

LOCAL COMMENT

The tide of emigration from the East has started with a rush for Oregon and Washington, and Clackamas county should make a practical, determined effort to secure a portion of these desirable additions to our farming population.

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The democrats, who voted for Mitchell were benched by the veto of the Portland charter bill. This new charter was a part of the plan by which the Mitchells made a combination with the democrats and populists of Multnomah county to elect a legislative ticket.

It is claimed that a certain councilman announces his intention of raising his license for theater plays to \$25 per night, which would force the opera house people out of business.

Should dog tax be collected? It may be that the untaxed dog had no intention of committing a crime, or such a tax may be in violation of the supreme court of some state.

In San Francisco is said to be a swell boarding house, patronized extensively by Oregon daughters of well-to-do citizens. While the house is not a matrimonial bureau, it is kept on the most respectable and approved plan.

The recent defeat of Hon. H. W. Corbett by United States Senator-Elect Mitchell, was not the first. By a singular coincidence his principal competitor, Mr. Corbett, whom he defeated in '87.

A recommendation was made at the hood meeting Monday night that the salaries of grade teachers be raised on account of the increased cost of living.

The people of Clatsop county and Gresham are agitating the establishment of a smelter in that section, and it is only a matter of a few months when a creamery will be a reality.

Oswego Grange Meeting. The last meeting of Oswego Grange was a very interesting affair. At this meeting Mrs. Lane was duly installed as warden, and Mrs. Anna Boland as treasurer. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on Mrs. Anna Thompson. An excellent basket dinner was served from 12 to 3, and proved a very enjoyable occasion.

GOOD DAIRY BREEDS.

WHAT THE GEORGIA EXPERIMENT STATION HAS LEARNED.

Further Evidence Against the Utility of Scrubs—Points Indicating the Most Desirable Qualities—General Purpose Cows.

The Georgia experiment station has issued an interesting bulletin on practical dairying. Any one of the three or four prominent dairy breeds, says the bulletin, will give better satisfaction, better results and larger profits than the nondescript known as the scrub cow.

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GEORGIA MILKER.

fat, and not so churnable as the milk of the two former. When no longer profitable for the dairy on account of age or individual defects, she fattens kindly and makes a large return in good beef. The Ayrshire is also noted for her large yield of milk of good quality, but not rich in butter fat.

There are some dairy farmers who prefer what is called a "general purpose cow," or an animal that will yield a fair quantity and quality of milk and will fatten well at the close of a milking period, or when no longer desired for dairy purposes.

In commencing the business of dairying it is well for the farmer to decide promptly the particular line of work he will follow. It is by no means necessary to start with a herd of none but pure bred animals, but it is highly important to have at the head of this herd a pure bred bull and two or three pure bred cows.

The head should be rather small, but proportionately long, with a narrow muzzle. The eyes should be small, but with a bright and intelligent look. The horns should be small, and set rather wide apart at the bases.

The neck should be long, slender and with a graceful taper toward the head and with no loose skin below. The shoulders should be thin, and the forequarters light; the hindquarters should be large and open or "loose jointed," the back straight, and broad across the pelvis.

An individual cow of any breed may be deficient in one or more of the above points and yet prove to be an excellent milker, but if one conforms in all the points she can hardly fail to be a superior animal, and such close conformity is proof of careful previous breeding and a guarantee that her offspring will be like herself if the cow be properly mated.

RIPENING CREAM.

A Simple Explanation of an Interesting Process.

The educated housekeeper knows very well that good bread cannot be made without the use of yeast to cause the sponge to get light—to rise, as we say, says a writer in The Practical Farmer. This she does by adding yeast to the sponge, and the effect of this yeast is due to the existence in it of a vast number of minute organisms which inoculate the sponge, and these, growing in the sponge, produce a gas in it, by which the sponge is filled with a vast number of little cavities or cells, in which the yeast has produced the gas by which the sponge is swollen and, as she says, is raised.

Now we can by a similar inoculation of the cream ripen it for the churn by means of the growth in it of a countless number of minute germs, which, as it were, fill the cream with exceedingly small spaces, so that when it is stirred it has a shiny appearance, as we say, like satin; and when in this condition the churning is done, the small particles of butter separate and by cohesion gather together and form little pellets of butter, and these, adhering together by the dashing together of them in the churning, increase in size until lumps of butter form.

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