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"Please side step and give me the center of the stage," says the dairyman to the fruit grower, and continuing, the producer of butter and cheese has this to say: "We are all proud of Oregon's apples and pears. Glad you got the use of the great show windows in which to present yourselves to the admiring thousands, but you only come once a year, while we add a little to the wealth of Oregon every day of the three hundred and sixty-five."

"Oregon fruit's five million dollar yield for 1907 is great, but Oregon's dairy product, growing from nothing ten years ago five to millions in 1902, and seventeen millions in 1907, is going to give a grand entertainment in Portland December 12th and 13th.

"Two floors of the big Woodmen's Hall at 11th and Alder have been engaged for that purpose, one for the exhibits and the other for the convention. The prizes offered are the greatest ever presented in the West. The program will be excellent. There will be a reception, with refreshments and music, at the Portland Commercial Club, the evening of the 12th.

"It is the farmer and the dairyman who should be present at this convention. All of the commercial bodies should have delegates present, and as the women of Oregon have made the state famous for its products they will be especially welcome and some of the best papers on the program will be delivered by women.

"The exercises will open promptly at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, Dec. 12th, at Woodmen's Hall. Each and every paper will be discussed so that the practical points may be brought out. All delegates are urged to be present, however, an hour before the opening Thursday so as to register, receive badges, and get time to examine the exhibit in the large room just the convention hall.

"The officers of the Oregon Dairy Association want you to come prepared to ask questions, to feel that you are present to be benefitted, and to appreciate that the discussion of the papers after they are delivered is more valuable than the papers themselves, for this character of discussion brings out all the strong points.

"The business men of Portland have put up money to insure the publication of the proceedings in the best possible manner, and to illustrate the same, but only facts and vital information will be printed, and these are wanted from every district in Oregon. The railroads have made a rate of a fare and a third from every point in the State."

The Portland Country Club & Live Stock Ass'n., recognizing the importance of the development of the live stock interests of this State, have arranged for the greatest fair yet held west of Missouri River, for 1908. There are \$40,000 in prizes, equalling those offered by the Lewis & Clark Exposition in 1905. To this will be added \$10,000 or \$12,000 by the different Breeders' Associations in attendance upon the International Live Stock Show at Chicago, Nov. 30th, to Dec. 7th, where Mr. M. D. Wisdom will go as a special representative to arrange a date and to secure the presence here of the most famous herds in America.

Bee Comb.

Bee comb or beeswax, the material of which the honey cells in the beehive are composed, is a wax produced by a system of chemistry carried on in the "wax pockets" which are located in the abdomen of all working bees. It is a peculiar substance and is said to be analogous to the fats of higher animals. Originally it was supposed that this wax was taken up in an almost pure state from the flowers by the bees, but experiments carried on by the leading botanists and chemists of the world conclusively prove that the bee is capable of elaborating his peculiar wax, although confined to a diet purely saccharin in its nature.

A Tough Contract.

"Well, Caleb," said Captain W. of Massachusetts years ago, "what will you ask a day to saw wood for me? I've got several cords that I want sawed in two for the fireplace."

"I should charge you about half a dollar a day if I had a saw," replied Caleb, "but I ain't got none, captain, so I don't see how I can accommodate you."

"If that's all that's lacking I guess we can manage it," said the captain. "I've got a prime new one, keen as a brier, and I'll let it to you reasonable. How would ninepence (12½ cents) a cord do for the use of it?"

"I reckon that's a fair price, captain. I'll be over in the mornin'."

Bright and early that next July morning Caleb was at work, and he kept at it so faithfully that he finished before sunset, when he went to the house to settle.

"Let's see," said the captain, "you were to have half a dollar a day. We'll call it a day, although it ain't sundown yet. That's 50 cents for you, and you were to pay me ninepence a cord for the use of the saw. There were three cords and a half in the pile. That makes 43½ cents due me. Somehow, Caleb, you don't have very much coming to you."

"How unfortnait," said Caleb after scratching his head dubiously for half a minute and then looking up quickly, as if a new light had broken in upon his mind—"how unfortnait that you didn't have half a cord more, for then we'd 'a' come out jest square."

The First House of Commons.

The earliest traces of the English house of commons are found in the year 1265. That year Simon de Montfort, earl of Leicester, caused writs to be issued in the king's name requiring each sheriff of a county to return to a parliament which he proposed to hold two knights for the shire under his jurisdiction, two citizens for each city within its limits and two burgesses for each borough. The parliament thus called met in London on Jan. 22, 1265, and was practically the first in which the people, as distinguished from the nobility and aristocracy, had ever participated. It was not until the revolution of 1688, however, that the people were fairly and squarely represented in parliament. The house of commons is today the supreme power in England. Its will is law, the lords and king being, as Walter Bagehot long ago declared, men "ornamental." The power of the crown in England is merely nominal, as is that also of the house of lords. When the people speak out loudly through their house of commons, that as a general rule settles it.

Too Impulsive.

A man who had figured in two street car accidents made an attempt after his second recovery to renew his accident insurance policy. The company refused to insure him again.

"We can't afford to," said the agent, "on account of your habits."

"My habits?" explained the man. "What's the matter with my habits? I don't drink or anything like that."

"No," said the agent, "perhaps not, but you do something just as bad from our standpoint. You are impulsive, you take unnecessary chances in crossing streets, and, what is worst

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Bamboo Pole Pails.

The Moros, who live in the thatched houses built along the shore of a lake or river, have a curious way of conveying water from the lake or river to their Filipino kitchens. They use large bamboo sticks from which have been removed all the partitions characteristic of the bamboo, leaving only one at the bottom. The bamboo trunk is thus made to serve the purpose of a bucket. It is like a long narrow pail and holds several gallons of water, for the bamboo trunk is quite thick. The Moro women are the water carriers, as this is a part of the household duties which naturally fall to them. They grind the rice and other grain in a large hollowed out log, using a heavy pole to crush the kernels.—New York Herald.

For the Defense.

Ma—I hear that you've been playing with Donald Smith again, Tommy. Now, I told you—Tommy—Playing with him! You see the black eye he's got and you'll soon guess if there was any playing about it.—Punch.

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