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The way to build up Dallas is to put
out the Dallas people.

THE LEGACY OF LIBERALISM.

It is not necessary for The Observer
to declare that the attempted assas-
sination of former President Theo-
dore Roosevelt at Milwaukee, last
night, was a dastardly deed, or that
its author was a maniac. Everyone
knows the above statements are true.

It is but another evidence that we
are far too liberal in our treatment
of our incompetents. The assassination
of President McKinley aroused
the country to a sense of its danger
from the fanatical hordes who drift
to our shores; moral degenerates and
bloodthirsty ruffians from the slums
of Europe who are taught that murder
is the highest mark of honor and
to strike at the world's greatest men
is to emblazon the name of the brute
who does it high on the scroll of fame.

Following the assassination there at
once arose a demand for more strict
enforcement of immigration laws
which should prevent the wholesale
dumping in the United States of Eu-
ropean murderers and anarchists. The
movement was resultant in much
good; but the deplorable act of the
Milwaukee maniac impresses us that
we should also give more attention to
the apprehension of the trigger-
brained cranks that infest every walk
of life. Murder at the hands of those
who have long been known to be
mentally unbalanced are of daily oc-
currence and it is the duty of the law
to protect society from such fearful
menace. Doubtless the man who at-
tempted the assassination of Theodore
Roosevelt owned friends who knew
of his mental condition, yet nothing
was done to protect life. After the
maniac kills in cold blood, we then
hasten his punishment. But it is too
late. An honored life has been sacri-
ficed that might have been spared had
we employed more radical measures
and been dominated less by maudlin
sentiment.

The affair at Milwaukee is a dis-
grace to our country. It is deplored
by everybody and the nation today
breathes a thankful sigh in the
knowledge that it failed.

But let us watch our maniacs more
closely hereafter; let us drop our lib-
eral treatment of them and see to it
that they are placed where they can-
not harm others.

INVESTIGATE TAX MEASURES.

The people of Oregon will be con-
fronted with a consideration of
measures on the ballot to be decided
by the voters. Many of these are of
such a nature that they should be
thoroughly understood by the legisla-
ture, but they are on the ballot, and
will be passed or rejected at the elec-
tion. Any man who is interested in
the welfare of his state, should take
sufficient interest to acquaint himself,
insofar as is possible, with each
measure, and should vote according to
his light on the subject. "When in

doubt, vote 'No' is a good suggestion
for the reason that many of the
measures should have no place on
the ballot, and there is much danger
of confusion from catchy ballot ti-
tles. It will do no harm to vote
'No' on any measure that is not un-
derstood, for the reason that two
short years will offer another oppor-
tunity, if a meritorious measure is
defeated at the coming election. Es-
pecially is this advice applicable to
measures proposing new laws.

There is one class of measures, the
passage of which will affect every
man, woman and child in the state,
and for that reason careful attention
should be given them and, when in
doubt, the voters should vote "No." These measures are those affecting
the tax system of the state. It is de-
clared that there is not a perfect tax
system in any state in the Union to-
day and the best we can do is to
make such improvements as will tend
to make our system less complicated
and more equitable.

The passage of the county option
amendment known as "Section 1-A,
Article IX" of the state constitution,
at the election of 1910, put the power
of making the tax laws into the vot-
ers of each county, regardless of the
laws of the state or any other county,
and took the power to enact tax leg-
islation from the legislature. As a
consequence, any tax law passed in
Oregon, must be submitted to the
people.

In Oregon today we have two dis-
tinct programs of tax legislation: 1.
The program of RATIONAL TAX
REFORM endorsed and advocated by
the legislative tax committee consist-
ing of the Governor, Secretary of
State, State Treasurer, the two Tax
Commissioners and 12 members of
the state legislature who represent
every section of the state and are in-
terested in its welfare. 2. The single
tax program, or scheme proposed and
urged by representatives of the Fels
Fund Commission, which consists of
a bunch of hired agitators, living,
for the present, in Portland and Ore-
gon City, whose names scarcely ap-
pear on the tax rolls, and who are
interested in the salaries they draw
for advertising Fels soap.

