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The strenuous objections being made by England regarding the expressed policy of the United States relative to operation of the Panama canal and the discrimination in favor of American coastwise shipping are influenced undoubtedly more by a desire to protect British interests in Canada than any other consideration.

The closing of the canal to vessels owned wholly or in part by railway companies, strikes a blow at the Canadian Pacific interests which England will not permit to pass unnoticed. For years past hundreds of thousands of pounds of English capital has been expended in railway betterments in Canada all with the idea of being in better shape to handle a portion of the business which is bound to result from the completion of the canal and which must also depend, in a large measure, upon the use of vessels owned by the railroads in handling business through the canal. But the restrictions placed on such shipping by the government has had the effect of stimulating private interests and under such provisions it will be impossible for the railroads to drive privately operated companies out of business and thus control transportation charges by water through the canal. Canadian railway interests were allied with those of the United States and it is but natural that objection should be made to any proceeding or probable action calculated to abridge their influence and reduce them to the field of legitimate and honest competition. But the American railroad interests were not strong enough to secure the elimination of the restriction imposed upon railway owned vessels and it is improbable that England will be enabled to bring about a more favorable adjustment of rates, which would not only place American ships at a disadvantage but would, at the same time, redound to the benefit of British interests and capital.

The brilliant success achieved by the Polk County Poultry association in its sixth annual show held in Dallas last week, should be a matter for congratulation, not only for the members of the association but for all who are interested in the growth and development of this important industry. The testimony of the poultry fanciers is to the effect that, while some of the former exhibitors did not have entries at the show, what is more significant is the fact that there were a large number of entries from people who had never before participated in any former exhibition. This is a proof of the extension of this industry and assurance that others are being interested in it. This is one of the most important effects of annual shows of this nature. It impresses people with what may be accomplished by the intelligent and systematic breeding of fine poultry and the development of this branch of activity is adding thousands to the wealth of Polk county. For years noted for the excellence of its live stock it now appears certain that, in a very few years, Polk county will take a front place in the production of fine poultry. The recent show was well managed and well arranged and all who took part in it are emphatic in their praise for the officers of the

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association and those who had charge of the staging of the sixth annual exhibition. The Dallas Commercial club never made a better investment than the financial help it gave the poultry association, nor one which will yield greater returns both immediately and in the years to come. Such events are a credit to the county and to the city in which they are given and we cannot have too many of them.

Selection of postmasters by popular choice of the patrons of the office, and the extension of the term to five years, is contemplated in a bill recently introduced in congress by Senator Bristow, of Kansas. The senator's inspiration no doubt came as he beheld the squabble all over the United States relative to post-office jobs, since Governor Wilson's election. There is much merit in a bill of this kind and The Observer hopes that it will become a law. It seems entirely fitting that the patrons of any postoffice should have an opportunity of deciding whom they want to manage the office, rather than to have some incompetent and unpopular individual foisted upon them, whose only recommendation for the office is party fealty or a pull with the appointing power. Many satisfactory postmasters are selected in this way, it is true, but more often the official is not satisfactory to the patrons of the office and would have stood no show whatever of success had the people been given the opportunity of making a selection. But the bill won't pass. Its adoption would eliminate too much of the patronage from the members of congress and make the upbuilding of their political machines much more difficult. No, the postmasters are a necessity for the perpetuation in office of the senators and congressmen and any change which threatens to leave their selection with the people, will be opposed.

The hustling city of Albany which has recently awakened from the slumber of years and is fast assuming metropolitan airs, is now agitating the question of cluster lights for the streets and the Mayor has suggested a municipal lighting plant for street illumination. The property owners are willing to put in the posts at their own expense, but the city cannot afford the added expense of keeping the lights in operation. In Dallas posts have been installed, the business men gladly pay the expense of keeping them in operation for the advertisement it gives their places of business. The placing of one post has been followed by others, until at the present time, the West side of Main street in the business section is very well supplied with them. It is only a question of time before the other side of the street will have them also and others will be placed around the court house plaza by the county. When this shall be accomplished the use of a number of street areas will probably be done away with, the city paying for the light used in the cluster posts. In this way the enterprise of the business men will be repaid and the problem of proper street lighting will solve itself. The superiority of the cluster lights over the old fashioned area is apparent to all and it is admitted that, with a complete system of them on both sides of the street, the lighting would be preferable to all other methods.

