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

KNOCKING THE STATE.

The Observer does not believe that the Central Labor Council, of Portland, represents the sentiments of organized labor of that city.

There can be no possible excuse for a circular of this kind. It is unwarranted, libelous and a shameful perversion of facts that brands its authors and circulators as enemies of their state and slanderers of the community in which they earn their daily bread.

That the first statement above is untrue it is only necessary to state that right here in Polk county, alone, are thousands of acres of as fertile soil as the sun ever shown upon, which may be purchased at very reasonable prices, and which will sustain in affluence a population four times as great as at present.

If the Central Labor council desired to warn laborers that the demand for workmen here was not equal to the supply and to advise Eastern men to stay away from the state, thus giving an opportunity for home people to find employment, there could be exception to a circular setting forth this condition, but why the Portland labor body should take occasion to strike a blow at every industry of Oregon, and seek to prevent the development of the state by the preparation and circulation of the base slander above referred to, passes understanding.

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want the live, the progressive, and the substantial citizen, and to all such Oregon offers unlimited possibilities, the Central Labor council, of Portland, to the contrary notwithstanding.

THE COLLAPSED BOOMLET.

Although his friends may deny it there is no question but that the La Follette presidential boom is fast slipping into oblivion. It is probable that the Wisconsin man's name may be presented to the Chicago convention but, unless there is a radical change of sentiment in the country, the present signs point unmistakably to the belief that it will be a forlorn hope.

All this points conclusively to the fact that President Taft's popularity is increasing and he is growing stronger with each attack made upon him by the ultra-progressive element in his own party and by the senseless attacks of Democracy in their present Congressional session, which is, in reality, but an attempt to manufacture political capital for their own benefit.

It will be decidedly cheering news to Dallas people to know that among the water plants inspected by a committee from the Hillsboro city council recently, that of Dallas made the best showing and called forth the commendation of the committee.

"There's nothing the matter with Oregon," declares Governor West in a statement condemning the circular issued by the Portland Central Labor council. True, Governor, but there's something the matter with the Labor council that certainly needs attention.

Well, now that company G, of Dallas, has its new armory completed and accepted by the state, the local citizen soldiery are looking for more worlds to conquer and are ready for a try at the Mexican revolutionists any time the powers that be, say so.

The baseless ranting of some alleged editors in support of a judicial recall and other freaks of legislation leads a dispassionate observer to the conclusion that the recall extended to matters aside from politics might be advantageous.

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Special Clubbing Offer. Remember you can get the Twice-a-Week Polk County Observer and the Daily and Sunday Oregonian for \$3.00 per year—the price of the Oregonian alone. Remember also, that the Observer is published twice each week—104 papers a year and gives you all the real news while it is still news. It is the paper you want and must have.

Views Library Plans. Mrs. George Gerlinger, of Dallas, spent a day in Newberg last week as the guest of Mrs. C. K. Spaulding. While here she made a critical examination of the new library building with a view of getting ideas for the Carnegie library that has been promised Dallas.—Newberg Graphic.

Basket Ball Tonight. Company G basket ball team will meet the strong Mt. Angel college team at the amory in this city tonight and the contest promises to be interesting. The college five are coming stronger than ever and declare that they will give the guardsmen a run for their coin. Don't fail to attend. Reserved seats at Fuller's.

FIRST LEAGUE DEBATES

Dallas High School Team to Meet Falls City Orators in Assembly Room Here Tonight.

The first debate of the South section of the Polk County High school debating league will be given tonight, February 9. The schools represented in this series of debates are Independence, Monmouth, Falls City and Dallas. In all cases the negative team will travel, the Monmouth negative going to Independence, the Independence negative going to Falls City, and the Falls City negative coming to Dallas.

The following program will be given in the Dallas High school assembly room this evening at 8 o'clock. Admission 15c: Instrumental Duet, Miss Josephine Luebke and Miss Pauline Coad. Vocal Solo Miss Edna Morrison. Debate: "Resolved that direct legislation should be more generally adopted throughout the United States." Affirmative, Roberta Ballard, Pearl Phillips, Dallas. Negative, Lavilla Buel, Edna Seymour, Falls City. Instrumental Duet Miss Dorothy Bennett and Jack Eakin.

