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The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.

"BACK TO THE FARM."

During the past few years we have heard much of the above cry and there is general attempt on the part of modern psychologists to develop a movement which shall have for its aim the making of farm life more attractive, and that the movement shall not be from the country to the city, but rather from the city to the country. The basic principle of this teaching is that all prosperity must emanate from the farm—that there can be no lasting stability for any country which has not behind it a prosperous and intelligent agricultural community. So our farmers are read essays on how to make farm life more attractive for their sons and daughters; these theoretical advisers are trying to map out a course for the farmer, and are generally handling a subject with which they are not familiar. A very large percentage of the successful business and professional men of this country began their life on the farm. But they left it and sought their life's labor in other fields because their tastes and inclinations called in that direction. Not because they were merely dissatisfied with life on the farm, and it appears to us, that all the theories in Christendom couldn't have changed their views nor altered their determination. It mattered not to them whether their home on the farm was equipped with all the modern conveniences which we are told should be there to keep the children at home. These things are all right and eminently preferable to the former makeshifts, if we can afford them, but they are not what keeps the boy on the farm. Nothing will keep him there if he doesn't want to stay, and to compel him to remain and become a tiller of the soil when his tastes lie in other directions, would be to make a mighty poor farmer out of him.

But, there is another side of it. Sooner or later, to the city dweller, comes the time in his life when he longs again for the farm. When he yearns for the smell of the soil and the sight of growing crops and wide stretches of fertile fields. In response to this desire many retire to the farm and take up tasks for which their training has entirely unfitted them. The time has long since past when all that was necessary was to plow the land, sow the seed and reap the harvest, trusting to God and a good season to return a bountiful production. The modern farmer has learned that he must use modern methods if he hopes to take from the soil all that it is willing to give him, if he is to make the success of his avocation that is possible. The man from the city who buys a piece of land and starts in on the soil-tilling game, knows little about it. He may have been raised on a farm, but he finds that the systems that prevailed 30 or 40 years ago, are not the ones that make for success today. He must know something of the soil, and be familiar with the different compositions that enter into it, and what crops will thrive best on this field and which will do best on that. In short he must use science and common sense in his work, just as the successful farmer does today. A little capital soon vanishes when an average city man undertakes to make a living in agriculture or any of its branches, unless he has exceptional knowledge and staying qualities. He needs to be prepared by a study of conditions in their true light.

Farmers already established and successful can see from the many experiments going on around them that general labors on the soil are often far less successful than they might be. It is not difficult to own a farm in the United States. Probably it is more true of this country than any other. All that is necessary is the money to make the first payment, but it requires definite knowledge to improve the opportunity. Farm demonstrations and agricultural courses are doing much to show the wide awake tiller of the soil how to better his condition, and it is those who are taking advantage of every suggestion, and who welcome the demonstrator and the college course as a means whereby the fertility of their acres may be increased, the value of their farms enhanced, and their own prosperity more firmly established, and who see that farming is the best vocation un-

der the sun if rightly comprehended and followed up.

Crops in this country per acre might be doubled or trebled. In proof of this it is only necessary to refer to Belgium, which has the largest percentage of farmers per acre of any country on the globe and where every foot of soil is made to produce to its full capacity. Where the soil is so valuable that it is even moved from one place to another. This great work in Belgium has been accomplished by intelligent methods aided and sustained by the experiments which the government has undertaken. By the fullest development of our agricultural resources the room for workers would be increased, if they were wisely guided, and masters the fundamental principles of how to make farming pay, and insure at the same time, an enjoyable life.

A new system of spelling allows an individual a wide range of choice. The same condition has existed for many years, but was never looked upon as a desirable accomplishment.

"Wonder if the efforts of the vice commission will be extended to the 'vice-presidents,' calmly inquires the ubiquitous individual. They should, by all means.

Bro. Hamstreet, of the Sheridan Sun, pokes fun at The Observer's poet. Have a care, "Ham," old boy, lest the said machine isn't started on a thumping grind aimed at the Sun and its esteemed editor.

The skepticism announced by a certain Oregon physician over the tuberculous serum discovered by Dr. Friedman, may be accounted for by the fact that the Oregon Medie is himself the "discoverer" of a cure for the same disease.

It is said that there is no applicant for the postoffice at Hillsboro, notwithstanding that the job pays \$1800 a year. What's the matter down there? Dallas might supply a few aspirants, only we'd hate to lose any of 'em.

