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**County Official Paper**

Under the present laws of the State of Oregon it is impossible for two contiguous cities to consolidate. That is, it is impossible for the reason that the only way it can be done is to leave it to a vote of the entire State of Oregon. If Houlton and St. Helens should desire to consolidate and make one city instead of two, the matter would have to be left to a vote of the people of the whole state. What would the people say if they were asked to vote for that matter which would the people of Vernonia or Clatskanie right in our own county care or know about what should be done in this matter. So that it is impossible to call into effect this law. At the last election there was a measure on the ballot providing for the consolidation of cities by a vote of the people in the contiguous places which are the only people who should have any say in the matter, but the bill was defeated. The reason for the defeat is plainly apparent. Tacked onto this bill was the one providing for the creation of new counties. This part of the bill excited the antagonism of the county seat towns in several of the large counties and the really meritorious measure was sacrificed for the unpopular one. It was a case of the abuse of the initiative power where by an attempt was made to slip through an unpopular law behind the cloak of a really popular and good measure. As a result both bills, which should have been two instead of combined in one, went down to defeat and the consolidation of cities is still quite impossible under our laws.

The following measures on the ballot at the recent election were passed by the people and are now the law of the State; Votes for Women; County Tax Power Repeal; Bank Stockholders Liability; Extension of the authority of the Railroad Commission to include all Public Utilities; Eight Hour Bill; Convict Labor Bill; County Prisoner Bill; State Road Limit; County Road Limit; Income Tax; Household Exemption; Freight Rate Bill. Thus out of the 37 bills on the ballot there were 12 that passed and 25 that failed. Among those that passed were some good ones and some foolish ones and the same state of affairs as to the bills defeated. The Initiative Law of this state is being badly abused by the supposed friends of the law and unless some restraint is placed on the multiplicity of foolish bills on the ballot it will not be long until the law will be amended either by some majority rule amendment or a board of Censorship to decide what bills shall go on the ballot.

**TO THE PARENTS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN**

If you would catch a train start in time. No matter how fast you run if you start too late. If you would win a prize in the School Children's Industrial Contest next year, begin now. Parents, if you would have your children grow up to be industrious, law-abiding, useful citizens, winners in the race of life, start them early in the right direction.

We are all agreed that an education is an essential to success, but what is education? True education is that which fits us for the duties of life. The old pedagogical idea was to cram the child with textbooks. The new idea is that we must know how to apply our knowledge to practical uses—that we must know how to use the hand with the head. Thus the need for, and popularity of, industrial educa-

tion along with the "mental cramming." Though started late and with lack of organization in many instances, the result of the State-wide movement inaugurated this year are quite encouraging, and inspires us all, I trust, to greater efforts the coming year. Many of your children entered this contest this year, and whether they won a prize or not they are all stronger in every way from the exercise and experience, and what they have learned to do with their hands will always be an available and valuable asset. We hope to have every school boy and girl in the State receive a personal benefit by entering this contest this year. Will you co-operate by giving your children an opportunity—by giving them a little ground to cultivate, and starting them in the chicken business in a small way, and perhaps giving the boy a brood sow or a pig to feed? And most important of all by allowing them to have as their very own the profits of their effort? Very much depends upon the parents as to how great a success can be made of this movement.

**POULTRY THE SPECIALTY**  
While it is not the intention to slight any of the other lines of activity taken up this year, it is the plan to make poultry-raising the leading feature of the school children's contest the coming year. There is scarcely a boy or girl in city, village or country, but what could take care of a few chickens or ducks without interference with their school or other work. It costs the State about \$9.60 a pupil each year to carry on our public school system, and it is our ambition to have the school children increase the production of poultry and eggs enough to cover that expense. Children, wouldn't you be proud to be able to say "It doesn't cost the State anything to educate us. We pay the bill with our chickens and eggs?" The result is easily possible, and to reach it each school boy and girl would only have to keep a few fowls. I do not know of anything that would attract more favorable attention to Oregon than the fact that all her school children are raising poultry and producing thereby more than enough wealth to meet the expense of the public school system.

The poultry on the farm is a secondary consideration with most people. Little attention is paid to it as a rule and its importance and possibilities are not conceived. We have no reliable statistics later than those of the U. S. census for the year 1899. That year there were 7,709,970 dozens of eggs produced in Oregon, which, at an average price of 25 cents were worth \$1,927,427.492.50. The value of all poultry raised in the State in 1899 was \$826,687. The poultry product that year was worth considerably more than either of the following products, viz: Animals slaughtered, hops, fruits of all kinds, and was almost equal to the oats crop in value, and was almost a third as great as the wheat crop. Since 1899 there has been a big increase in the production of poultry and eggs, but there has also been a big increase in consumption, and last year there was about a million dollars' worth of poultry and eggs shipped into Portland from the east. That million dollars might just as well go into the pockets of the school boys and girls of Oregon as to the farmers of the east, and while you are earning it you will be occupying part of your time in healthful and interesting pastime and be learning how to do something worth while—how to do business, to depend upon your own efforts and to be an important factor in society.

