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Pretty Program For State Solons
Enviably Lot of Legislators Who Have Nothing To Do But Look Wise, Draw Their Pay and Solve a Few Problems Like These.

Who wouldn't be a state legislator? It's a snap. Nothing to do but look wise, draw your pay and meditate on a few little things like these:

Shall we be good and obey the primary mandate by electing Jonathan Bourne, Jr., for the long term in the United States senate and F. W. Mulkey for the short term?

To what use and to what extent may the waters in the streams of Oregon be diverted for irrigation and power?

How can we fix up a state banking law and secure bank examiners who will examine before the doors are closed?

How can we reappropriation the legislative districts in accordance with the state law, so our county will lose no representation?

Pass an anti-railroad pass law that will stay passed?

How to compel railroad companies to furnish cars they don't have?

How consolidate boards of normal school regents without depriving any good fellow of a job?

How to make even convicts work at Salem sewing grain sacks to circumvent the trust and please our farmer constituents? Also pass a migratory stock law that will likewise stay passed?

Vote \$50,000 each for Jamestown and Seattle expositions. Cello postage road (whatever that is) and all the other "good things" said to be hungering for state money?

How to give every school child a new book without raising taxes?

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AUTOMATIC PHONE AT THE CLACKAMAS

COMPETING COMPANY CAMP IS PITCHED ON RIVER BANK - TWO PHONE PROBLEM.

The Automatic Home Telephone company, which is planning on entering Oregon City, has carried on the work of construction as far as the Clackamas river. The camp is pitched there now, and from present indications they will reach this city before very long. Just what the condition of the telephone business will be when they enter this place is somewhat uncertain. Whether a telephone war will result, or whether peaceable relations will exist between the competing companies is a matter of conjecture, and will depend largely on the company making the inroad into this territory.

The question of installing two telephones is one that has come up in almost every community of any size in the country. That an economic waste

is incurred so far as the subscribers are concerned stands to reason. The divided profits make the business less lucrative for the telephone owners likewise. For that reason the introduction of competition in the telephone industry has been limited in a good many places. It has been even rumored that doctors have organized and have decided as a body not to install another telephone.

OVER FOUR INCHES RAIN AT STAFFORD

Stafford, Oct. 25.—Notwithstanding over four inches of water fell here during last week's rains, the thirsty ground absorbed it all and is ready for more. The small streams have not started yet.

P. F. Larson died Saturday morning. Funeral was held on Monday afternoon in the little grove by the Stafford cemetery. After much suffering a good husband and father, and kind neighbor and faithful friend lies at rest. He had been a resident of Stafford for more than thirty years and was nearly sixty-eight years of age.

Mrs. Henry Gage and daughter of Tillamook county arrived on Tuesday. The daughter will enter school at Beaverton.

Sam Mosier has again put his threshing engine into the chop mill ready to grind.

Oscar Barnes is plowing for Mr. Powell.

Burned Child Dies.
At 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon the funeral of the 4-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fernald was held at West Oregon City. About three weeks ago the little girl was playing about a bon-fire in a hop yard near Mount Angel, when her clothes caught fire and she was burned in a frightful manner. The child has been suffering for some time and expired Wednesday afternoon. Her recovery was despaired of for some time.

Estacada Butchers Sued.
A complaint has been filed by D. N. Bridenstine against E. E. Block and Homer Croft, butchers at Estacada, for the recovery of \$166.01. The complainant alleges that he furnished meat to defendants from September 1, 1906, to October 14, 1906, to the value of \$266.66, and that of this amount but \$100.65 has been paid, leaving a balance due of the amount sued for. Papers in attachment were issued Wednesday afternoon and served by Constable Ely Thursday morning.

And Plenty of Room to Grow Them.
From the Eugene Register.
Come to Oregon where apples are big enough to make a pie for six persons and strawberries can be had almost the year round.

Possible Only In Oregon.
According to a Southern Oregon story, Jasper Force, of Talent, aged 106 years, was recently issued a hunter's license by the county clerk of Jackson county.

Oregon Text Books Cheapest.

While President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon, and a member of the Textbook commission, was attending the annual meeting of the Yamhill county School Officers' association at McMinnville the other day, he was asked why it was that in some states the primer costs only 10 cents, while it costs more here. He said that a man can buy a coat for \$2, yet most of us pay more because we want a better coat. The Oregon Textbook commission, said he, looked into the quality as well as the price.

ESCAPED LUNATIC'S MERRY ADVENTURES

"STRINGS" THE ENGLISH CONSUL AND MAKES PORTLAND POLICE LOOK FOOLISH.

After three weeks of liberty James Bagnall, alias Charles Wilson, an escaped lunatic, was recaptured Thursday morning by Night Officer Ed. Shaw, and taken to the city jail, from where he was taken back to Salem by an attendant Thursday night. When arrested the prisoner made unsuccessful effort to tear away from the officer.

