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

WE NEED THEM.

Mr. Fred Jacobs of Portland, who has just returned from Germany says: "Thousands of persons in Germany are buying steamship tickets on the installment plan, and will come to the Pacific Coast after the Panama Canal is opened in 1915."

What is Polk County going to do towards getting some of these German farmers? No county in Oregon can beat Polk, when it comes to offering good soil at a reasonable rate. We have room here for several thousand of these thrifty Germans. No class of citizens are better, no class more industrious. Show to a stranger your German settlement and you point with pride to the well kept farms. The Verbert settlement near Forest Grove is the pride of Washington County and land has increased in value over 500 per cent since these ideal farmers located there. Our thousands of acres of logged-off lands in this county can be made into ideal farms and these lands can be purchased at reasonable figures. What helps Polk County helps Dallas.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

The Northwest Fruit Exchange in sending out a circular letter from Portland this week, says: "Does it pay to advertise? The question would be laughed to scorn by any of the big interests whose business today would scarcely make a ripple in trade circles were it not for the fact that they have grabbed hold of the public ear by publicity. "No department store would today consider the removal from the columns of the newspaper of its announcements of sales. There is not a business on earth that is legitimate that does not thrive through advertising. "There are hundreds of methods of advertising but the newspaper beats them all when it comes to getting next to the public."

A GOOD MOVEMENT.

A start has been made in Portland to investigate the "beef trust" in order to reduce the prices of meats, and also to take steps looking toward the establishment of state and local slaughterhouses, stock yards, packing plants and public markets. The resolutions contend that the meat business and prices are absolutely controlled by the local "beef trust" and that the packers and middlemen make exorbitant profits and that foreign labor is employed in discrimination against American labor and that the producers are not paid fair prices for their livestock. We presume that the death of Mr. Morris, of Chicago, a prominent meat packer who a few years ago was a poor man and died leaving over \$30,000,000 in profits, is the cause of the movement.

TRYING IS MORE THAN DREAMING.

Doing is better than trying, but trying better than dreaming. Many think they are trying when they are only trying trying at trying. Trying may be better than work but trying at trying is a sort of hopeless task. In fact, trying is work and work of the hardest kind. Doing when you know how to do is easy; trying when you don't know how to do is hard. The moral faith support him who tries. Trying is no child's play. The word "trial" comes out of the history of much trying, and all of the associations of the word "trial" have grown out of the experiences of those who have tried.

POPULAR SONGS.

It would certainly be well if the general public would concur in the opinion of the songs of the day that is held by the student body of the University or Oregon. Dissatisfied with the rag time that is so prevalent,

the students have inaugurated a contest to choose a song that will have a stirring swing and at the same time an inspiring sentiment—a song that will live through the coming years.

If the world is getting better instead of worse it is not because of the songs that the people sing and hear others sing, because they have been going from bad to worse. When the men and women of the present generation were children, they were accustomed to hear "Annie Laurie" and "Ben Bolt" and Tom Moore's beautiful, though sad, ballads. If perchance they lived south of Mason and Dixon's line, or somewhere near it, they were familiar with rollicking negro melodies. There were songs of evil suggestions in those days, but they were confined to evil surroundings.

The popular taste of the present is different. The strains of "Annie Laurie" and similar melodies are heard no more on the streets. In their place we hear syncopated verbiage of how some chicken made a tremendous hit with a man whom mothers would hesitate to admit to their homes. We learn through ceaseless iteration that "everybody's doin' it", with the implication that what they are doing would not stand very searching investigation. If we formed our opinions wholly from the songs we hear, we should inevitably conclude that it is quite the thing to be immoral, providing one is not too public about it.

If the student body of the University would extend its search for a more inspiring college song into a movement for cleaner popular songs, it would be performing a service of no small value.—Eugene Register.

Boss Murphy says Tammany is not destroyed; it will come back stronger than ever. Tammany is like the old cat which had nine lives. It has been killed before.

We regret that we failed to print enough extra copies of Tuesday's Observer to supply the demand. Our report of the Teachers' Institute was the cause of the supply running short.

Over in Linn county they are plowing with gas engines, using electric lights, running the plows night and day. The plowing season is most gone and they are trying to keep up with the rapid advancement of the Willamette valley.

China seems to be on the verge of another revolution and Yuan is taking the strong arm in imitation of Huerta of Mexico, in subduing the rebels. It is to be hoped that he will deal with them in a manner which will be in accord with present ideals of government.

It was a sad moment for Tammany when Charles Murphy gave orders for the impeachment of Sulzer and by his power put him out of the governor's office. Regardless of Sulzer's dishonest application of campaign funds the impeachment proceedings showed clearly that Sulzer was removed simply because he refused to obey his boss. The election of Sulzer is intended by the public as a slap at Tammany rule rather than any indorsement of him. Bosses should take a lesson from this and be a little more careful in dispensing their decrees.

It is over, shouting and all. The people of Oregon sustained the Legislature in four measures, the wets and the dries are both happy in "certain sections" and in a few weeks after the funerals and jollifications are over business will again assume its normal condition. We are glad that this city did not have to go through the trying ordeal of brother against brother and neighbor against neighbor and the lessons taught by the recent election will no doubt have a tendency to elevate morals in certain communities, and in the future they will pay more attention to requests of the city authorities and not take advantage of their leniency. The public, when once aroused, often act in haste and there are times when their votes are detrimental to the interests of their community.

"First White Child" Multiplies.

