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

Secretary and Mrs. Bryan, it appears, do not propose to change their mode of living or take up customs which they do not believe, simply because they occupy a prominent position in Washington society. Their elimination of wine from a recent dinner given to the diplomats of foreign countries, has caused widespread comment and, unfortunately, much of it has been aimed at the Secretary of State and his wife for their position in the matter. It is urged that wine should have been served because it is customary and because the guests expected it. It is asserted that members of the family could have turned down their glasses and thus the incident would have passed unnoticed and the guests would have had the wine to which they have been accustomed and in which they see no harm. That this course should have been pursued, might appeal to some as fitting, but it appears that, inasmuch as both Secretary and Mrs. Bryan have been teetotalers from their tables, there should be no obligation upon them to do so now, even if they have reached a position in the social life at Washington where wine drinking is supposed to be one of the accomplishments. One cannot help thinking that the Bryans pursued the proper course and one which should have met the approval of their guests. It is a poor guest who would complain at his host's failure to adopt a custom with which he was not in accord merely to please the company.

An interesting question has come up at the Mare Island Navy Yard down in California. Of the men employed in that yard, some 1200 live in Vallejo, where they have to cross an arm of the bay to go to their work. The ferry company was charging them \$2.18 a month to carry them back and forth. The monopoly refused to make any concession when requested. Then the men organized an Aquatic Club, bought three motor boats for \$10,000 and proceeded to ferry themselves across for 93 cents a month less than the ferry company charged—or not much more than half what they had been paying. Seeing their profits going glimmering, the ferry people went into court and asked that the workmen be enjoined from crossing the strait in their own boats—and singularly enough, they found a judge who granted the injunction. Now the legislature is being petitioned to enact a law permitting people to ride in their own boats. It looks to us as if monopoly wasn't going to have as easy sledding or find as complacent and subservient courts in the future as it has in the past in this country.—Woodburn Independent.

The Observer confidently believes that the institution of hard surface improvement in this city will mark an epoch in the commercial development of Dallas and the city's forward movement will be at once apparent. There is no experiment about the paving proposition. It is a business matter, and no town can hope to reach a position of great importance in the commonwealth so long as this necessary adjunct to its progressiveness is lacking. Of course the idea is opposed; certainly there are those who do not favor it. There have always been such and there will always be, so long as we have people who want all they can get in the financial line giving as little as possible in return. These always oppose any public improvement that is likely to cost them money, but happily they are not in the majority in Dallas. And yet, had they the farsightedness or the observance to profit by the experience of other communities they would see and understand that every public improvement increases the value of their property and brings new people to the city. By all means let the paving plan proceed—it has been over looked too long already.

Ortie McManigal, the confessed Los Angeles Times dynamite who turned state's evidence and assisted in weaving a web about the McNamara brothers and later who gave valuable testimony for the prosecution in the Indianapolis dynamite trials, will, it is said, probably be released from confinement some time during the coming month. For two years McManigal has been a nominal prisoner at the county jail in Los Angeles although given every attention and luxury demanded. He says that abso-

tutely no promise of immunity or hope of any kind was given him as reward for testifying regarding his former comrades and their operations, but that he did it merely to "get it off" his mind and ease his "conscience." Well, it probably doesn't make much difference to Ortie—freedom is the main thing, anyway.

We learn that the successful efforts to secure a six-week's Chautauqua session, is the result of the Itemizer's labor exerted more than six months ago. The people of Dallas are to be congratulated upon the enterprise and progressiveness shown by the editor of that publication. Just how long ago was it, that he invented the Fourth of July and made it a national holiday? We forget dates so easily.

"Talk good roads to 10 men and nine of them will tell you just how to build a first-class highway with the least expense," truthfully observes a correspondent in the Toledo Leader. "These same nine men will bump their wagons over a chunk of wood that has accidentally fallen in the road and pass on in the hope that the tenth man will have civic pride enough to stop and spend a minute removing the obstacle."

The McMinnville Telephone-Register and the Oregon City Courier are the only newspapers which The Observer has noticed that are fighting the state university. Great combination, that! You couldn't expect anything else from the socialist publication at U'renville, but think of the McMinnville fustbudget espousing the cause of Parkison!

