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

HE ADVERTISED—AT LAST!

There was a man in our town, And he was wondrous wise; He swore (it was his policy) He would not advertise. But one day he advertised, And thereby hangs a tale, The ad. was set in quite small type And headed "Sheriff's Sale."

PLEASED WITH PAVING.

Favorable comments are being passed on McMinnville's hard surface streets. Even the farmers who have been in the habit of trading at the local stores for many years are pleased with the improvement. And McMinnville will have some more the coming summer. And then some more the following year.—McMinnville News-Reporter.

They are evidently pleased with their paving operations in McMinnville. They are so well satisfied that more paving will be done next season and additional streets will be freed for the mud nuisance. There has been no "confiscation of property" in the county seat of "old Yamhill" that any one has heard of, but, on the contrary, values have greatly increased, and more property owners want the improvement extended to include their holdings.

The Observer believes the fight for hard surface paving in Dallas practically has been won. There is evidence that the city council believes that there must be a change, when it is noted that no more concrete crosswalks will be built in the business section. The people have grown weary of the mud nuisance. They have noted conditions in every other city of the Willamette valley and they are not ready to admit that Dallas cannot successfully accomplish what others have done. They have had to face the fact that this city, in not adopting the hard surface street improvements, was lagging behind in the progressive procession—that other towns were forging to the front more rapidly, and they have awakened to a full realization of what such conditions, if continued, might mean. So, many have opposed the improvement, are now found its strongest advocates and the obstructionists are daily growing fewer in number.

But the council should not stop here. The decision to install no more concrete crossings is a step in the right direction, but it should be followed by actual operations toward paving. They must take the "bull by the horns" and order the work done, choosing a certain section of the business district for the first unit. Of course there will be objection. Every knocker will be on the job bright and early, and there will be talk of injunctions and all sorts of legal proceedings. Such things always happen. But, while they may embarrass the officials, it will not stop the work and, after it is finished and the mud is done away with, those who opposed the improvement will be the first to commend the council for its foresight in taking up a work that should have been undertaken years ago.

It develops that Mr. Wilson received only 42 per cent of the total vote cast at the November elections. With seven per cent less than half, it is difficult to discover where the claim of a Democratic "landslide" obtains. Yet, this 42 per cent, in opposition to a disorganized opposing force, was sufficient to win the flesh-pots, so it really doesn't matter.

PIONEERS OF PROSPERITY.

If it shall develop that oil has been found in paying quantities near Dallas—and it now seems almost certain that it is true—Polk county real estate will take on additional value. Practical oil men have contended for years that oil exists in this county and much money has been expended in searching for it. Surface indications, the strata of the earth through which the drills have penetrated, and all other signs known to oil men have been found in abundance in the different oil prospects that have been undertaken here. But, in every instance, the promoters have been hampered by lack of funds. It takes money and wads of it, to prospect for oil and, time and again, when it appeared that success was at hand, it has been necessary to stop further operations because of lack of money. Yet the oil men, confident in their judgment, have persevered, have surmounted obstacle after obstacle until today they believe they have proved that oil exists in paying quantities. The Observer sincerely hopes so. Every citizen of Polk county hopes so. If it shall prove true, that outcome will be another blow to the knockers and the skeptics. But the Polk county prospectors have met the same reception that others in the now proven oil fields received during the years that investigations went forward before oil was discovered in paying quantities. Idle capital never interests itself in such ventures. It refuses to lend its aid in developments work until it shall be proven that two dollars will be returned for every dollar invested. It is the poor man comparatively, who must shoulder the work of investigation.

The penniless prospector, with all his worldly possessions on his back, and equipped with a side of bacon, a few beans and a couple of pounds of coffee, shoulders his pack and goes out into the forbidding mountain ranges, into the world's lost and forgotten byways, and delves in the rocks for the golden gleams that shall mean wealth to him. He lives close to nature, he is a creature of the out-of-doors; he endures hardships, faces privations and even starvation, uncomplainingly, for such is nature and he knows the tortuous pathway his feet must tread. So he perseveres day after day, week after week, for months, and years, until finally his pick strikes the right spot, and his golden dream is realized. Then wary capital steps in and develops the prospect—makes of the embryo mine a wealth producer and a rich mining section comes into being.

Several men, with faith in their judgment, band together and place every cent they can spare into an oil prospect. Here, again, capital stands aloof. It will not be attracted, and the enthusiastic promoters must prosecute their operations by piecemeal. They are subjected to the skepticism of the very men who should assist, and whose interests would be greatly enhanced should success attend their efforts, but, nevertheless, they do not hesitate, but continue until at last their thudding drills penetrate the rocks and free the imprisoned wells of wealth that flow a thousand feet beneath the earth's surface. Then, in a twinkling, distrust turns to credulity, and even the most conservative becomes imbued with the belief that "he knew it was there all the time." Capital comes quickly to the front and the development work is vigorously prosecuted.

