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

BOURNE "A FROST."

With practically every Republican newspaper in the state supporting Ben Selling for United States senator, it would appear that Bourne's chances of success in the primaries April 19, are very slim. Yet many Republicans may be found who announce their belief that the latter will be successful. The Observer hopes that these men are false prophets. We hope so, because we want to see Oregon come into her own, and cease to be a laughing stock for the whole country over her representation in the upper house of congress. Commonly speaking "Bourne is a frost." He is of no more real benefit to Oregon than a resident of some other state. His interests are elsewhere. He doesn't even reside in the state, although he maintains a desk and an office chair in a Portland office building. He seldom visits the state he represents and therefore how can he know its needs? In this campaign he appears supremely contemptuous of the state, and, from his comfortable seat at Washington, he speaks across the distance and tells the people of the state he misrepresents that they "are on trial," not he. He doesn't even attempt to justify his incompetency and his betrayal of official trust.

In the face of all this The Observer cannot see how he expects to again lure the votes to his fold. A United States Senator in any other state in the Union, who would pursue a similar course, would be beaten so badly that it would require a microscope to find his vote.

There is no possible reason why a Republican should support Bourne from the standpoint of party faith. In fact, on the contrary, there is every reason why they should not do so. He has been the supporter of every political phantom of the last dozen years. He is a political jumping jack, a past master in the arts of the demagogue and thoroughly familiar with the wiles of the cheap politician and ward worker.

But the crowning argument of all came recently, when Collier's, that enemy of the West, a publication that has supported Pinchot and others of his ilk in driving thousands of bonafide settlers from their cabins that dot the hillsides and the plains of the Pacific slope, announced its support of Bourne. That one act ought to be sufficient to sound his doom in Oregon.

It is inconceivable that the people of Oregon will vote to keep such a man in the United States senate. Any change would be welcome. No man who could be elected, would prove a greater failure than this alien resident, this employer of cheap child labor, this golf-playing millionaire who deserts his state, hobnobs with Wall street, and says to the people of Oregon "you are on trial, not I." He says that he stands on his "record," but a faithful perusal of events during the past four or five years, fails to discover any record worthy the name, either good, bad or indifferent. Bourne, is simply a nonentity, an egotistical pleasure loving ward of wealth, who cares no more for the welfare of Oregon than he does for the golf balls he follows over his expensive links, or the poor little children starving on a meager wage in his New England factories.

Let Oregon awaken. She needs much from the nation. Let us remove this incompetent and put a man in his place. Let us elect a man whose interests are in Oregon, whose home is here; one who has always been found doing valiant service for the people he represents. Such a man, we believe, is Ben Selling. Yes, Bourne is "a frost."

Even the most rabid friend of Roosevelt must admit that his candidacy has been a severe disappointment. It was declared that all that was needed to defeat President Taft for renomination was the simple announcement that T. R. would accept. The great following that has been his in the past and his personal popularity were believed to be sufficient to overcome all opposition; but how different has been the outcome. Roosevelt has been repudiated in every state and in every primary where contests have been held. The real progressives have refused to accept him

as the one and only leader of their cause but have generally supported LaFollette. It is even claimed by many that Roosevelt will be third man in the Chicago convention. All of which serves to show that even a popular idol must play fair with his friends if he expects to enjoy the confidence of the people. Even the secure place which Roosevelt once held in the hearts of the American people was not strong enough to cause them to forget his solemn promises or the open betrayal of his personal and political friends.

The esteemed Amity Standard would befof the issue. The Observer has never said it opposed equal suffrage. We did say that we would be strong for it if we really believed the women wanted the ballot. But we have so far refrained from playing to the galleries with impassioned utterances regarding the disenfranchised portion of our communities, an attribute which appears to tickle the vanity of every mollycoddle in the country. The Standard is referred to the result of a recent straw vote taken by the Dallas Itemizer, which showed that, of a total of 600 women interviewed, practically 475 of them opposed equal suffrage. Perhaps, however, this result would have been as great the other way if the Standard's circulation in this community was more general.

In strong contrast to the nerve and political chicanery of Senator Jonathan Bourne, who is freely using his senatorial frank in flooding the state with campaign literature, is cited the fact that Champ Clark's messages to the faithful bear the regular rate of postage exacted from common mortals whose stationery bears no franking privilege. Many prominent Democrats in Dallas have received Clark literature recently and all of it has come through the mails at the regular postal rates. No man has a right to require the government to pay postage on his campaign burlesque and the willingness of Bourne to accept such favors, or to use his privileges for such ends, stamps him as a man devoid of all honor.

