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

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

What's the matter with things, anyway?

We have heard so much lately regarding our hopeless condition, and the yawning chasm of oblivion just before us, that many of us have come to believe that some terrible calamity is about to overtake us as a nation, and plunge the whole shooting match over the brink.

We hear about the activity of "the interests" and the "grinding down" of the common people who are urged to arise in their wrath and smite somebody with a most awful smite.

But who and what are the "interests," anyway? Can anybody explain? Show us this monster that we may rid the world of its presence and free mankind from its impending doom. If the "common people" are being "ground" they should know it and get away from the mill stones.

We are certainly in a most awful condition in this free America, now aren't we? We look about us with unprejudiced eyes, vainly seeking for signs of the trouble, but we fail to find them. We do discover, however, that the man who works, or who employs the talents that God gave him to the best of his ability, is getting along. Each year sees a little more added to his nest egg and in a few more years he will have paid for his home and will be free from debt. He has no fault to find with the world and its treatment, yet, when he harkens to the wall of the fellows who are out, and want in, he learns that he is in a most deplorable condition. He is being "ground down" and the fact that he doesn't know it, doesn't alter the terrible reality that others profess to see so clearly.

The skilled mechanic who, years ago, was content to work 10 hours or more for a daily wage of \$2.00, now receives \$4.00 and even \$5.00 and \$6.00 for eight hours, yet he is told that the "interests" have got him in their devouring embrace. He has a nice little home on a nice little street; the roses are blooming around his shady porch, and his rosy faced and healthy children play on the velvety grass on his close cut lawn. His ways are cast in pleasant places. He enjoys his work and he enjoys his home and his associations. It is paid for. And he has earned every cent of it, because he has been willing to give his ability and his industry in return for the salary that his employer hands him. Yet, he hears the soap box orator on the corner who never worked a day in his life, if he could possibly avoid it, and who hasn't a home and wouldn't know how to appreciate one, anyway, how about the menace of the "interests." He opens his newspaper and reads more about the "interests." He learns that his favorite political party is controlled by them and he reads a speech by a celebrated spellbinder, who wants office, who declares that only his own success means freedom of the people from the galling yoke of capital. He hears about the horrible "interests" on the streets, at the club, anywhere but, somehow, he can't really see where the trouble is, but there must be trouble because "they" say so.

What is the matter, anyway? Did you ever see a man who is industrious, who is intelligent, and who employs his industry and his talents judiciously, who isn't getting on in the world? Where is the man today who has these attainments and is "working at it" who is not growing more independent year by year? The industrious, progressive, mind-his-own-business sort of fellow isn't really worrying about the "interests." When he pauses and, in retrospective mood, contemplates the many advantages he and his family enjoy now in comparison with the conditions as his forebears found them, he knows that he has much to be thankful for. He knows that the pendulum of time has brought him added advantages which he has been enabled to secure in proportion as he has been willing to employ his abilities, and he also understands that those who go through life under the belief that the "world owes them a living" and spend their time in deploring conditions which permit one man to gain wealth, while another

must exist in poverty, are the ones who fear the "interests" and who would change things so that he may indolently pass his days in the enjoyment of wealth that others' industry and ability have created.

There's nothing the matter with this country. The people generally are prosperous. Everybody has a dollar or two in his pocket and is able to indulge in an occasional luxury for himself and his family. Successful men are not worrying about impending calamity for them or their country. They go right on attending to their own business, industriously accumulating more and more of this world's goods, and making their homes and their loved ones happier, while the soap box orators and the indolent incompetents spend the hours in finding fault with everybody and everything.

Every man is the architect of his own destiny. If he succeeds it's because he has employed the talents that God gave him, judiciously and well; if he fails, he has only himself to blame.

What's the matter, anyway?

DISSATISFIED WITH PROSPERITY.

"An old epitaph runs in this fashion: 'I was well, wanted to be better, took medicine, and here I am.' A considerable part of the 15,000,000 voters of the United States, though hardly a majority, are apparently ready to censure the party that controlled all departments of the government from 1897 until the present House was elected," says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "That was a period of sixteen years, and the executive branch is still Republican. What will Republicans have to say for themselves if called on to deliver the keys to another party on March 4 next? It will be something better than was ever said before under such circumstances. How stands the treasury at this moment? By the end of the month, which is also the end of the fiscal year, the surplus will be considerable.