An elementary poultry bulletin will be issued by the Oregon Agricultural College after a little, which will give valuable information upon how to raise and care for poultry. In the meantime be talking it over with your parents and making preparations for starting a little flock, if you have not already got one. Get a little garden patch ready to plant also, and win some of the fine prizes that will be offered this year, both at your local fair and at the State Fair.

**Workmen Own Their Homes**  
The best method for enabling working men to own their own homes is that afforded by the American system of building and loan associations. In many states it is called the savings and loan bank, or building society; only in Massa-

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chusetta is called a co-operative bank. It is more successful in American than elsewhere. For 6000 of these local societies to encourage home ownership exist in the United States, with about 2,250,000 members, and with assets in excess of one billion dollars, says the editor of Farm and Home. With the improved management now in vogue, they are rapidly increasing their membership and usefulness. Pennsylvania has 1500 of these people's institutions, with nearly \$170,000,000 of assets and over 400,000 members. Ohio, New Jersey and Illinois each have over 500 of these banks. Their assets in Ohio are almost as great as in Pennsylvania, while in each of several other states these little but effective institutions have a total of from 50 to 100 millions of dollars in assets.

This money is practically all deposited by working men in monthly dues and loaned to working men for the purpose of paying for homes. The loan is secured by a first mortgage, which is taken for as high as 80 per cent of the value of the property. The loan is paid off in monthly installments of principal and interest, which makes even a large proportion of the total value of the mortgaged property a safe loan. On each \$200 borrowed the borrower pays \$1 monthly upon the principal over and above the interest. The money thus paid in begins to draw interest at once, and this helps to gradually reduce the principal owed, so that at 6 per cent the loan is paid off in about 140 months.

The system is based on the fundamental fact that the rent paid by the average working man is sufficient to buy and pay for his own home in 10 to 12 or 13 years, after which he owns it free and clear. The rate of interest varies from 5 to 7 per cent.

**Best Conditions for Storage**

There are no advantages to be derived from picking fruit green. The ideal stage is when the fruit is full grown, but some days before it would begin to show signs of melowness. Other points to be observed are the selection of late-maturing, good keeping varieties, and gathering the fruit in cool weather, or late in the day when, it can stand open all night to become chilled before going into the cellar.

A common practice formerly was to pile the fruit in the shade in the open air or in a freely ventilated building before placing it in storage, writes Ernest Walker in Farm and Home. This was for the purpose of allowing it to go through a so-called "sweat." This process was thought to improve color and favor a slight shrinkage, also a toughening of the skin. It also allowed specimens that were not in sound conditions or too ripe to develop signs of decay.

The pile was then sorted over one or more times, leaving only the sound fruit for storing. The latter result was no doubt of more real value than the so-called "sweat," as we know that diseased or scabby, or fruit showing mechanical injuries will not keep well under any conditions. Cold arrests the activities of most of these organisms present, but one of these fungi at least works even at temperatures near the freezing point.

The location of the cellar on a slope or hillside to the north, with openings up and down the hill, favors free and thorough ventilation during cool nights. By opening the cellar early in the night in cold weather and closing the doors before sunrise, the cellar is cooled and the cold air is kept caged in. Un-

der ordinary seasonal conditions the cellar so managed keeps fruit fairly well. The essential idea is in keeping the cool air in rather than keeping out warm air or protection against freezing, and maintaining as equable a temperature as possible by careful attention to ventilation.

**Notice**

At the fire last Tuesday all my tools and stock were destroyed and my books were badly damaged. Owing to this fact I am compelled to call on all persons who are indebted to me to call at once and make settlement. I must have the money and my accounts must be settled at once. I trust the people will take this notice as an urgent request and call at my shop in the Rupert Building and settle up.

R. Constantin.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS**

Letters unclaimed in the St. Helens, Ore. Post office for the week end, November 16, 1912.

A. E. Armstrong 2 letters  
Mrs. J. Downing, return addr. 1 letter.

Letters unclaimed by November 30, will be sent to the Dead-Letter office.  
M. C. Gray, P. M.

**Notice**

The books and accounts of the St. Helens Transfer Co., have been placed with Mrs. M. E. Miller and accounts will be sent to every person owing the firm with a request for settlement. It is the intention of the Company to collect all accounts and they must be paid at once. Persons who are in debt to the firm will please call at the City Hall and pay the accounts right away or action will be started to collect same. This is positive.

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