Colonel Roosevelt denies the report that he intends to bolt the Republican party and head a third party movement should he fail to secure the nomination in the Chicago convention. Of what value is this denial? He said he wouldn't be a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1912; even declared he would never again be a candidate for such nomination. Still, as we survey the situation, it appears that T. R. may have been telling the truth, after all. As states hold their primaries and conventions, it becomes more and more apparent that he "will not be a candidate." But it won't be T. R.'s fault.

The good, old town of Albany bears every indication of an awakening. New buildings are being erected, municipal improvements are under way or projected, and the entire city has a progressive air. Here again we see an indication of what a live, wide-awake modern newspaper can accomplish for a community. The Albany Evening Herald has been a consistent booster for the city since its present owner, C. Clinton Page, secured possession of it, and his valiant effort is now being rewarded.

The tenth anniversary edition of the Portland Journal issued last week is one in every way worthy of that progressive and interesting newspaper. Ten years is a short time in which to build up a great daily publication, but the Journal has accomplished the task and has become one of the most aggressive and capable newspapers of the great Northwest. Its anniversary edition is a faithful portrayal of Portland and its advancement, and forms a valuable number for Eastern friends.

If Bro. Fiske, of the Itemizer, shall succeed in doing without eating for 10 days, upon which stunt he is now engaged, he will have rendered a service to the fraternity of no small moment. When the country newspaper man shall succeed in living without eating, his cherished ambition to own a big touring car may then be gratified.

Editor Scott, of the Forest Grove News-Times, tells about two auto rides which citizens of that place presented him with in one day last week. Such a stand-in with the "plutoc" really leaves nothing to be desired.

If the old belief holds good in Oregon this year, we are due for some damp weather for the next seven Sundays. It rained on Easter, you know.

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F. K. HUBBARD WITHDRAWS Leaves Race For County Judge; Republican Contest Narrows to Three Aspirants. Giving as his reasons that he thinks "it best to retire from the race," F. K. Hubbard, of Falls City, candidate for the Republican nomination for County Judge, herewith presents notice of his withdrawal. This latest move narrows the fight for the Republican nomination to Ed F. Coad, the present incumbent, U. S. Loughary and John W. Teal. "To the Republican voters of Polk County: "I have aspired to be your nominee for the office of county judge, but wish to withdraw my candidacy. I thank my friends for the interest they have taken but think it best to retire from the race. "F. K. HUBBARD."

Editorials of the People.

Signed communications will be printed under this head from responsible parties but their publication does not necessarily imply that they express the sentiments of the editor.

THINKS PAYMENT TOO SMALL

Monthly Prizes in Lieu of Proposed \$2.00 Wage Suggested for Firemen.

Editor Observer.—In your issue of April 2 you mention that the City Council have taken preliminary steps toward a plan contemplating the payment of a small sum per month to the members of the fire department.

Now if you will pardon the impertinence of an outsider who has had quite a lot of experience and an intimate knowledge of some very effective volunteer fire departments, the writer of this would like to suggest that the payment of so small a sum as \$2.00 per month will not be very much encouragement to young men who, from motives of civic pride and a natural desire to help, give unselfishly their services in the most hazardous of occupations, nor do they as a rule desire pay, but every one of them does want approbation of some kind and will, without exception, appreciate it to the fullest extent.

People who do not stop to think, or who naturally love to knock, sometimes speak slightly of the volunteer firemen and their work, but those who have had to fight fire with the ancient style of equipment often furnished and under the unfavorable circumstances often met with, will not cast a slur at the work or enthusiasm of the Dallas fire lads.

The patriotism of the volunteer fireman is of the highest order. It is however, wrong to criticize a plan without suggesting one that may be better. Now \$2.00 per month, given to the boys whether they are individually or collectively proficient in their drill or not, will be money easily earned and as lightly appreciated, by quite a number at least.

Why not expend the money proposed to be given in monthly payments, in prizes for competitive drill, given to the different companies in a lump sum, to be disposed of as the members elect, thereby encouraging a pardonable degree of pride in the efficiency of the organization as well as the individual fireman.

The boys of Dallas have as much civic pride and patriotism as those of any other community, and why not appeal to that spirit and, at the same time, offer something in the way of reward for superior merit instead of making him your municipal hireling at a miserly pittance, besides laying the city open to the employers' liability law, with its attending possibilities. Dallas ought to, and can have, three companies of 15 men each with a large waiting list; those enlisted, under a competent drill master as chief; but it seems wrong to insult the patriotism and generosity of the volunteer firemen by giving them a pittance of \$2.00 per month for doing their duty as citizens of the community, and with all due deference to the mayor of Hillsboro, while his plan may be better than that which Hillsboro had before, it looks too much like hiring a boy to love his mother.

With the expenditure of the amount of money proposed, given as a reward of superior merit, as shown by competitive drill, the task of assembling an efficient force of fire fighters in Dallas will not only be easier for the department officers but will, if the experience of other towns is worth anything, give to Dallas a lot of clean advertising, besides giving splendid training to the young men who are to succeed the present wise generation, and will give to the taxpayers efficient service at very little expense.

