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The way to build up Dallas is to put "never had no chance" people.

"NEVER HAD NO CHANCE."

Capital punishment scored a masterly triumph the other day in the New York state penitentiary at Sing Sing when seven condemned murderers were shocked to death in the electric chair. The reading of the details of that execution ought to bring delight to the advocates of the death penalty. No one man murder here. This was execution by the wholesale; legalized murder for seven in a row and as rapidly as the machinery of death would permit. Five of the men officially murdered died protesting their innocence and the last words of two of the victims were "I never had no chance." And possibly they didn't. Ignorant, untutored foreigners, raised in the slums, without money, and with no friends who could speak the English language, they were tried for murder, convicted and sentenced to death. They were hustled all the way. Their arrest was promptly made, their trial was speedy, and the death sentence was assured all of them from the first. For the police must make a record. Small matter whether or not they were innocent. They didn't amount to much anyway, and the murder must be avenged. The outraged law must kill somebody and why not these ignorant foreigners. Without friends and funds they could not take advantage of the many technicalities which our wonderfully constructed legal procedure permits those who can pay. If the men had been wealthy, they would probably be alive today and every advantage of delay and postponement would have been theirs.

One of the victims was a mere boy and his prayer, "Jesus Christ I hope" was forever stilled when the current of death shot through his body. Near by, in that death chamber, relatives of the woman killed, and others who had officiated at the trial, stood calmly and watched the snuffing out of seven lives. News dispatches do not tell us how the slight affected them, but the spectacle must have been inspiring, and a triumph for those who believe that legal murder is the only way to treat the criminal. As each cringing human wreck was strapped to the death chair, the current was turned on and the bodies stiffened against the straps until they appeared and with the usual record, the air was filled with the odor of burning human flesh!

Great spectacle for those who stood near, wasn't it? Splendid commentary upon our boasted citizenship, and our Twentieth century enlightenment! But the legal killer made a record. He murdered seven men by the law's decree in a shorter time than the job was ever done before and he prides himself upon that fact. He says that there are 11 other murderers condemned to death in Sing Sing and, while the dispatches do not say so, it is probable that he will try to kill these in less time, per head, than was used in the execution of the seven.

But the thought that appeals is the cry of the condemned, "I never had no chance." We cannot avoid that appeal, we cannot escape responsibility for taking that human life. The victim of these men, if they are guilty, is turning to dust in the tomb, and because of that we send seven more lives to the Great Beyond. The states of an unjust and unreasonable law summons into the presence of the God who gave it, the souls of these men, and we justify our action by the authority of a man-made statute. Then, there is always the thought, no matter how conclusive the circumstantial evidence may have been, that possibly these men were innocent. "They never had no chance" because they were poor, ignorant, without friends. Possibly they might have been able to escape the chair if they had "a chance." Possibly they could have created a reasonable doubt in the minds of one of the jurors if they had been of prepossessing appearance and of some influence in the community. Such things go a long way in a murder trial, however much we may deny it. Who can say how often thoughts of the effects of a legal murder, of the possible suffering of a dependent widow and a family, have influenced the juror in voting to free the accused from a legal death. But these men were unknown, their miserable lives of no value, and therefore they "had no chance."

They have been legally murdered and the law has been upheld. "Justice" has been done the victim of the crime and the men who have been instrumental in the execution probably imagine that they are shining examples of the enlightened laws under which we live. While those who managed the killing of these seven are blameless in a way, for the law makes it their duty to kill when the law so directs, the people who permit such measures to remain on the statutes are the ones who are morally responsible.

"I never had no chance" should be made the motto of the opponents of legal murder.

THE KANSAS SITUATION.

One Mr. T. Roosevelt, head and tail of the Bull Moose, has been enthusiastic in his support of the direct primary as a means of giving all of the people a voice in government, and he has declared, time without number, that only by means of the primary could the ideal form of gov-

ernment be attained. So far, so good. It is significant, however, that the primary is only acceptable when it serves his purpose, when it doesn't, or aids the other man in securing office, other means of promulgating his influence are not below his ethics, it appears. In Kansas which gave the country Populism and Jerry Simpson, and Mrs. Leese and a few other frothy reformers, a fierce battle was recently waged in a state wide primary election for the nomination of candidates for state and county offices, and among them were two prominent men aspirants for the nomination for United States senator. One was Senator Curtis, present incumbent and a supporter of President Taft, the other was Kansas' contribution to the Progressives, one Stubbs, the present chief executive. The fight was very close but, on the face of the returns, Senator Curtis had more than 2,000 majority of the popular vote over Stubbs, while Stubbs has carried the majority of the legislative districts. Under the old plan of electing United States senators, a majority of the legislature would, of course, insure election, but it was to obviate this apparent injustice that the preferential primary was extended to the choice of these officials. Therefore, Senator Curtis should be returned from Kansas to succeed himself.

But hardly. He isn't a supporter of the Great Bull Moose and so the alleged "Progressives" declare that "Stubbs will be elected by the legislature to succeed Curtis." They have the votes to do it, and that they will probably try, yet what about the verdict of the people? How about "stealing" a seat in the United States senate from the people of Kansas? It appears that Statement No. 1 would be a mighty good addition to the laws of the Sunflower state, if the man nominated or selected by it, are not to be chosen?