Imitation is the sincerest flattery. Whenever you institute an innovation and your competitor immediately copies, you may rest assured that you have struck something worth while, at least from the standpoint of your competitor.

Postmasters whose salaries are \$1,000 or greater annually, must give up all other business, according to a recent ruling of the postoffice department. Great Goodness!—newspapers too?

TWENTY YEARS AGO IN DALLAS

Taken From the Files of The Observer, Dated Thursday, April 20, 1893.

On Sunday, April 16, the Evangelical society of Monmouth organized their Sunday school, with Prof. Geitz, superintendent; W. W. Fisher, assistant superintendent; Miss Mildred, secretary; John Heford, treasurer. Mr. Ragsdale, an enterprising citizen of Monmouth, died suddenly in Portland, of neuralgia of the stomach. Miss Cora Dempsey was home at Rieckrell from the Normal over Saturday and Sunday. Miss Fannie Orr has quit her studies at that place, but she will go twice a week to take music and elocution lessons.

The arbor day exercises at Rieckrell were well attended and several trees were planted in the yard. Editorial.—Until Dallas business men can get their woolen mill free from the tangles of the law, there is little hope that our business will brighten up. But we suppose time and patience will bring it all about straight. Hasten the time.

The Polk county school apportionment for the year 1893 is \$4.50 per scholar, a gain from \$3.66 last year. The new trespass law is rather severe on hunters. It makes it unlawful to go on any one's premises to hunt without permission of the owner, and also to shoot on or from a public highway.

Mr. A. H. Dodd, of Falls City, is circulating a subscription paper here to raise funds for the building of a Christian church there. The people of that place have donated the land to put the church on.

The Southern Pacific has begun fencing their lines in Oregon. There arrived at Salem last week six cars of lumber and three of barbed wire. It is estimated that the expense of fencing will be covered in a short time, as the amount of money expended in making good the loss of livestock is enormous.

George Tatom, a former Rieckrell merchant, but now located in Eastern Oregon, was in the city Wednesday.

Clay Notson has gone back to his former home in Kansas, to accept a position in a printing office. His family will follow later.

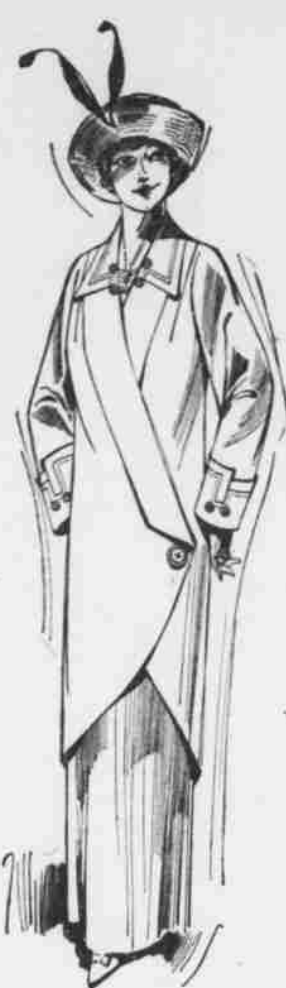
Mr. C. H. Chapman is the superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school, Mrs. Walsh having resigned on account of ill health.

Walter Williams met with an accident Tuesday afternoon that resulted in his right hand being burned almost to a crisp. During the day he took from the Academy laboratory a large piece of phosphorus and put it in his pocket, intending to perform some experiments with it at night. During the afternoon he thoughtlessly put his hand in his pocket containing the dangerous chemical, and upon touching it an explosion occurred that burned his fingers in a frightful manner.

We are informed that Dr. Ira Kimball is circulating a petition asking the government to establish a postoffice at Smithfield, and that he has been appointed postmaster. A postoffice at that place would be a great convenience to a large number of people, and as the Doctor is a staunch Democrat, we can see no reason why both prayers should not be granted.

Mart Nealy and Henry Miller are putting out 10 acres of hops on Dr. Miller's farm near Bridgeport.