The volunteer firemen deserve all the consideration the town can afford and a lot more, but you will find they will appreciate whatever is given if it comes in the right spirit.

Dallas, April 9, 1912.

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Real Estate.

United States to William F. Schaad, N. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 of sec. 18, 6s, 10w. (Deed-patent.) Benj. F. Boughcy to Sarah Linzbach, 1 a. in 8s, 4w, \$400. (W. D.) U. S. to Thomas McPaul, lots 4 and 5 and S.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 of sec. 6, 9s, 7w. (Patent.) John S. Martin to Viola V. Volheim, land in Dallas, \$250. (W. D.) Thomas W. Waring to Emille R. Waring and Marshall L. Waring, 123.61 a. in 6s, 3w, \$10. (W. D.) Edward J. Steele to Ferdinand Rutschman, 70 a. in 9s, 5w, \$5,250. (W. D.) Frank Byers et ux to R. A. Alderson, 3.80 a. in 8s, 4w, 19. (W. D.) Julius G. Vogel et ux to Edward I. Young, Lot 7 in blk. 12, Kingwood Park, \$3,000. (W. D.) Frank Bush to Mrs. Eliza Nelson, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, in blk. 8, E. A. Hayes' addition to town of Independence, \$985. (W. D.) Susan L. Richardson to S. A. Richardson, undivided half interest in lots 5 and 6 in blk. 23, Henry Hill's addition to Independence, \$1. (D.) Mary F. Goddard to Elizabeth F. Twoby, All of sec. 6, 7s, 7w, \$150. (W. D.) Anna J. Brock to O. O. Asher, 14 a. in 7s, 5w, \$700. (D.) J. S. Miller to Will Beckley, 26.70 a. in 8s 5w, \$10. (D.) Katie Holmes to C. A. Robinson, lot 15, blk B, West Salem, \$10. (D.) Probate. Estate of Henry D. Moore, a minor, Henry M. Edgar, guardian, discharged. Estate of Susan L. Richardson, John W. Richardson, Jr., appointed administrator; bond fixed at \$1000. Estate of Lena F. Gilbert, deceased, Final discharge entered. Estate of Gus Suck, alias Gus Svat, Final discharge entered. Guardianship of Joseph C. Polley, an incompetent person, now deceased, Final discharge of guardian entered. Estate of Lincoln McCoy, deceased, Petition for order of sale of real estate filed; ordered that citation issue to heirs requiring them to appear on Monday, May 6, 1912, at 10 o'clock. Estate of Margaret D. Campbell, Appeal from allowance of claims as to part of Kenneth Campbell, Jr., M. H. Hearing had, claim allowed in sum of \$36.26 and disallowed in sum of \$20.86. Estate of Howard Collins, Final account filed and set for hearing on the 8th day of May, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m.

IS SECOND LARGEST IN STATE

Medicos of Three Counties Join Issues; Local Physicians Members. Drs. A. B. Starbuck, L. S. Bollman, R. C. McCallon, and V. T. Staats motored over to Salem Monday night to attend the semi-monthly session of the medical society embracing the counties of Polk, Marion and Yamhill. This association was recently formed by the amalgamation of the Polk and Yamhill association with the Marion body, and makes the second strongest medical association in the state, in point of membership. The physicians of Polk and Yamhill had maintained a strong organization for some time, but it was felt better results could be accomplished by uniting with the Marion body, which was also a strong one. At Monday night's meeting Dr. McCallon, of this city, read a paper on "Specific Medication." Meetings of the association are held twice each month and it is the intention of the local medicos to bring a portion of the sessions here.

Wife Dies Suddenly.

O. B. Rippy, of Dayton, president of the Oregon Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance association, who came to Dallas last Saturday for an over-Sunday visit with Mr and Mrs. J. L. Castle, was summoned home by a telegram Sunday, announcing the sudden death of Mrs. Rippy at her home in Dayton. Mr. Rippy was overcome by the terrible news. He left Mrs. Rippy enjoying the best of health and had no intimation that all was not right until the telegram came. He secured an auto and left Sunday forenoon for his home. Mr. and Mrs. Castle went up the first of the week to attend the funeral.

Attention Mohair Growers.

All those having mohair for sale are requested to report their fleeces either to H. L. Fenton or at the Dallas Mercantile company at once, in order that the pool may be made up.

Notice.

All those having garbage to haul on "clean-up day," or at any other time, are requested to notify E. T. Plaster, city garbage inspector, or telephone 35, and a wagon will be sent.

G. H. Steiglitz, a student of Dallas College, attended the conference at Hillsboro, returning home Monday.

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