At Dallas, the pretty, county seat of Polk county, there is a movement on foot to obtain hard surface pavement. The Observer published there is making a splendid campaign of education and persuasion for paved streets. There is a little opposition to the improvement but it comes apparently from an ill-advised and pennywise minority. Paved streets are no longer a luxury to any city, and have passed even the period of community advertising. Hard surfaced streets are a common, necessary improvement to any growing town and Dallas is growing. Its stores are modern, its court house square gives the town an appearance of neatness and paved streets will enhance the good impression that city makes on a stranger. The writer was at Dallas some weeks ago. It looked good to him, but it would have looked better if the streets in the business district had been paved. It doesn't matter much what kind of pavement is used, provided it is put down carefully under strict supervision of an overseer who has the interests of the taxpayers in mind.—McMinnville News-Reporter.

While other cities are having trouble with their water supplies, and while the plague of typhoid is claiming its victims by the scores owing to impure water, every citizen of Dallas should thank his lucky stars that no such exigency faces him. While other places must use the polluted river water filled with disease laden germs, Dallas people drink pure mountain water without a germ in a million gallons. There are many things which Dallas has to be thankful for at this merry yuletide season and its incomparable water supply is one of them.

Nat Goodwin has again been snafled for alleged alienation of a wife's affections. This time the complainant is a Los Angeles man and the sum asked from Nathaniel is a meagre 25 then. Nat has gone through so many of these snafes that he probably isn't happy when not facing a lawsuit. Think of the advertising it brings him, too.

"A newspaper is the cheapest

thing you can buy" observes the Santiam News. This is true, and some of them are cheaper in worth than in the financial outlay it requires to possess one of them. And this is no reflection on the News, either.

When the new parcels post law gets into operation there will be nothing to prevent the valued subscriber from sending a dozen of fresh country eggs and a few rolls of choice country butter in to the editor now and then. Come to think of it, life doesn't appear cheerless after all.

Only seven more days remain in which the ancient maidens and others may take advantage of leap year to garner a "lord and master." Hustle, ere it is too late.

The Observer wishes its great family of readers a "Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

Better begin practicing "1913."

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.

MEET THE PUPIL HALF WAY

Polk Citizen Shows Reasons Why Standard of O. A. C. Should Not Be Raised.

Editor Observer:—Referring to the statement published in the newspapers recently from Dr. W. J. Kerr, in regard to raising the standard of credits necessary for entrance to the Oregon Agricultural college, I wish to make a few comments. Now, I am not a "knacker" but highly in favor of advanced education; but my opinion is that the standard, instead of being raised, should be lowered, to meet the pupil half way. Up to the last year it has not been possible for the country boys and girls to secure a high school education in the country, hence they must go to town school or sacrifice their privilege for a course at O. A. C. which was, in the original case, established to advance agriculture and domestic science. There has ever been a gap of about four grades from eight to 12 which was almost insurmountable. After working on this problem for about five years through the county school officers' convention, the high school for country districts was made possible. Now, it would seem that the O. A. C. would tear another round from the educational ladder making it more difficult for country students to enter.

Suppose algebra, Latin, German and ancient history were eliminated and something really practical were introduced, wouldn't it better fit the average student to meet life's problem. We are maintaining the State University for the higher education in letters and languages, the state normal for teachers of which we benefit but little because they are offered higher salaries in Washington, and California, where they naturally go. Let us raise the standard of teachers and pay high salaries, but let's make O. A. C. practical in every way possible; let's make entrance easier instead of harder, and encourage our country boys and girls to attend O. A. C. for practical, intensive education. O. A. C. is doing a grand, good work for adult farmers by their short courses of six weeks, also by the farmers' week period of lectures in which practical agriculture, animal husbandry, horticulture and poultry culture are thoroughly handled by competent men, and the domestic science by competent women.

It was my pleasure to attend the farmers' week in 1911, and allow me to say, I profited by every hour spent at O. A. C. Reach down one round, Bro. Kerr, and help the country student up, instead of forcing the average country student to sacrifice his chances for an agricultural education.

In closing let me congratulate the Oregon Agricultural college faculty for their success and wish them continuance for a practical education, I am,

Yours truly,
J. H. BROWN.
Dallas, Ore., R. 1, Dec. 23, 1912.

