

Polk County Observer

Published Semi-Weekly at Dallas,
Oregon, by the
OBSERVER PRINTING COMPANY

EUGENE FOSTER,
W. H. TOTTEN.

Subscription Rates:
One Year \$1.50
Six Months75
Three Months40
Strictly in advance.

Entered as second-class matter
March 1, 1907, at the post office at
Dallas, Oregon, under the Act of Con-
gress of March 3, 1879.



The way to build up Dallas is to pa-
tronize Dallas people.

THE DECISION.

So the highest judicial tribunal in the land has placed its seal of approval upon the Oregon system and settled for all time a mooted question in the minds of some, at least. Without attempting a defense of the system, we may say that, any other decision would have been in the nature of a public calamity. There is much about the Oregon manner of handling matters of public policy to commend it. Theoretically, the primary aim of the plan is meritorious, for it vests the power of government solely with the governed, it provides, or at least aims to, a way for each voter to have as much to say as any other voter in the settlement of the public questions and the election of officials. But, does it? Aye, there's the rub. If it were possible for every voter to be fully informed upon all questions on which he is asked to make a decision, if every plan was carefully scrutinized and thoroughly understood by every voter, and if he were permitted to exercise his own ideas at the polls, the initiative and referendum would prove an ideal form of government—there can be no question about it. But the great trouble is the men do not so inform themselves. The voter who takes the time to study all public questions, and form opinions of his own regarding them, may go to the polls and vote his sentiments, yet the ignorant, degenerate, may also exercise his right of suffrage following the instructions of some unprincipled scoundrel, as he does so. When any man casts his ballot upon any proposed law, he owes it to himself to know what he is doing. He also owes it to his neighbors and the people of the entire state to fully inform himself, for he is voting upon questions which affect every citizen.

But, with all its drawbacks and its advantages, we believe the Oregon system is a step in the right direction, and whatever it has gathered of opprobrium, will with wise and judicious legislation, entirely disappear. We have always believed implicitly in the great heart of the American people who, if left entirely to their own resources, seldom make mistakes; therefore, the defects of the present Oregon laws will, we believe, entirely disappear with time.

PARKISON AGAIN.

H. J. Parkison, the Portland lawyer who is the "man behind the gun" in the university referendum, is out again in another series of letters advertising himself and opposing the appropriation. As usual each newspaper in the state was undoubtedly "favored" with a copy of Parkison's screed and, as usual, The Observer's consignment found its way into the nice wire waste basket reposing at our elbow. So far, we have found but one newspaper which has paid any attention to Parkison. The Corvallis Gazette-Times publishes his stuff in full, and then fills another column for doing so.

Parkison advocates consolidation of the state university and the agricultural college but the Gazette-Times, printed in the home of the latter institution, declares in the opening paragraph of its labored editorial defending its publication of the Parkison letters, that it "does not believe in consolidation of these schools at Corvallis or Eugene." Yet later in the editorial, the paper says: "However, if in the end, there must be consolidation, the Gazette-Times wants the combined school located at Corvallis."

The G.-T. says it prints the Parkison letter "merely as a matter of news." If such stuff is "news" the other article must have been sailing under false colors all these years. The Observer fails to see how the expression of any man's personal opinion can, by any twist of the imagination, be designated as "news." A careful reading of the Gazette-Times' editorial, impresses one with the belief that the editor is really in favor of consolidation but hasn't the nerve to say so. "Of course, if it must come, etc., etc." is a clever way of side-stepping the real issue. It will be useless for the G.-T. to declare that it does not support Parkison's views. If it didn't believe in them surreptitiously, there would never exist the wild idea in the mind of its editor to print them as "news."

GREAT RECORD.

