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

MISREPRESENTING OREGON.

For several months the National Mohair Growers' association has been engaged in a fight in congress to preserve the duty on Mohair and one of the principal objections to overcome has been the education of congressional representatives upon the importance of the industry in this country. Congressmen and senators from the Middle West and from states in which the Mohair industry has no exponents, were not expected to keep themselves informed on the subject, but it was of course taken for granted that those from Oregon should at least be familiar with the industry and ready to fight for its perpetuation. Therefore, when Judge J. E. McCarty, of Texas, called upon Senator George E. Chamberlain, in Washington the other day for the purpose of enlisting the senator's support in the fight, he was amazed at the ignorance displayed by Oregon's junior senator. To quote from McCarty's letter to the mohair men of Oregon:

"With reference to your man Chamberlain, will say that upon receipt of your letter I at once called upon him. I was astonished at the great fund of misinformation stored in his head. He seemed to treat the subject as being of very little importance. In fact he started out by saying that there was very few Angoras in Oregon and what few were there were not used for the purpose of growing of mohair, that mohair was a secondary consideration, and that they were used as 'scavengers'."

And this from a man who has lived for many years in this state and served in the capacity of chief executive until an accident called him to service in Washington!

Senator Chamberlain declares, according to the above report, that the production of mohair in Oregon is of secondary importance, in connection with goat breeding and yet the records show that the annual sale of this commodity in the state averages more than 150,000 pounds. That the animals are employed in clearing waste land is true, but it is only an incident in their propagation. From a pamphlet devoted to the Angora Goat and Mohair Industry of the Pacific Northwest, we find the following which is respectfully referred to Oregon's junior senator:

"Angora husbandry in Oregon now ranks well in importance with the live stock pursuits of the state. Oregon is second, if not first, in number of Angora goats and production of mohair in the United States, the annual clip from its flocks of angoras running in value well toward \$50,000.00, while the value of their yearly increase approximates \$400,000.00. More than a half million dollars of new wealth is added annually to the yield of Oregon farms from Angora goats. Oregon mohair ranks with the best in the Eastern markets and commands the highest market price."

It seems incredible that a representative from this state, in the senate of the United States, should make a declaration which so conclusively shows his ignorance of conditions and should administer so forcible a "knock" at one of the chief industries of his own state. He lived at Albany for many years, was governor of the state with his home in Salem, in both of these cities he resided almost in the very center of the mohair industry, and yet he refers to an industry that produces more than a half million dollars in wealth annually to Oregon farmers, as "of little importance."

Goat breeders in Turkey and South Africa have placed the ban on exportation of animals to the United States. Other countries, however, do not suffer the same embargo and goats may still be exported to Germany and elsewhere, but Yankee money doesn't look good, and growers in this country must depend upon their own resources in the promotion and extension of the industry. That is one of the reasons why the growers want the duty on mohair maintained and why they want it segregated from the wool schedule with which it is now combined. If there ever was an "infant industry" that needed protection it is this. Yet one of the senators declares that the only uses of the angoras in his state is that of "scavengers."

Is it any wonder that the people of the state of Oregon are weary of being misrepresented in congress? With the scrambled laws, the jumbled mass of freak legislation of her statute books and her incompetent and ignorant representatives at the capital, not to mention her love-making lotharios who draw their mileage and per diem and ogle high school girls in return, the people have come to the conclusion that it's about time to send a few men down to Washington and make a united effort to place the state again in the forefront of progress.

The famous "Oregon system" has given us Chamberlain and Lafferty and Bourne and solely on account thereof, if for no further reason, The Observer insists that the said system "needs fixin'."

FAKE ADVERTISING.

That excellent newspaper, the Albany Herald, has a timely editorial on "Fake Advertising" in which it deprecates the fact that many merchants who declare that "newspaper advertising does not pay" invariably patronize all sorts of schemes promulgated by traveling advertising artists and cites as example, the recent success of "a trio of outside fakirs" who gathered in a large number of Albany shekels on what they were pleased to term a "Professional and Business Directory." The Herald commends the cities of Medford, Eugene and Salem for not permitting this sort of faking and hopes that some day Albany will fall in line and bar them out.