"During the sixteen years all American dollars were made as good as gold. The war with Spain was fought and paid for. It is needless to go into the details of the resulting territorial expansion. Nor is it required to give a long table, expressed in billions, of the general progress of the country. Tested at any point the answer is the same. Business is active all along the line, and the masses are steadily employed at good wages. What a contrast with 1897. In that year the Republicans took hold, with promises to improve the situation in all respects. They have fulfilled the pledge more amply than was expected. Good times were restored, and so thoroughly that the building of the Panama Canal became possible. This link between the oceans looked in 1896 like a dream of the distant future. If there must be a temporary Republican valedictory—which is improbable—it will be a thrilling review of great achievements."

T. R. has often declared that he is "a better warrior than a prophet" but it will have to be admitted that his course at Chicago last week didn't indicate any great generalship. It is agreed that, had he remained away from the convention city and permitted his leaders to handle things, he might have been the nominee of the Republican party. But he rushed to the scene of battle believing, in his monumental egotism, that he alone could straighten things out, and he made a mess of the whole business. Urged on by such firebrands as Heney and Johnson, his every move was a mistake so far as his own campaign was concerned when, had he obeyed the advice of Borah and Hadley, the result might have been vastly different. But his bluff and bluster availed him not when the test came.

Well, there is one yeoman service that the proposed new "progressive party" will render the Republicans of the nation—it will offer a safe abiding place for Francis J. Heney, Gifford Pinchot, James A. Garfield and others of the bunch. The Republican party will be much better purged of their presence and affiliation. They can have Senator Bourne too.

It is noticeable that none of the candidates for United States senator are "talking much" for publication, just now.

Now, You Stop.

The Observer editor now accuses us of jealousy because we replied to him after his sticking his nose into our private business. We have never yet had occasion to in any way be jealous of the Observer, although sometimes we have thought it might be well to try and acquire their peculiar ability to misstate facts and brag about nothing.

The Scarehead has more to say about us this week, but of so little worth that a reply would but lower us to its level.—Polk County Itemizer.

Oh, my goodness!

Visited Picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Soehren visited relatives at Brownsville last week and attended the annual picnic at that place, returning home Saturday. Mr. Soehren stated that an immense crowd was present at the picnic and that the rainfall was much heavier there than in Dallas and vicinity. He says when he left Brownsville on Saturday the roads were simply oceans of mud.

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.

DON'T KNOCK THE KNOCKER

English Language Insufficient to Do Subject Justice.

Editor Observer: Will you please tell us by what right you attack one of the institutions of the Willamette valley in such a rude manner as you adopt in your editorial of the issue of the 18th?

Do you not know that it is the God given privilege of some people to knock the rest of us poor mortals who have no more sense than to try to be progressive? Of course the knocker in Dallas is in a hopeless minority, but that doesn't make any difference if the knocker has the disposition of a house, you must put up with him because a wise law makes it as much of a crime to kill him, as to kill a decent man.

You must let the knocker have access to your private office whenever he wishes, and tell him your business and let him knock because he is a good fellow—almost as good a fellow as a polecat.

He knows he is not telling the truth when he says the country is all run out, and worn out, but if he told why he does not get a crop the same as his neighbor he would explain the reason why the bosom of his trousers wears out first, every time.

The knocker is not any more numerous in the Willamette valley than he is anywhere else, in fact, not quite so numerous as in some places, but he is just as persistent in thrusting his malodorous personality into society of real humans, and deserves as much recognition as is given a coyote—almost.

You must not knock the knocker Mister man, because, in the first place, the English language handicaps you; it is too poor in cuss words. In the second place, it is as useless to try to purify him as to try to cleanse a buzzard's nest.

Let him go, he will die some day and the air will be better to breathe in this world but worse in—well the place prepared for the descendants of Annanias.

BOOSTER.

DENOMINATIONS MAY UNITE SCHOOLS.

