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The way to build up Dallas is to put
 more horse racing.

NO HORSE RACING.

Without entering into the merits of the question as to whether Dallas or Independence is best suited as a site for the county fair, The Observer would call attention to the belief of many friends of the fair, that horse racing should not be made an adjunct of the annual exhibition. Primarily the county fair is a school fair, and the schools will always, it is hoped, take a prominent part in it. To devote a large portion of each day to horse racing, is not calculated to enhance interest in the school exhibit. It is too often the case that a fair in which horse racing takes a prominent part, finally degenerates into a simple race meet—nothing more, and in time the agricultural features of the exhibit are overlooked and forgotten.

In planning fair grounds, so far as this city is concerned, there has been no attempt to provide for a race track, and provision only has been made for a field sufficiently large to hold track and field events such as the athletes of any school might wish to enter and, should the fair come to Dallas, it is probable that this feature would be emphasized, as it is believed that more occasions similar to the May meet held here, are bound to result in general good for the schools. The success of the exhibition last year in this city which, by the way, was financed and cared for entirely by the people of Dallas without aid from other sources beyond the sum of \$500 contributed by the county court, was mainly due to the interest taken by the school children of the county, and it is to promote and increase this participation, that the determination to continue the annual exhibitions and make them a permanent affair, was undertaken.

Race meets should have no part in the consideration of the annual county agricultural exhibit—if we are to have horse races, they should be held only on entirely different dates, as the people of Independence have done for years. The horse race is a form of amusement which many people enjoy, and The Observer has no fight on the plan—but it should not be combined with the county school fair.

NEED OF UNION SHOWN.

It appears that other communities recognize the need of a fruit union if the growers are to receive the full benefit of their crops and secure for them the higher prices that concentration and co-operation will guarantee. The Hillsboro Independent, in a recent editorial, directs the growers of that locality to the advantage of such a union would bring them, in the following language:

"Strawberries equal to the finest that ever grew—big, luscious fellows that made two bites—were retailed in Hillsboro Monday at five boxes for 25 cents. On the same date it is claimed that the demand for berries was strong in Vancouver, B. C., at \$6 per crate. But Hillsboro growers had no arrangements for supplying the Vancouver demand. There is the same object lesson found in too many lines. Had even 10 growers formed an organization, sought out a market in advance and made arrangements to place the berries where they were wanted by those who lack the fruit and are willing to pay for it, it would have been supplied and the growers' bank accounts would have been fattened. In season and out The Independent has preached co-operative marketing, for it believes that until intelligent and business-like arrangements are made in advance for disposing of products the wonderful possibilities of Washington county soil cannot be fully utilized."

There is no question regarding the attitude of the great majority of Dallas people with reference to the new train service—they do not like it. The only way that passengers from this city can make the trip to Portland without a change is by means of one train a day—the Polk hills grapevine—which leaves here at 2 o'clock daily. There are many advantageous connections which can be made, however, for Portland and for other points, but they all call for a change of cars, and some of them require two changes. The early hour in which the Portland newspapers arrive here in the morning, and the additional mail service on the Salem, Falls City & Western, is appreciated.

but what this city wants, above all things else, is a morning and evening train to and from Portland without change. The rumored schedule which was to give us such a train via Salem and the East side main line, struck the popular fancy here and there was great disappointment when it did come. It is admitted on all sides that the present schedule is not a permanent one, however, and possibly when the next change is made, Dallas will fare in a manner which will more nearly meet the approval of her people.

All Polk county promises to be in attendance at the coming celebration in Dallas July Fourth. The first and foremost efforts of the committees is being enlisted to give all comers an enjoyable day, and it can be safely promised that Dallas will provide one of the best celebrations in her history. With Senator Burkett, of Nebraska, as the orator, with an immense chorus singing national songs, and with three bands discoursing patriotic music, this portion of the program leaves nothing to be desired. In the line of amusements, the committee promises some interesting events, if liberal prizes will bring them. Two ball games will help in this line; and everything will be free. None of Dallas' visitors will find an admission charge staring them in the face at any corner during the day or the night time, so far as the public program is concerned. The only charge will come at night at the opening of the chautauqua. It's going to be a great occasion and you may as well begin now preparing to make Dallas a visit on the coming nation's birthday.

