

**County Manager Amendment**  
A committee representing the Clackamas County Grange-chamber of Commerce conference has completed its draft of an amendment to the Oregon constitution providing for the business manager form of county government. The committee, of which Louis A. Henderson, Oregon City abstractor, is chairman, will ask the 1929 state legislature to submit the amendment to the people of Oregon for adoption or rejection. Other members of this committee were Jack Watts, Beavercreek, A. G. Cogswell, Eaglecreek, M. S. Schrock, Milwaukie, and O. D. Eby and E. A. Koen, both of Oregon City. According to Mr. Koen's Oregon City Courier, Mr. Henderson "did nearly all the work relative to the proposed amendment."

The complete text of the suggested constitutional amendment, which would be section 2-B of Article XI, follows:—  
"The legal voters of every county are hereby granted power by initiative and referendum procedure, to adopt, amend and repeal a county charter in the manner now provided or hereafter provided by law for the exercise of the initiative and referendum powers of county or by the charter. The charter shall provide only, directly or by its authority, for the number, election or appointment, qualifications, organization, tenure, compensation, and inter-relations of county officers and agents who shall among them exercise all the powers and perform all the duties, as distributed by the charter or by its authority, now or hereafter by law granted to or imposed upon the officers and agents elected by the votes of the whole county and the officers and agents, appointed by such officers and agents, except members of congress, members of the legislative assembly, circuit judges, county judges in their judicial capacity, district attorneys, coroners, county clerks as clerks of the circuit court and of the county court acting in a judicial capacity, and sheriffs, and who shall exercise such additional powers and perform such additional duties of a purely county character, not contrary to the law of the state, as may be granted or imposed by the charter or by its authority or by the voters of the county under their authority to enact, amend, or repeal all local laws for their county by initiative and referendum procedure; provided, that the relations established by law between the officers and agents subject to the charter and other officers and agents, and all powers of control over officers and agents subject to the charter vested by law in state administrative officers and in the judiciary shall continue, until otherwise provided by law, over whatever officers and agents may be substituted by the charter or by its authority, and that, until otherwise provided by law, election officers and jurors shall be affected by the charter or by its authority only by such substitution of other officers or agents, for those now having relations with them established by law. The legislative assembly may effect, by general, but not by special laws, the provisions authorized to be made by this section."

**The "Solid South"**  
The term "solid south" is usually applied to the states which passed ordinances of secession in 1860-61. They were Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Of these Hoover carried Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

**Government Timber Bought**  
At a sale of government timber held in Roseburg, November 19, Link & Shaw purchased 40 acres in section 9, township 2, range 5 west, in Yamhill county, price \$2337.50. Charles S. Nelson purchased 40 acres in section 17, township 2, range 5 west, Yamhill county, price \$1470.

**Tax the Loafer**  
Theoretically, the perfect tax would be a tax on inaction. The proper man to tax would be the loafer, not the worker; idle land, not used land; inactive capital, not active capital; lack of enterprise, not enterprise. Such a tax would not be practical, but it would be a just tax. Our present taxes are based on an opposite theory. We tax thrift, action, capital, enterprise. We levy taxes in proportion to ability to pay, which means that the harder a man works, the more we tax him; the more thrifty he becomes, the more we tax him; the more efficient he grows, the more we knock him down. If a man saves his money, and buys a house, he is taxed; if he wastes his money in extravagant living, he is not taxed. None of our states encourage production by the simple process of discouraging idleness, shiftlessness, inefficiency. The devil himself could not do a neater job of hobbling the race.—Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, Journal.

**By State Market Agent**  
Starting of grass over most of the state has been delayed by lack of rains. Feeding will start a little earlier than usual. Most of the stock in Southern Oregon has been moved from summer ranges to fall pastures earlier this season than usual. Prospect of shortage of pasture throughout the range districts are evident. Despite the long dry range period the cattle are generally reported in almost normal condition throughout the state and in better relative condition than sheep. Oregon lambs are generally running a little light this season and are mostly shipped out of the state. Some reports show lambs five to ten pounds lighter than last year.

Inspection of Canadian wheat to date indicate that the effective supply of Canadian bread wheat from this year's crop may be no larger than from last year's crop, Secretary Jardine of the department of agriculture has announced. It is becoming more apparent, he says, that the frosts seriously damaged the Canadian crop, and dockage is reported to be unusually heavy. Consequently, a large portion of this year's crop is below contract grade and much more soft wheat than last year is being classed as feed. Mr. Jardine still thinks American growers should hold their wheat for better prices.