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las and Philomath colleges. These institutions represent an investment of more than \$100,000—Dallas College \$50,000 and Philomath \$56,000—and they have about the same number of students. The movement has the sanction of the leading bishops of the three denominations. Bishop Bryfogle, of the Evangelical Association, declared union is the opportunity for the three denominations in Oregon to found a great Christian College. There was no opposition in the conference, the report being adopted unanimously.

"The commissioners were instructed to carry out the plans for the union college. Where the union college will be located is an open question at present."

Declaration of Federation.
"We, the representatives of the Oregon conference of the United Evangelical church, the United Brethren church, and the Evangelical association, being duly elected by the various organizations which we represent, to serve as commissioners to formulate plans for the further prosecution of our educational work on the Pacific coast, do rejoice in the spirit of unity which has made this commission possible. We recognize the wisdom of combining our forces to conserve, in the largest degree, the interest and efficiency of our educational work; and we also gratefully recognize the guidance of the Divine hand in bringing us together in a way whereby we may better meet the larger demand made by the standardization of our Oregon colleges and by the greater needs of the Kingdom of God.

"We therefore make the following declaration of federation:

"1. That we do hereby, severally and together, declare ourselves unqualifiedly in favor of the federation of our educational work on the Pacific Coast, by the organization of one college, which shall be the successor to the two collegiate institutions hitherto maintained at Philomath and at Dallas respectively, and which shall be owned and controlled by the three churches represented in this commission.

"2. That we favor the consummation of this federation not later than September 1, 1913.

"3. That we proceed to formulate terms and conditions hereafter to be ratified by the bodies which constituted this commission."

Committee on Location.
A committee which will have charge of the important question of location, and which shall decide the matter, has been appointed and consists of the following three members: Dr. C. C. Poling, Portland; J. A. Goode, Portland; F. W. Jones, Corvallis. The president of the federation is Bishop Wm. M. Bell, of Los Angeles, of the United Brethren church; Prof. D. M. Metzger, of Dallas, is secretary.

"The federation of these colleges and the uniting of these three churches in educational work will mean one of the largest independent



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schools in Oregon," declared Prof. Metzger who returned Monday night from Portland, "and I am extremely anxious that it be located in Dallas. The committee on location has suggested that the people of this city formulate some plan or proposition covering what may be done here to ward securing the location of the federated college and, if so desired, the committee will visit the city and confer with those interested in the matter."

To Visit Falls City.

Several members of Marmion lodge Knights of Pythias are planning to visit Falls City lodge on Thursday night, when the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of the grand lodge of Oregon will make an official visit to that lodge. It is probable that the Knights will go up in autos and the committee having that matter in charge is now busy rustling up those who desire to go.

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Wedding Announcement.

The wedding of Laura Berg and James Otis Foster has been announced for Wednesday, June 26. The ceremony will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Berg, 1002 Hayter street.

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CELEBRATION GETS CUT RATE

S. F. C. & W. Makes Favorable Schedule for Falls City July 4.

For the Fourth of July celebration at Falls City, the following round trip rates are authorized to Falls City from stations named:

West Salem, \$1.25; Dallas, 50c; Black Rock, 25c.

Date of sale, Thursday, July 4, 1912.

Train service and limit: In addition to regular train service, special train will leave West Salem 8:30 a.

m., Dallas 9:10 a. m., arrive Falls City 9:45 a. m. On second trip leave West Salem 12:45 p. m., Dallas 1:25 p. m., arrive Falls City 2:00 p. m. Return leave Falls City 6:30 p. m., arrive Dallas 7:00 p. m., West Salem 7:45 p. m. Special train leave Black Rock 8:45 a. m., arrive Falls City 9:00 p. m. On second trip leave Black Rock 1:00 p. m., arrive Falls City 1:15 p. m. Return leave Falls City 6:30 p. m., arrive Black Rock 6:50 p. m. Tickets will be sold for any train carrying passengers, arriving at Falls City on Thursday, July 4. Tickets will be good for continuous passage in each direction and limited for return to date of sale, Thursday, July 4. Children of half fare age at half rates.

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