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

WAS IT A GOLD BRICK?

When the Oregonian of Friday morning, April 26, reached this city, people of Dallas who had attended the meeting dominated by the Portland excursionists the night before at the court house were interested in reading the statement displayed in prominent headlines that a "move" had been started "to unite colleges." Specifically the Oregonian story stated that the meeting had adopted resolutions favoring the appointment of a commission by Governor West to "look into all phases and plans broached for the consolidation of the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college." The story further related that "300 Dallas citizens were present and unanimously favored the idea and that President Campbell, of the University, declared that he was very much in favor of the resolution."

Now, all this would be important, if true. But the startling thing about the matter is that it isn't true, and why the Oregonian, which had representatives in plenty at the meeting, should deliberately print a story of this nature in the face of the real facts, is not apparent unless it has permitted its animosity for the state university to influence its veracity.

The people of Dallas have no objection to the visits of the Portland junketers. The doors are open at all times and the Portland boosters for business will be welcomed, but they strenuously demur to having their sentiments misrepresented, and to being grossly misquoted, by inference at least. The truth of the matter is simply this: The meeting at the court house was completely in the hands of the Portland excursionists. Not more than 50 Dallas people were present and no resident of this city had anything to do with the meeting. E. B. Piper, of the Oregonian, presided, and calls were made for different people in the audience. These generally responded and some very interesting talks were made. During the meeting W. K. Newell, of Gaston, proposed a resolution, asking Governor West to appoint a non-partisan commission to investigate the needs of the Oregon Agricultural college and of the State University, as regards future appropriations, and similar matters, and report to the next session of the legislature, the idea being to take the institutions out of politics if possible. This was the sentiment expressed in the resolutions as they were read, and during all of the discussion previous to their adoption, and after the meeting had adjourned, not a single word was said regarding consolidation. President Campbell expressed himself as favoring the resolutions as did several other people, yet all who made such utterance are known to bitterly oppose any move looking toward consolidation. The people of Dallas, generally are opposed to consolidation and their object to being misrepresented in order to satisfy the animosity of a bunch of Portland boosters for the Corvallis institution.

The story printed in the Oregonian and later echoed by Portland evening papers, was garbled and untrue. The editors of those newspapers must have known it, and yet they have permitted it to stand. They are perfectly willing, it appears, to let the inference go out to the state that the Dallas meeting endorsed a resolution for consolidation, if such belief will aid them in their efforts to bring odium on one of the state's educational institutions. Such a course and such tactics do not appeal to the people of this city and if, hereafter, the Portland boosters must invade the rural communities in quest of business, and in propagation of the "get together" spirit, it is hoped that they will not involve the cities and towns they visit in their squabbles, nor misquote the sentiment of the citizens in order to further their own ideas.

Bill Hanley's slogan "land schools on the soil" is acceptable and friendliness for the State Agricultural college is proper. Dallas people believe in both institutions. They want to see the Corvallis college, and the Eugene University grow and prosper. They know that each is doing good work but it is felt that both would be benefited if removed from the dangers of politics, hence the resolution calling for a non-partisan commission struck a popular chord. If

it contained a clause favoring, in any manner, a consolidation of the colleges, it was not read, and if the wording held a cleverly concealed "hooker" none of those outside the inner circle of Corvallis college friends, noticed it.

There are thousands of people in his state who look upon the Oregonian as a reliable newspaper. Or they have so viewed it in the past. But a continuation of the policy which permitted the publication of the Dallas story in its garbled condition, will not have a tendency to increase the confidence of the people in the reliability of the state's leading newspaper.

A SHAMEFUL FIGHT.

The spectacle of the chief executive of the United States being obliged to relinquish his dignity and descend to personalities in order to defend himself from the unscrupulous attacks of a rival for the nomination, is not alluring to the people at large. It forms a precedent in history and marks a distinct innovation in office seeking. President Taft has remained quiet in the face of a severe grilling from Roosevelt. The latter has blatantly charged Taft with being in league of about everything which jeopardized the people's interest. He has uttered falsehood after falsehood regarding the President, and has taken every advantage of him which the politically unscrupulous ward politician or cheap political trader would adopt. In short, this former scion of a great nation, this immaculate Moses who now seeks to lead the people from some calamity which he declares faces them, has forsaken his high pedestal and, crazy with the lust for power, fired with an all-absorbing ambition to perpetuate himself as the life-time dictator of his party, this former rough rider and spectacular individual, has forgotten every dignified impulse, and is out to win regardless of the consequences or the course he adopts to do it. It is a political life and death struggle with Roosevelt and he knows it. If he is defeated at Chicago, it means that he must retire to Oyster Bay and lose himself in the gloom that will envelop him.

