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

**CREED UNIFICATION.**

Resolutions adopted by the Portland Methodist Ministerial association at its meeting in that city Monday, serves to show the trend of modern thought in ecclesiastical matters, and opens a pathway for the adoption of more united and fervent religious effort among three of the principal church organizations of the country. The resolutions, in effect, memorialize the Methodist General conference which meets in May, to make overtures looking to the unification of the Methodist Episcopal, the Presbyterian and the Congregational societies in the United States under one organization and the adoption of the Presbyterian creed.

To the layman action of this nature appeals, and it appears to him that any movement which contemplates a unification of one or more of the various religious creeds that we have in the world today makes for more advanced thought and ideas. He cannot understand why there should be so many church organizations, anyway. The way to salvation, from his viewpoint, appears well-defined, and why there should exist an interminable number of paths all leading to a common goal, is not clear. But the layman forgets that numerous religious organizations are inevitable, and are but the evidence of the natural processes of evolution. In the beginning, one church was sufficient but, as the world grew older, and the church membership increased, it was natural that all could not see alike and different men must have different ideas regarding the accomplishment of a certain object; hence the formation of the numerous creeds which we see today came about as a natural result.

Supporters of the unification idea as set forth in the above resolution, declare that the creeds of the three churches mentioned, are so nearly alike that they "are not big enough to make a shadow," and it is urged that much more effective work may be done with their interests and their efforts united. While all must admit the truth of this position, it must be realized that the instigators of the movement have a monumental task before them. In bringing about such a consummation, they must overcome the traditions and the prejudices of generations and it is not going to be an easy task. Men who have grown gray in the service, following the same tenets that their fathers served, must forget the teachings of years and adopt this new faith and, while they may admit its advisability, they will shrink from taking action which

will divorce them completely from the ideals of a life-time.

But this action of the Portland clergy points to one indisputable condition that cannot fail to have a salutary effect upon all religious endeavor: the certain indication of advanced thought in the churches that counsels for more united effort, and the elimination of the narrow prejudices among themselves which has retarded, to a certain extent, the good that the churches may do in the world. There can be no denial of the assertion that, if it were possible to unite all the churches in one great organization that its possibilities for good would be increased beyond the power of the ordinary mind to contemplate.

If it were possible to eliminate the poorly paid preacher, ministering to a handful of followers in a community where a half dozen organizations are endeavoring to eke out a precarious existence, and substitute therefor one central church, with a membership strong and effective, it would be possible for each communicant to have the advantage of more enlightened knowledge in the work and, at the same time, such conditions would prove more attractive to the outsider. In other words one influential religious organization in each community would be able to do more good than a half dozen poorly equipped churches could hope to accomplish.

Later reports of the Portland mob that insulted General Baden-Powell and broke up his meeting on Saturday night, indicate that a very large number were Socialists, instead of I. W. W. men, although there was a generous sprinkling of this element also. This action on the part of the Socialists forms a black mark in their history in this state and one from which they will be slow to recover. The great mass of the people do not look with favor on mob law and are inclined to give every man a respectful hearing. That idea is one of the basic principles of Socialism and for them to refuse others what they themselves demand, is to commit a grievous error and places them in a still more unfavorable light. No organization, whether national in its character or otherwise, can hope to succeed by the employment of mob rule, and that is certainly what the Portland meeting resolved itself into. To the credit of the Socialists generally, however, it must be said that their more conservative members frown upon such proceedings and are as emphatic as anybody in denouncing them. But the organization must curb the tactics of its radical members before it may hope to take its place as a real power in this country. Such scenes as that in Portland will drive the best element from the party.

A Portland newspaper, of doubtful political beliefs, grows effusive in commending T. R. for his willingness to serve as a juror when properly called in his home county on Long Island. While we admit that the willingness of the former president to discharge all the duties of citizenship is commendable, we must also remember that T. R., who is nothing if not a zealous press agent for himself, realized that right there was another opportunity to secure some more free advertising, and he didn't propose to overlook it. He told everybody he was ready to do his "duty as a citizen" and he was sure to have a sufficient number of press representatives and camera men around when he made the statement. No, the Colonel, isn't overlooking any these days, but we object to the courts manufacturing campaign buncombe for the Sage of Sagamore.

