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

"SOMETHING UP THEIR SLEEVE"

Recent developments at Chicago, which is just now the center of all eyes of the nation, indicate that the Roosevelt men have, in the language of the street, "something up their sleeve." It seems incredible that the colonel's leaders should lay down without even the semblance of a struggle in so many of the contests that are being decided again; him. Veiled threats and mysterious statements made by those of the colonel's henchmen who are on the "inside," or who are at least credited with being next to things, seems to bear out the belief that there is something doing in Chicago which is not yet apparent on the surface.

It is reasonable to suppose that the Roosevelt men are not taking the public into their confidence just now. With an overwhelming majority against them in the national committee, and the certain indication that, so far as the committee is concerned, it will seat enough of the Taft delegates to either insure his nomination on the first ballot, or to place him in the lead in the balloting, the Roosevelt men must depend upon other methods to control the convention and nominate their man. They have declared that they will be able to do this. Every one of them, from the most obscure follower of the Sage of Sagamore to the mighty Ormsby McHarg, have, or seem to, the utmost confidence in the ultimate success of their movement. They may be whistling to keep up their courage and, again, they may not. They may have the goods. Theodore Roosevelt is no ordinary fighter. As a politician he is about the smoothest article that ever happened. He cares nothing for precedent or established custom. He disregards all precedents and all customs when they don't happen to favor him. He creates precedent himself. He builds up a straw man, then kicks him over, and builds him up again. He says he "may go to Chicago," which is tantamount to declaring that he will be there.

What is the real Roosevelt program? Nobody appears to know. Or, if they do, they are keeping quiet about it. In looking about for an explanation of the apparent acquiescence of the colonel's supporters in the Taft program, one is inevitably attracted to the Southern delegates. It appears that President Taft must depend upon all of them remaining true to the administration in order to win. But, will they stick? Aye, there's the rub. Ormsby McHarg made an extensive trip through the South in the colonel's interest, and arranged for the various contests which have so far been thrown out. While in that territory he may have "arranged" for other things with the regularly elected Taft delegates. It is an open secret that the Southern delegate cares absolutely nothing for the man or the principles he represents. All that looks good to him is the nice, red bandwagon, and he doesn't care a hoot who drives it. He only wants a comfortable seat thereon, and he wants to hold his fat Federal job. Nobody believes for a minute that, if it shall become apparent that Taft cannot win but that Roosevelt can, these Southern delegates elected by Taft conventions and instructed for him will remain true to their pledges; they will desert his cause like drowning rats from a sinking ship and hustle aboard the Roosevelt carriage.

The Taft men may employ the same methods used by Hitchcock in 1908, and these men may promise to stick, but let the tide swing toward Roosevelt and see how rapidly they will change their minds. In many of the national Republican conventions of the past the South has held the balance of power, and it appears that the present is no exception to the rule.

It is probable that the managers of President Taft's interests are fully aware of the impending danger that lurks in the unwonted passiveness of the Roosevelt men. They are experienced politicians themselves and do not intend to be caught napping. They, too, may have something "up their sleeve," but reports so far do not indicate it. The program of the president's supporters is apparently well defined and it is not difficult to forecast their probable action, especially in the knowledge of past performances for they are moving solemnly along the lines of established

precedent and usages made lawful by many years of accepted custom.

The Roosevelt boosters, however, are free lances. They are not hampered by any such restrictions and, under the direction of their spectacular leader, wise is the individual who can forecast their action, or encompass the far-reaching effectiveness of their dark lantern methods. They are students of the psychological moment, with all that the term implies, and are not novices in original schemes to overthrow their opponents.

The city council of Salem has gone on record as favoring a new bridge over the Willamette river, to take the place of the one now in use. Of course the city council of Salem doesn't intend to build the bridge with the city's cash. Hardly. They are engineering a scheme to induce the taxpayers of Polk and Marion counties to pay the greater portion of the cost, intending to reap the benefit. In order to manufacture sentiment for a new bridge, the city of Salem has employed experts to examine the structure and, as was expected, it has been reported unsafe. So far as The Observer's information goes it may be in bad condition, and a new bridge may be needed, but this newspaper is opposed to the construction of a new bridge and the saddling of a large debt upon the taxpayers of Polk county, merely to benefit Salem merchants. If the city of Salem wants a new bridge over the river, what's the matter with the city of Salem paying for it; or at least a large portion of it? Much the largest portion, in fact. The bridge is entirely within the corporate limits of the city and a considerable section of the city is growing upon the west side of the river, and will soon become one of Salem's most important additions. Why, then, should the taxpayers of Polk county be required to dig up a substantial portion of their coin, adding to the present heavy burden of taxation, merely to pay for a handsome new structure in Salem, which benefits that city much more than any other community?