No great gold field has been discovered except by some plodding prospector, and no oil field has been proven except by the determined operation of a small band of faithful believers. This is the history of the world and, if the Polk county discovery shall ultimately expand into one of the world's greatest oil fields, the credit will be due—not to the money that developed it—but to the confident few who progressed in the face of opposition and were undaunted by the obstacles they encountered.

Comment on the Salem hangings has been everywhere heard during the past few days, but it remained for a railway employee, not a thousand miles from Dallas to put forth the most convincing argument against the execution of one of the prisoners. "Why," said he in discussing the matter, "I don't believe they should have hung that man Garrison—he confessed that he was innocent." This recalls the story once told on George W. Argo, noted criminal lawyer of Iowa. One night a number of attorneys were gathered at a club in Sioux City, when the talk drifted to legal matters and lawyers. "George," said one of the attorneys, "whom do you think is the best criminal lawyer in the Northwest?" "George W. Argo," promptly replied that gentleman never batting an eyelash. "Well, George, I don't believe you can prove that," asserted the questioner. "There is no occasion to prove it, I'll admit it," returned Mr. Argo, and that settled the matter. So, in the case of Garrison—there was no occasion for the defense to attempt to prove him innocent of the crime—he admitted that he didn't commit it.

THE ONLY ONE.

Independence has the distinction of having the only large school in Polk county that has adopted the manual training and domestic science courses as part of the school work for the regular high school classes.—Monitor.

The above is respectfully referred to the Dallas school board. Perhaps there's a suggestion therein that might be of benefit, if adopted.

A New York firm of petticoat manufacturers failed with \$700,000 of liabilities recently, and gives the explanation that women's skirts are so tight under the present way of fashion, that they have quit wearing petticoats. Did you know that?

County Clerk Jones of Yamhill county, who found a mistake of 100 votes in the vote on the flat salary state printer law, was adding insult to injury, for the reason that the discovery made the vote against the bill just stronger. Oh, Jones—how could you do it?

"Do your Shopping Early." Yes, and after you have done so, and happen to pass the store where you bought your present and see the same thing marked down in a "bargain sale" to about one-third what you paid for it, when you "shopped early"—wouldn't that jar you?

It is reported that President-elect Wilson's mail is filled with warnings from the faithful against Mr. Bryan as a cabinet possibility. Enemies of the Nebraska statesman may save themselves further trouble. It doesn't make a particle of difference whether Bryan is a member of the cabinet or remains a private citizen. He's the biggest figure in the Democratic party today, and his policies and his ideas will be felt all along the line during the next four years. It is hardly probable that Bryan will be content to remain passively inactive in national affairs now that his hand-picked candidate has been elevated to the presidency. His puny enemies are butting against a stone wall when they oppose what he really wants. They should not forget the lesson learned at Baltimore last July.

Eugene is now in the throes of a discussion as to whether the moving pictures shall run on Sunday. Present ordinances in Eugene forbid their operation but a petition numerously signed, was presented to the council at its last meeting, asking that the ban be removed. The submission of the petition created a near-riot it is stated, but it was referred to a committee and will come up for settlement later. This brings us to the thought: Why shouldn't a moving picture operate on Sunday? Where is the harm in taking the wife and kids down town on Sunday afternoon or night, and permitting them a glimpse of the pictures? It would seem that a fellow who would do that might be in a blamed sight worse business even on Sunday. There are many people who would like to patronize a moving picture on Sunday afternoon, especially during the winter months, and we don't believe their seats in the New Jerusalem would be seriously contested by St. Peter if this action should be entered against their names on the "Big Book."

—I have ring mountings 14-karat in the Tiffany or tooth styles, can furnish any stone you may desire; they would make beautiful Christmas presents, and if you want any article that I haven't in stock, I will send and get it for you and guarantee it to be here before Christmas. Shepherd's Jewelry Store, open evenings.

A Barbed Wire Cut, Collar or Saddle Gait not properly healed leaves a disfiguring scar.

Ballard's SNOW LINIMENT

Is the Right Remedy for All Abrasions of the Flesh.

If the wound is cleaned and the liniment applied promptly the healing process begins at once and the wound heals from the inside outwardly, thus performing a perfect cure that leaves no scar. If the wound heals on the outside too quickly, pus forms under the surface and breaks out into a running sore that is hard to cure and inevitably leaves a bad scar.

Orders of blooded stock prefer this liniment to all others for that reason, and they use it not only on animals, but on human flesh, as it does its work quickly and thoroughly.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. James F. Ballard, Prop., St. Louis, Mo. Stephens Eye Salve is a healing ointment for sore eyes.

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY CONRAD STAFRIN

BETHELITES.

(By F. M. B.)