For the good of Albany and of any other community, it is to be hoped that action of this kind may be taken. This same trio, which worked in Albany, also came to Dallas but failed to secure the endorsement of the Commercial club and were compelled to omit this city from the list of their harvest field of suckers.

But, after all, why should it be necessary for a commercial organization to stand between the business man and the faker? Doesn't the business man know what he wants to patronize? If he cannot see the difference between legitimate advertising and the fake stuff is it the business of a commercial club to protect him? If he longs to spend his money on this sort of thing, why not permit him to do so; it will cause him to "loosen up" and somebody will get action on his money which ought to help some.

"ARGUMENT."

During the years that no saloons were in Independence the tax levy for city purposes was kept at about 10 mills, now with two saloons paying \$1000 per year each the levy has risen to 16 mills with a prospect of a still greater growth. It is ever so. The luxuries of life come high and must be paid for.—Amity Standard.

Of course the many blocks of paved streets that Independence has improved during the past year, and the other natural increase in expense as the city grows, had nothing to do with this raise. It's anything to make an "argument" with the molluscoides.

Our Democratic friends who have been enjoying themselves at the expense of the alleged rumpus in the Republican camp now find themselves in the position of the fellow in the glass house. They have a good sized row in their own ranks which bids fair to grow more pronounced. When one distinguished Democratic gentleman desires that another distinguished Democratic gentleman and three times the candidate of his party for the presidency shall be "knocked into a cocked hat" in "a dignified manner," there's sure to be something doing among the Bourbons.

The practice of taking "straw votes" appears to be popular with many Oregon newspapers just now. It is significant that in every instance the result of the vote is in line with the policies advocated by the newspaper itself. It is as groundless to suppose that it shows the true index of the feeling of the community as that the newspapers always reflect the majority tendencies.

Another accident has happened to a man while engaged in splitting wood, an Amity resident having the misfortune to chop off a couple of his fingers. When will men learn not to butt in to the woman's department of the household?

"The Political-Pot-is-Beginning-to-Bolt" line has again made its appearance and is being worked over time in numerous Oregon newspapers.

Booth-Mulkey.

The marriage of F. Morris Booth, of Kahlottus, Washington, to Miss Eva Mulkey, recently a teacher in the Ladd school, Portland, was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mulkey, at Monmouth, on the evening of Sunday, January 7.—Sunday Oregonian.

The bride is well known in Dallas and is a sister of Mrs. B. F. Butler and Chauncey Mulkey.

Teacher Engaged.

W. S. Worden has been engaged to teach the Methodist school, and left this city Monday to assume his duties there.

If you have rooms for rent, place a card in your window saying so. For sale at Observer Job Office.

PRAISES CITY SCHOOLS

County Superintendent H. C. Seymour Makes Official Visit and Finds Numerous "Standard" Rooms There.

County Superintendent H. C. Seymour made an official visit to the city schools of Dallas last Friday, and on his return announced himself as being well pleased with the evidence of progress found therein.

"The attendance was fine in every room," said he. "Several rooms are 'standard,' and it will not be long until the entire school will be entitled to that honor." The rooms which have already met the requirements specified are as follows:

First grade—Mrs. F. H. Morrison, teacher.
Second grade—Miss Maud Hart, teacher.
Third grade—Miss Nola Coad, teacher.
Third grade—Mrs. Edith Plank, teacher.
Fourth grade—Miss Edna Morrison, teacher.

DALLAS SINGERS TO BE HEARD IN SACRED OPERA

"Queen Esther" Will be Staged in Elaborate Manner at Woodman Hall this Week.

Dallas people who enjoy good music amid spectacular surroundings are to be given a treat at Woodman hall next Friday and Saturday nights, when "Queen Esther," the beautiful and always popular sacred opera, is to be presented with a strong cast of local talent under the auspices of the Presbyterian church choir. Rehearsals have been in progress for some time and the results are said to promise one of the finest entertainments ever seen in the city.