George H. Himes, of the Oregon Historical society, has been tracing the recent controversy over the establishing of the claim to being the first white child born in the Oregon country and in Sunday's Oregonian adds several names antedating those before mentioned. He gives the names of seven born before Cyrus Walker, whom perhaps the majority of Oregonians believe was the first. Alice Whitman, daughter of Dr. Marcus Whitman, born March 14, 1837, at Whitman mission, near Walla Walla. Next comes Jason Lee White, son of Dr. Elijah and Mrs. White, born July 10, 1837, at Willamette station, 10 miles north of Salem. Joseph Beers, son of Alanson and Mrs. Beers, born September 15, 1837, at Willamette mission. Mrs. Eliza Spalding, daughter of Rev. Henry H. and Mrs. Spalding born at Lapwai, now in Idaho, still living. Three more were born at Willamette mission in 1838. Cyrus Hamlin Walker, son of Rev. Elkanah and Mrs. Walker, born at Whitman station, December 7, 1838, now living at Albany. Who's next?

NEWS OF COUNTY TOLD IN BRIEFS

Items of Interest in Country Districts Interestingly Told

OBSERVER SPECIAL SERVICE

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INDEPENDENCE

C. W. Dossett has demonstrated that Polk county land is adapted to the growing of fine fruit. On 30 acres of land Mr. Dossett has produced 4000 boxes of apples that are as fine as any that can be grown. These are all selected and are to be shipped to the Seattle markets. Apples that are properly raised and packed get the same prices in the market as those from any other district.

The Oregon Power Co. reduced their rates in this county this month giving a rate of 11 cents per kilowatt with a 10 per cent discount. The former rate was 15 cents with no discount. This rate was given after the complaint of some of the citizens of this county.

The Oregon City Transportation Co. started their boats on the upper river the first of the week. The first boats up were heavily loaded with freight. Boats make three round trips a week between the upper valley and Portland.

C. Welker has gained quite a reputation for the raising of giant vegetables in his garden on a city lot, today was showing a radish that was six inches in diameter, 18 inches long and weighed six and three-fourths pounds. The total length from the tip end of the root to the top of the leaves was 46 inches.

The vote in this city was very light, the citizens not seeming to take much interest in the election. As was expected here the two University bills were voted down but the majority against was not as large as looking for. There were 235 votes cast. The sterilization bill carried by a majority of one. The county attorney and workmen's compensation act had substantial majorities in favor of their passage. The total vote was as follows: U. of O. building repair fund, yes 90, no 143; U. of O. new building appropriation, yes 83, no 150; sterilization act, yes 112, no 111; county attorney act, yes 134, no 94; workmen's compensation act, yes 138, no 87.

J. L. Calloway who for a number of years practiced osteopathy in this city but later went to Roseburg, has returned to Independence to make his permanent home.

Jim Oberon, the bright and smiling clerk in the grocery department of Conkey and Walker spent a two weeks' vacation in Portland.

W. L. Bice is having a cement walk laid in front of his fine new residence which has just been completed on Monmouth street.

George Graves has just had a concrete walk installed in front of his house on Sixth street.

J. S. Cooper left Tuesday for a business trip to Portland and Winlock, Wash.

Quite a number of football "fans" are preparing to go to Albany Saturday to take in the annual football struggle between the University and the Agricultural College.

W. F. McAdams was in the city Monday. Billy is now holding down a regular position in Airlie.

About one more day's work and Monmouth street will have all of the top dressing on and will be ready to be opened for travel.

George Jones was in from his ranch Tuesday.

Faye Dunsmore came down from Corvallis Tuesday to register his vote. He returned Wednesday evening.

A high wind set in during Tuesday night and brought rain in plenty. It looks like the kind that was going to stick for a while.

Winer and Clarke, the commission men, have laid in a bunch of turkeys and are fattening them for the Thanksgiving trade.

herd at Bridgeport, Sunday. Fountain Murphy is sowing again. Joe Murphy and Chas. Birch have finished working on the railroad.

FALLS CITY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Horn, a boy, Wednesday, October 29. The Mahr stock of general merchandise was sold to a Portland firm and will be put on the market here where all of it will be sold that is possible, the remainder will be disposed of elsewhere.

Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Thompson and children drove to Albany Wednesday. The Epworth League of the Methodist church gave a Halloween social at the home of Mrs. Wright Saturday evening. About 40 were present and enjoyed the company of the witches and hobgoblins.

S. R. Skeels returned home from Dallas Friday where he has been in the hospital.

Mrs. Anna Pfandhofer of Salem, spent several days with Falls City friends this week. Miss Violette came Sunday and returned the same evening.

Unusual interest accompanied the election Tuesday owing to the prohibition measure to come before the people. The Wets won however by a vote of 201 to 156.

J. B. Tawney of the Falls City hotel returned from a business trip to Portland and will take charge of the hotel at once.

A new sidewalk has been put down in front of the Methodist church property.

SALT CREEK

Mr. Martin sawed wood for Mr. Stulto one day last week. Wm. Hanson of Portland is visiting Otto Roseman.

Mr. Foster is in Washington. Otto Roseman and Wm. Hansen were Dallas visitors one day last week.

Rice Cook of Ballston was buying hogs in this vicinity one day last week. Harvey Hertz has been hauling gravel from Ballston for his barnyard.

School was closed last Tuesday on account of the Teachers' Institute at Dallas.

Mr. Brobst was a Dallas visitor last Saturday.

Mr. Van Well went to Portland on business last Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmlson, October 25th, a son.

Will Miller is farming part of the Hagey place.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woods and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowles.

BALLSTON

Tom Lamm returned from Black Rock Friday, where he has been working.

Charley White returned from Eastern Oregon Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Etherton has been on the sick list.

Elma Butler and Laura Winters were Portland visitors from Saturday until Monday.

Sam Marvis returned home from Bend, where he has been working Friday.

Frank Maness has again taken charge of the depot after a several week's absence at Brooks, where Mrs. Frank Kinsey was quite sick during the past week.

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