This champion of the "square deal" who keeps his left hand fully posted at all times as to the doings of his right hand, whose every move is enlarged upon and exaggerated and made to enhance his prospects of success, has entirely forgotten all the great and shining precepts that he once so emphatically supported.

He has involved the Republican party in a turmoil that will require the most adroit measures and calm counsel to clear up. He has created factions and made political enemies of former friends. He has shown his real character in the present fight and that he is doomed to defeat at the Chicago convention. The Observer believes as truly as that the sun will rise tomorrow morning. He should be defeated. No man who has adopted the course followed by Roosevelt can hope to again be trusted with the affairs of government. The wonder is that men, blinded by their mad infatuation of the man, remember only what he once was, forgetting all about what he has shown himself to be, entirely unfaithful of the man, of his teachings, will go on declaring that he is the one and only individual fit to be the president of this great nation. If that be true, then let us make him president for the balance of his lifetime and omit this grueling campaign every four years. Let us change the name and call this country the "United States of Roosevelt" and its ruler "Emperor Teddy I."

H. J. Parkinson, the Portland lawyer, self-appointed guardian of the state's educational institutions, declares that the reversal of Judge Galloway's decision by the supreme court and the submission to the referendum of the university appropriations, is a "blessing to the people of Oregon." In support of this position, he believes, of course, that the appropriation will be defeated at the election. His belief may be borne out by the result, for voters generally are apt to whack any attempt to appropriate money for any purpose, without regard to the merits of the plan, or the need of money to benefit the whole people. If every voter would take the trouble to thoroughly familiarize himself with the proposition, The Observer does not believe that the referendum vote would be cast against the university. But the trouble is that the great majority will vote unknowingly and carelessly. Alongside the man who really believes that the state educational institutions should be safeguarded, and given appropriations sufficient to carry on their work intelligently, and who will support the appropriation, will walk the thousands of "North enders of Portland," whose vote, by the grace of our laws, counts for just as much, and upon the balance of power held by such as these, must the fate of our most sacred institutions depend. Undoubtedly there are many who honestly oppose the appropriation, and for these we have no criticism, but we do not believe that a question so important as this should be left with the public at large to settle unless they shall have been fully informed beforehand of the merits of the case.

CAN HE?

Will the delegate who presents Roosevelt's name at Chicago make a more appealing speech than that of Conkling when he stepped to the

front of the platform and began: When asked what state he hails from Our sole reply shall be: "He comes from Appomattox And its famous apple tree." Conkling, with all his genius, with all his eloquence, with all of Grant's tremendous popularity and with 206 delegates behind him could not nominate Grant for a third term. Can Theodore Roosevelt do for himself what Roseoe Conkling could not do for Ulysses S. Grant?—New York World.

The man who hissed the other night at a theater in this city when a picture of Governor West was thrown upon the screen, isn't to be envied. He showed to a number of people his real character, and perhaps they didn't know it before. He is just a poor, ignorant, misguided jackass with a brain about the size of a dried pea. If he couldn't respect the man, he should at least respect the office he holds. It is such bores as this who remain glued to their seats when the band plays the national air and wonder what "all the folks are getting up for." He belongs in the I. W. W. fold.

W. C. DePew, for two years editor and publisher of the Amity Standard has disposed of his paper to Claude G. LeMasters, who has been a resident of Amity for the past 20 years. During his regime at the helm of the Standard, Mr. DePew has given the people a very creditable sheet, one whose editorial utterances have received wide recognition and his relinquishment of the editorial tripod will be a distinct loss to the newspaper profession of this vicinity. The Observer welcomes the new proprietor and trusts that he may be successful.

"Neither in thought or word have I been disloyal to the friendship I had for Theodore Roosevelt," declared President Taft in his Boston address. Can Roosevelt say as much? Hardly. His whole recent course has been reared on disloyalty and misrepresentation of his former friend. Will the American people endorse this renunciation of the "square deal" on the part of its former promoter?

Well, there's one thing about it. These junkets of the Portland business men afford a splendid opportunity for Bill Hanley to boost his political ambition.

