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

WANTED—A REPUBLICAN.

The Republicans of Oregon want a candidate for United States senator. Also they want a man who is competent to fittingly represent this great and growing state, and who will give the people assistance and secure some of the things which Oregon needs.

So far as the Observer is concerned it doesn't care a whoop whether the candidate shall be one of the numerous fathers of statement No. 1, or any other statement. It believes that Jonathan Bourne should be defeated for several reasons, the principal one of which is that he is an absolute nonentity so far as this state is concerned.

Oregon wants a Republican in the senate above all else, because we believe that Republicanism will be triumphant at the November elections; and we don't want a man who has attached his kite to every political rainbow during the past 20 years.

The Observer does not believe that Statement No. 1 is so great a panacea for the evils of "ring" legislation so-called as has been claimed. It is true that the writer hasn't long been a resident of this state, but he has at least lived here for sufficient time to realize that, judging by past results, Statement No. 1 cannot be recommended for what it has done.

Therefore, it appears that simply a Republican, one free from any former political entanglements, who is honest, fearless and conscientious, and who does not build his hopes of success by a resort to buncombe, is the modern Moses for which the Republicanism of a great state yearns.

GOOD ROADS LAWS.

The Observer has never used space in abusing Governor West simply because he happens to belong to the Democratic party. It has not condemned him for the promulgation of his theories regarding the proper

handling of convicts, in fact this newspaper believes that he is right in this regard and in his position regarding capital punishment. In the matter of his proposed good roads legislation, however, we do not agree. This is one of the important, and, at the same time, difficult questions before the people of this nation.

One noticeable feature in connection with the criticisms of West's proposed road legislation, however, is that no other plan is offered, the critics merely contenting themselves with picking flaws in West's ideas.

Aside from this Governor West's road legislation may be all right but he should take a more dignified manner of urging his ideas than in making soap box buncombe speeches in the streets of Portland.

There is now pending before the House committee on Postoffices and Post Roads in Washington a measure known as the "Griest bill" which provides for the experimental extension of the free delivery service of mail to all cities of 1,000 population or more, and every commercial organization throughout the country, and the press generally, is invited to support the measure and urge its passage.

The last of the old-fashioned fronts on the store buildings on Dallas' principal business street has now disappeared and, where formerly were seen unsightly and cumbersome brick business fronts, may now be found modern windows which add materially to the appearance of the establishments.

The Western Stock Journal is the latest class publication to find its way to The Observer's table. It is a bright monthly magazine, published at Oregon City and, as its name indicates, is devoted exclusively to the live stock interests of the Pacific states.

"Please say that Congressman McKinley is not my mouthpiece," said T. R. the other day to a newspaper representative, adding, "I can do my own talking." Yes, Colonel, you've always been able to do that same, but your silence for so, these many weeks regarding a very important question, is causing a whole lot of unrest in certain quarters and has already resulted in driving one presidential aspirant to the tall uncut.

It is claimed, in support of the use of Eastern stone in public building in Oregon, that the local deposits cannot be successfully worked on ac-

count of the lack of proper transportation facilities from the scene of the quarries. This is undoubtedly true. But how is the continued use of Eastern material going to help this industry in Oregon?

Life has been restored to a supposedly dead body by the use of the "pulmotor" an ingenious invention patented by a German physician. This successful experiment should give the managers of the LaFollette presidential boom renewed hope.

THE LOAFER

Information has been received from a young Salem lad who ran away from home last summer. He is in Canada and, in a letter to his parents, declares that he has done nothing he is ashamed of. His father will urge his son to return and he may come, but it is doubtful if he will be satisfied.

An old-time Polk county Republican who is opposed to Ben Selling for United States senator expressed himself thusly the other day: "I don't have any use for Bourne, he's a lightweight, but Selling is another and if we keep sending that sort of people down to Washington, bime-by those fellows down there will think we are all darn fools out here."