The current issue of the Glacier, published at Hood River, Oregon, contains more than 47 columns of advertising, bought and paid for by the wide-awake and enterprising merchants of Hood River. This equals more than 1,000 inches of home advertising and is probably unequalled by any other city of similar size in the United States. This issue is just an ordinary one, too, the same record is made week after week, and month after month, and has been true for years. The business men of Hood River believe advertising pays and they are competent judges, because they have immense stocks and their stores are modern and up-to-date. Hood River is one of the prettiest little cities in the West and is noted for its enterprise. Its people have made Hood River a household word throughout the United States and they have reached that end by continued and consistent advertising. They have ignored the "knocker" if they ever had such an individual there, which we doubt. Nobody has whittled a dry goods box in a Hood River store, squirted tobacco juice through his whiskers at a rusty stove standing on three legs and a brickbat and opined that "you kaint make no fruit country out o' this yere." This isn't an invitation for anybody to move to Hood River from the Willamette valley—it is simply a reminder that other towns could profit by her example and thereby give their own prosperity a substantial boost.

Although, as a class, the business men of Dallas are not the liberal patrons of newspaper advertising space as those of many other towns, Dallas possesses a rarity in that it has a church organization which carries regular advertising space in the Dallas newspapers. That fact has been largely commented upon throughout the state and the church organization in question is known far and wide as a progressive, religious organization. Time was, not so many years ago, when an advertisement of this nature would have shocked the ultra-religious sensibilities of a large number of the more devout. But ideas change as people become broader in their views, and the world has come to realize that there is no ethical provision in the lexicon of salvation which forbids an invitation to the saint and sinner in display type, through the medium of the press. Business men who assert that "advertising doesn't pay" should gather a lesson from the Dallas church. The fact that this identical organization is famed throughout the state through its advertising, is ample evidence that advertising does pay. When it doesn't, it is the fault of the advertiser and not of the medium he employs to reach the people.

The efforts of President Taft's opponents to concentrate their forces and crystallize their sentiment upon some particular candidate who might succeed in wresting the presidential nomination from him, are lamentable. So far Taft has 32 delegates pledged to his support. They are all the delegates so far selected who will attend the Chicago convention, hence they are all the delegates pledged to anybody. LaFollette's boom has collapsed and Roosevelt's is without a leader and his following is disorganized. His own attitude has had much to do with this but it's true, nevertheless, and each day sees still further inroads made in the ranks of the so-called "progressives." Each day adds to the President's strength and sends a corresponding shiver of apprehension down the backs of his opposition. Even the more radical anti among the press now admit that

The tibetous circular issued by the Central Labor Council of Portland and sent broadcast over the East and Middle Western states is bearing fruit and Oregon is receiving a large amount of knocking and abuse from newspapers jealous of this state and her forward movement. Here was an opportunity to stem the tide of Western emigration and it was eagerly seized and used to the utmost. Yet there are newspapers in this state so short-sighted and untrue to their constituency as to defend this unwarranted action of the Portland Labor body. These men are what was known in the old populist days as "calamity howlers" and the designation still holds good.

The lid is on in Newberg, and on tight. The other day a transfer man was fined \$5 in the City Recorder's court for hauling a man's trunk to the station on Sunday. If you live in Newberg and decide to take a trip on Sunday, it will be necessary for you to pack your duds on Saturday and sit around in your traveling suit for "steep hours, or arrange to liquidate the drayman's fine if he hauls your trunk on Sunday. Great scheme. Here is another evidence of the asinine extremes to which people will go in enforcing a religious mania.

Speaking of the high cost of living, a widow in Chicago has raised three children on \$10 a week and saved \$37 in six years. With that example before them young men will find it all the harder to dodge leap year proposals.

After all, when one comes to think of it, it has never been necessary for the supporters of President Taft to proclaim their Republicanism. But when one wanders from the fold

and associates in company with every plebeian political rainbow chaser of a decade, it sometimes becomes an urgent necessity to define his party affiliations early and often. Even then, people take his protestations with several grains of salt.

With eggs quoted at 15 cents per dozen it appears that the Oregon hen is doing her share to solve the high cost of living problem.

