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

THE COUNTRY PAPER.

The following from the Roseburg News contains so much truth and is so squarely to the point that it is reproduced and we trust that some of the thoughts therein expressed will find fertile lodgment.

"In these days of many paged city daily papers and the smaller ones that are published in nearly every county seat town of any size, there is a tendency to overlook the many splendid features and advantages of the weekly and semi-weekly newspapers.

"As a rule the weekly paper has its circulation in regions and communities served only by mail and rural delivery, which makes the receipt of the daily from one to three days late; while the news is of more or less distant character, with but little of local interest.

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TOWNS THAT GROW.

In every county and in every state can be found towns that are continually forging ahead, while others remain practically at a stand still and accomplish nothing in the way of advancement. In every case the fault can be found to rest, not with the town, but with the people themselves.

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quently no effort of any kind is made by this class for these two reasons.

"If some men or set of men endeavor to start something they are met by opposition and discouragement and it is uphill work all the way and very often failure.

"Every town, however, has a certain progressive element which hopes for a turn of the tide when the town will go forward by leaps and bounds and occupy a position of importance and obtain numerous advantages which go to make a good town in every sense.

"SMATTER POP?"

Employing printers should be on the lookout for one Ivan B. Dawley, late of this office. He has a penchant for borrowing money and contracting bills, is liable to quit you without notice, and anything he particularly desires will probably hang to his fingers. He should be on the blacklist of every union on the coast.

It requires nerve to jump on to a printer, especially after said printer is well out of town and probably away where he won't see the abuse.

Fine business for the self-styled paragon of all the virtues and leader in every progressive movement for unmythical years.

Abusing a hard working and conscientious former employe because the employe finds it desirable to quit his job and hunt another where the wages are better in order that he may support his wife and family.

Kicking a poor fellow who is up against it, and lusting to keep his family in food and clothing; publishing at large a screed calculated to prevent the man from securing employment in other printing offices, and asking that all doors be closed against him.

Great stuff for the Only Original Oracle and Originator of Everything!

All of which reminds us that, within the last two years, there have been at least five different employes in the same position at the office of our esteemed contemporary, while there has been no change in The Observer office for more than five years.

One would imagine that things ought to be lovely in the "Itemizer Building" with its snoring boss and his cute valet.

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through them arose and settled over the sidewalks, the meat and everything to windward. Yet people bought the dust and felt covered stuff and ate it; while in public buildings a block away one couldn't secure a drink of water unless one possessed a cup of his own, owing to the "germs" that lurk around the edge of the deadly public cup. In this case, as in many others, it appears that the health authorities are "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel."

Those who had nourished the fond belief that President Wilson would prove superior to his predecessors, and endeavor to forget about pure politics in the management of his official duties, need be no longer fooled. The problem of how to open the pathway for the filling of fourth-class postoffices with faithful Democrats and, at the same time, do away with an order made by President Taft last October, has been solved and a mighty prayer of praise and thankfulness for the astute Woodrow and his nimble postmaster general, has gone up from hungry pie-hunters all over the country.

We are now to have an "examination" of these postmasters touching their qualifications to enter the civil service, and of course the incumbents who "fail to pass satisfactorily" will be required to give up their jobs in the interests of Democrats who want them. There should be no further occasion for concern. The Japanese anti-alien land law, the Mexican situation, and even the tariff are matters of small importance alongside the paramount question of who is to get the postoffice at Podunk. But now that the present Republican occupant is sure to lose his official head and a true Democrat is to succeed him, what matters other problems of state.

In dozens of cities and towns throughout Oregon the paramount question just now is paving. Without a single exception so far as The Observer has noticed the councils in those communities which have not yet adopted the hard surface street improvement plan, are facing remonstrances, and without exception so far, where action of any kind has been taken, these remonstrances have been turned down and the improvement has been ordered. In every city where this question is under discussion, you will find that the newspapers, without exception are favoring the paving. They are taking the position because every newspaper is always a booster and always is working for the good of its town. They favor paving just as they favor a new business enterprise, or a new factory that will give employment to many workers.