NO CASE AGAINST EMMETT

Buell Mann is Discharged Following Examination Saturday.

Deciding that the evidence adduced at the hearing was not sufficient to make a case against him, D. E. Emmett was discharged by Justice Hardy Holman on Saturday following a hearing in his court. Emmett was charged by the prosecuting witness, C. E. Abbey, with pointing a gun at him. Glen O. Holman appeared for Emmett.

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 Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 15 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.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, William Corley, as executor of the estate of James Thurston, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and that Thursday, the 26th day of December, 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, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

WILLIAM CORLEY,
Executor of the estate of
James Thurston, deceased.
OSCAR HAYTER, Attorney.
Dated and first published November 26, 1912. 11-26-12 34

SUMMONS.
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.
Department No. 2.
Blanche Eakin, Plaintiff, vs. Newton Winkelman, and also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.
To Newton Winkelman, and also all parties or persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, the above named defendants.
In the name of the State of Oregon: You and each of you are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit and court on or before six weeks from the date of the first service of this summons upon you by publication and if you fail to do so to appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will take a decree against you and each of you as prayed for in her complaint herein, to-wit: For a decree that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of Lots No. six (6) and seven (7) in Block No. sixteen (16) in the Dallas Land and Improvement Company's Addition to the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem meet and equitable.
This summons is published for a period of six weeks, by order of the Hon. Ed. F. Coad, Judge of the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, made at Chambers, at Dallas, in said County and State on the 19th day of November, 1912, and the date of first publication is November 19, 1912, and the date of the last publication will be December 31, 1912.

SIBLEY & EAKIN,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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SUMMONS.
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.
Department No. 2.
Nelle Lewis, Plaintiff, vs. Edward K. Lewis, Defendant.
To Edward K. Lewis, the defendant above named: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 8th day of January, A. D. 1913, and you are hereby notified that if you fail to do so, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in said Complaint, viz.: a decree forever dissolving the marriage contract now and heretofore existing between you and the said plaintiff; that plaintiff be awarded the future care and custody of Glen Lewis, minor child of plaintiff and defendant, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem meet and equitable.
This summons is served upon you by publication, for a period of six consecutive and successive weeks immediately preceding the 8th day of January, 1913, by an order of the Hon. Ed. F. Coad, Judge of the County Court of the County of Polk and State of Oregon, made and entered on the 23rd day of November A. D. 1912.

The date of the first publication of this summons is Tuesday, the 26th day of November A. D. 1912.
BROWN & SIBLEY,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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SUMMONS.
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk.
Department No. 2.
Cora D. Comstock, Plaintiff, vs. Frederick E. Comstock, Defendant.
To Frederick E. Comstock, the above named defendant:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and suit on or before the 8th day of January, 1913, and if you fail to do so, plaintiff will apply to the Court for a decree for all and singular the relief prayed for in her complaint, viz.: For a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between you and plaintiff; and for a further decree awarding to plaintiff the future care and custody of the two minor children of plaintiff and defendant; and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by the publication thereof for six consecutive and successive weeks in the Polk County Observer, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, and the first publication hereof is on the 26th day of November, 1912, and the date of the last publication is January 7th, 1913. Said summons is published by order of Hon. Ed. F. Coad, County Judge of Polk County, Oregon, said order having been made at Dallas, Oregon, on November 25th, 1912.

WALTER L. TOOLE, Jr.,
Attorney for the Plaintiff.
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Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Mary Letitia Collins, the administratrix of the estate of William Wallace Collins, deceased, has filed her final account as such administratrix in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, and that Wednesday, the 15th day of January, 1913, 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, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

MARY LETITIA COLLINS,
Administratrix of the estate of William Wallace Collins, deceased.
OSCAR HAYTER, Attorney.
Dated and first published, December 17, 1912. 12-17 1-14

—Trespass notices, weather proof, for sale at Observer Job office.

LODGE DIRECTORY

REBEKAHS—Almira Lodge No. 26 meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Odd Fellows' Hall.

NOLA COAD, Noble Grand.

ORA COSPER, Secretary.

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W. A. AYRES, Clerk.

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W. L. SOEHREN, W. M.

WALTER R. MUIR, Secretary.

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