Here is the way a writer in the Toledo Leader refers to Newport and its environs: "The soft, sad slush, of the Pacific on the west, the green grassy bluff on the north, and the high towering mountains in the distance on the east, make a most picturesque appearance." Now we accept the "high towering mountains" because, forsooth, mountains are supposed to "tower," and we'll stand for the "green, grassy bluff" as it has been conclusively proven by the most careful research that "grassy bluffs" are usually "green," but we simply can't accept that "soft, sad slush" stuff as applied to the "Pacific on the west." There is no "sad slush" about the Pacific, unless it be the poetical effusions of numerous embryo rhymesters who have been known to hurl their enraptured words at it in the past. It is all right to spring the "restless ocean" and the "rolling deep" and the "heaving billow" but "soft, sad slush"—ouch.

Our friend George Mitty, the Salem mail carrier who never taught school a day in his life, whose knowledge of the educational system is mainly superficial, and whose attacks have been aimed at the home credit system as handled in Polk county, has been using valuable space in the Portland Journal of late. For the benefit of the gentleman, his attention is called to the fact that every one of the pupils from the schools of the county where the home credit system was used, and who were eligible to the eighth grade, passed the recent examinations successfully, and the average for the county for the year is 87.9. Mitty will have to print his slush in some newspaper further away from Polk county than Portland, if he expects the people to believe it.

With the present indications that all warring factions in the different political parties are to be harmonized, and that the dove of peace is soon to perch securely over the destinies of the standpatter and the progressive, it is no wonder that T. R. is seeking other fields. But why go to South America? The Central American republics are more persistent in pulling off revolutions.

Well, our friend Willyum U'Ren may come along with his scheme for the abolishment of the state senate. Milt Miller, the "Sage of Linn" has landed a soft job from this Democratic administration and will, perforce, have to retire from his position in the senate, hence there can be no further expense for the existence of that body.

When Governor West remitted all but \$3.33 of a \$50 fine imposed by a Salem justice of the peace on a prison guard for beating up a convict, the justice went the chief executive one better and remitted the balance. This will never do—we cannot permit a mere justice of the peace to thus usurp the gubernatorial prerogative.

South American republics, it is stated, are encouraging Japanese immigration. Has this condition anything to do with Roosevelt's announced intention of invading the lecture platform of Buenos Ayres next fall.

Dry Summer Predicted.
 The Western Forestry and Conservation association has recently issued a bulletin predicting a dry summer and urging the utmost care and vigilance in preventing forest fires. Already about 600 men are in the field patrolling the various public and private timber holdings and more men will be employed from time to time as the need occurs. It is estimated that nearly \$1,500,000 will be expended in patrolling the forests of Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho.

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

CATTLE MARKET FIRMER

Portland Market Report for Week
 Ending June 13 Has Hopeful Tone
 For Choice Beef.

Portland, June 13.—(Special)—Receipts for the week have been: cattle 675; calves 90; hogs 5905; sheep 8883; horses 27.

Cattle market steady to a shade firmer for choice beef. Good steers sold during the week at \$7.50 to \$7.75 and two loads went at \$8.00. Receipts have been very light which has benefited the market. The trade is unable to handle a larger number of cattle at the present time, but good steers and cows are in fair demand.

The hog market dropped 10 to 20 cents since Monday. Liquidation has been very liberal and packers are temporarily over supplied. \$8.20 is an extreme top for prime light swine and good ones are selling around 8 cents. Until outlet channels are opened the demand for swine will show light improvement.

An unevenly lower market in the sheep house. A light demand exists for fat mutton and lambs but the bulk of arrivals have been medium and poor grade stock. Prime yearlings are selling at \$5.25, two year olds at \$5.00 and ewes \$4.50 and \$4.75. Lamb trade has been a shade easier. Best Mt. Adams stock failed to elicit better than \$6.75 bid; bulk of best stuff sold at \$6.50 and \$6.75.

College Hen Excels.

The result of a college training is shown in the egg production of a hen owned by the Oregon Agricultural college, which laid 99 eggs in 108 consecutive days. This animated egg machine is three-quarters White Leghorn and one-quarter Barred Plymouth Rock and is a descendant of a long line of heavy layers bred at the college experiment station. It is expected that the results of the season's experiments in breeding poultry for egg production will be embodied in a report which will be of much value to practical poultrymen.

Dairy Business Grows.

That the dairy business in Oregon is growing at a tremendous rate and that in value it far exceeds the state's next largest crop—livestock—is the statement of State Dairy and Food Commissioner Meikel in a recently issued bulletin. The value of dairy products for 1912 was \$19,000,000 while that of livestock was \$12,000,000. Prospects for a material increase this year are good.

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See his other notices in this paper

Come Before June 21st

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