DALLAS WINS 12 TO 1

Local High School Base Ball Team Rumps Away With Sheridan Game: Barham For Locals Invincible.

Defeating the Sheridan team by the lopsided score of 12 to 1, the Dallas High base ball team aggregation added another scalp to their string on Saturday afternoon at the down-country burg. The batteries for the occasion were Barham and Herzog for Dallas and Leonard and Atwood for Sheridan. Barham was the star of the matinee, the Yamhill lads being entirely unable to solve his delivery. He whiffed 18 of the bunch during the session and permitted but three little dinky bingles. Dallas was handy with the willow and piled up a total of 10 hits, one of which was a three bagger by Matthey and came just when it was needed as each station was occupied and his swipe cleared the field. Sheridan's work in the field was ragged, they being charged with 12 bobbles to two for Dallas.

Baker, of Sheridan, afflicted with the indicator and gave good satisfaction. In fact the Dallas boys are enthusiastic over their reception and treatment by Sheridan which, they say, could not have been more congenial.

The locals will go to Corvallis on Friday where they will meet the strong team representing the Corvallis high.

READING CIRCLE CLOSING WORK

Bethel Teachers Have Pleasant and Profitable Winter.

The Bethel teachers reading circle finished its work Monday night of last week.

It has been meeting regularly on Monday nights, reading and discussing the book selected from the list sent out by the superintendent's office. The book used was the "Recreation."

The teachers in the club were Eva Darr, Florence Donahoe, Prof. Johnson, Karl Stewart and Vernon Romick.

The training class of the Bethel High school consisting of Rose Domes, Clarence Booth, Gladys Turner and Louise Sears, also took the work. Miss Gladys Stewart came in the last few meetings.

On Monday night Prof. Johnson gave the class a thorough written test on the subject, graded them and sent them to County Superintendent Seymour for his approval. The class are anxious to know their fate but are waiting patiently for the report to return.

This work is well worth doing whether it be required in the course of study or not.

—Member.

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TWENTY GOATS BURNED

Fire Destroys McDaniels Barn Near Bowersville Resulting in Heavy Loss to Owner.

Fire of unknown origin Sunday night destroyed the barn of Holt McDaniels at Bowersville, entailing a loss of between \$500 and \$800. The contents of the barn were also destroyed and consisted of 20 head of goats, about 20 tons of loose hay and this season's clip of mohair.

CAN'T ACCEPT THE NOMINATION

Crowley Is Nevertheless Grateful For Honor From Democrats.

Fred S. Crowley, of Independence, was in Dallas Saturday on his way to Sheridan and to an Observer representative said that, while he was sincerely thankful for the honor conferred upon him by the Democrats who, at the recent primary, wrote his name on the ballot as a candidate for county school superintendent, that he is in no sense a candidate and could not accept the office even if elected. He says he believes his best interests dictate that he not make the race. This leaves the field to H. C. Seymour, the present efficient superintendent who is a candidate to succeed himself.

Embark in Vaudeville.

Several of the home boys have decided to become vaudeville stars and made their second appearance before the foot lights Friday and Saturday nights of last week at Black Rock, putting on the negro minstrel act which they gave during the carnival. The boys say they were well received. Following is a list of the performers: Peter Greenwood, manager; Fred Collins, funny man; William Snyder, ingenue; Lou Gohrke, La Belle; Wilfred Keyser and Melvin Cutler, fulfilling the role of just plain negroes. The hit of the act was Fred Collins' song, "That Skeleton Rag."

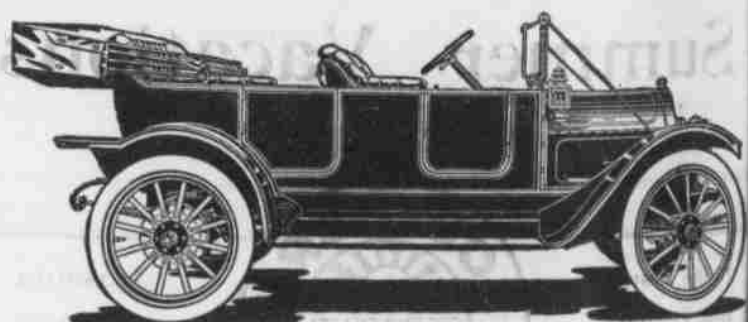
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