A Swedish nightingale at Falls City perpetrates this, which really smells of Milwaukee. I hope it will get into The Observer in some way:

A Gude Faller.
Day tall ma Ay ban a gude faller—
Ay gas dat ban true, but Yee Whizz!
If you never ban a gude faller
You don't know how expensive it is.

Ay vork 'round Black Rock in November;
Ay ban on the drive all the spring.
Ay come down hore to Falls Ceety
Den Ay see all my money take vint.

Dem fallers da all call me Ola,
An' den da pat me on back;
Von faller he borrow tan dollar;
Ha ban also a gude lumberjack.

Ay meet a little girl—her name's Yulla
(Ay tank das girl ban a Yew)
She touch me for about sixty dollar,
And a little gold watch Ay have, too.

So it's back to the woods, Mr. Ola,
Behind your old team of mules—
Put this in your pipe and smoke—
Gude fallers ban mostly damfools.

A Dallas bachelor of tender years who frequently entertains lady friends at his apartments, calls my attention to a notice posted in his room:

"Ladies will please not love here pins & button hooks bear on account of landlady." Gosh, Bill, you must have been "jobbed." Report same to council, mayor, chief of police, or somebody.

Mrs. Ganderhone, of Arleta, says this should be copyrighted, and perhaps it is:

O Santa Claus, dear Santa Claus,
What can I get for father?
We have no trouble finding Ma's
But this is such a bother.

We've hung around the ten-cent stores
For seven mornings steady,
And they haven't anything of yours
He hasn't had already.

Might have him wash his feet, Mrs. G., for a change.

I wish the lady on the east side would not send complaints to this department. The lady in question says, "I will excuse you this time, Mildred, and leave it to the public. Mildred says that every time that her husband comes back from Portland the doctor claims he has autolocomoto ataxi, or something like that, and in a couple of days he is all right again. You might go with him next time, girlie, and watch his antics."

Woody Wilson has swept the earth; but it didn't help the chickens. If eggs would sell for what they're worth
'Twould beat the very chickens.
—Levit T. Woody.

Program at Rickreall.
A Christmas program will be given at the Rickreall public school Friday evening, December 20, at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody invited to come and have a good time. Admission free.

A Paying Proposition.
One of the industries that means much to Monmouth and vicinity is the creamery. Day in and day out, the creamery of this institution runs, six days in a week, its output always marketable at a good round price, while dairymen get the top price for their butter-fat, so that this institution distributes its blessings around, giving to the consumer a first-class, palatable article, while those who patronize the plant get the best price for what they have to sell. Last month the output was 17,569 pounds, and as R. Anderson, the butter maker, is a prize winner in his trade, a first-class article was produced.—Monmouth Herald.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Catarrh cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Morris' Store Open Evenings.
Until 8:30 until after the holidays.
White Sweaters Dry Cleaned
At Phil Begin's 514 Mill street.
Legal blanks for sale at this office.

Christmas..

Buy your Christmas Presents this week. Everybody is doing it now. Next week will be too late to get just what you want. If undecided get them a

Box of Holeproof Hose

Silk or Cotton—all colors—\$1.50 to \$3.00.



Raincoats or Umbrellas

are mighty good Christmas presents this kind of weather.

Raincoats \$4.50 and up.

Silk Umbrellas, \$3.50 to \$6.00.

Silk and Cotton Umbrellas with Detachable Handles \$1.50 to \$5

Extra Handles, Gold and Pearl, Silver, Fancy Carved Wood, 50c up to \$6.00

Sweaters - Toques - Caps

All good serviceable presents.

Ladies' Silk Hose—50c to \$2.00.

Ladies' Silk Gloves—50c to \$1.50.

Ladies' and Children's Kid Gloves—\$1.00 to \$3.50

No better present for the Ladies than a pair of Kid Gloves or Silk Hose.



Look out for the Boys. They need a good Suit of Clothes, with plenty of good solid pockets, to hold the Jack knife, Marbles, Tops, etc., that Santy will bring them. Special low prices this week. We want all the Boys to have a New Suit before Christmas. Prices about

One-third Less than regular.

We have a fine line of up-to-date Christmas Handkerchiefs 15c to 50c.

Special prices to Teachers or any one that needs a doz. or more

DOLLS --- One-half Price

A nice dressed "Sleeping" Doll, 10c.

Leather Hand Bags

At greatly reduced prices.

Silver and Gold Mesh Purses

50c up to \$3.50. Don't pay fancy prices for Mesh Bags. Our prices are right.

We have the new Beaded Purses, but we can't mention but a small part of the nice things we have, suitable for Christmas Presents.

Come Early and See What We Have

Dallas Mercantile Co.

W. R. HOWE, Manager



A Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year to Every One

THE Dallas Variety Store is the place to do your Christmas Shopping. A nice line of presents suitable for any occasion. Also a full line of Ladies' Silk Waists and Silk Petticoats. Do your shopping early and thereby obtain the choice of our large selection.

Our prices are right.

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