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During 1912 agricultural products to the value of \$25,000,000. were shipped into Oregon. Of this \$12,000,000. were dairy products and \$6,000,000. for swine. Seems to be a good market here for any one caring to go into the dairy and hog raising lines.

The efforts of the Agricultural College to establish a station to develop egg laying strains of chickens and supply the chicken men of the state with birds from these proven strains should be encouraged. Oregon should be a heavy exporter of eggs and poultry, not an importer, as at present.

Between the grand jury and the Circuit Court all the prisoners were turned loose and the Sheriff was much disappointed in not getting an opportunity of visiting Salem while the legislature is in session. It is probably as well for the local people to turn the criminals loose as to have the governor do it, it is less expensive at the start but will surely invite crime. The laws against crime should be either enforced or abolished.

The Ontario Poultry Show is an established annual event of great value to all the people in this section. There were many birds at the show last week and more interest than at any of the previous shows and the fancier who does not bring his choicest birds to the shows is overlooking an excellent opportunity of comparing his birds with the best of other flocks and strengthening the weak points. Next year there should be an egg laying contest for several weeks previous to the poultry show, for utility is what the chicken man must keep in mind if he is going to make a success.

The parcel post is being used quite extensively but there are many people who do not yet realize the many advantages it offers over the old robbing express rates. The saving is most notable in short shipments, the express companies give the eastern shippers the advantages at the expense of the western people. It does not cost the Chicago, St. Louis or Minneapolis shipper any more to send a package to Ontario, than it does the Ontario man to send the same package to any point fifty miles away and the result is the eastern business houses have been built up at the expense of the western man. If you are loyal to yourself and the home merchant insist on all packages being sent by parcel post. The more business the post office gets the sooner they will be able to buy out the express companies for what they are worth and save the people many millions annually.

Pamphlets were issued this week to the voters explaining the election to be held next week when the people will be given an opportunity of deciding on what they want done toward the building of a city hall and also for an outlet to the river for a drain and sewer. There is no need of advancing any argument for a city hall any more than

there would be toward the building of a home by a person able to do so, in fact not as much, because the city should set an example to the citizens in the way of building up the city and making homes. For the drain outlet all that is necessary is for one to visit the country around Nampa and Caldwell to see what happens when the drainage of a community is neglected. The river is 21 feet lower than the main street, which will give good drainage to all the cellars in all parts of the city. The present sewer is too small to accommodate more than two tier of blocks and too shallow to do any good as a drain. When the low lands to the west of the city are drained there will be no more cellar troubles here.

The present bonded indebtedness of the city of Ontario is \$48,000. The proposition before the voters is for the council to be permitted to increase this debt to \$65,000, or \$17,000 more than at present. If the council is given permission they propose building a city hall to cost about \$8,000 on the lots now owned by the city, and to dig an outlet to the river from and outside of the incorporation. When this is done a drainage district can be organized and a drain dug to include the sloughs west and south of the city, which would insure dry cellars all over. There is a fall of twenty-one feet from the Carter House corner to the river end of the proposed drain and eight feet to the point where the drain reaches the southern line of the city. This election is to amend the city charter. It will be necessary to hold an election later granting the council permission to issue the bonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kenyon are in Portland this week.

An alarm of fire at noon today was caused by a small blaze in the J. R. Blackaby residence. Fire, from a defective flue, got started between the floor and ceiling over the basement. The damage was light.

Some of the boys struck the Seaward horse with a snow ball on Sunday, resulting in a runaway. The occupants were dumped out and bruised some.

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ic appointments.

A dry inauguration will mark President-elect Wilson's induction into office if a petition presented in the senate by Senator Gallinger, on behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, is acted upon favorably by congress. The petition urges closing of all saloons in the national capital on March 4.

Prediction that one of President-elect Woodrow Wilson's first requests to congress would be to repeal that part of the Panama canal law which grants free tolls to American ships engaged in coastwise trade was made by Chairman Adamson of the house interstate commerce committee, in a formal statement.

OREGON LAWMAKERS WORK AS REVIEWED

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a constitutional amendment providing for the repeal of the home rule amendment. It is introduced with his approval, however.

The house has passed Blanchard's bill striking at the owners of places of ill repute, and the senate has passed Calkin's bill to give a right of action for damages to the family of an habitual drunkard or intoxicated person to whom liquor is sold in violation of law. This week the senate is expected to pass Hoskin's bill prohibiting the sale of any kind of intoxicants outside the limits of incorporated cities and towns.

Radical changes in the judicial system are proposed by a bill introduced

by Representative Latourette, of Multnomah. If it becomes a law, circuit courts and county courts will be abolished, and their places will be taken by superior courts.

Under the terms of the bill, there are to be no judicial districts in the state, but in each of the organized counties of the state there shall be a superior court for which at least one judge shall be elected by the voters of that county, or group of counties.

Bar Outside Money From Campaigns

It will be a felony for any person, firm, association or corporation within the state of Oregon to receive either directly or indirectly any pay, compensation or reward of any kind from any person, firm or corporation from outside the state of Oregon for the purpose of assisting in the adoption or defeat of any measure proposed under the initiative, if a bill in the senate by Thompson becomes a law.

