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

HARRIS AND HIS "LAW."

We print in this issue, for the sat-
isfaction of "expert" Harris, his let-
ter concerning The Observer's editor-
ial comment on the proposed flat
salary law for the state printer.

The writer has not been in Oregon
long enough to have had a hand in
the solution of this vexatious problem
on former occasions, but we have
taken the liberty, during various
times in the last two months, to say
what we could against the flat salary
law as advocated by Mr. Harris, be-
cause we know, from many years ex-
perience in the printing business, that
under its proposed provisions, the
pathway would be opened for
much greater graft and thievery than
can possibly obtain under the present
plan. Personally, The Observer cares
nothing for the scrap between Mr.
Dunaway, the present printer, or Mr.
Harris, the expert, and it is immater-
ial to us whether they win or lose,
but, as a private citizen and a tax-
payer, we are interested only in se-
curing a satisfactory law governing
the work and the cost of the state's
printing.

From the best information obtain-
able, we learn that the demand for
a flat salary for the state printer,
came, along with a demand for flat
salaries for other officers. The state
printing graft had been the subject
for much contention from candidates
for the legislature, but the objections
were generally not well understood,
and those who made them had no
general knowledge of the printing
business. Previously, the state print-
er had succeeded in hoodwinking
them or bulldozing them into silence,
and no legislation to remedy defects
in the practice, was undertaken.

Mr. Dunaway was elected to office
on a reform platform and has car-
ried out his pledge faithfully, and has
saved the state many thousands of
dollars for which he is entitled to
great credit. But the waste in the
state printing expenditures, and that
there is waste, no one fully advised
in the matter will deny, comes from
improper schedules made years ago
which have no application to modern
prices. Any printer under the pres-
ent schedule will make large profits
on some jobs and will lose on others.

An attempt was made to revise the
schedule of prices and to change the
system of state printing by the leg-
islature in 1909, but it failed for the
reason that those who made the at-
tempt were not familiar with the
technical work of printing, or with
just and equitable prices for such
work and, further, because the state
printer, more than the system, was
the object of the attack. In 1911 the
Governor forced the passage of the
flat salary law, to take effect in 1915,
simply as an expedient to remove
abuses or conditions. The Observer
believes that the Governor was honest
in trying to remedy a fault, but his
remedy is as faulty as the system he
tried to correct. We pointed out
recently in these columns, a remedy
for the defects in the present system,
and wish to state here and now that,
if a law was passed providing for
the appointment of a commission of
printer-employers and foremen to re-
vise the schedule of prices, the state
would be the winner.

We oppose the proposed flat salary
law for the reason that it provides
opportunity for more flagrant abuses
and graft than now exist. There is
absolutely no question regarding this
contention. Even Mr. Harris him-
self, will not deny it. We oppose it
for the further reason that we do not
believe that the state has a right to
embark in a business which it is not
competent to direct. Under a flat
salary law, to make the state printer
responsible, it would be necessary to
make his office an appointive one,
but the flat salary law is wrong in
principle, from an economical stand-
point, and the only plan that will
work out to the financial benefit of
the state, is a revision of schedules,
with each department of the state
paying for its printing from its own
appropriation.

Firmly believing in the strength of
our position, and basing our objec-
tions on actual observations and ex-
perience which has been gained dur-
ing more than 25 years spent in the
printing business, we shall continue
to oppose the so-called flat salary
measure, and shall advise the voters
to vote "229 X No" in the hope that
the next legislature will repeal the
existing flat-salary law and enact a
measure that will forever eliminate
the waste in the state printing de-
partment.