The rate on carload shipments of eggs from the Pacific coast to eastern points is to be reduced from \$2.60 a hundred pounds to \$2.25. The minimum weight, formerly 26,000 pounds, has been raised to 30,000 pounds. This reduction represents quite a saving to producers on the Pacific coast. The five co-operative associations here in the west have vigorously pushed the request made to the railroads for this reduction, and were it not for the united manner in which the producers were able to act through their associations no reductions could have been secured, says the Eggsaminer.

Farm automobiles in Iowa during 1927 exceeded the number of Iowa farms. Automobiles registered totaled 212,973. Iowa farms totaled 210,108. There were according to the census taken by the state department of agriculture 2,865 more motor vehicles owned by farmers and used on farms than there were farms. Another interesting fact gathered in the same census was that there are 45,195 tractors, slightly less than one tractor for every four farms, used by Iowa farmers. At the date of the census, it shows 75,056 radios used on the farms, which was an increase over 1926 figure of 10,566. The increase in tractors was 4,583.

The Western Walnut Growers' association and Western Horticultural Society will hold a joint meeting in Vancouver, December 5, 7 and 8, at Memorial Hall. Plans for the meeting and program are in charge of C. E. Schuster of Corvallis.

A few small cargoes of wheat are being handled in Portland harbor early this week, but there is not much activity in the export trade. The mills, however, are grinding on full time and here is a brisk movement in flour going abroad.

An authority claims that the quality of dried fruits will be preserved much longer if the fruits are kept in a dark place to prevent the light affecting color, and in a dry, well-covered vessel to prevent entrance of mold.

In a suburban bank in Chicago, a mouse nest made of \$250 bills was found.

Triplets were born to Mrs. Ada Farwell, aged 52, of London, her first children.

**Homesick**  
Ruth Ellen was making her first visit alone to her aunt, who has no children. The aunt visited the library and obtained the most modern authority on child diet. The menu for the child's first evening was planned with care, but the five-year-old refused to eat. "I'm homesick for something," she said. "What is it? Maybe we can find some here," said the solicitous aunt. "I think it's doughnuts and coffee," replied the child.

**Too Many Messages**  
There are too many messages: we waste valuable time in considering them. A man comes to a town to lecture, and the chairman introduces him by saying he brings a message. Then the speaker talks a lot of stuff we have heard a thousand times before, and get little out of it.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

**Source of Progress**  
All valuable inventions are not conceived in the laboratories of big business. So-called free lance inventors afford the basis for new and independent enterprises.—Woman's Home Companion.

**Tardy Tribute Paid to Unknown Teacher**

I sing the praise of the unknown teacher. Great generals win campaigns, but it is the unknown soldier who wins the war. Famous educators plan new systems of pedagogy, but it is the unknown teacher who delivers and guides the young. For him no trumpets blare, no chariots wait, no golden decorations are decreed. He keeps the watch along the borders of darkness and ignorance and folly. Patient in his daily duty, he strives to conquer the evil powers which are the enemies of youth. He awakens sleeping spirits. He quickens the indolent, encourages the eager and steadies the unstable. He communicates his own joy in learning and shares with boys and girls the best treasures of his mind. He lights many candles which, in later years, will shine back to cheer him. This is his reward. Knowledge may be gained from books; but the love of knowledge is transmitted only by personal contact. No one has deserved better of the republic than the unknown teacher.—Henry Van Dyke.

**Wife Impressed by Force of "Argument"**

One day a rough-looking Slovak laborer accompanied by his rotund wife visited a second-hand clothing store in New York. The woman was looking for a plush coat. She had evidently dragged her husband from one store to another. The woman tried on one coat after another. She could not be suited. The man, losing all patience, picked up one at random, and said: "I like." The woman shook her head, saying: "I no like." But the man handed the garment to the woman, repeating: "I like." "I no like," insisted his better half. And so the debate continued. Finally the sturdy foreigner drew back his open palm and slapped his wife with a violence that knocked her down. The woman slowly rose to her feet, reached for the coat, turned to her husband, and said: "Me like, too!"—Pathfinder Magazine.