The newspaper man wants the town to grow and prosper and lead the van in progress, and he is always at it early and late. And when your committee goes around with its subscription paper you'll generally find that the newspaper man puts down his share (and often more) for the Fourth of July celebration, the new factory site, the Commercial club activities and everything else that some of the property owners who kick on the paving and other improvements, pass by with the frozen face. The newspaper man may have his faults—but he's always a booster.

Following Frank A. Mansey, another Bull Moose has come out favoring the reorganization of the Republican party. Reference is made to Dan Hanna, of Ohio, one of Roosevelt's staunchest supporters in last season's campaign, who has reached the conclusion that the only way in which the dominance of the Democratic party may be overthrown in this country is by the reorganization of the Republicans. It is evident that these astute politicians have a "hunch" that there isn't going to be much further going down at Oyster Bay. The "third party" movement hasn't so far shown signs of gaining strength such as would warrant anybody in falling over themselves to join with it. The few remaining Bull Moosers are now seeking a soft place to light and, like all other third party movements, it is doomed to fail. Well, let it go to the scrap heap. If the movement shall result in a reorganization of the Republican party and the elimination of those who were instrumental in encompassing its downfall last November, the Armageddon forces may not have marched against the embattled hosts of standpatism in vain.

Here is competent advice from a newspaper published in a city that has tried hard surface pavements and where the usual prices for such contracts are well-known. The following from the McMinnville Telephone-Register is worth remembering: "The Polk Co. Itemizer says this town is paying \$1.70 for its pavement this year, per square yard. The Itemizer is mistaken. McMinnville paid that figure last year, and if she paves this year will pay only \$1.52, the price having been reduced by a competing company (the Clark-Henry) bidding virtually 12 cents lower, although the city council let the bid to the other company at the higher price. Dallas should go ahead with her paving at the fine figure of \$1.44 given her by the Clark-Henry Co."

The beautiful California views which The Observer is giving away to all who pay their subscription one year in advance, are proving popular with Polk county people and the newspaper has enjoyed a boom in

circulation payments since adopting the plan. The views are admired by everybody who has seen them and are really works of art. Framed in an appropriate manner they will add tone to, and adorn any home in which they appear. Five different subjects to select from. The supply is limited, however, and at the present rate in which the pictures are being distributed, will soon be exhausted. See them at this office.

The McMinnville Telephone-Register intimates that the girls' sweaters which the high school base ball players from that city lugged away from the Armory in Dallas recently, were taken by mistake. "Sweaters all look alike" remarks the T.-R. Yes, so do pants. But wasn't it funny that those high school ginks couldn't see that big yellow "D" on every one of the garments that were "mistaken" for the McMinnville brand? But let's be charitable, say it was a "mistake" and forget about it.

Professor Taft, in his first lecture at Yale, attacked Roosevelt and his fads, the referendum, the recall and the so-called Progressive principles. We may now look for an explosion in the Outlook office. Professor Taft probably feels that he is now in a position where he can conscientiously expose the irrationalities of the Roosevelt propaganda without being accused of doing it from political motives.

Oregon's spectacular governor now threatens a libel suit against the Portland Telegram. The business of shutting up saloons and arresting alleged bootleggers in which the governor has been engaged during the last year or more appears to have palled and he must hunt up other excitement and methods to keep himself before the people.

The news dispatches relate that a package of love letters of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning were recently sold in New York for \$32,750. That's a pretty fair amount of coin for a package of love letters, but when a fellow finds that his wife has discovered a bunch of his old ones that he forgot to destroy, mere money seems to lose its value.

An Oregon man who weighed 316 pounds reduced his weight materially by the simple expedient of chopping wood for two hours every morning before breakfast. It is said that he lost 16 pounds and reduced his wood pile 15 cords. It is interesting to know what might happen if the man owned 316 cords of wood and kept at the job.

Six hundred and thirty-eight sections of Lord's Oregon Laws were repealed by the late state legislative session. This is said to be the greatest record of repealing dead laws in the history of the state. If future legislative assemblies will only continue this work, we may in time overcome the activity of the Oregon City law factory.

One Jack Johnson formerly hailed as the champion bruiser of the world appears to be having more trouble in knocking out the law than he did in beating a "white hope" at Reno. When Jack gets through with his present engagement there will probably be no need of another "white hope."

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.

TELLS HIS SIDE OF QUESTION

Abel Uglov Explains His Position in Paving Problem.

