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

DESECRATION OF THE DAY.

"It's lonesome, sort o' lonesome—
It's a Sunday day to me;
It 'pears like—more'n eny day
I nearly ever see;
Yet, with the Stars and Stripes above
A flutterin' in the air,
On ev'ry soldier's grave, I'd love,
To lay a lily there."

The above tender sentiment is from
the pen of James Whitcomb Riley,
the Hoosier poet, who writes from his
heart and whose beautiful songs
have touched the human soul and
appealed to the best that is in us.
Riley wrote of the homely things of
life and of things as we know them.
It is a "Sunday day," or it should
be. It is a day of remembrance. A
day of honor for those who have gone
before, a sacred period in the hurry
and bustle of life when a beautiful
custom makes it meet and proper
that we should strew the sleeping
places of the departed with the frag-
rant blossoms of early summer.

Having its birth in the misty years
of the long ago, and made doubly
sacred by the Grand Army of the Re-
public, it has come to be generally
observed by everybody, and it is made
the occasion of an annual tribute to
friends and relatives who come no
more.

How inharmonious with the day
and its teachings is the blaring an-
nouncement of the circus. This
monitor of sordid commercialism
comes into our thoughts on Decora-
tion day with a grating blare of
trumpets and bespangled mimicry en-
tirely out of keeping with the spirit
of the occasion. A day set apart as
one for remembrance of the dead is
desecrated by the glint of the gaudy
and flapping banners of the sideshow,
and made hideous by the blare of ri-
otous bands, the shrill note of the
callopie, and the hoarse shouts of the
circus attaches.

It is indeed regrettable that this
thing has been permitted in Dallas,
but still, the Observer holds all
blameless. It was an unfortunate
mistake that is regretted as sincerely
by those responsible for it, as it is by
the most zealous patriot. Since it is
here, we can only make the best of it.
But it should serve as a reminder for
future action, and if it shall result in
a more general observance of the day
in the manner intended, perhaps the
error will not be without its redeem-
ing features.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

Guesses on the result of the Repub-
lican National convention, which
assembles in Chicago in June, are
now being hazarded by nearly every
politician, great and small, in the
country, and while they are only
guesses, it is probable that even the
most ordinary individual may strike
as near the real outcome as the most
experienced party leader. According
to our humble belief, no man at this
time can tell, with any reasonable
certainty, what that convention will
do. While friends of President Taft
and of Colonel Roosevelt are claiming
that their candidate will be nominat-
ed, it is apparent to a close observer
that neither has a solid foundation
upon which to base their belief. If
there is any advantage at this time
it is with the President. He has con-
trol of the machinery of the conven-
tion, and his friends on the national
committee are very much in the ma-
jority. As this committee will have
the power and the duty of settling
the various contests that have been
instituted by the Roosevelt manag-
ers, it is hardly probable that they
will vote to seat the contesting dele-
gations from the Southern states, and
from other states where the fight be-
tween the two party factions has
been bitter. As Roosevelt depends
to a very great extent on these con-
testers to give him control of the con-
vention, it is difficult to see wherein
his friends base their hope of victory.
There is this about it, however:
Aside from the contests, there are a
large number of delegates who will
go to the convention unattached,
and while the great majority of these
are supposed to favor the President,
or at least did favor him when elected,
there is no question but that the
recent strength developed by Roose-
velt may cause some of them to
change their minds and, if they be-
lieve that Taft cannot win, and that
Roosevelt is liable to develop the

greater strength, they will scramble
aboard the band wagon in an effort
to get on the winning side.

And there is no gainsaying the fact
that Roosevelt strength has develop-
ed rapidly within the past month.
Had the convention been held pre-
viously to the results of the primaries
in Illinois and in Pennsylvania, there
is strong ground for the belief that
the President would have been nomi-
nated on the first ballot. During the
early days of the present campaign,
the belief was general that he would
succeed, and in this belief is shown
the tendency of the earlier delegates
elected to favor him. But the over-
whelming defeat of President Taft in
these two states exerted a powerful
moral effect upon the voters of other
states, as the idea began to take root
that Roosevelt might, after all, be
the favored candidate.