Theodore seems about to renege on that declaration that he would not visit the Chicago convention, and he now says he "may go." In other words, if things don't go to suit him—and from present appearances they will not—he'll hitch up and drive over to Chicago and straighten things out. The bluff and bluster is oozing out of T. R.'s campaign. The Southern contests so far contested proved of no value, whatever, even his own supporters voting to sustain the Taft members of the National committee in deciding against the Roosevelt delegates. Yet the colonel never fails to give vent to one of his characteristic explosions whenever a contest is decided against him, regardless of the merits of the case. "Liars," "robbers," "renegades," "brigands," and "thieves" have been so long the chief words in the colonel's vocabulary that it must be difficult to cool down sufficiently to play with the pup.

It ought to be somebody's business in this man's town to mow the rank growth of grass and weeds along the sidewalks in the residence districts. In some sections of the city the grass and weeds are so high that they nearly meet over the sidewalks, and it is impossible for a person to pass along the street, when the grass is wet, without getting thoroughly soaked. The Observer may not know anything about it, but it appears that the use of some sort of cutting implement which would lay the weeds and grass low would be a mighty big step in the line of civic improvement. Such a condition on the residence streets is a disgrace to the city.

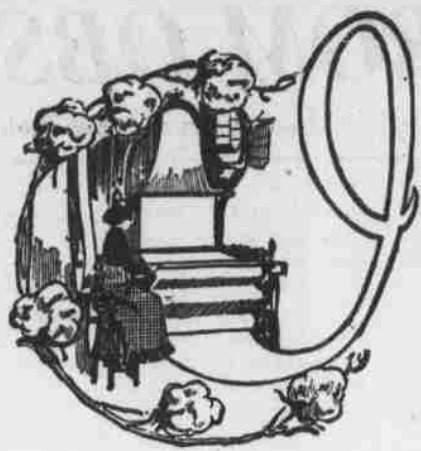
The first expense after you buy your auto is to invest in a pair of gauntlet gloves. And there is no restriction as to size. The fellow with the coughing "one-lunger" generally sports as large a pair as the man with the six-cylinder touring car.

A highly commendable editorial taken from the Sheridan Sun was printed in these columns last Tuesday and erroneously credited to the Sheridan "News." This was a flagrant error, and Bro. Hamstreet has our most humble apology.

OBSERVATIONS

(By J. D. Winn.)

How a man or woman can be content to live a lifetime without being able to write their own name, is more than we are able to understand. If there was any plausible excuse for such ignorance, it would be different, but there are none. The old story that my parents were too poor to send me to school, won't hold together. Any boy or girl can acquire an education, if they will only try. The proper thing to do is to not wait for an opening, but begin in any small way that presents itself. Practice self-reliance and economy. Do not spend your earnings for something that does not yield a return. Be thorough and faithful in whatever you undertake. Procure every advantage within your reach for strengthening the intellect. Let the mind be trained and disciplined, for the hard problems that are sure to present themselves. Select good books, cut out dime novels and trashy literature. Self-discipline must be practiced by every one who would succeed. This will accomplish more than eloquence, or the most brilliant talents. An ordinary mind, well disciplined, will



June White Sale

Our June White Sale is an Enthusiastic Success!

We predict that this Mid-Summer White-Wear Event will prove to be one of the most important we've ever held. The interest expressed by our patrons during the past few days was so enthusiastic, and the volume of purchases so large, that we do not hesitate to make this prophecy.

But—there must be some basis for this prophecy aside from the fact that purchases were large and numerous. We base this prophecy entirely on the knowledge of the superior quality merchandise that is involved in the sale and the exceptionally attractive prices with which these goods are marked.

In this June White Sale all kinds of white wear are included—both ready-to-wear apparel and yard goods. And stocks of every line are noteworthy, because they are the broadest we have shown this season—and because thoroughly good qualities are the only kind represented.

Prices, too, are worthy of especial note, as the following will prove:



White Waists

Regular Price

\$1.25 to \$1.75

June Sale Price

95 Cents

About 150 waists in this lot. Every one new, crisp and up-to-date.

We Are Overstocked On

Ladies' White Handbags and Purses

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On All White Bags

A Big Reduction

On Many Lines of Our

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If you haven't bought that summer dress, or want another one now is your chance.

