, Free Methodist.

Real Estate.

George F. Vick et ux to James G. Helzel and Perry A. Cupper, 151 acres tp 8 s, r 7 w, \$1.

Capitol Trust company to Leone M. Douglas, lot in Kingwood Park, add to West Salem, \$10.

I. N. Woods et ux to John C. Shultz, half interest 48.08 tp 8 s, r 5 w, \$1000.

Peter S. Hendry et ux to Clyde A. Withecraft, 22.24 acres tp 7 s, r 3 w, \$3500.

Clara M. Kauffman to C. H. Corbin, lots in Falls City, \$10.

Portland-Yamhill Land company to Mary Froesser, 92 acres tp 6 s, r 7 w, \$10.

Clara L. Graves and hus to Ivy G. Burton, lots in Independence, \$500.

L. E. Jones et ux to S. A. Lackey, et al, 25 acres tp 6 s, r 6 w, \$10.

Probate.

Estate of John L. Gultry, deceased. Final account approved and allowed and distribution ordered.

Estate of William F. Kurtz, deceased. Final account allowed and administrator discharged.

Estate of George Pappas, deceased. Final account allowed and administrator discharged.

Estate of John H. Guy, deceased. Exempt personal property set apart to widow.

Guardianship of minor heirs of John W. Martin, deceased. W. Y. Martin appointed guardian; bond fixed at \$1000.

Estate of John J. Wiseman, deceased. Petition of executrix to cancel old and execute new contract of sale of certain real estate granted.

Guardianship of Peterson heirs. Annual report of H. S. Butz, guardian, filed and approved subject to final report.

Guardianship of M. C. Russell, an incompetent. Petition for final settlement and discharge of guardian granted.

Watch Lost.

Ladies' gold hunting case Elgin watch and pin. Reward for return to Observer.

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NEW FACTORY IS STARTED IN DALLAS

W. J. KILBURN, OF TACOMA, PERSISTS IN EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH WOODWORKING PLANT.

IS ALREADY IN OPERATION

Machinery Installed at Spalding Mill Property in Northwestern Part of City—Wheelbarrows and General Line of Turned Wood Articles to be Made There.

Dallas is to have another payroll. W. J. Kilburn, formerly of Tacoma, has established a wheelbarrow and handle factory in the old Spalding mill property on the La-Creole, in Northwestern Dallas. A number of months ago Mr. Kilburn went before the Commercial club with a request for a free site upon which to locate the business, but at that time the club did not see its way clear to grant the request. Since then, he has been active in arranging the matter for himself, and the announcement is now made that the business will be in full operation by spring.

Plant Installed.

The equipment already installed consists of a band saw, a turning lathe, a modern machine drill and a boring machine, and a planer will be added within a short time. The total value of the machinery just put in will amount to over \$2000 and more will be added as fast as possible.

At present the factory is turning out clothes reels, but as soon as spring opens up it is intended to commence the manufacture of wheelbarrows on an extensive scale. Numerous other articles will be among the list of products, which are to include tool handles, double-trees, single trees, neck yokes, etc. As the business develops, it is the purpose of the management to put in a sawmill somewhere west of town in order to get out oak timber needed.

COMPANY HOLDS BIG ANNUAL MEETING

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sull and B. E. Sunny, of Chicago; J. R. McKee and T. C. Martin, of New York, and John F. Gilchrist, of Chicago.

Tomorrow night Mr. and Mrs. Byllesby will receive the delegates and their wives at their home, 4358 Drexel Boulevard. The convention will close with a banquet Friday night. Aside from this, there are no social or entertainment features arranged.

Representatives of the company and prominent men from all portions of the country will participate in the program, among them being H. E. Morton, of Albany, Ore., and Alex F. Douglas, of Portland. The former will have a paper on "Ways and Means of Building up Business in Small Towns," and the latter a paper on "The Attitude of the Manager Toward His New Business Department."

CLUE TO BOOST MADE IN OREGON PRODUCTS

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it would establish a motor service between McMinnville and Portland, some effort should be made to induce the company to extend the service to Dallas. This brought forth a discussion regarding railroad prospects and the possibility of the building of the Hill lines to this city. No official action was taken, however, but it was declared that developments might be expected in the near future.

Registration Begins.

Registration for the primary election to be held April 19, began in the office of County Clerk Smith Tuesday and will continue until 5 p. m. April 4.

The first name on the books was that of J. Warren Quick, justice of the peace of Balliston; the second that of Conrad Stafrin, of Dallas. Both registered as republicans.

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Ladies' and Children's Shoes; Men's and Boy's Dress Shoes - - - - - 30 Per Cent Discount

THURSDAY

Ladies' Silk Scarfs, Auto Scarfs, Neckwear, The New Aviation Caps; Stamped Linen, Drawn Work, Fancy Center Pieces and Scarfs - - - - - 50 Per Cent Discount
Men's Dress Shirts - - - - - 40 Per Cent Discount
Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats 30 Per Cent Discount

FRIDAY

Laces, Embroideries, Insertions, Hundreds of Beautiful patterns up to 35 cents per yard at, per yard 11c
Also Big Bargains on the Lace and Embroidery counter at per yard - - - - - 7c
Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps, latest styles, all at - - - - - 30 Per Cent Discount
Phoenix Mufflers, Four-in-Hand Ties, Dress Gloves, Sweaters and Sweater Coats - - - - - 25 Per Cent Discount

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