In making his appointments it is not stated whether Governor West will exercise the same discretion in selecting real democrats as that proposed by President Wilson. The Governor doesn't appear to be troubled by any scruples along this line, and a speckled Bourbonite looks as good to him as the other kind.

Will some of the "enterprising" editors who willingly fell for the bait offered by the "pictorial supplement" feature and week after week assisted in booming a Portland land scheme, please tell an anxious public what has become of their feature magazine? This suspense is horrible. And it was such a nice thing, too, and only offered "to the best paper in the town." Be still, sad heart.

Already the clouds of trouble are beginning to drift over the Wilson administration in its settlement of the tariff program by congress. The prospect of free wool isn't alluring to the western democrats and the proposed elimination of the schedule on sugar is meeting with opposition from the southern states. So far as the House is concerned, the adjustment might be successful, but in the Senate trouble is sure to ensue. In the final analysis it may be discovered that the Payne-Aldrich bill wasn't such a bangle after all.

The announcement by President Wilson and his advisers that no democratic office seeker who ever registered as a republican in a primary election, need apply for a Federal position, is a proper rebuke for party infidelity, but it is raising all sorts of trouble with the pie-hunters in Oregon. It appears that the president is of the opinion that a good democrat is one who is, and always has been, a democrat, and not one who has forgotten his party principles or placed his itch for office above his allegiance to his party. The application of this new rule will have the effect of disqualifying a large number of the Oregon aspirants.

The decision of the Polk county court to call for bids for the construction of the four proposed new bridges which it has been decided to build in this county during the coming summer, is business-like and commendable. Although the law does not specifically provide that the court must call for bids, but may build the bridges under the direction of a superintendent, a competition in this connection can do no harm and it will undoubtedly result in getting the bridges at much less cost than any other course. Many taxpayers declare that there should be more of this calling for bids and, judging from the recent action of the present court, such is to be its program.

It is announced that the government of Japan has formally protested to the Washington authorities against the probable enactment of a law in California preventing the subjects of Japan from owning or leasing property in that state. It is further reported that Secretary of State Bryan has had the matter under advisement for some time and is looking up the action taken by Secretary Root under the Roosevelt administration, following drastic action by California, regarding the exclusion of Orientals from the public schools. International questions of this character are delicate subjects, and their safe and equitable adjustment so that all parties

concerned shall be satisfied, is a severe test for even the diplomatic ability of William J., and it remains to be seen whether the hero of 16 to 1 is equal to the emergency.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

New Polk Road.
A new road is being built west of Independence, running north and south just east of Mattie Stewart's place. The road will be about a mile and a quarter long. The road runs from the Monmouth street road to the road from Independence to Dallas, north of town. The main bridge has been built across the creek, but the approaches have not been put in.—Independence Monitor.

No Fruit Association.
Because of lack of interest among the fruit growers residing in the vicinity of Albany, the death knell has been sounded as far as maintaining an association is concerned, and the Albany Fruit Growers' association, which was formed several months ago and the members of which have been holding a series of meetings lately in an endeavor to secure a market and fair prices for their products, will be disbanded at an early date, says the Albany Herald.

Played "Hookey," Suspended.
Twenty-five pupils of the Hillsboro high school, including some from the eighth grade, who failed to report for their classes on Tuesday afternoon, April 1, as an "April fool joke," were suspended by the board for two weeks. It appears that the "joke" was on the pupils.

More Paving in Independence.
At a meeting of the city council, held Wednesday evening, resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote, intended to improve Second street from the railroad bridge south to E street, Monmouth from Second street west to the steel bridge, and parts of the unpaved streets from Main to Second, comprising about 15 blocks in all. The council is now advertising for bids and there seems to be little doubt regarding the consummation of this movement.—Enterprise.

New Hotel Man.
The Hotel Lerona, which has been under the able management of Moss Walker, will on April 15 be taken over by Frank Lacey, of Folsom, California, with his wife expects to arrive in Independence at that time, says the Enterprise. Mr. Lacey comes highly recommended as a first-class hotel man and the Enterprise wishes him unbounded success in his new business venture in this city, which we believe he has made no mistake.

Grange to Meet.
The Polk County Pomona grange will hold its quarterly meeting in Monmouth on Wednesday, April 9, beginning at 10:30 a. m., according to the announcement of P. O. Powell, master of Monmouth grange. The morning session will be devoted to reports from the various granges of the county, the afternoon to a literary program, and at the evening session the fifth degree will be conferred upon all who desire to become Pomona members.