In forecasting the probable action
of the Chicago convention, however,
account must be taken of the bitter-
ness of the fight now on between
President Taft's friends and support-
ers, and the Roosevelt faction of the
party. The acrimonious utterances
that have engendered so much bit-
terness between the rival candidates
were first heard from the lips of the
former president, and in self-defense
the President was obliged to defend
himself and his party from these at-
tacks. The result has been just as
predicted. The gulf between these
factions of the party has widened to
such an extent that it is hardly prob-
able that either faction can be united
in support of the other candidate and
there is excellent ground for the be-
lief that, if defeated at the conven-
tion, and with President Taft nomi-
nated, Roosevelt will bolt and de-
nounce the action. One cannot arrive
at any other conclusion when one
remembers the abuse and vilification
that the Sage of Sagamore has heaped
upon his former friend. On the
other hand, should Roosevelt be nomi-
nated, it is more than probable that
a great number of President Taft's
friends would rally to his support for,
whatever else the standpatter may
be, he is a Republican, first, last and
all the time, and he will not follow
after false gods. But, whichever horn
of the dilemma you choose, the pros-
pect is not alluring for success in
November, should the Democrats
place a progressive candidate at the
head of their National ticket.

Therefore, we may see a repetition
of the fight of 1880 and a new Gar-
field may be forthcoming to lead the
Republican hosts to victory. It ap-
pears that such a man is an absolute
necessity if it is expected that the
wounds of the present campaign shall
be healed. The nominee must be a
man upon whom all factions of the
party may unite.

Steam roller methods will prevail
at the convention, it matters not
which faction shall eventually suc-
ceed in controlling that body. It
must be remembered that Roosevelt
is an expert at steam roller methods,
and if he shall succeed in manipulat-
ing the machine, it is certain that he
will ruthlessly override all opposition,
giving not a single concession any-
where. Such a course will not act as
healing balm for the gaping wounds
and will not have a tendency to unite
the party.

Dark horse talk is growing stronger
daily, and it now appears that such
a solution is the only pathway open
to the party leading from the
slough of dissension and turmoil to
the plane of victory in November.

While contemplating the row on in
the ranks of the Republican party it
is well not to lose sight of the fact
that the Democrats have a fair-sized
serap on themselves. With William
J. hinking about the country, taking
various and sundry "falls" out of
Gov. Harmon the while boasting for
Woodrow Wilson, and denying that
he himself is a candidate, and with
others pouring hot shot into the camp
of the Nebraskan, it is easy to see
that Democracy isn't a bed of roses
these days.

H. J. Parkinson, of Portland, the
lawyer who has made himself the
special dictator of the educational
institutions of the state of Oregon,
says that he has already drafted a
bill for the consolidation of the State
Agricultural college and the State
University. Of course he knows all
about it and what is best for both
institutions, but, notwithstanding, he
has actually agreed to withhold the
bill from circulation until after the
commission in whose hands the sub-
ject has been placed by Governor
West shall investigate and report.
Thus, by inference, this pettifogger
and drag on Oregon's educational
facilities proposes to introduce the
bill without regard to the real good
of the institutions, should the report
of the commission happen to be
against consolidation.

It now appears that the voters of
Oregon did a very unwise thing when
they cast their ballots to retire Sen-
ator Bourne to private life because,
forsooth, he is "the most ardent
champion of the parcels post in the
Senate." At last we have discovered
something that the senator from
Oregon has accomplished, or at
least that he has been trying to do,
although the measure he proposes is
of doubtful benefit to the country at
large. The Observer has opposed the
parcels post on general principles, for
the very good reason that it brings
the large catalogue houses closer to
the consumer and in more direct com-
petition with the country merchant.
Its tendency is toward centralization
and the survival of the large houses
at the expense of the small merchant.
When it shall become possible for the

Buy The Boy A
Suit

He needs it and he wants the
Base Ball and Bat and Glove that
goes FREE with EVERY SUIT.
We bought too heavy in Boys'
Suits this Spring and must re-
duce our stock, so we are giving
the boys most of our profits.
This Week We Will Give The

BIG BOYS

A little more for their money
than they can get anywhere else
in Dallas.

First---we will sell them a Summer Suit made by
such people as Hart, Shaffner & Marx and David
Marks & Sons (Don't pay \$15 for a suit that
the makers are afraid to put their name on.) at
a very reasonable price---\$15 and \$20. Then we
will give them FREE a nice Dress Shirt---Col-
lar and Tie---You can pick the Shirt from our
nobby line---You pick the Tie from our swell line
of 50c ties, and a "Silver" Collar.