**Impolite**

A little girl lives near a dog which is loved and cared for by a childless woman. The owner of the dog came to call on the little girl's mother. "Mrs. Blank," she said, "I think Mary is changing so much. I don't want to have any hard feelings, but I really thought you ought to know that I overheard her being very impolite." "Sure, I want to know, and thank you for calling my attention to the matter. I shall speak to Mary about it. What did Mary say?" asked the agitated mother. "My dog was out in front as she went to school and she said, 'You dirty cur, don't you dare touch me!'"

**Breaking Ocean Cables**

Researches with reference to the breaking of telegraphic cables have revealed the facts that there are parts of the ocean bed, particularly on steep slopes along the edges of the continents, where great changes frequently occur. The importance of properly selecting the location of a cable is shown by the fact, cited often in this relation, that the military and naval reserves were called out in Australia once, when the simultaneous interruption of two cables cut off communication with the rest of the world for 19 days and gave rise to the fear that war had broken out in Europe.

**Gas Once a Curiosity**

When the first gas lights were introduced in Baltimore, in 1816, they were placed on exhibit in the museum there and crowds paid admission to see them. Newspaper accounts described them as marvelous "lights without oil, tallow, wick or smoke." The exhibit proved so successful that a gas company was formed the next year, and the streets of the city were soon lighted by the lamps. This was one of the first commercial installations in the United States.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

**Endurance Riding**

The bureau of animal industry says that, according to endurance rides held under the direction of a board of sponsors, made by the representatives of the various horse and jockey associations, 60 miles a day is the distance permitted for five consecutive days. The maximum time permitted on any day is nine hours. The maximum time allowed for the entire ride is 50 hours. The horse is usually carrying from 200 to 225 pounds.

**"Red-Hots"**

At a recent musical program, only three members of the quartet appeared on the stage while the fourth entered from the front door in costume with a fiery-red wig. He caused a little excitement, especially for the children. Little Vera Gene, age three, remarked: "Mother, I bet that man has been eating 'red-hots,' for he surely has red-hot hair."

**Shrew Needs Much Food**

Smithsonian Institution says that the shrew, for its size, eats a greater amount of concentrated foods than any other mammal. If deprived of food it will die of starvation within half a day.

**French African Colony**  
The Ivory coast is a French West African possession situated between Liberia and the British Gold coast. Its area is 121,576 square miles and it has a population of 1,545,680, of whom 1,053 are Europeans.

**Not Leghorns, Anyway**  
Symbolic thought on the folly of depending on externals: Don't expect your chickens to be aristocratic because the eggs were hatched in a silk hat.—Farm and Fireside.

**Satisfying Hubby**  
Have you heard of the young wife who cooked three eggs nine minutes because her fussy husband wanted such egg cooked three minutes?—The Outlook.

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**Unionvale**  
(Mrs. C. L. Fowler)  
Mrs. Charley Stoutenburg of Portland was delightfully surprised when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Sitton entertained 27 ladies of this vicinity at their home here Saturday evening. The rooms were made attractive with gorgeous full bloom chrysanthemum plants. Games were enjoyed. A shower of good wishes were bestowed upon the honor guest and was an interesting feature of the evening when many dainty gifts were received. Light refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Countiss were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dower, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matches, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman, all of Dayton and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown, of Portland, at a 500 party at their home Saturday evening, honoring their daughter's, Mrs. Brown's birthday. High score was won by Mrs. Dower and Mr. Sherman won consolation score. Refreshments of birthday cake and coffee were served by Mrs. Countiss.

Harry Gray, rural mail carrier on route one out of Dayton post office and serving patrons in this vicinity, made the initial trip in his new Chrysler coach Monday. He purchased it Saturday.

Will Christenson, farmer of this locality, returned Tuesday after two months spent in the Veterans surgical hospital in Tacoma, where he received treatments for injured hip received during sheep shearing time last spring. He is much improved.

The rain of several days ago has put the unplowed fields in perfect condition for a speedy wind up on fall grain to be sown in this locality. The harrowing and drilling are being kept up with plowing so that none of the fields will be left unseeded when rain begins. Early sown fall grain is in excellent condition farmers report.

**Be Reasonable**  
"Sweet reasonableness" is one of the gifts most enviable, most to be coveted and cultivated. Goldsmith says of his village schoolmaster that, "ever though vanquished, he could argue still," a sure sign that this high-souled alumnus follow was in quest of victory rather than truth.—Exchange.

**Use for Mouse's Whiskers**  
Not only are the cat's whiskers famous, but the mouse's hirsute adornment is having its distinction. Painters have found that in the application of majolica a very delicate brush is required, and that the best material for it is the whiskers of mice.

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