The plan of rational tax reform
consists of seven measures briefly ex-
plained as follows:

Following are proposed constitu-
tional amendments:
304 X Yes. Provides classification
of property for taxation and economy
in administration.
306 X Yes. Requires state-wide
uniformity in taxation as applied to
each class of property.
308 X Yes. Repeals single tax
"joker" passed in 1910.
350 X Yes. Permits taxation of
incomes with reasonable exemption.
The following are measures or bills:
352 X Yes. Exempts from tax-
ation household furniture in homes,
and other unproductive property.
354 X Yes. Exempts from tax-
ation mortgage notes, and evidences
of public and private indebtedness.
356 X Yes. An intelligent revision
of the present inheritance tax law.
The Fels Fund Commission's
scheme for single tax appears on the
ballot as follows:

365 X No. Single tax scheme called
"Graduated Tax Amendment."
The editor of The Observer is not a
tax expert but as we have read the
above measures in the voters' pam-
phlet, we have concluded to mark
our ballot as above indicated, and
have given a brief but fair interpre-
tation of the different measures as
we understand them. Readers will
notice that every argument in the
voters' pamphlet made by the Fels
brigade, in opposition to the rational
Tax Reform program, is simply an
argument for the single tax measure,
called the "Graduated Tax Amend-
ment," which consists of a bunch of
hand-made figures calculated to make
the small property owner believe that
by voting for the single tax scheme,
he will relieve himself of any tax bur-
den and, at the same time, he will
"soak" the man of large prop-
erty holdings.

The "Graduated Tax Amendment,"
passed, will in no-wise help the
small owner of property, but will
eventually lead to the absorption of
his property by the state. The Ob-
server would rather be found follow-
ing the advice of men of the char-
acter and intelligence of those con-
stituting the legislative tax commit-
tee, than to embrace the teachings
of the hired propagandists of the
Fels Fund Commission who are
vouchsafed in the coats of sheep.

AMUSEMENTS AT THE FAIR.

The Arnold Attraction while doing
a good business, like the political
speaking end of the fair was
classed as a little out of the line
that should be carried on at the
county fair. The show feature
would have been much better in a
carnival session than at the county
fair, where the exhibits and educa-
tional features should be made the
strong points of the programme.

The above from the Independence
Monitor is reproduced because the
plan of permitting an amusement
company to usurp the entertainment
features of the fair has been criti-
cized in some quarters. Yet the fact
that the shows "did a good business"
as the Monitor states, would seem to
indicate that there was a demand for
them. Whoever heard of a county
fair, or a state fair, without these
features? And the fact that they
do not detract from the "exhibits
and educational features," the
shows fill a niche in the entire ar-
rangements that nothing else can
fill. We must provide some entertainment