Our Packard and American Gentlemen Shoes
are leaders. Don't wait too long and have to
buy a second-class shoe from a third class store
and depend on the clerks' little song of---
"Just as Good--"

Holeproof Hose---soft and easy and guar-
anteed to wear 25c

Summer Time Is
Here

Also The Finest Line of White
Goods Ever Brought to Dallas.
Marquesetts, Lawns, DIMITIES,
Soisetts, Flaxons, in Plain White
and Dainty Figures 15c to 50c
White and Colored Parasols, in
all the latest shades and shapes.
The latest is in plain White and
Tan with dainty border to match
the color of your suit.

SOME NEW WAISTS
JUST RECEIVED

The new Crash Waist with Military
Collar - - - - - \$1.50
Voile Waist, very dainty and very
latest in Summer wear - - - \$1.75
Embroidered Voile Waist with Petula. You
must see these waists to know
their value - - - - - \$3.00
Knit and Embroidery Hand Bags to
match your suit, 25c to - - - \$1.50

Don't forget we have a nice line of Ladies' Suits
fitted and guaranteed to fit by our expert dress
maker---and our prices are right. We believe
in Honest Goods at Honest Prices---Your Money's
Worth---the first of the season as well as the last

Dallas Mercantile Co.

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

large city houses to mail their cheap
goods at small cost to the buyer in
all parts of the country, the country
merchant will go out of business for
the very good reason that he cannot
compete with them on an equal basis.

With a total of 40 measures to be
voted on at the fall elections, and
with still more threatening, the lot of
the conscientious elector in Novem-
ber is going to be an unenviable one.
Among this mass of proposed legisla-
tion is one which practically elimi-
nates the constitution and substitutes
an output of the U'Ren law factory.
It is beyond the bounds of reason to
suppose that everyone who will vote
on these proposed measures will un-
derstand fully all of them. Yet the
workings of the Oregon system, as
at present constituted, leaves the de-
cision as to the most important mat-
ters of government, the perpetuity of
our most sacred institutions in the
hands of the great mass of the voters
who must cast their ballot, to a cer-
tain extent without being fully in-
formed in the premises. Not that the
average man doesn't care, or hasn't
the intelligence, but simply because
it would be a physical impossibility for
the average individual to fully in-
form himself regarding them.

COURT HOUSE PICK-UPS

Court Hous, Real Estate Transfers,
Farm Names Filed and Other News
Briefly Told.

Farm Names Registered.
Joseph E. Getz—Bide-a-wee—R.R.
1, Dallas, Oregon.
Marriage Licenses.
Roscoe W. Ballantyne to Blanche
Day.
Real Estate.
Charles N. Elyen to C. H. Craw-
ford (bill of sale), half interest in
saloon business, \$10.
W. T. Campbell to Isabella Boyd-

ston, w. d., lot 8 in block 6, Henry
Hill's town of Independence. 10.
Lydia M. Wilson to Chris Hosh,
lot 3, block 18, Dallas Land Improve-
ment Co.'s add to Dallas, w. d., \$750.
Mary E. Roe to W. E. Kurz, w. d.,
lot 8 in block 6, Levens' LaCreole
Homestead add to Dallas, \$1000.
Thomas Thompson to James R.
Chapman, w. d., \$1000.
Anna Mulkey to Minnie Crickson,
w. d., lot in block 3, F. S. Powell's
subdiv. of out lot 3, Monmouth, \$100.
Mary McCarthy to Hartley Mulkey,
w. d., lots 2 and 3 in block 5, in
Monmouth, \$800.
Louisa Kester to Mary Halverson,
w. d., lots 12, 13, 14, 15, in block 2
of outlot 4, Monmouth, \$300.
W. H. Dalrymple to Mary Ziegan,
w. d., 15 acres in tp. 7s, r. 3w. \$1600.
Lott D. Brown to Frank Brown,
deed, 105 acres in tp. 8s, r. 5w. \$1.
Robert Howe to Jos. Mortimer,
w. d., 28.61 acres in tp. 6s, r. 5w. \$2500.
John L. Riggs to Barton Z. Riggs,
w. d., land in Dallas Imp. Co. add
to Dallas, \$10.
John L. Riggs to Ralph P. Riggs,
w. d., lot 6 in block 11, Conkey's 2d
add to Dallas, \$1.
Mary R. Rutherford to August
Muckenheim, w. d., lot 24 in block A,
West Salem, \$300.
Henry Section to Lucinda Baldwin,
part of lots 5 and 6 in block 2, Henry
Hills add, to Independence, \$10.
James H. Wilson to S. C. Wilson,
w. d., lots 6, 7, 8, 9, in sec. 25, tp. 9s,
r. 8w. \$1.
Empire Investment Co. to Lina
Peterson, lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, in block
7, and lot 12 in block 2, Sheridan
Vice Acres, w. d., \$565.
C. L. Adams to Dollie Hacker, w.
d., 5 in West Salem, \$950.
Samuel Tetherow to I. M. Wagner,
44 acres in tp. 8s, r. 5w. \$10.
Leta Baker to F. R. Bowersox, w.
d., lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, in block 1, of
outlot 4, Monmouth, \$10.
David C. Heistand to L. T. Moffitt,
w. d., 28 acres in tp. 8s, r. 5w. \$1.
Clearview Orchard Co. to W. R.
Sinclair, lot 19 in block 2, Clearview
Orchards, (land contract), \$1440.
Probate.
Estate of William Wallace Col-