The part of Esther, the queen, is to be taken by Mrs. W. H. Dale, of Harrisburg, who has been chosen for the role by reason of her natural musical and dramatic ability, supplemented by extensive training under competent teachers in the educational centers of Europe. The music will be made especially effective by a well drilled chorus of 50 voices.

Reserved seats will be on sale at Staffin's drug store beginning tomorrow. Prices, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

ACADEMY TEAM BEATS SALEM

Exciting Contest in Capital City Last Friday Night.

In a fast, exciting game, played on the Salem Y. M. C. A. floor last Friday night, the Academy boys beat the Capital Business college team by a score of 24 to 14. The game opened with a rush and before the Dallas team was fairly awake, the score was five to nothing against them. However, the good jumping of Captain Smith enabled his men to use team work to such good advantage that the half ended in Dallas' favor, 13 to 8. Substitutions by the Salem boys during the second half availed nothing for the baskets came with unflinching regularity in spite of their strongest efforts to stem the tide.

The all-round playing of Smith and the good guarding of Foster and Burke were Dallas' stellar attractions.

MAKES FIRST WHEELBARROW

New Industry in Dallas Preparing For Trade.

The Climax Manufacturing company, which has lately begun operations in the old Spalding mill in the northwestern part of the city, started cutting out the material for its first wheelbarrow last Saturday. Two men are employed there now and they are occupied with the preliminary work of getting the plant in shape to carry on the manufacture of a number of articles made from fir and oak. The "Climax garden wheelbarrow" is to be one of the principal products, and an effort will be made to turn them out in quantities for the spring trade. A handle machine has been ordered and is expected here in a few days.

W. J. Kilburn, formerly of Tacoma, is at the head of the new company.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.
The Observer has added Satisfaction of Mortgage to its stock of legal blanks. Notaries and attorneys may now secure them in any quantity desired. Phone orders for legal blanks given prompt attention.

APPROVAL SUITS GUARDSMEN

Prospects of Big Joint Military Maneuvers in Spring.

Members of Company H, Oregon National Guard, of this city, are pleased over the news received from Washington that the House committee on military affairs has approved an appropriation of \$1,250,000 for joint maneuvers for the coming summer. The Secretary of War has tentatively outlined a plan that will be followed at some point on Puget Sound, not yet designated.

The militia of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will engage in joint maneuvers with regular troops from Vancouver Barracks, Fort Lawton and Fort Wright.

The exact date of the maneuvers has not yet been fixed. The plan of

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Values 50c and 75c at 30c per yard

All Dress Goods, Hose, etc., at 20 per cent. Rubber Boots and Shoes at regular prices

Dallas Mercantile Co.

the maneuvers will be similar to those held in Massachusetts two years ago, when forces were divided, one half defending the city of Boston, while the other force undertook to capture that city.

It is probable that Tacoma or some smaller town will be the objective point in next summer's maneuvers.

Notice.

Effective Sunday, January 21, 1913, time table No. 11 will go into effect on the Salem, Falls City & Western Railway. Numerous changes have

been made. Under the new schedule train No. 3 will leave West Salem at 1:20 p. m., arriving at Dallas 1:55 p. m., Falls City at 2:30 p. m. Train No. 6 will leave Falls City at 2:40 p. m., Dallas 3:10 p. m., arriving West Salem 3:40 p. m., enabling passengers for Portland to connect with the Oregon Electric train leaving Salem at 4:00 p. m. Train No. 13 due to leave West Salem Sundays only will leave at 1:20 p. m. instead of 1:35 p. m.

H. A. HINSHAW,
Asst. General Manager.

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Our company wants no revenue that it does not EARN. We believe that any public utility corporation can be conducted to the satisfaction of the public and the stockholders and be fair to both.

No individual nor any corporation can be absolutely perfect. The best we can do is to make an earnest effort always in the right direction.

We are anxious to investigate errors and to apply correction.

Do us the favor of making our office the FIRST PLACE you lodge a complaint.

Oregon Power Company

J. L. WHITE, Local Manager

Telephone 24



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DALLAS,

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