Mr. J. R. N. Bell returned this week from the East. We understand



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Superintendent Rowland has appointed Harley Holman overseer and Mrs. Holman matron of the insane asylum farm. Mr. and Mrs. Holman moved their household effects to Salem this week and will immediately assume their duties.

The total apportionment for the schools of Polk county amounted to \$18,456.01, which was much larger than for any previous year.

C. C. Smith went to Portland to take a course in medical treatment. A union Sunday school convention for Polk county will be held at Monmouth on the fourth and fifth of May. There is every prospect that work will soon be resumed on the Portland & Astoria railroad.

An Electrical Operation

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Mrs. Sarah D. Dodson, of Sheridan, came to Dallas last Tuesday to consult Dr. Toel on account of a cancer on her nose. Mrs. Dodson, who is 83 years of age, is one of the oldest settlers in Polk county, having crossed the plains to Oregon more than 50 years ago, from East Tennessee.

A number of years ago a cancer formed on the tip of her nose. She had it eaten out with a plaster which left two holes in her nose. About two years ago another cancer formed just above the scars where the first one had been eaten out.

Mrs. Dodson remembered the excruciating pain the eating plaster had caused her for two weeks until the cancer came away as a hard lump.

She did not care to undergo such a slow and painful treatment again. Last Monday, however, she read in a Dallas paper about Dr. Toel's electrical operation for cancer and she came to Dallas on the morning train on Tuesday determined to have her cancer removed by Dr. Toel. The operation was performed in the afternoon and, to Mrs. Dodson's great astonishment, lasted only a few minutes. The cancer was entirely destroyed without any loss of blood and very little pain. Mrs. Dodson regards the electric operation for cancer as a wonderful improvement over the slow and extremely painful eating out with a plaster.

After visiting a number of her old friends in Dallas, Mrs. Dodson, who had remained over night with Mrs. Frink, returned to Sheridan on Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Toel has for 30 years made a specialty of electrical operations for cancers and tumors.

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Dr. Toel intends to make his methods known throughout the Willamette valley before opening offices in Portland. While he will stay for sometime in Dallas, patients who wish to consult him ought to consult him without delay, for while some cases of cancer allow him to operate at once when he patients consults him, and send the patient home the same day free of his cancer; in other cases it is necessary for the patient to stay under his care for some time. So better come immediately—a friendly call costs nothing.

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A car load of cement pipe and tile came in this week for improvement work on the 25½ miles of county roads under the supervision of Chas. Durrell, road supervisor of this district.

The cement pipe is two foot pipe and will be used in the new fill to take the place of the Harnett bridge about two miles south of town on the river road. The old bridge is to be taken out and a fill the full width of the road, 40 feet and about 40 feet in length will take its place.

The new tile is to be used on the new road and the Lewisville road. The new road is the one west of Independence, running south. In the work on this road much volunteer labor has been given and considerable money by the people of this district, thus keeping the expense at the minimum.

Mr. Durrell in his work has employed from 11 to 16 men at different times and has been doing some very effective work for the district. There has been considerable grading and graveling done and the raking of big rocks from the roads has been a big help.

It is Mr. Durrell's plan to get as much work done, at the places needed worst, as possible and yet keep within the allowance of this district. —Monitor.

Close of the Red Prairie School.

Yesterday was the closing day of the Red Prairie school for vacation and the event was made interesting by a surprise visit from Prof. Mourman, a state educator, County Superintendent Seymour, Supervisor Parsons, and Mr. Myers, a school worker. The teacher, Miss Bliven, was equal to the occasion and with a pleasing program from the children, entertained the visitors, who in return made short talks to the education of the pupils. At noon dinner was served by the children with many patrons in attendance.

This is one of the three Polk county schools with an average of 95 per cent in deportment and attendance, which speaks very highly for both teacher and pupils.—Sheridan Sun.

NO REASON FOR IT.

You Are Shown a Way Out.

There can be no reason why any reader of this who suffers the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the pains and dangers of kidney ills will fail to heed the word of a resident of this locality who has found relief. The following is convincing proof:

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 ORA COSPER, Secretary.

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