Petitions directed to President Taft, asking for a pardon for Hamilton H. Hendricks, of Fossil, Wheeler county, Oregon, were in circula-

tion this week in Dallas and very generally signed. From an investigation of the case, The Observer believes that Mr. Hendricks should receive a pardon from the crime with which he is charged, which is subornation of perjury in connection with the grand jury land fraud investigation in Portland in 1905. Since Mr. Hendricks has been convicted and sentenced, the man whose testimony convicted him, has made an affidavit to the effect that he swore falsely. The petition for Hendricks' pardon was signed by every man in his home town of Fossil which, it seems, is the strongest recommendation he could receive. Mr. Hendricks was born near this city and is known by several people here.

"Any candidate that the Republicans may nominate, whether he be President Taft or former President Roosevelt, can be elected, if he is nominated fairly," declares a T. R. newspaper and a careful reading of the editorial leads one to understand that, according to the editor, T. R. is the identical one who "can be nominated fairly."

Now, a Dane has discovered the South Pole. It appears that it would have been much more in keeping with conventionalities if a Pole had turned the trick.

"Dumps Hash Into the Swill and Hikes" is a headline in a Salem newspaper. Isn't that typical of Salem? Even the swill has the hashy look.

**FOUND NO OREGON DISPLAY**

Other States Benefit From Exhibits at Big Land Show.

To the Editor:—The Kansas City Land show is now being held at Convention hall, which has a seating capacity of 23,000 people. People from many parts of the West are here viewing the exhibits. Ezra Meeker, founder of the "last Oregon trail" is here with his prairie schooner and yoke of oxen and also many other historic relics of pioneer days.

Colorado and California have the best display of apples, grains, etc., while Washington has a good display and is a credit to the state.

As I searched the large hall and viewed the many exhibits from different states, not a single thing did the state of Oregon have to exhibit.

There are better and larger apples grown in and around Dallas than were exhibited here from any state. Oregon missed a good chance and should have had a booth and had apples, peaches, pears, grains and booklets telling the people of the wonderful resources of the state.

Many people are emigrating West just now and if Oregon had a display it might have been an inducement for some of them to make their home in Oregon. The state of Washington distributed 15,000 booklets at the show in two days; and they will get big returns from it. What is the matter with the Dallas Commercial club, Mr. Tooze, that you did not send exhibits to the largest land show ever held in the West?

RAY HOWE.  
Kansas City, Mo., March 5, 1911.

**GREEN CARNATION LATEST FAD**

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on the 17th of March. The green carnation has come to supplant it, or at least to wrest from it some of the public's favor. Keeping abreast with the spirit of modernity and progress Doc has given us this latest innovation in floriculture and in doing so, he has impressed us with the belief that we have a real live Burbank right here in Dallas who has been hiding his light under a bushel. Get a green carnation and be in the swim.



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**DENTLER PRAISES DALLAS MEN**

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bard and gun. In order that none may be deceived relative to "housewife" when used in the above sense, it may be stated that this particular article consists of a packet containing pins, needles, buttons and other articles calculated to make each man his "own repair shop."

After the inspection the men were divided into platoons and under command of Lieuts. Stafrin and Greenwood, were given a short drill for the entertainment of the 100 or more spectators present.

Full line of pulverized sulphur, vitrol and lime for making orchard spray required now, for sale at Crier's General Store.

**COMMISSIONERS PLAN WORK**

Arrange for Better Roads in Northeast Portion of County.

County Commissioners Riddel and Petre spent a couple of days this week in the Northeastern portion of the county, in the Perrydale, McCoy, Spring Valley and Eola districts laying out road work for the coming season. Considerable work will be done in that locality, it is stated and it is the desire to have conditions considerably improved before another winter.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have been surprised and delighted with the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Not one case of rheumatism in ten requires any internal treatment whatever. This liniment is for sale by all dealers.

Joseph Herald: The Joseph Red and Gun club, composed of about 10 members, practice shooting once each week, and are becoming quite efficient in the art.

**For Croup**  
Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is the best known remedy. Do not experiment, get the genuine Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. For sale at Stafrin's.

Albany Democrat: A big item in railroading in this valley is the fact that the railroads don't have to keep a stock of snow shovels on hand.

**No Extra Cost.**  
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