Has Reporter's Job.
It is reported that H. E. Brown, former editor of the Independence Enterprise, has accepted a position as reporter for a Salem newspaper. He recently sold the Enterprise to W. J. Clark.

Rabbit Chase on Main Street.
The Independence Enterprise says that the recent high water in the Willamette drove many jackrabbits from their homes and that "an exciting jackrabbit chase with two dogs on their heels was one of the stunts pulled off this week on Main street. The fun only lasted a few minutes, but created considerable enthusiasm while it lasted."

To Have New Depot.
Southern Pacific carpenters have begun the work of building a new station building in Monmouth.

Water Works for Amity.
Last Monday evening the city council met with Mr. Gilmore, representing Morris Bros., bond brokers, and went over with them the proposition of bonding the city for water works. In order to do this it will be necessary to make some changes in the city charter, and this company proposes to have this done by the best of legal authority so it will stand any kind of a test, and to pay for this service themselves, provided they get the issue, which we consider very good. The council will no doubt have the thing moving nicely in a short time. The city can feel grateful that they have a council who are as careful about expending the city money as if it was their own.—Amity Standard.

Makes It Pay.
H. M. Frick, not the iron magnate, but the successful breeder of the Crystal White Orpingtons, is making a great success of his venture because he is interested in good poultry and because he knows the poultry business is a money-making business, says the Sheridan Sun. Three years ago he started in the business with three hens and a cockerel of the Kellestrass strain of Crystal White Orpingtons, for which he paid \$150 to Mr. Kellestrass, of Kansas City, the originator. His breeding has been for points and he expects to enter all poultry shows this fall and winter. He has shipped many of his fowls to outside parties and will make choice poultry raising a specialty with strict attention given to the C. W. Orpingtons, which, by writers in poultry journals, are claimed to be superior to the English breed.

Work Is Delayed.
We understand that owing to a shortage of cable and other material for the electrification of the Southern Pacific, all the linemen were ordered to quit further work until supplies

Manuel Earnshaw, Delegate to Congress, Wants Independence



Photo by American Press Association.

THIS is Manuel Earnshaw and his wife. Who are they? Well, Earnshaw is a pretty big man in the Philippines, and he's in America now as one of the two delegates from our island possessions to congress. He recently arrived with his wife, and he at once plunged into the task of stirring up sentiment for Filipino Independence. He claims his countrymen are ready now for self government.

from the East arrived. It is believed that work will be resumed within 10 days, as the steel gang are now within five miles from town and will no doubt reach this city by Saturday.—Independence Enterprise.

OSTEOPATHY

Not a Limited Practice.
It is sometimes said that "Osteopathy is good for some things, but is limited in its scope." This is usually asserted by some one whose knowledge of the science is limited. The foundation stone of osteopathy is adjustment, and one of its axioms is that a natural flow of blood and unimpeded nerves means health. When, through the application of mechanical principles, the body, in all its parts, is properly adjusted the flow of blood and nervous force will be normal, and little remains to be done for the invalid that may not be accomplished by good nursing, rational diet and hygienic care—and upon these things no school of healing holds a patent right. It is true, though not so often as is generally supposed, that recourse must sometimes be had to surgery, but surgery, in principle, is osteopathic.—Reprint from Herald of Osteopathy.

MUCH LOOT IS RECOVERED.

Salem Postoffice Robber Includes Dallas Packages in His Work.
More than half the loot stolen from the mails by William Martin, the confessed plunderer, has been identified by and delivered to the senders. There still remains a considerable pile of merchandise to be claimed, and Postmaster Farrar is keeping the office open every afternoon so that those who have goods among the property recovered shall have a chance to recover it.

It has been ascertained that a great deal of the stolen property belongs to people in Dallas, Canby, Black Rock and other west side points. People are coming in daily to the room in which the goods are on exhibition, and as fast as the ownership is proven, the articles are returned to their original owners. Martin has been taken to Portland, where his case will be disposed of.—Statesman.

OREGON AIDS FLOOD VICTIMS

State's Contributions to Approximate About \$25,000, Is Report.
Portland, Ore., April 8.—(Special)—The collection of funds for the relief of the flood and cyclone-swept parts of the Middle West has seen a work of the past week in which the whole state has participated. Money and provisions have been given with a generous hand. Oregon's contributions will total about \$25,000, which speaks well for the generosity of her people. A feature of the work that merits special credit was the gift of \$100 by Chinese residents of Baker.

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