The bill is framed with the purpose of striking at such organizations as the Fels fund commission.

Will Investigate State Institutions

The membership of various committees of investigation of state institutions authorized by the Lewelling resolution, consisting of two from the senate and three from the house, was provided in a joint resolution introduced in the house by Representative Lewelling of Linn.

The house passed the resolution, but the senate voted it down. By special request of Governor West, however, this action was reconsidered and the resolution adopted.

Widows' Pension Passes House

The house passed by unanimous vote house bill 169, which provides for financial assistance from the various counties for women with one or more children who are unable to work, and whose husbands are dead or inmates of some Oregon institution.

By the provisions of the bill, the county is to pay \$10 a month to dependent women having one child under 16 years of age, and \$7.50 a month for each additional child. Women only partially dependent are to be paid enough to bring their incomes to the same figure. Administration of the act is to be under exclusive jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

Provides Recall From Congress

To make it possible to recall United States senators and representatives in congress from Oregon is the purpose of a bill introduced in the house by Representative Lawrence of Multnomah. The bill requires that any person who shall be a candidate for the United States Senate or for Congress shall, at the time of filing his declaration of intention to become a candidate, sign one of two statements. If he signs one he agrees that if at any election a majority of those voting on the question of recalling him shall vote for his recall, he will resign the office within 24 hours after he shall receive the official returns of the recall election. If he signs the other statement he plainly says that he will not resign in case a majority of the voters shall vote for his recall.

Marriage May Be Easier

Instead of having his operations confined to one county in the matter of uniting two souls with but a single thought, a regularly accredited preacher will be able to perform marriages in any county in the state, if a bill introduced by Representative Howard, of Douglas, himself a minister, becomes a law. The bill also provides that county clerks, on issuing a marriage license, are to obtain from the applicants certain information which preachers ordinarily desire before performing a marriage ceremony, which is to be attached to the license.

Legislative Brevities

A bill to create a state fire marshal, carrying with it an appropriation of \$15,000, was presented in the house.

The state senate adopted a memorial addressed to President-elect Wilson, asking him to appoint a man from the Pacific coast as secretary of the interior.

Bills to appropriate \$371,600 for the University of Oregon and \$317,833.73 for the Oregon Agricultural college were introduced in the house by the ways and means committee.

No more will the traveler by train or steamboat go thirsty for lack of a drinking cup, if a bill introduced in the house by Representative Belland is passed. He would compel steamship and railroad companies carrying passengers to furnish sanitary drinking cups free.

With the passage of Senator Wood's bill for the creation of new counties, which has become a law without the approval of the governor, the way has been opened to the formation of new counties without a vote by the people of the state, and without a fight in the legislature.

A bill that proposes every pound of meat offered for sale in the state of Oregon, and not subject to government inspection, shall be subjected to an inspection to determine its wholesomeness for food, was introduced in the house by Representative Westerlund, of Jackson county.

At the close of the second week the appropriation bills proposed amounted to \$3,422,081, to say nothing of numerous minor demands for per diem and expenses which probably will figure an easy \$100,000 more.

FRUITLAND ITEMS

Joel Bayer left the first of last week for an extended trip to Oregon and Washington.

The "Its" and "Rangers" Sunday school classes enjoyed a sleigh ride Saturday night.

The Philathea class will give a supper Friday night in the new Sunday school rooms. An interesting program is being prepared. The proceeds will help pay for their class room in the new building.

Mr. and Mrs. George Child entertained Sunday evening in honor of their little daughter Mary, it being her fifth anniversary. A six o'clock dinner was served. The table was prettily decorated, the centerpiece being the birthday cake with five colored candles brightly burning. After dinner a sleigh ride was enjoyed. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stevens and family, and Mr. and Mrs. B. Z. Taylor and family.

Mrs. J. O. Scritchfield, who had a severe attack of acute appendicitis, is much improved.

The official quarterly conference was held Monday evening. Dr. J. D. Gillilan was present. After the meeting refreshments were served by the wives of those belonging to the official board.

Mrs. George Frank and Mrs. E. B. Gladdish entertained the ladies of the Baptist church Thursday afternoon.

Miss Zadie Westcott of Caldwell, is spending a few days at the Scritchfield home.

The W. C. T. U. met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. M. K. Powell. Mrs. Flack led the meeting.

The Methodist Christian Endeavor will meet with the Congregational Endeavors, of New Plymouth next Sunday evening for a joint meeting.

Harvey Heckas is out of danger and slowly recovering from his recent accident.

Mrs. Mary Walker, aged 85 years, passed away last Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Smith, south of Fruitland, due to decline from old age. She is survived by her daughter, here, and son, J. D. Walker and George and Gentry Walker, near New Plymouth. Burial was in Park View cemetery.

The Farley Rooming House, in the new Farley block, is now furnished and fitted up. The rooms are steam heated, with hot and cold running water, elegantly furnished. Everything is new, with moderate prices. Mrs. Farley is in charge.

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Oats, per hundred, \$1.25.
Wheat, per hundred, \$1.40.
Hay, per ton, \$5.
Potatoes, per hundred, \$1.60.
Onions, per hundred, \$2.00.
Apples, per box, \$1.00. to \$1.50.
Chickens, dressed, per pound, 14c.
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