The Medford Mail-Tribune is out in
a double column editorial supporting
Senator Bourne's candidacy for re-
election. This was to be expected.
The M-T has generally been on every
side of every question, and has a
speckled record of political leanings
that effectively places it in the "what
is it" class. But the principal ob-
jection which The Observer has to the
M-T's editorial is the assertion
that the newspapers of Oregon who
opposed Bourne before the primaries
"took their cue from the Oregonian." This
interruption implies that the one
who made it himself is in the habit
of taking "cues" from somebody. But
this assertion is the stock and trade
of some newspapers, and of politi-
cians who do not agree with the Ore-
gonian. So far as The Observer is
concerned, we believe that we have
demonstrated that this newspaper is

not influenced by the Portland news-
paper nor do we believe that the ma-
jority of the papers of the state are.
The position is foolish. If a news-
paper happens to advocate the same
policy that the big Portland publi-
cation supports, a number of little 2x4
editors who never had an idea that
wasn't given them by somebody else,
will yelp like the fellow who wrote
the editorial appearing in the Med-
ford newspaper. The fact, as the
Mail-Tribune asserts, that only "five
of the newspapers of the state sup-
ported Bourne" would seem to indi-
cate that there was something wrong
with him as a senator, rather than
all but these "five" took their cue
from the Oregonian. If the latter is
true, that Portland newspaper cer-
tainly wields a tremendous power in
Oregon.

That the Hill lines are planning
extensions on the west side of the
Willamette river is evidenced by an
article appearing in the Portland
newspapers Tuesday in which it is
stated that the Oregon Electric has
under contemplation a plan for tap-
ping the main line near Albany and
bridging the Willamette river at that
point. In the same article it was
stated that "McMinnville probably
will be given a direct connection
with the Oregon Electric early next
year, as officials of the Hill roads in
Oregon have been working for many
months on plans for the construction
of such a line." It is also stated that
"many surveys have been made on
the West side but no definite route
has been selected." Inasmuch as
one of these routes passes through
Dallas, it would seem that the Com-
mercial club should at once interest
itself and begin an effort to have the
company include this city on its pro-
posed route.

"The Wilson National Progressive
Republican league" is the name of a
new institution recently organized in
Chicago which gives out the informa-
tion that La Follette will support the
candidacy of Governor Wilson for
the presidency. The name of the
league certainly embraces all the is-
sues of the present campaign and its
three-cornered race. What's the mat-
ter with the organization of a "Na-
tional Free Trade League of High
Tariff Reactionary Progressives?"
That ought to catch all who can't af-
filiate with the former combination.

"Thou Shalt Not Steal" shouts one
T. Roosevelt, three time candidate
for the presidency. "Oh, well, if you
can glom a few for ME and get away
with it, why—that's different." "Taft
was nominated by dishonest means
and that's why I'm running. And in
order to emphasize my stupendous
honesty I'll just fix it so the Taft men
in California and Kansas can't vote
for him. If we could pull off the
same stunt in the other states, I
might be elected."

"Oregon Farmers Rolling in
Wealth," is the inspiring headline in
several newspapers. This recalls the
fact that no headlines like that ap-
peared in the newspapers during
Democratic control of this country
from 1892 to 1897.

"There is no reason why Senator
Bourne should not run for office,"
concludes the Salem Capital Journal.
That's true—if you look at it that
way, but there isn't any reason why
the voters should vote for him.

Editorials of the
People.

Signed communications will be
printed under this head from respon-
sible parties but their publication
does not necessarily imply that they
express the sentiments of the editor.

LAYS ALL BLAME ON DUNAWAY

Expert Harris Says Observer Has
Suggested Only Practical Solution.

Editor Observer: I see in your last
issue you appropriated some of the
advice I promulgated in my pam-
phlet, to wit: that the printing func-
tion be done away with and departments
made to shoulder the full responsi-
bility for their printing. Now if you
will just keep on you may get around
right on this subject yet.

Your suggestions, such as are of
a constructive nature, are good
throughout, and you may say for me
if you wish that had any such plan,
or any honest plan, been suggested
heretofore, aside from the flat salary
one, and gained as much general fa-
vor, I would have supported it as
readily as this one. Had some such
plan been decided on instead of the
forced thing Mr. Dunaway put forth
in 1909, there would now be no agi-
tation for a flat salary measure. Your
friends and mine, will tell you I
freely agreed with them that just
this plan that you now for the first
time suggest, had it come forward
from honest sources in lieu of the
flat salary system, would doubtless
have been just as readily accepted by
the very persons you continue to ac-
cuse of corrupt motives.

Now if you will just honestly in-
vestigate the history of this move-
ment and quit simply parroting Dun-
away's lying and sophisticated argu-
ments making out his opponents are
all thieves, nobody will further ques-
tion your judgment even though
they may not agree with it fully.