Three weeks ago Wednesday, Bagnall and Ray Lawrence escaped from their cells in the insane asylum at Salem by filing the lock on their window and the two have been at liberty road (whatever that is) and all the other "good things" said to be hungering for state money?

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Bagnall is from New Zealand and comes from good parents, possessing more than an average education. The story of his escape and his subsequent adventures was interestingly related by him in the cell at the city jail. According to his statements he and his companions travelled by night going to Portland, and it took them three days to get there.

Once there he declares he was kept busy "dodging the cops." About the wildest thing the escaped patient did while at liberty, was to visit the English consul and upbraid him for not accomplishing the release of the patient. Bagnall's story was well told by himself. He said:

"I went to Mr. Laidlow and told him I was a friend of Bagnall's and wanted to see why he did not have the patient dismissed from the asylum, that he was conducting himself properly and deserved to be let free. He 'hemmed and hawed' and told me that my friend's case was before the governor now, and all that kind of truck. Then I said: 'Mr. Laidlow, you don't know a d— thing. You ain't as smart as I am. I'm the man myself.' Gee, old Laidlow jumped about a foot high for the telephone, and I banged for the door. I turned around and said, 'If you ring that telephone, I bang. He rang, and I banged.' Now do you think I'm crazy?"

Bagnall talked very rationally and wittily while confined here and took his recapture in a philosophical way. His efforts to get out of the way of the Portland authorities who later told him to leave the city were amusing. He expressed his regret at having to go back to Salem, since as he thought the treatment accorded him there is not of the gentlest kind. What he wants is to be sent back to New Zealand, where his family is reputed to be well off.

MILD WINTER SURE SAYS BEECH TREE

There is a beech tree in Milwaukee, that is considered a weather prophet and it says the coming winter will be a mild one, notwithstanding the fact that the oak trees have produced a big crop of acorns. In early days Seth Lewelling sent to Indiana for different kinds of shade trees and among them was a nut bearing beech tree. Mrs. Lewelling says:

"In my time here in Oregon we have had two cold winters, of six weeks duration, regular Indiana weather, during which the Willamette river was frozen over. We noticed that before these cold winters set in this beech tree was heavily loaded with nuts, enough for all the squirrels. This year our beech tree has not a nut on it, which we think indicates that the squirrels will not need nuts, but will have plenty of green fodder. So let no one get the shivers beforehand thinking of what is to come. We may not have to shiver."

"This tree, which was born in Indiana of ancestors that had to supply squirrels for a hard winter every year, surely ought to be more reliable than an Oregon oak, which has only to prepare for a real cold winter about once in 20 years. I believe the acorn trees have made a mistake this year. Anyhow we'll wait until the river is frozen over before we walk across it. Meanwhile I believe in the beech tree, and hold that no man or animal will suffer with cold this winter in Oregon."

66 DIVORCE CASES STILL ON CALENDAR

The divorce mill in Clackamas county was busy enough when Judge McBride heard 22 cases Saturday, but from the looks of the records at the present time, a busier time is promised when he comes again. In spite of the fact that such a large number was disposed of, there still remain 66 divorces on the calendar. All of these are cases that have been filed within the year.

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R. B. CROSS GIVES GLOWING ACCOUNT OF TILLAMOOK COUNTRY.

R. B. Cross, son of C. E. Cross, returned Thursday from the Tillamook country where he has been spending the last two weeks. Cross assisted his brother trailing some cattle to a ranch which his brother runs in that region.

From all accounts great things are in prospect for that country. Thursday, five wagon loads of scrapers and other road implements were taken to Tillamook to start at the other end of the new railroad that is under construction. The eastern end is already built about 40 miles west from Hillsboro, and the road will probably be completed soon. That will enable the ranchers in that region to send their calves to market instead of knocking them in the head. At present it is too expensive to raise calves, with the creamery industry as prominent as it is in that country.

Mr. Cross reports good fishing in that country, fine game and excellent opportunities for homestead lands. The farmers are prospering, 20 head of cattle netting them \$1000 a year. Several men cleared from \$1000 to \$2000 per year on their cranberry bogs.

Funds for Estacada Church.
Over \$500 has been raised towards building a Methodist church at Estacada. The O. W. P. Townsite company has given lots for church and parsonage site. The church is to cost not less than \$2000.

Primitive Furnaces.
Janitor Nehren has added worker-iron to his other duties. He has improvised two furnaces at the foot of the stone pillars that flank the wagon gateway to the courthouse yard, and logs of wood blazing merrily to soften the heavy iron hinges imbedded in the pillars. The hinges were bent clear out of shape and service by the big road roller when it was run into the yard last summer, and Mr. Nehren is endeavoring to straighten them so as to again hang the gate.

Tucker Ranch Sold.
B. Tucker has sold to Mr. and Mrs. Al. Lindsey 31 acres of ranch land of the old Tucker homestead at Springwater.

But Only One Supreme Critic.

From the Oregonian.
Oregon has two Supreme courts, one sitting at Salem, the other at Oregon City. A third, at Pendleton, may resume activity in time for the next campaign for governor.

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