Were Married Here. William W. Lang and Miss Cora Buffum, both of Independence, were married last Tuesday by Rev. Leon L. Meyers, minister of the Church of Christ, at the latter's residence in this city.

Bring Suit. The Eilers' Music House, of Portland, through its attorneys, has filed suit in Department No. 1 of the circuit court of this county against Ernest Ziesch, to recover a balance of \$275 alleged to be due on a piano bought at a price of \$325.

A Sudden Singe. Conrad Staffin is devoting the most of his time lately to explaining to his friends why his personal appearance has so suddenly changed. The secret lies in the fact that while working with an alcohol lamp Wednesday morning the flame accidentally flared up into his face and burned off his eyebrows and eyelashes and so badly scorched his hair that he had to have it clipped off.

In Dallas Pulpits

Baptist. Sunday services, Sunday school at 10 a. m., "The Boy Jesus in the Temple." Morning worship at 11 a. m., "Profitable Prayer." Junior society at 2:30 p. m., "The Story of a Long Journey."

Evangelical. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Junior Endeavor, 2:30 p. m. Senior Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Dr. C. C. Poling, presiding elder, will preach. Communion at the morning service.

Christian. Remember the Bible school and attend it promptly, 10 a. m. Communion service, 11 a. m. Morning subject, "Brotherly Love." Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Senior C. E., 6:30 p. m. Evening subject, "Why does not God Kill the Devil?"

Christian Science. Christian Science services will be held at Adventist church Sunday, February 11, at 10:30 a. m. Subject of lesson sermon, "Spirit."

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You can't afford to miss the services. The evening subject will consider questions concerning the origin and continuance of evil. God's responsibility in the matter of the existence of evil. You are welcome. Special music at each service. LEON L. MYERS, Minister.

Walter L. Tooz, Jr., Lawyer, New Bank Building.

Ward School News. The basket social given Thursday evening, February 1, was a splendid success and every one was pleased with the entertainment. One hundred and fifteen guests were present for the occasion. The Kings Valley brass band of fourteen pieces furnished the music which every one enjoyed. Theodore Bevens well filled the position of auctioneer. The baskets netted something like \$27.

The last school report shows an attendance of 99 per cent, with no tardies. In the spelling contest last month the fifth grade won first place and the seventh and eighth grade won second. One of the eighth grade pupils received a percentage of 87 and two ninths per cent, and the second pupil passed well in all the subjects but three in the final eighth grade examination.

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Sealed bids will be received for the sale of the old Guthrie school house at two o'clock p. m., February 10, 1912; the board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Spring Valley School Notes. Our report for January is as follows: Number of days taught, 19; attendance, 617; absence, 19; tardies, 0; pupils neither absent or late, 27; average number belonging, 33; per cent of attendance, 98.5; visits by parents, 2; by school officers, 4.

Alma Holdredge has finished a nice bird house. We now have four houses in the trees, two by Carl Alderman, one by Jack Simkins and one by Alma Holdredge.

We are very busy now sowing cabbage and tomato seed. Each pupil is sowing a box which will have about 150 cabbage and 150 tomato plants. The plants will be taken care of at school and offered for sale to the farmers when ready for transplanting. We plan on having some 10,000 plants for sale. If those who are interested in our success will kindly let us know by person or mail how many plants they will want and

when, we will see that they are delivered in season and as cheap as you can buy them in Salem.

Golda Branson spent Thursday night with Evangeline Jennings. Tora Mortensen, Mabel Smith, Golda Branson and Evangeline Jennings presented Mr. O'Reilly, the teacher, with a beautiful hand made cover for his desk. The needle work on it is first class evidence of the wonderful ability of these girls along this line of work.

Supervisor Parsons visited us last Tuesday and expressed himself as being highly pleased with the work he saw.

Our school average in spelling for January was 97; in deportment 98. Our average for the year is 99.2. We are going to keep our average above 99 per cent.

D. J. Crosby, specialist in industrial education in Washington, D. C., is inquiring into Spring Valley "Home Credit" plan. Inquiries have also been received from Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. Our teacher is keeping a daily record of each pupil. The record contains information on posture, health, industry, elements of leadership, willingness to cooperate, altruism, including politeness, home industrial work and scholarship. They are marked on a scale of 10 for perfect. The child may know daily just how he is graded on each of the above.

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