State Treasurer Kay (then a Sena-
tor) started this flat salary fight in
1902. His measure included the state
printer with all other state depart-
ments. He will tell you today that
the magnitude of the state printing
(craft) machine is all that enabled
it to escape the flat salary wave.

There never was a measure put to
vote in this state that was more of a
general people's initiative than this
one. To blame any printers with a
devious scheme to fitch somebody or
the state is to entirely ignore history
that is well known to every one who
cares to know it, and it is mighty
poor politics it seems to me.

According to promise.

Fraternally yours,

R. A. HARRIS

Salem, Oct. 5, 1912.

Ice Cream Social.

An ice cream social will be given
at the Rickreall school house Sat-
urday night, October 12. The pro-
ceeds will go toward purchasing a
new flag and drum for the school. A
short program will be presented af-
ter which ice cream and home made
candy will be sold. Come and bring
your friends and have a good time.

Who Has the Hat?

Will the party who recently acci-
dentally exchanged Panama hats on
the Dallas-Portland train please call
at this office and get the address of
the other party.

First Presbyterian Church

EDGAR W. MILES, Pastor.



"Pickles" is synonymous with "Heinz." "It floats" immedi-
ately suggests "Ivory soap." The Prudential Insurance com-
pany has made the Rock of Gibraltar famous. These con-
cerns have for years been creating favorable atmospheres
through systematic and continuous advertising campaigns.
When the average man thinks of the church what is the domi-
nant idea in his mind? Does he think of a great virile in-
stitution, powerful to influence for the right, strong to inspire
to the noblest living, teaching the principles of Jesus? Those
of us who know, believe that the church is all this—and more.
It is doing a marvelous work for humanity—no other organ-
ization is doing more; but the man in the street doesn't know
it. The church, as a whole, has been weak in the task of
acquainting the world with its true value. There is no virtue
in such modesty—or inefficiency.—Charles Stelzle.

Services Sunday, October 13

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

Morning Service 11:00 a. m.; Sermon subject, "The Sancti-
fication of Jesus."

Evening Service, 7:30; Sermon subject, "The Call of the
Heights."

We are making a special effort to rally the Sunday School next
Sunday morning; your assistance will be appreciated.

We extend you a Cordial Invitation
to Our Services.

SUMMER'S LABOR LOST.

After planning for weeks spending
over and over again in his imagin-
ation his tiny capital of exactly 83
cents, little Elmer Schmeizer who
lives with his father about four miles
from Dallas, on the Falls City road,
arrived in Dallas Saturday morning
for a big day at the fair. Part of
the money was earned at chopping
wood, the other in washing dishes.
Both of these menial tasks Elmer
hated, but the lure of money was
strong and he sweat and toiled and
was happy in the thought of the big
time coming when he could spend it
on merry-go-rounds, lemonade, tick-
lers, etc.

Elmer doesn't know just how it all
happened. It was so sudden and the
thought of it hurt so that he couldn't
think. He stepped up to the desk at
the Ferris wheel and called nonchal-
antly, "Two tickets, please." The man
held out the tickets and Elmer's head
bobbed up and down in excitement.
This was the first time he had ever
rode on the wheel and stuck the tick-
ets down, deep into his trou-
sers pocket lest they should fall out.
He had started to walk away when a
sharp voiced query came from the
ticket vender reminding him that he
had not paid for them.

Down into his pockets where he
had placed the money went the little
brown paw and came up empty.
Frantically he searched every pocket
but the money had disappeared. He
handed the tickets back and sat on
the curb to think. Several minutes
later a small boy in brown suit, bare-
footed, could be seen running out
the walk toward the cemetery. All the
long, weary distance he ran and
searched every nook and cranny of
the house. The 83 cents had appar-
ently took wings.

Back to town he came and fought
manfully to hide the tears of disap-
pointment. Mr. Schmeizer, with a
crowd of neighbors, were worried
about the boy when he appeared
about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and
asked where he had been. "Just
sticking around," said Elmer strug-
gling with the tears. That ended it.
Not until late that night when father
and son had gone home did the bro-
ken hearted lad give way to his grief
and disappointment. "Did he have
a good time. Yes, but he didn't get
to ride on the merry-go-round, or
the Ferris wheel or anything. He
hated fairs, he did, and well, when
he gets a lot of money after this he
is going to put it in the bank, you
bet, an' then he'll have it!"

