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

GRANGES OPPOSE.

Several granges in Douglas county have already come out in open opposition to the Parkison plan to refer the university appropriation to the people. They object to the proposition upon the ground of its menace to the educational institutions of the state. They do not believe, it seems, in turning over the state university for a game of bat-and-ball and shut-the-door to those who would destroy its usefulness and prevent its growth and expansion. Parkison himself admits that the institution is in need of new buildings, but bases his objection on the erection of more, on a proposed consolidation of the university and the agricultural college. This plan is opposed by the leading educators of the state, and by all who have stopped to consider what might happen should it be accomplished. As has already been said, time and again, the two institutions are not on the same footing so far as their curriculum is concerned. What is made a specialty in one is not even taught in the other, and to combine the two in one large and unwieldy institution would have a tendency to reduce the efficiency and would not, to any appreciable extent, reduce the expense.

Oregon is a great and growing state. It has outlived the days of its infancy and is developing rapidly along all lines. New people are coming in from the East and the population is increasing daily. To keep abreast with this development is the wish of every progressive citizen and we should not overlook the needs of our educational institutions. So far as the people generally are concerned—those who take an interest in the educational facilities and are actuated by a wholesome desire to promote their welfare, do not look with favor upon the proposition to combine the university and the agricultural college. They believe that separate institutions are a necessity if we are to build them up and make them the credit to the state and the advantage to our youth that is possible.

Oregon may well profit by the experience of other states in this regard. In Washington a great university is being built up at Seattle, one that is attracting the attention of the country at large and one, by the way, which draws its students largely from Oregon. Students that should be enabled to find what they want here and would so find it, were it not for the parsimonious policy which has, too often, ruled the deliberations of the state's lawmakers in the past. Oregon must progress, and first consideration should be the welfare and the stability of the institutions of higher learning.

WATCHING THE COST OF LIVING.

The Democratic party has undertaken to prove that the price of food can be reduced by lowering tariff duties and treating tariff protection not only as a public injury, but as a policy that violates the constitution. As the party that takes this stand is in full executive and legislative control, and is at work on the task it has courted, it must now proceed to make good, or run against a failure, which will not be its first. Observes the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It must show at the start that it is capable of a sufficient degree of harmony to carry through a tariff programme. Next must come the lowering of prices promised, and without evil results that would more than counterbalance the advantages, whatever they might be. Consumers are looking on and are in constant touch with the cost of living. They will know exactly what happens in this respect.

Supposing that the Democratic party will pass the tariff law its leaders have framed, will it bring a fulfillment of what is pledged to the people without any serious disturbance of industry, wages and opportunities for employment? Will general prosperity continue, and consumers rejoice in a lowered cost of what they eat and wear, with no impairment of their means to pay? Will placing an article on the free list surely reduce correspondingly its price to the consumer? These are questions about to be answered by practical events. Throughout the world the cost of living is high. A tariff revision in the United States

will not revolutionize world-prices, nor radically change world-causes, nor bring a world-wide upheaval in the laws of supply and demand. The people of this country can only wait now for results. They will know exactly what these are when measured by the promises.

People who voted for the eight-hour bill as applied to all public works and which was finally made into a bran new law by the recent legislature, will now have an opportunity to observe its workings and they should not complain when the taxpayers are called upon to foot the extra expense. At the council meeting on Monday night, when the bids for the improvement of Fairview avenue were opened, the estimates of one contractor showed that he would be willing to do the hauling for practically 20 cents less per yard before the law went into effect, than afterward, that while he was willing to deliver the rock from the crusher for 72 cents per yard as conditions now exist, he must receive 90 cents per yard after the eight-hour law becomes effective. There are many people who complain about the hours of work and the inefficient wages of the laboring man, and are very anxious to shorten the hours and increase the pay, so long as the burden falls upon the employer, but here is an instance where the public must foot the bill. The extension of this law to include all public work directly affects the taxpayers and contracts in the future must all be made at additional cost in order to make allowance for the extra labor required. The Observer isn't objecting to the arrangement—but we merely want to call attention to the practical working of a law that is brought home to all of us so forcibly. Protesting against hours and wages are all right when it affects the other fellow, but when it strikes our pocket book, well, that's another matter.

Disappointment dire and dreadful now sits upon the countenances of many Democratic aspirants for postmasterships throughout the country, following the announcement from Postmaster General Burleson that his office will be "run on business principles and not on politics" and that "no Republican postmaster who has made good will be removed simply because he is a Republican." While this pronouncement comes like a chill breath from an iceberg and strikes terror to the hearts of thousands of pie-counter aspirants it means nevertheless that competency has its reward and that the good of the service will be the first thought of the new head of the department. It remains to be seen, however, just how closely this policy will be followed.

A new rule, says the Oregon Agricultural College Press bulletin, provides that no man may take a girl canoeing at Corvallis until said man has passed an examination in swimming and handling a canoe. The rule is made by the O. A. C. Canoe club of the college city and will go into effect soon. There are no other requirements from the gallant ones, but Mr. Carnegie has many medals yet unsought and marriage licenses are cheap, so heroes may be plentiful around the college canoeing places this summer.

A department of plumbing has been added to the curriculum of the Los Angeles high school and it is stated that a large class of girls has already been enrolled. This is a move in the right direction. When women plumbers become proficient and numerous, the "old man" may remain in bed on cold mornings while the plumber gets up and fixes a frozen water pipe in the kitchen. Some class to that.

There is no occasion for any of the over-zealous moralists of McMinnville to worry about it. That city won't be selected for another try-out between a Dallas athletic organization and a formidable rival. We'll spend our dollars in a more congenial atmosphere.

