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The way to build up Dallas is to pacify the Dallas people.

A PACIFIC FLEET.

In somewhat rounded sentences and indefinite expressions of purpose, Secretary Daniels has told the people of the Pacific Coast that as soon as the Panama canal is completed a large part of the navy will be transferred to the Pacific.

The reason assigned by Secretary Daniels for sending the fleet to the Pacific, because there is more population facing the Pacific coast than any other boundary, is scarcely adequate.

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To commemorate the first year of its publication, the Independence Monitor issued a handsome development edition last week which is a credit to any newspaper office.

Haywood, the labor agitator says that four hours daily is enough for any man to work. He knows. But the trouble with the average run of the agitators of Haywood's stripe is that while they advocate four hours manual labor they insist on working their mouths on much longer schedules.

Somebody has discovered a bug or a worm which lives off the common thistle, and is killing them in large quantities in some portions of the state.

The Observer fails to understand why Uncle Samuel cannot recognize President Huerta, of the Mexican republic, if the pictures of the Mexican executive now going the rounds of the press are true likenesses.

It was really unfair to call Ambassador Wilson from Mexico to Washington merely to "tie a can to him." The administration should have fired him at long distance.

Speaker Champ Clark declares that he has refused hundreds of offers of lecture engagements that took him away from his congressional duties.

In the event that the city council passes that muzzle measure for the city dogs, the official whose business it will be to see that the law is enforced, has our sympathy.

The religion of some people is a mighty poor substitute for a fire escape, and history doesn't record many instances where even the other kind have failed to avail themselves of the road to safety if they found one handy.

The Albany Herald has started a crusade for hitching posts in that city.

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POLK COUNTY NEWS

BETHEL Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan and little daughter, of Washington, are visiting at the home of J. W. Jenkins.

PEDEE After quite a visit at Womers, Precious Irwin left for her home in Independence last week.

WOOD SILK POPULAR Much of the so-called silk nowadays is made of wood.

PRUSSIAN PROTECT FORESTS Even the well protected forests of Germany are by no means immune from fire.

WATERMELONS The watermelons of the county are in fine condition.

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most of the others will have begun this week. Quite a bit of excitement was caused last week when Mrs. Lacey's team got away from Fred Brant.

Chas. Kerber and family motored to Condrons last Sunday and spent the day visiting.

Quite a number of autos are passing through, and from the coast. Mrs. Lacey went to Dallas Monday on business.

There seems to be as many berries in "Johnston's pasture" as there were three weeks ago, and there are but a few families in the neighborhood who have not gathered there at least once.

E. Marquardt is baling hay for John Dyer. G. M. Newton is tearing down a barn at the Peede saw mill and will rebuild it on his place.

Tim Tucker is leaving camp and moving his family to Paul Roneo's, his father-in-law.

OAK DALE A picnic party from Liberty spent Sunday on the LaCreole at the Hallock hop house.

Ernest Robbins of McNary, spent Sunday with Will Dennis. Linza Dennis left Sunday morning for the state shooting contest at Clackamas.

John Robinson has been marketing some extra fine mammoth blackberries and wonderberries.

Fred Hughes had a few cherries of extra fine quality on his young orchard.

Mrs. Thos. Butler has been suffering from an extra heavy cold. Mr. John Southworth, of Minnesota, is visiting his cousin, Melvin Green.

Blanche and Helen Jones, of Airie, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Chas. Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller and family have gone on a camping trip to Tillamook.

Miss Lula Miller is quite indisposed with a cold. Mrs. F. Whitney and baby are visiting Mrs. George Stroud.

C. A. Burley and C. J. Bruce are hauling piling for I. M. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Murphy and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Card spent Sunday visiting the family of Chester Guthrie, of Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Nelson, of Mistletoe Sunday.

Dallas News Items. (Furnished by Committee from Christian Church.) Business men's Bible school class of the Christian church gave a farewell reception for their teacher, E. M. Smith on Monday evening, July 28, at the home of B. F. VanNortwick.

C. C. Curtis, pastor of the Christian church went to Falls City Tuesday evening to conduct the singing for Prof. E. C. Wignore, of Eugene, who is conducting a revival for the Christian church at that city.

Last week a delegation of 11 women from the Christian Women's Board of Missions, of the Christian church, went to Falls City to organize an auxiliary. They organized with a charter membership of 15. Mrs. Curtis leading the work of organization. Splendid enthusiasm was manifested.

Miss Bessie Gooch and her mother leave Saturday for an extended visit at Palouse City, Washington, where Mrs. Gooch has farming interests.

Claud Brower who was operated on for appendicitis recently, is improving rapidly as to last report. Harry Scholl, who had passed through a siege of typhoid fever, has recovered sufficiently to be on the street.

Mrs. S. A. Houser is confined to her bed with rheumatism. Mrs. A. J. Hastings left Monday for Newport where she expects to remain a month.

TWENTY YEARS AGO IN DALLAS

Taken From the Files of The Observer, Dated Thursday, Aug. 3, 1893.

Dr. McCallon had purchased the residence property of Z. F. Vaughn. Arthur Vassal left for a visit to his old home in England.

Mrs. J. D. Lee and daughter, Lorene had gone to Hood River for the benefit of the latter's health.

"The sight of that wide gauge railroad train, morning and evening," says the editor, "makes us all feel more like we were living somewhere."

"The reapers" were started in the harvest fields of the county on the preceding Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Simonton with J. A. Dempsey and family had been camping at the blackberry patch at Prescott & Veness' logging camp.

It was stated that last year there were 700 acres of hops in Polk county, but it was predicted that the average in 1893 would be more than 1500.

William Kimball was building a neat cottage for himself in the east end of town.

Fire broke out from a defective flue in the Arlington hotel, but by prompt action by some of the business men near it was soon put out.

License to wed was issued by the county clerk to H. D. Waller and Miss Jennie McAlpin.

John Belt and W. B. Davis had the misfortune to lose their two horses while on their trip to the Siletz. The animals were turned out to graze and wandered away.

The death of Mrs. George Johnson which occurred on Friday, July 28, was chronicled. For some time she had been in poor health growing worse until the end came.

Prof. W. I. Reynolds, of the Dallas public schools arrived home from a trip to the east. He took in the big show at Chicago and visited his old home in Michigan and with the exception of suffering from the heat, experienced an enjoyable trip.

At a base ball game on the Academy grounds the Alerts defeated the Juveniles 17 to 9.

Hon. T. J. Hayter returned from an eastern trip. He spent several days at the World's Fair and then visited relatives in Missouri many of whom he had not seen for over 40 years.

Big timbers for the new railroad bridge across the Rickreall were brought up Wednesday evening.

Notice to Road Supervisors. Your attention is called to the road laws now in effect relative to the destruction of noxious weeds not only along the highways but on private property in your district.

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