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ETC.,

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That Talk



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Dont forget our Men and Boys Suits. For a few days we will give 20 percent discount on any suit in the store. Fine Line—Hart Schaffner & Marx—David Marks & Sons, all on Sale.

accomplish more in the end than will the most highly educated mind; and the greatest talents, without self-control. We should be careful in choosing our associates, never losing sight of the fact that influence is a power, either for good or evil. Every soul is surrounded by an atmosphere of its own; it may be charged with courage, hope, and sweet with the fragrance of love. Or it may be heavy and chilled with the gloom of discontent and selfishness. Read good books and you will become so wrapped up in them that you will have little or no time for idlers, and what is better still, you will be surprised, at the knowledge you are sure to gain at little or no expense.
Buena Vista, Or., June 10.

FLAG DAY ON FRIDAY

All Patriotic People Urged to Display the National Emblems and Encourage Respect for Banner.

Today, June 14, is "Flag Day," and ceremonies befitting the occasion will be held in every city of the country. Especially is this true where Elk's lodges exist as observance of the day is one of the tenets of this intensely patriotic and thoroughly American order. All citizens are urged to display the Stars and Stripes from their places of business and their homes. Flag Day is becoming a national institution, and especially on the Pacific coast, it will have an added significance in view of the many insults that have been heaped upon the American emblem of liberty by the red handed anarchists and their sympathizers the execrable I. W. W. during the past few months. Get out your flag today.

SPECIAL RATES FOR PICNIC

S. F. C. & W. Makes Provision to Accommodate Rickreall Crowds.

Reduced rates and special train service which will apply to the big school picnic to be held at Rickreall on June 15, have been published by the Salem, Falls City & Western railway, as follows:
Round trip tickets to Rickreall will be sold from Dallas for 30 cents; West Salem, 45 cents; Falls City, 80 cents; children half fare of the above schedule.

Date of sale: Saturday, June 15, 1912.

Train Service and Limits: Tickets will be sold for any train arriving Rickreall on Saturday, June 15, 1912.

Special train leaves Falls City 8:30 a. m., Dallas 9:00 a. m., arriving at Rickreall 9:15 a. m.

Regular train leaves West Salem 9:00 a. m., arriving at Rickreall at 9:24 a. m.

Special train leaves Rickreall at 5:00 p. m., arriving West Salem at 5:24 p. m.

Special train leaves Rickreall 6:00 p. m., arriving Dallas at 6:15 p. m., Falls City 6:50 p. m.

Tickets will be good for continuous passage only and limited for return to date of sale, Saturday, June 15, 1912.

New Year Book.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has just issued its 1911 Agricultural Year Book—a bound volume of several hundred pages, containing much interesting and instructive information regarding agriculture, horticulture, stock raising, etc. Each senator and representative has copies of this Year Book for distribution and any farmer can secure a copy by sending to one of the members of the Oregon delegation.

Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that all Polk county warrants presented and endorsed "Not paid for want of funds" will be paid upon presentation at my office. No interest will be allowed after date of this notice.

Dated at my office in Dallas, Oregon, this 4th day of June, 1912.

TRACY STAATS,
County Treasurer.

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Mrs. M. A. McLaughlin, 512 Jay St., LaCrosse, Wis., writes that she suffered all kinds of pains in her back and hips on account of kidney trouble and rheumatism. "I got some of Foley Kidney Pills and after taking them for a few days there was a wonderful change in my case, for the pain entirely left my back and hips and I am thankful there is such a medicine as Foley Kidney Pills." Sold by Conrad Stafrin.

Trespass notices, weather proof, for sale at The Observer Job office

No Danger

In taking Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey for coughs and colds. It contains no habit producing drugs. Look for the Bell on the Bottle. Sold by Conrad Stafrin.

—Dallas Wood Yards, Koplak Coal and Wood; 16 inch and 4-foot wood delivered to any part of the city promptly on telephone call. Office 324; residence 663.

W. L. BARBER, Dealer.

Helped to Keep Down Expenses.

Mrs. J. E. Henry, Akron, Mich., tells how she did so. "I was bothered with my kidneys and had to go nearly double. I tried a sample of Foley Kidney Pills and they did me so much good that I bought a bottle, and feel that they saved me a big doctor's bill." Sold by Conrad Stafrin.

R. Lee Wood and C. R. Matthews prominent business men of the Amity district, were Dallas visitors Monday

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