And to think that this great party (7) headed by this one true, brand-blown-in-the-bottle reformer, his disciple of the "plain people" (at the expense of the Harvester trust) should thus early in their career give evidence of their intention of overthrowing the will of the majority of Kansas voters, by electing to the United States senate a defeated candidate, chiefly because he is a worshiper of the Great Bull Moose? We don't believe Bill Flinn or Francis Heney will stand for it.

The Observer does not believe that the good people of Rickreall or Derry, need worry over the possible change of the name of the fruit station at the suggestion of the fruit company. In the first place Derry is not adjacent, nor does it border on the holdings recently acquired by the Oregon Loganberry company, and the statement that the name of the station on the Southern Pacific would be changed to "Loganberry" was first made by a Salem newspaper reporter who permitted his imagination to hold full sway. What he didn't know, he guessed, and his guessing shows his familiarity with the geography of Polk county. It was probably told that the new company would establish a new station on their lands near Derry, and he at once jumped at the conclusion that the name of Derry station would be changed. As the Observer has given out the information that their new plant would be located at the junction of the Southern Pacific and the Salem, Falls City & Western tracks, as this is nearest their land, and if there is to be a "Loganberry" station it will undoubtedly be located here, or east of the junction, where the Salem road passes through the Thielsen ranch purchased by the new company. All information regarding this alleged change in name has come from the Oregon newspaper statements, no great credence can be placed therein by the public. But it has given Derry considerable advertising and called attention to a new industry which promises to revolutionize the loganberry culture in Polk county and hence has had its advantages.

Out east of Dallas is an institution that is entitled to the support of every citizen of this city and, if given every encouragement, it will prove one of the most important industries of the county. Reference is made to the Dallas Brick and Tile works. That the brick manufactured by this institution is in every way the equal of the output of other factories is the statement made by men competent to judge of such things, and therefore there is no apparent reason why the proprietors should not receive the hearty support of all who purchase brick. In the first place they don't cost you as much as you have to pay for brick made elsewhere, you will get as good a product, and you will be doing your share to encourage and build up a deserving home institution. The proprietors of this brick manufactory are spending their money and striving to merit the patronage of their home people. If they give you as good brick as you can get elsewhere, and sell it for less money, there is no earthly reason why they should not receive your patronage.

Of the Bull Moose third term candidate for the presidency the New York Herald says: "He was shipped at Chicago by Mr. Taft, proclaimed his intention of 'killing' the Republican party, and now turns up as one of the Roosevelt boys has gone

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an entirely new set of supporters, most of whom were not prominent enough until now to get their names in their home newspapers. Some of them are women who have been deceived by his eleven hour exposure of female suffrage. But so far as the gathering at Chicago being the "nucleus" of a great party goes, it has no more right to be compared with an important event than the march of Coxe's army could be compared with the "convention" of the movement in favor of a third state and county ticket, and are determined to remedy the defect in their machinery if possible. They want to go the whole way, and declare that, without a county ticket, the Progressive movement will lose many votes, and the inconsequential fact that most of the Multnomah progressives are disappointed Republican office seekers and are aching to make the race on the progressive ticket, really doesn't influence them in their efforts to rescue the people and boost the progressive county ticket idea.

There is much complaint from Dallas people and others who have been in the habit of traveling to Portland via Salem, over the new traffic regulations in force on the Willamette river bridge. It now takes about 10 minutes for a bus load of passengers to cross this bridge and, when the Falls City train happens to be a few minutes late into West Salem, it is impossible to connect with the Oregon Electric trains. All teams are obliged to wait to walk across the bridge, including the approaches. Some arrangement should be made to eliminate this difficulty.

Governor Hiram Johnson will not give up the office to make the race for vice-president on the Roosevelt party ticket. It is wise. While he frets about "Progressives" he probably realizes that the party stands no earthly show of success in November and he doesn't propose to relinquish one fat office just to help save the country. Then, again, he may travel over California at the expense of the gubernatorial race and thus ease up on the expense of the Harvester Trust party.

Dallas has received unyielding, advertising out of the swindling of one of its citizens at the Kit Carson Wild West show last week. But, while this is true, the show has received more of the same stuff, statistics of this kind should be summarily dealt with. Any concern which permits things, short change men and card sharps to travel with it, is entitled to short shrift with the public, and this Carson outfit appears to be about the limit in this regard.

"Don't make it appear a one-man movement" wires the frantic Bullmoosers of Portland to the state delegate at Chicago. It strikes The Observer that the Oregon delegation will tackle a mighty job if it attempts to "make it appear" anything else. The colonel won't stand for it.

"LaFollette doesn't seem to be for anyone in particular for president," remarks the McClinnville Telephone-Register. A careful reading of the "R-R" each week leads one to believe that it is in the LaFollette class in this respect at least.

Discussion of the question, "why don't our present prosperity good enough?" will occupy the attention of politicians for the next three months. "Come to think of it, why don't it?"

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Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of John H. Guy, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, and that Saturday, the 14th day of August, 1912, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court Room of said County Court, in the city of Dallas, in the County of Polk, and State of Oregon has been appointed by said County Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof. Dated and first published August 2, 1912. JOHN R. GUY, Administrator as aforesaid. OSCAR HAYTER, Attorney. 8-2-12

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