To the Editor: I have this morning received an invitation from your office that I write a letter for publication and give the public my side of the question for the hard surfacing nine city blocks this coming summer. The agitation for hard surfacing came up several months ago. There was a petition circulated some time ago by _____ who wanted hard surface streets. What number of running feet they got I don't know. They never made it public. Ashamed to do so, I think, I know I would if I could not make a bet-ting showing. Some little time after this many of the property owners who did not want paving at this time prevailed on me to take the matter up and circulate a remonstrance. They had no trouble in getting me as I was willing all the time anyway. I went to the council with a large majority of individual property owners who had the bills to pay. The council paid no attention to my remonstrance, went ahead and advertised for hard surfacing streets of the nine blocks. Bids were received from a number of companies. The bid selected was Clark Henry company, \$1.74 square yard. I then took the matter up a second time with a remonstrance as I was then able to show the exact cost per front foot. There was added to the Clark Henry company, five cents square yard by the City Council, making the price per square yard \$1.49. According to this the exact price front foot would be \$4.96 5-9 front foot. The result was I had more figures and front feet than I had on my first petition. To make this plain we have in the proposed district to be improved 6106 front feet; by dividing, taking one-half of the amount, 3053, any number of feet over that would give me a majority. This includes all public property, which amounts to 1314 feet. My contention is that public property owned by no one individual or corporation, should be eliminated entirely. I went

to the council with 2929 front feet. There was one person on my petition who had 38 feet withdrawn leaving me with 2891 front feet. By adding 163 feet to my petition would bring the total up to 3054 this being a majority over all public property included. I lost one of my signers that I had on my first petition who lives in Salem. If he had remained the petition would have _____ been 84 feet short of a majority. I am inserting copy in full of letter received from Salem which reads: "I am returning your remonstrance petition against that paving in Dallas with A. D. Madison's signature. I did not sign this myself as I understand no matter what amount of property is against this matter it will make no difference with the council." My reason for including a copy of this letter is this. It speaks for itself. It shows very plainly he does not want paving at this time any more than the rest of us. ABEL UGLOW, Dallas, May 12, 1913.

"A Family Affair."

The T. E. C. club of Oak Grove will give a comedy in three acts entitled "A Family Affair" at the Oak Grove hall Saturday evening, May 17th. The Kieckraef band will furnish music between acts.

Cast of Characters: Dan Gillespie, a good fellow whose imagination runs away with him. Seth Fawk Jorkins Johnson, who finds it difficult to be good. Alwin Oliver Sally, Dan's good hearted little cook who can really keep a secret. Mabel Oliver Miss Camson, his housekeeper, in the matrimonial market. Blanche Fawk Louisiana, a dark brunette on the warpath. "Louisiana Johnsoning" Curtain raises at 8 o'clock; admission 25 cents.

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A New Industry.

Frank Matoma, a hop grower of Independence, has embarked in a new business at Independence. This week he received from Japan seventy-five cords of quasha wood, comprising 120 tons, which will be made into a compound for hop spray. The freight on the entire lot is said to have cost \$1700. He has established a factory to grind it in that city.—Statesman.

Live Stock Show.

Union makes the claim it will have the biggest and best livestock show in Oregon this year. Its dates are June 5, 6, 7. The big feature of the show will be fine horses, while the splendid cattle for which Eastern Oregon is famous will also be on exhibition in large numbers.

Fatten Hogs on Potatoes.

Klamath farmers are fattening hogs on their surplus potato crops. Ten carloads of hogs have been shipped into that district from Sacramento and if the potatoes on hand can be utilized profitably in this way other large shipments will be made.

Prizes for Corn Growers.

To stimulate interest in growing corn in this state, the Oregon Agricultural college offers ten prizes for the best ears of corn grown by boys and shown at the State Fair. Entries must be made not later than September 22.

LODGE DIRECTORY

UNITED ARTISANS—Dallas Assembly, No. 46, meets on first and third Mondays of each month at Woodman hall. Visiting members made welcome.

MILLIE M. STAFFIN, M. A. WILLIS SIMONTON, Secretary.

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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A. F. & A. M.—Jennings Lodge, No. 9, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month, in Masonic hall on Main street. Visiting brethren welcome.

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