lins; admitted to probate. Mary Le-
titia Collins appointed administratrix.
Bond fixed at \$1600. Letters to issue
on filing approved bond in said sum.
Estate of Walter Bobbitt. Final
discharge of administratrix entered.
Estate of Jabez Thurston. Will
admitted to probate. William Corby
appointed executor. Letters to issue
on filing approved bond in sum of
\$10,600.
William Wallace Collins. Bond of
administratrix filed and approved.
Estate of Frank Barden. Report
of sale of real estate filed and set for
hearing May 27, 1912, at 10 a. m.
Estate of William Wallace Collins.
L. L. Conger, C. J. DeArmond and
A. Fleckinger appointed appraisers.
Estate of Jabez Thurston. Bond
filed and approved. Letters testa-
mentary issued to William Corley.
Ed DeArmond, Ralph E. Collins and
Joseph C. Smith appointed apprais-
ers.

New Library Books.

The following new books are now in
the rental circulation at the Library:
Mother, by Morris.
The Old Nest, by Hughes.
Riders of the Purple Sage, Grey.

Fairview School News.

The pupils and patrons of this dis-
trict are coming to the front and lin-
ing up with the other progressive
communities of the county, and will
soon have their school numbered
among those of the "standard" type.
A basket social will be given Fri-
day evening, May 17, to raise funds
for making the necessary changes for
the lighting facilities and sidewalks.
Supervisor H. H. Parsons visited
the school Wednesday, and added five
stars to the standard certificate, this
leaving only the three for lighting,
walks and attendance, the latter being
almost to the per cent required. He
seemed quite pleased with the work
of the pupils and assured them that
their efforts would be a means of
making this a standard school.
The two pupils who took the final
eighth grade examination feel quite
certain that they have passed with a
good grade.

There are 17 pupils in attendance,
and all except the one in the ninth
grade, who has just completed her
grade work, and expects to be present
every day.

Why Experiment.

When Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey has
been tried with satisfaction for over
sixteen years in millions of homes for
coughs, colds, croup and all throat
and bronchial troubles. You can get
it anywhere. Look for the bell on
the bottle. Sold by Conrad Stutgen.

Special Announcement.

Our store will remain open until
8:30 p. m. on week days and until 11
p. m. on Saturdays until after our big
sale, now on, is over.
WM. HERZOG.

GOOD NEWS.

Many Dallas Readers Have Read
It and Profited Thereby.
"Good news travels fast," and the
thousands of bad back sufferers in
Dallas are glad to learn that prompt
relief is within their reach. Many of
lame, weak and aching back is bad no
more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills.
Thousands upon thousands of people
are telling the good news of their ex-
perience with the old Quaker Remedy.
Here is an example worth read-
ing:
Mrs. Ella Rogers, 405 Grant St.,
McMinnville, Ore., says: "For some
time I suffered from kidney com-
plaint. I had such severe backaches
that I could hardly get around and
sick headaches often laid me up in
bed. I was not certain as to the
cause of my trouble but finally began
using Doan's Kidney Pills and was
greatly relieved. The contents of
two boxes restored my kidneys to a
normal condition and relieved my
aches and pains. I am now in good
health and for that reason gladly
recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."
For sale by all dealers. Price 25
cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo,
New York, sole agents for the United
States.
Remember the name—Doan's—and
take no other.