Such base ball results as that 1 to 11 inning game in Portland on Tuesday, is the sort of dope that creates the base ball bugs.

Cheer up Mabel, the fruit blossoms are coming.

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.

TANGLED WITH PICTURES

"Taxpayers' Republican" of Ballston Has Another Spasm.
Dear Mister Editor I didn't expect you to put my letter in your paper but I don't care much cause it will set folks tawkin' and I will cum in contact with public sentiment awl the ide like to hav yure opinyun on my subjects—maybee yure mad at me cause I didn't pay fer yure paper fer a few years back.

well you sea I doant get in town very often and when I do get there I'm awful bizzzy awl the time and fer git, sometimes I forget when I'm in town awhile, the way it happened is this the uther day a littl gurl frum over in the redPirayre destrick cum over to my house and wanted me to skribe fer the observer for a year and that made me think about yure staytment what ide got, she sed if ide take the paper for a year I wood help thare littl sehule tu

get a pieture and sheed get 20 sents tu boot. I sed lordly gurl I haint pade my skripshun fer yeers and shode hur yure staytment and she figgered it aout that sheed get 90 sents fer hur part and the sehule wood get a bigger pieture then she expected. well I figgered say that littl gurl eood figger sum well I figgered ide help um aout after she shode me how yude get yure munny and ide get a gud paper and sheed get 90 sents and the sehule wood get a nice pieture.

she sed if they got a gud pieture sooperintendent seamore wood like um better and wood make um a standyud sehule. well I doant care whether he duz er not ide rather my childrun wood hav a gud pieture starein at um frum the wawls of the sehule housew than tu hav um lukin at the bair wawls es at sum pattant medisin pietures, a sehule housew without gud pietures aint very piezent fer the childrun entytime. aint that wright.

I like the paper cause it cum 2 times a weak and the noose aint aintshunt histery when we get it and I like tu read about the eort and the things yure rite on the inside of the paper when yure mad and my wife she likes tu read about the difrant parts of the country correspondants, thats what she cawls um.

this lettur aint fer publikashun—thank you.

a taxpaying republican
ballston oregon april 16 1913

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sence that littl gurl frum redPirayre got me pade up with yure paper my littl gurl whoo gows tu ballston made me skribe fer another yeer and my neese frum airlee rote fer me tu skribe fer her another yeer and my neffew frum eoli rote tu and they made me du it fer when I sent um 2 bit a peese fer thare part they cum rite back and sed what they wanted waz pietures fer thare sehules, ime glad yure standyudizin and a chanet tu pay taxis tu giv yun sitty fellers gud streats.

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TRAINED SEALS TROUPE

Barnes' Animal Circus Has Noteworthy Attraction; Seals Hold Attention of Crowds Everywhere.

(By the Press Agent.)
There are few people in the United States who have not at some time or another attended some big circus, watching act after act, until the big troupe of seals come out, then everybody "sits up and takes notice." These animals from the northern seas are very intelligent and learn very quickly and all tricks they are called upon to perform. How many patrons of the circus ever get close enough to study this denizen of the deep, and to know its real being? Very few.

Al G. Barnes has secured a troupe of these animals for exhibition purposes and has so arranged the places of exhibition that one can put their hands on their heads. Capt. Chas. S. McFadden, of Cape Nome, Alaska, (for years overseer of the U. S. government reindeer farm at that point) gives a very interesting lecture, explaining the habits and traits of the seals.

It must be remembered that a seal cannot live in fresh water, and sea salt and sea water must be had in great quantities or they will live but a few weeks. They must also have fish that are natives of the northern waters or none at all, and consequently one can realize as they look upon these animals that they are seeing something out of the ordinary. This is only one of the great animal acts presented in the Al G. Barnes Three Ring Wild Animal Circus. It requires a special train of 20 double length railroad cars to transport it and 250 people. The street parade takes place at 10:30 a. m., and the performance will be given at 2 and 8 p. m. Remember the date: At Dallas, Tuesday, April 22.

ADVERTISING.

(By F. M. R.)

A little story of an advertisement which was not intended as an advertisement at all is worth the space. It is intended to convey the information that people from afar as well as near, read advertisements. The newspaper is the clearing house for all information. Newspaper men have a chance to realize these truths far better than people in other lines of business. Scarcely a day passes without an inquiry from strangers as to houses for rent, rooms for rent, farms for sale, and miscellaneous wants and information are continually sought. But that is not the story. Landlord Corson, at the Hotel Scott, recently wanted to inform the public that he was desirous of leasing some furnished rooms and also had a home and barn for rent. An appeal to the classified columns of The Observer met with a hasty response in both instances. But even that does not tell the story. The Dallas Commercial club, in answer to inquiries concerning Dallas, Polk county, or Oregon, often send The Observer for a time to eastern people who contemplate a visit to this country. A lady at Aberdeen, Washington, who had been receiving the paper contemplated visiting Dallas recently in search of an investment, and her thoughts turned to the matter of hotel accommodations. The only name she could find was that of the New Scott. Thus a little want ad, intended for another purpose, reached the eye of one who became a customer. This is an everyday incident with the advertising man.

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Somebody said that it couldn't be done.
But he, with a chuckle, replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so until he tried.
So he buckled right in, with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried, he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done—and he did it.
There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done:

There are thousands who prophesy failure:
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in, with a bit of a grin,
Then take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done" and you'll do it.
—Ex.

This little poem reminds us of what a few people said about our plan of

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—Detroit Free Press.

For school the Johnson boy was late because he had mislaid his slate. Remarked his father, wise old soul, "Go down and find some in the coal."
—Denver Republican.



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