HAYES BUYS STAR THEATER

New Manager To At Once Install Modern Improvements.

N. L. Hayes, formerly from the East where he had considerable experience in managing theaters, has closed a deal for the purchase of the Star theater on Main street and will take possession the first of the coming week. He states that he will make some radical improvements in the place, among which will be the enlargement of the stage, which will be enlarged to accommodate more and larger vaudeville acts, the front of the building will be changed and opera chairs will be installed. The Star will run as a vaudeville and motion picture theater showing Independent films. Mr. Hayes is a scene painter and decorator and will paint some entirely new scenic sets for his new theater.

This is the season of the year when mothers feel very much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children, and have abundant reason for it as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

Redmond Spokesman: Dave Cole, Jr., killed a bobcat that measured over four feet and a half in length and stood two and a half feet high. A nest of half grown kittens was found in the rim rock near the Cole ranch later.

For a sprain you will find Chamberlain's Liniment excellent. It allays the pain, removes the soreness, and soon restores the parts to a healthy condition. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by all dealers.

Canyon City Eagle: County Clerk Hagney paid in January \$500.50 for scalp bounties. Half of this money is returned by the state. During March, 1911, the bounty warrants amounted to \$561 and in January, 1911, to \$597.50.

Myrtle Creek Mail: F. C. Johnson picked a ripe wild strawberry at his place on Boomer Hill on February 8. Put this in your pipe and smoke it, ye blizzard stricken easterners.

In Dallas Pulpits

Presbyterian.
Services Sunday, February 25.
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Morning service 11 a. m.; topic of sermon, "The Cross of Christ."
Christian Endeavor meeting 6:30 p. m.
Evening service 7:30 p. m.; topic of sermon, "The Voice of the Good Shepherd."

You are invited to worship with us. Good Music and a cordial greeting.
Special Music—Morning.
Voluntary, "Serenity" Wilson
Response, "Gloria Patri" Giff
Offertory, "Ballade" Kinross
Anthem, "I Will Extol Thee" McPhail
Evening.
Voluntary, "Look Down on Us" Mendelssohn
Response, "Father Hear Our Prayer" Brooks
Offertory, "Trust" Fiska
Anthem, "That Beautiful Land" Lorenz

Evangelical.
10 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m., morning worship; topic, "Life's Invisible Leadership."
2:30, Junior Christian Endeavor.
6:30, Senior Christian Endeavor.
7:30, sermon, topic, "Seen Things" or "The Young Man and His Visions." The second told in the series to young men.
7:30, Thursday evening, prayer meeting.
The public is cordially invited.
C. P. GATES, Pastor.

Baptist.
Services Sunday, February 25.
Sunday school 10 a. m.; "The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus."
Morning worship 11 a. m.; theme, "The Tempter and Jesus."
Junior Society 2:30 p. m.; "The Voice of an Angel that Saved a Boy From Death."
Young People's meeting 4:30; "The Christian Work of the Converted Indian."
Evening worship 7:30; theme, "Life."
H. JOHN VINE, Pastor.

Christian Science.
Christian Science Services will be held in the Adventist church Sunday, February 25 at 10:30 a. m. Subject of lesson—"Mind."

Shoe Repairing.
Dallas shoe repair shop, first class work, repairing at moderate prices; sewed soles a specialty, no extra charges. All work guaranteed. Call on John Hammer, practical shoemaker, 311 Main street, the old stand.

Legal blanks for sale at this office.



JUST IN

FIRST SHIPMENT OF

HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX

SPRING SUITS



NO BETTER SUITS MADE AT
ANY PRICE

Dallas Mercantile Co.

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

WAS ONCE POLK RESIDENT

Death of Thomas Shute, Near Oregon City Recently.