I can tell that Spring's a-comin' By the greenin' in the trees, And the bullfrog's cheery pipin' And the warm and balmy breeze.

Fellers who, all through the winter, Whittled, while they cursed the rain Air now baskin' in the sunshine, Tellin' same old tales again.

Green, the courtyard grass is growin' Which is really as it should, And the roses' budding bushes, Call all day for Milo Wood.

So, I know, by all these symptoms, That hot days are drawing near And I'll lose my snug "ombongpong" Sweatn' 'round the office here.

Up near Tacoma has been discovered a man who is supposed to be suffering from leprosy. He was a former soldier in the Philippines and contracted the disease while there. After his discharge, he returned to his native land, married, and began the rearing of a family, before the loathsome disease made its appearance.

Rev. A. B. Wade, who was pastor of the Christian church in Forest Grove about 20 years ago, died recently at his home in Alanson, Mich. The News-Times says: "Rev. Wade was a distinguished looking man, a long brown beard which rippled nearly to his knees, attracting much attention when he was in a crowd."

Spring Weather Calls For Spring Goods

We have just received a beautiful Line of Spring and Summer Dress Goods, including all the latest styles in

Plain and Fancy Gingham at 12 1-2 and 15c

Soft, Silk Finished Zephyr Gingham In all the Latest Shades and Designs, at . . . . 25c

Also a Fine Line of Light Summer Fabrics, Such as Cambric Zephyrs, Gauze Marvel, Marquesette, Silk Tissue and Challies, Pongees, Shantung, Etc. at 25c to 50c

We Expect to Have Some of Our Spring Suits on Display BY FRIDAY, OF THIS WEEK Come in see the New Goods, Whether you are Ready to Buy or Not

Dallas Mercantile Co.

Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes, Packard Shoes for Men, American Lady Shoes for Women, Buster Brown Shoes for Children.

doomed family, to even talk with them. Now, the county is going to enclose Early in a high stockade, fencing in one acre, and there he will be doomed to remain until death in its mercy shall end all.

Kopiah Coal. First class Kopiah soft coal, in any quantity, delivered to any part of the city promptly on telephone call.

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Cashier Changes Banks. Independence, Or., Feb. 12.—C. W. Irvine, who has been cashier of the Independence National bank for more than 22 years, has tendered his resignation to take effect sometime in the near future, and has accepted a like position with the new bank which will be established in this city early in the spring.

In Dallas Pulpits

Presbyterian. Services, Sunday, February 18. Sunday school 10 a. m. Morning service 11 a. m.; topic of sermon, "Christian Pioneering."

Special Music—Morning. Voluntary, "He Leadeth Me" Tritant Response, "Gloria Patri" . . . . Giffé Offertory, "Prelude" . . . . Ashford Anthem, "I Will Extol Thee" Wilson Evening.

Baptist. Services Sunday, February 18. Sunday school 10 a. m., "The Ministry of John the Baptist."

Christian Science. Christian Science services will be held in the Adventist church Sunday, February 18, at 10:30 a. m. Subject of lesson sermon, "Soul."

Church of Christ. Bible school, 10 a. m. Communion, 11 a. m. Morning subject, "How we know that the Spirit Beareth Witness with Our Spirit." The text is Rom. 8:16.

Monroe's new sawmill, of 50,000 feet daily capacity, is about ready for business.

Yamhill county has spent \$10,000 for roads and highways during 1906, and claims sixth place as compared with other Oregon counties.

Sight Too Valuable To be neglected. Sutherland's Eye Salve will cure any case of eye eyes, granulated lids, ophthalmia, any inflamed condition of the eye. Painless and harmless. 25c a tin at Conrad Staffin's.

See Those New Jackson Corsets

Advertisement for Jackson Corsets featuring an illustration of a woman in a corset and the text 'At The DALLAS VARIETY STORE MRS. CHARLES GREGORY, Prop.'