Aeroplane Driven Between Towers of Famous Bridge

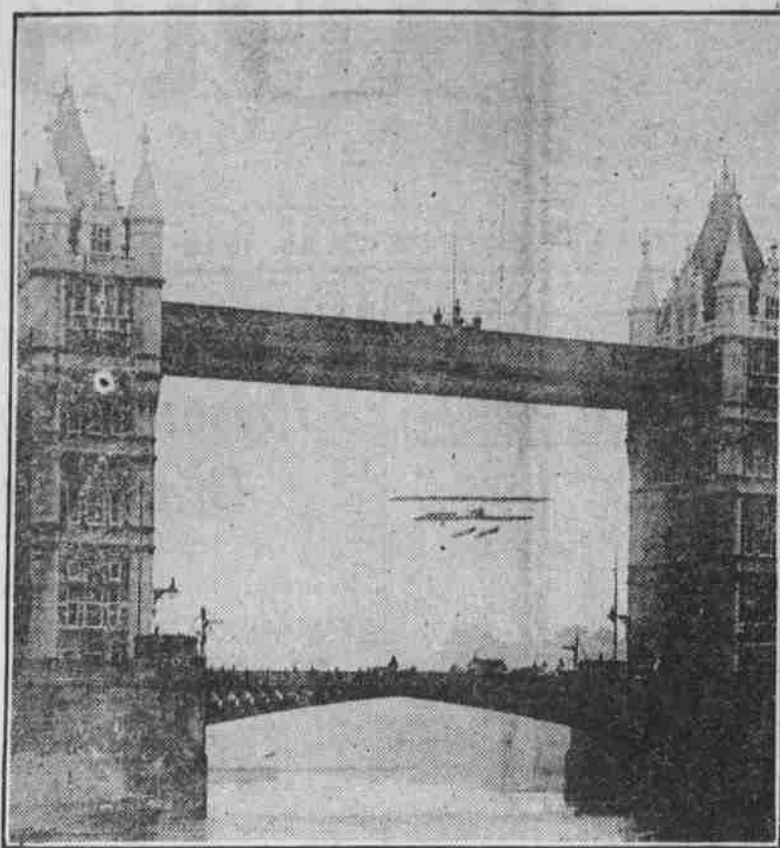


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AN English air man recently performed the delicate feat of flying along
the Thames in a waterplane under four of the bridges—Waterloo,
London, Blackfriars and Hungerford—that span the river and
through as well as under the Tower bridge. The illustration here
reproduces shows him accomplishing the former feat. The clear space be-
tween the stone towers is 200 feet. The aviator, F. K. McLean, was success-
ful during the greater part of his trip, but soon after he had passed the
Tower bridge his machine "side slipped" in the air, struck the water and had
to be towed to the shore.

for the crowds, aside from the exhib-
its. The people expect it, and they
would be disappointed if the shows
were not there. The carnival compa-
ny supplies free attractions that can
only be had at considerable expen-
se. In other ways, there is no obliga-
tion to patronize the shows. It is
only those who want such things and
enjoy them who go, and if the shows
were not on hand many people might
find the fair dull and uninteresting.
The management of a county fair cat-
ters to all classes and conditions of
people and amusement must be fur-
nished for all. The Observer does not
believe that a fair without any-
thing of this kind would be a com-
plete success.

There are hundreds of men em-
ployed today in the lumber industry
of Polk county. They are drawing
good wages in the logging camps and
the saw mills. Some of them are
Democrats—others have announced
their intention of voting for Roose-
velt, which is a half vote for Wilson.
The Observer would respectfully ask
all such to consider fully the step
they intend to take. During the
previous Democratic administration
the wheels of the saw mills were idle;
the industry was paralyzed and the
donkey engines in the woods were
still. The thousands of men previ-
ously employed in the lumber indus-
try were without work and were glad
to labor for even a dollar, or six bits
a day to keep body and soul together.
Democratic tinkering did it.
Our Democratic friends tell us that
such a condition won't happen again.
But they don't know. One thing is
certain—times are all right now
therefore, why experiment? You
have the work and the wages now,
why vote for a change when you
really want no change. What do
you think about it? Don't take our
word for it; you young men who will
cast your first vote this fall—just ask
the old man about the "change" he
got when he voted for it before, in
1892. The country wanted a "change"
then and it got it good and plenty.
If there is one industry in the coun-
try that needs a protective tariff it is
the lumber industry. The Republi-
can administration has given lumber
this protection and your present re-
munerative wages are the result.
Don't you think it would be just as
well to leave things as they are?

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.

"WOMEN'S RIGHTS."

There are 100,000 women in Ore-
gon. The majority of them do not
want to vote. A small proportion in
any given community is asking for
the ballot. Is that not true in your
town? What do the rest want?
Many of them want the franchise.
To put upon those women a responsi-
bility from which they have been
hitherto exempted and which they do
not want to assume, is not "Women's
Rights."

Many of them are indifferent. The
indifferent male voter is one of the
problems of the present electorate.
Would you add to it a large body of
voters avowedly indifferent?
The demand for woman suffrage is
the demand that women shall assume
an equal share with men in the re-
sponsibility of carrying on the govern-
ment of the city, the state, the nation.
It means she shall enter the
political arena with him. For it is
an arena. Politics is not a conflict of
opinions, it is a conflict of wills. It
carries with it public meetings, public
debates, public marchings, and coun-
ter-marchings, public discussion of
public questions, and of the charac-
ter of public candidates, and all the
other incidents of a campaign.

It is not democratic, nor just, nor
fair to draft this large body of wo-
men into this campaign against their
wills.
This is the sixth time the voters of
Oregon have been asked to vote upon
this question, in spite of the fact that
every two years the opposition to it
has increased, so that in 1910 suffrage
carried in only one county in Oregon,
and in that one by five votes, the total
vote being 2,270 for suffrage, the
smallest vote for it since 1900, and
59,845 against, a majority of 22,798.
The Oregon State Association, Op-
posed to the Extension of Suffrage
to Women asks that you give this
amendment your earnest considera-
tion, and that you defeat it this time
by so great a majority that the suf-

fragists, local and imported, must bow
before the will of the people of Ore-
gon, and acknowledge that the ma-
jority rules in America.
THE OREGON STATE ASSOCIA-
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thoroughly convinced or he would
not do so. Telling one's experience
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