News has been received here of the death at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. G. A. Brown, at Maple Lane, near Oregon City, of Thomas Shute, which occurred February 9. For nine years he was a resident of Bridgeport, Polk county. He was aged 93 years, 1 month, at the time of his death. Mr. Shute was born in Bridgewater, New Hampshire, January 9, 1819. He moved to Nebraska in 1872, to Kansas in 1874, to California in 1881, and Oregon in 1887. Since then Polk and Clackamas counties have been his home. He was married in 1843, his wife dying three years ago last September. They lived together the remarkably long time of 65 years. He died on his wife's birthday and was buried on the birthday of his youngest son. The following children survive him: E. E. Shute, Rock Cut, Wash.; Mrs. G. A. Brown and F. T. Shute, Oregon City; and Mrs. D. H. Cartwright, Esbon, Kansas.

Sight Too Valuable
To be neglected. Sutherland's Eagle Eye Salve will cure any case of sore

eyes, granulated lids, ophthalmia or any inflamed condition of the eyes. Painless and harmless. 25c a tube at Conrad Stafrin's.

FARMS WANTED

We want Farms and Acre Tracts to sell and we have almost sold out our complete list. Come in and list your property with us.

We Also Have Acre Tracts

Houses and lots on installment plan.

BROWN & BIRD

Phone 1254. Dallas, Oregon.

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.

OFFICIAL

STATE OFFICERS.

United States Senators—
..... Jonathan Borne, Jr.
..... George E. Chamberlain
Congressmen—
First District.... Willis C. Hawley
Second District.... A. W. Ladewig
Governor Oswald West
Secretary of State.... Ben W. Olcott
State Treasurer.... Thomas B. Kay
Attorney General.... A. M. Crawford
Superintendent of Public Instruction
..... L. R. Alderman
State Printer.... Willis S. Dunaway
Supreme Court—
Chief Justice, Robert Eakin; Associate Justices, Thomas A. McBride, George H. Burnett, Frank A. Moore, Henry J. Blain.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

State Senator C. L. Hawley
Representatives—
..... Ira C. Powell
..... F. W. Chambers
County Judge Ed. F. Cook
County Commissioners—
..... William Riddell
..... S. H. Petre
County Clerk E. M. Smith
Sheriff J. M. Grant
Treasurer Tracy Staats
Assessor C. S. Graves
School Superintendent H. C. Seymour
Surveyor B. F. Beasley
Coroner R. L. Chapman

CITY OFFICERS.

Mayor J. R. Craven
Councilman-at-Large W. A. Ayres
Councilmen—
Ward No. 1—H. L. Fenton,
H. G. Campbell,
Ward No. 2—Tracy Staats,
W. V. Fuller, Jr.
Ward No. 3—F. J. Cook,
H. B. Cooper.
Auditor and Police Judge—
Charles Gregory
City Attorney W. L. Doon, Jr.
City Treasurer W. G. Vassall
City Engineer F. H. Morrison
Street Commissioner P. S. Greenwood
City Marshal T. A. Odom
Night Policemen D. J. Grant

Cold, damp weather is bad for those subject to Rheumatism. It chills the blood and brings on an attack. Use

Ballard's Snow Liniment

It is a Powerful Preventive, as Well as a Speedy Cure

Rub it in on the parts affected whenever the conditions seem to indicate a spell of this painful ailment; it will warm the joints and ward off the trouble. If the disorder has already commenced, the treatment is the same, the rubbing helps the liniment to penetrate to the seat of pain. The relief is prompt and very satisfactory; the aching joints are relieved, the muscles relaxed so that the sufferer feels again the strength and suppleness of youth.

For fresh wounds of all kinds, it is a wonderful remedy. Try it for cuts, burns, bruises, sores, galls, chafed spots, barbed wire cuts, sprains, swellings, frost bites. It cures quickly and completely.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per Bottle.

JAMES F. BALLARD PROPRIETOR ST. LOUIS, MO.

To cure Smarting Eyeballs, Sore Eyes or Weak Sight, use Sutherland's Eagle Salve.

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY