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

WHO GOVERNS AMERICA?
 At Ottawa yesterday, ex-president Taft declared that the British are absolutely wrong on the free tolls issue.
 He held that the exemption to American ships in the coastwise trade is equivalent to a subsidy and that Great Britain and other nations can meet the United States "on the equal terms" of the treaty by granting subsidies to their own ships.
 That is exactly what Great Britain is doing at Suez with her own ships and the language of the Suez treaty is absolutely the same language as the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, under which Great Britain objects to American free tolls at Panama. How can Great Britain consistently object to American free tolls at Panama when, as owner of that canal, she practices a free tolls policy at Suez herself and permits every other nation to do the same thing?
 Furthermore, free tolls for our ships in our own coastwise trade is entirely our own affair. British ships cannot engage in American coastwise trade. They are forbidden from doing so by our navigation laws. Britain has no more business in trying to regulate our tolls on our coastwise trade than we would have in trying to regulate British navigation of the Thames.
 It is absurd to contend that the United States has not the right to fix the terms upon which an American vessel carrying cargo from New York or New Orleans to Portland or Tacoma may pass through the Panama canal. It is absurd to hold that under any obligation of moral or statute law, national or international, Great Britain should have the right to say what terms should or should not be granted such a vessel.
 We own the canal; we own the ships, we own the ports, we own the canal zone; we own everything incident to the transaction.
 Under such a status, if Great Britain has a right to fix our tolls, she has a right to fix tolls on the Mississippi. If she has that right, the American president should abdicate in favor of King George and the American Congress resign in favor of the British Parliament.—Portland Journal.
 Now that the embargo is off, and arms can be shipped into Mexico, there ought to be better chances for the different rebel bands to keep on fighting, and not be compelled to spend so much of their time in getting ammunition and arms.
 The same decision of the Supreme Court which made Salem and several other towns in Oregon dry, has a different effect on Sweet Home which was dry and voted wet, therefore this decision would be wet for them.

European country, by our present treatment or custom with teachers in our country schools.
 Here we change teachers too often; the idea of hiring our teachers for a few months, or a year at most, and nearly always change for another at the end of that period.
 Under such a condition, the teacher scarcely learns anything of the child or its home, of the needs of either, or the community in general or has made any headway in the true advancement of the conditions that were found at first, until the work, the child and the school is turned over to the new selection to start all over again and receive neither sympathy, encouragement, or promise of a term long enough to make much of his or her influence felt.
 The pupils of our rural schools have learned that the Professor or school mistress, will be in charge of them for only a time to be invariably replaced by another, and they expect that criticisms, slurs, fault finding, and other abominable ruinous customs will prevail; until what have we?
 No possibility of co-operation; nothing resembling or answering to the name of co-operation; little or no influence for good by the teacher in the community or with the growing minds in the school.
 A halting, lame, weak, and diseased system in our rural districts, that forbids blights and kills all that schools and teachers are for, viz.—an uplifting, a purifying, a satisfying, and a holding together system in our country that breeds noble minded, intelligent, clean, and enterprising, thrifty, and home loving patriotic men and women; who respect their neighbors, honor their homes, their community, and their teachers.
 Our country school houses are, many of them, set on land unsightly, unutilized, and deserted.
 We know we have a schoolhouse, we know there is a teacher, we know our children attend the school. Often times this is all we know about it, and too often I fear our actions do not indicate we care.
 The teacher has all the responsibility, all the care, and all the ridicule, all the blame, and sometimes very little else. We know he is supposed to interest the pupils under him in agriculture, and we ridicule again.
 In Denmark the rural school is the home of the teacher and the teacher is the life of that home. The school has well kept grounds and grounds well kept by pupils and teacher. The love of soil and soil possibility is considered as essential in the life of every boy and girl as is knowledge of grammar, history, or algebra. There is no need of a "back to the soil movement" in a country where all are so vitally interested in it and have learned to be by learning to love it in the excellent Danish Rural Schools.
 Every teacher in Denmark, a graduate of one of their Normal Schools and especially trained in agriculture and a school for that purpose is not secured to teach for a limited time, but is expected to remain indefinitely, as a part of the life of the community, molds the character of the child from childhood to manhood or womanhood, is at once the engine for good in the school, makes of it a social center, encourages athletic sports, strives to fashion the life, and an example of purity and intelligence and is recognized as one of the firmest parts of the foundation on which is builded and rests one of the most remarkable, one of the thriftiest, and cleanest nations on the earth.
 A teacher so treated, respected, appreciated, and trained is a spring of knowledge for good at which every boy and girl in his community drinks deep and often; near which and of which they grow, develop and become men and women who are proud of their homes, love their teacher, and thoroughly train their children.
 Such children in such a country have a genuine love for school, respect for their teacher and develop a sincerity, purity and character that cannot obtain, that cannot emanate from our present system of disrespected, careless disregard of our school centered community life and inclination to leave home and farm for the city.
 No use to cry "back to the soil" here until a greater knowledge of, respect for, and satisfied condition on the soil is had; and Denmark has shown that such is obtained at the country school where the teacher has a lifetime to develop it.
 The call for trained teachers with us was never so great as now. The need of teachers who are not only possessed of book knowledge, but who are pure minded, moral men and women, who have a reverence for God and nature, and a soul filled with a desire to impart all of that to our children and a hope of remaining in our school and community indefinitely, is a need and a crying need that must require a change in our school customs.
 Until we can bring ourselves to see that the custom of changing teachers every year, until we settle down to accepting none but absolutely moral men and women, and until our rural schools can be in the hands of such teachers as those of Denmark, we may look for industrial discontent, poverty, immorality, and blighted lives.
 Where we can secure a real teacher for our boys and girls, keep him, pay him well, encourage him and be encouraged by him, allow him to build in our community an instructive and moral center, and be one of us for life to honor and be honored, we can rest assured our "back to the farm" problem will be solved, and not till then.
 Grove A. Peterson.

ALL AROUND
 Gleanings of Interest From our Exchanges and Elsewhere.
 The movement to create a new county out of the western end of Lane County, with Florence as the county seat, has taken definite form. A petition is now being circulated in the district affected, asking the county court to have the question placed upon the ballot at the November election, at which time there must be a vote cast showing 65 per cent. in the territory proposed to be made a new county, and 35 per cent. in the rest of the old county, favorable for the question to carry. From reports the people in the western end of Lane county are strongly in favor of the creation of the new county, which would probably be named Sinlaw, while the people of the eastern end of the county also seem favorable to the project.
 The demands of the English teachers now on a strike are hardly called exorbitant. They ask for a minimum wage of \$500 a year, which is something less than \$10 a week. This is not lavish remuneration for services which require long and expensive preliminary study. Teaching is the most important work there is to do in the modern world, and, next to preaching, it is the worst paid. A vigorous strike may help matters.
 American Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy Tuesday received from Secretary of State Bryan instructions to notify Americans and other foreigners in the Mexican capital of President Wilson's determination to lift the embargo against the importation by the rebels or arms and ammunition from the United States.
 At last the new secretary of the interior of the Philippine Islands is on his way to his post. Delayed for two months while a protest to the senate against his appointment was being investigated, Winifred T. Denison sailed Tuesday on the steamship China, after missing eight consecutive liners previously.
 Washington reports says that during January customs receipts fell nearly \$6,000,000 below the corresponding month of 1913. At the time of the enactment of the tariff act, treasury officials expected to see a customs falling off of about \$45,000,000 a year, so that January figures created no sensation.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE
 This department is yours and if you desire to write something that you think is of interest to the general masses, send it in. We will refrain from publishing your name if you so request, but you must sign the articles so we will know who is responsible.
 Address The Observer, Dallas, Oregon.
Rural Schools.
 Suver, Oregon, 2-1-1914
 Polk County Observer, Dallas, Ore.
 Dear Editor:
 Will you allow space in the Observer for these few thoughts on Rural Schools as they are with us at present and what I feel they ought to be, and hope they sometime may be.
 One may, and often does, so accustom himself to existing conditions that he really accepts them as being good and all, or nearly all that could be desired, but when one looks beyond his own community, or state, or country, and allows his mind to open to the conditions prevailing in some of the older states, or better still, to what is found in such countries as Denmark, he realizes the utter inconsistency, absolute impossibility of ever reaching the excellent system.
 Co-operation between home and school, between parents and teachers, as is found in that little limited

A Fish Story
 But a True One
 By LAURA C. BURNHAM
 Edward Cotton was the youngest son of the Earl of Edgerston. Between the years of fourteen and eighteen as a member of a noble family he had his full enjoyment of life. He was a tall boy, strikingly handsome and a great favorite. During this period a love affair sprang up between him and Laura, daughter of Sir David Hinchelwood, an impetuous baronet as proud as he was poor. Sir David's main object in life was to marry his daughter to a man who would be able to lift the family to its condition of former years. Edward Cotton, being a younger son in a family all of whose property was entailed on the oldest male heir, must of necessity, as soon as he had grown to manhood, shift for himself.
 There was absolutely no hope of his possessing the girl he loved. When he was twenty years old he bade her farewell, being about to sail for Australia. He looked the matter squarely in the face, but the girl with feminine faith would not admit that that something would happen to turn their present condition.
 "That's the loveliest thing about a girl," said the lover; "she's an optimist in the very face of calamity."
 Cotton went to Australia more to break away from associations that would thereafter be impossible for him than the hope of making a fortune. He had not inherited business instincts and had no taste for a business life. He found a position in the counting room of a wool merchant named Oldershaw, but did not retain it long. Building himself a little boat on the ocean, he contented himself with a small remittance sent him quarterly by his father. He was naturally fond of fishing and supplied his table with fish caught in the ocean.
 Cotton went to Australia in 1808. One day while out for large fish he caught a shark on his line. There was something in the fish that he needed—possibly a little oil for his lamp. At any rate, he cut it up. A number of articles undigested were in the stomach, among them a folded newspaper, which, though soaked, left the inner sheets in tolerable condition. Quite likely it had been thrown from some ship the shark was following for food and picked up by the voracious fish. Cotton took it to his hut and spread it out before a fire to dry. In the evening after his supper he took up what there was of it to read, and the first heading that met his eyes was "France Declares War on Germany."
 There were two important facts concerning this first news in Australia of the breaking out of the Franco-Prussian war. First, there was then no cable connecting the island with the mainland; secondly, the shark is a very swift swimmer. Cotton had not heard of the breaking out of the war and did not believe such news had reached Australia. He sat thinking about the matter in his cabin, and it occurred to him from his knowledge of the wool business that a European war would advance the price of wool.
 Early the next morning he went into the city, saw Oldershaw and told him that an important event had occurred that would affect the price of wool. Oldershaw agreed that if Cotton would tell him what it was he (Oldershaw) would give him half the profit on any wool he bought or sold on account of it. Cotton then produced his newspaper.
 Wool was selling at 18 cents a pound, and Oldershaw bought all there was at hand. He had scarcely completed his purchases before a ship came in with the news of the declaration of war between France and Germany.
 The wool that Oldershaw had bought in peace he sold in shillings. He made a fortune for himself and one for Cotton. The war was of short duration, and fortunately the wool was sold near the highest point. Cotton received after he had caught the shark that had brought him his luck and a few days later sailed for England.
 He found his love still disengaged, but resisting her father's efforts to induce her to marry the son of a rich brewer. There had been no news received in England of Cotton having suddenly made a fortune, and when he appeared no one dreamed that he was a very wealthy man. He refrained from telling of his wealth, fearing that his explanation as to how he had acquired it would not be believed.
 Laura Hinchelwood was delighted with his return, though she had no idea that it meant any change in their relationship. When Cotton told his fish story she thought that something had happened to turn his brain, but when he showed her his bank account as evidence she was staggered. At last he induced her to believe that he was really rich and had made his money by the street of sheer luck. Having convinced her, he was not afraid of any one else. Sir David Hinchelwood when he was assured of the truth, having found the fortune he was looking for, was nothing loath to give his daughter to the young man. Edward Cotton purchased an estate near that of his oldest brother, who had by this time inherited the family title, and he is now the successful master of the earl and Sir David Hinchelwood.
 The Rothschilds of London made a large fortune by receiving news in advance of the eventful battle of Waterloo.

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Electric Sparks.
 At Goteborg, Sweden, the cost of an electric lamp is only \$2 a year.
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Laundry Lines.
 Soaking in buttermilk overnight will bleach clothes that have become yellow.
 After washing blankets and they have dried beat them thoroughly with an ordinary carpet beater. This makes the wool light and soft again and gives a new appearance.
 When ironing sprinkle powdered rice over the ironing sheet, and this imparts a delicate perfume to the freshly laundered clothing and flat linen that is very agreeable.

PROPOSAL FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER
 Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Dallas, Oregon, until 5 o'clock p. m. on Monday, February 9th, 1914, for the construction of sewers and laterals on certain parts of Court and Ellis Streets in the City of Dallas, Oregon. Said sewers and laterals will be constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the undersigned Auditor and Police Judge and the provisions of Ordinance No. 217 of said City. Each bid must be accompanied with a certified check, payable to the City of Dallas, Oregon, for ten per cent. of the amount bid, said check to be forfeited to the City of Dallas, Oregon, in case the bidder shall fail to give a good and sufficient bond and execute a contract for the faithful performance of said work. The envelope containing the bid must be addressed to the undersigned Auditor and Police Judge and marked, "Bid on Sewers". A bond equal to the contract price will be required of the bidder for the faithful performance of the work. The work must be completed on or before May 1st, 1914.
 The City of Dallas hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
 Done by order of the City Council of the City of Dallas, Oregon, made and entered of record on the 26th day of January, 1914.
 Chas. Gregory, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Dallas, Oregon. (Seal) Jan. 30-Feb 6

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
 NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk, his Final Account as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Ruth Ruble, Deceased, and that said Court has fixed Saturday the 28th day of February, 1914, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, as the time, and the County Court Room, in Polk County, Oregon, as the place for hearing said Final Account and all objections thereto.
 Dated at Dallas, Oregon, this 28th day of January, 1914.
 A. O. Condit, Executor of last Will and Testament of Ruth Ruble, Deceased.
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