Hillsboro Argus: The brick work
on the court house annex is nearly
completed and the cornice has been
placed in position. The contractor
expects to turn the structure over to
the county by October 1 at the latest.

"To Be or Not to Be"
constantly coughing depends on
whether or not you use Dr. Bell's
Pine-Tar Syrup. A few doses will
stop that cough. Sold by Conrad
Stafrin.

The Sherwood News Sheet is one
year old, much alive and glad of it.
The publisher's ambition is to "make
the paper at least eight pages within
the present year and perhaps within
a very few months."

How Much Will You Pay
to have your eyes cured? Sutherland's
Eagle Eye Salve only costs 25c and
will cure. Good for nothing but the
eyes. Sold by Conrad Stafrin.

A substantial three story brick ho-
tel is to be built at Deschutes eight
miles north of Bend. The brick will
be purchased from the Bend Brick
& Lumber company.

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ling Company, manufacturers
of the celebrated "Blue Stem
Blend." It is in great demand
and we are selling big quan-
tities of it.

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TO THE VOTERS OF POLK
COUNTY

(Paid advertisement.)

As I have been urged by friends
belonging to the different political
parties, either come out independ-
ent or to accept the nomination ten-
dered me by the Prohibition Party
for the office of County School Su-
perintendent, I have consented to
make the race, on that ticket, in ac-
cordance with the following general
principles:

Right, Not Policy.
If elected I will strive to do the
right by every individual, district and
community. I will be as economical
as possible in the use of the public
funds, consistent with efficiency.

Efficiency, Not Publicity.
If elected I will visit each school
in the county at least once each year.
It will be my earnest endeavor to
bring about more helpful relations
between the home and the school.

Justice, Not Power.
If elected I will keep the office un-
der personal supervision and will de-
signate at least two days out of each
week as office days.

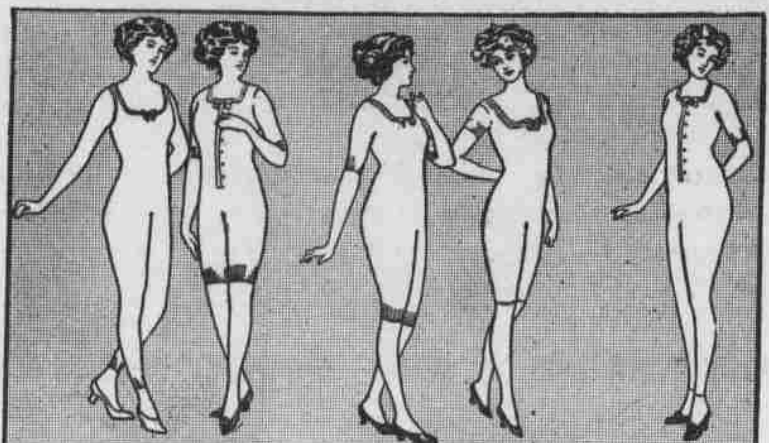
I will not ask for more than one
Supervisor to be elected by the
County Educational Board.

I will not so use my office as to
perpetuate my continuance in office.
I will strive at all times to endeavor
to render the best possible service to the people,
and will hold no ill-will against any-
one who does not support me.

I respectfully ask your support.
J. J. ARNOLD.

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WILL R. HOWE, Manager

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110 pound sack of Onions	-	\$1.35
Three cans Babbitt's Cleaner	-	25c
15c package National Oats	-	10c
50c one gallon can Pancake Syrup	-	40c
25c pkg Lighthouse Washing Powder	-	15c
15c can Chloride of Lime	-	10c
Two cans Salmon	-	25c

TEN CENT BARGAINS IN DISHES

Just Received a Shipment of 2,000 Pieces
That We Can Sell as Follows:

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Big Vegetable Dish	-	10c
Meat Platter	-	10c
Creamers	-	10c
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