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LOSS OF NORMAL SCHOOL.

It is doubtful if any effort the people of Jackson county could have made would have saved the normal school at Ashland. The legislature was determined to 1905. end the lives of these schools, whose history has been one long tale of political log-rolling to secure sustenance for half starved existence—and there is undoubtedly a strong sentiment in the state against the normals, that have always been the footballs of the legislatures.

The Ashland normal was established ten years ago through the efforts of E. V. Carter, the best politician and the most progressive citizen of Ashland. By adroit politics, he secured the first appropriation for the school. Since then he has had to attend every session of the legislature and lead the fight to sustain the normal. That the school has been kept alive and prosperous is due principally to his efforts.

When it was seen that the doom of the normal was pending, Mr. Carter this year again sacrificed his business and time and rushed to the assistance of Senator Mulit, who made a valiant struggle for the normal in the senate. If shrewd politics could have availed, the normal would have won the day-but the handwriting was on the wall. Even the normal's creator-whose efforts for the city were recently rewarded by deefat for the council-could not save it.

Loss of the normal will not materially affect Ashland. Her prosperity is built upon too firm a foundation to be disturbed by such a trifle. But Ashland needs to awaken. When the normal's existence was threatened, a carload of citizens should have rushed to aid the battle for it. Those making the fight at Salem should at least have had the moral support of a large delegation of Ashlanders -yet no one came. Apparently no one had the interest of the town at heart enough to sacrifice his time.

Ashland needs more public spirit. With all the gifts of the gods spilled in her lap, she lacks only the spirit of progress to be an ideal city. Inertia—curse of Oregon -hangs like a mantle from her shoulders and should be east off as the city arises to take her part in the new Oregon—the Oregon of tomorrow.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING NEEDED.

Farmers of the Rogue River valley do not do enough diversified farming. There is a lack of staple farm products, which it would pay well to raise. Many a tract has been withdrawn from production of staples to be planted to orchard and years must elapse before returns are received. In the meantime the owner must live, and to do it he should turn his attention to diversified farming, truck gardening, berry culture, etc.

In 1908 fifty-four cars of feed, forty-one cars of wheat, twelve cars of oats, twenty-six cars of potatoes and one car of onions were shipped from outside points into Medford. In the entire valley, three hundred and thirty-five cars of feed were imported, two hundred and fifty cars of hay, and sixty cars of potatoes. All of these products could have been and should have been raised here.

It is and has always been almost impossible to secure vegetables at local markets. Butter and eggs must be imported, and much other produce that should be produced here must be shipped in. As it is possible to raise any erop here, there is no excuse for not producing needed staples.

TAPT WILL VISIT THE WEST DURING SUMMER

WASHINGTON, Prb. 24 -- President elect Taft is planning to visit Portland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seartle and Alaska next summer. If he carries out susippi congress; go to the Alanka Yu-

hon-fronthe exposition in Seattle and then proceed to Aliaska. In order to curry out other plans he will have to de his Profile coast and Aliaska traveling during the liest week, of July and all of Sugass, and start. south in September.

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barbed wire fence for three days. When
found he was alive, and was taken to a
hospital, but ancounbed to shock and
exposure. When found his head was on
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EAST SIDE ILLEGALLY A

PART OF MARSHFIELD COQUILLE, Oc., Feb. 24,-County Clerk Watson has just received a de-civion of Judge Hamilton in the case of Jordan et al., vs. the City of Marsh Altska next sommer. If he carries out field, involving the attempted annexa-his intention, he will visit benver and strong the trans Mis-attend there a meeting of the trans Mishe City of Marshfield.

hon Panific exposition in Sestile and then proceed to Alaski.

In the Marshfield case, it seems that in the annexation proceedings only the sovers of the City of Marshfield voted the proposition to have that city an nex Eastside, Mr. Jordan, an Eastside terident, contested the ameration on the ground that the residents of the anwhile he is an the Provide source he will in all probability take in all the towns and cities possible. The Provide towns and cities possible. The Provide towns and cities possible. The Provide towns are explicit on the point, it is count is the only section of the sountry which he has not already found are try which he has not already found are probably will not be appealed.

SUSPECTED CRACKSMEN

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SECOND NATIONAL PEACE

CHICAGO, Feb. 24 - The second no tional peace conference will be held in Chicago for three days beginning May necording to the announcement to night by R. L. Henfeley, secretary of the congress. Delegates from all parts of the civilized world will be in attend.

CONFERENCE IS CALLED

BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD

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