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COUNTY PRINTING.

The County Board is making a mountain out of a mole hill over the county printing. The Enterprise has always contended that as long as it gave the county as reasonable terms as other people received it was entitled to the printing at the hands of a republican board.

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proposed that the governor, treasurer and attorney-general constitute a board to pass upon applications for such loans, and the money be loaned according to law and such regulations as the board might create.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

In another column appears an article relative to the advancement made in agricultural pursuits in Oregon during the last ten years, the information being taken from the census bulletin just issued by the national bureau.

Clackamas county stands second in the number of farms contained in any county, the number being exceeded by Marion by but a small margin.

The agricultural possibilities of Clackamas county, even though developed to a degree equal to any other part of the state, are worthy of every effort put forth to raise the standard.

Oregon City, the seat of county government, with the unusual and extraordinary advantages, offers unequalled inducements to the capitalist and laborer.

The congress of the United States enacted a law fifty-four years ago yesterday—August 14th, 1848—giving to the people of Oregon civil government.

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OREGON IS QUEEN.

A copy of "Popular Mechanics," published in Chicago, one of the greatest descriptive magazines published in the West, has been received at this office.

J. H. Stewart's Rogue river valley orchard, a 6,000,000 foot log raft, G. A. Young's sheep ranch, near Shaniko, a dairy and creamery scene and an Oregon log flume.

"Is San Francisco to be the future metropolis of the world and the state of Oregon one of the most populous and important states of the Union? Such a prediction was made by a noted English scientist, and recent developments lead many to believe that there were good grounds for his theory.

"Some marines declare Portland, Oregon, to have the finest natural harbor in the world and it may be that this is to become the great shipping center in our enormous trade with Alaska, the Pacific islands and the Orient.

"Flooded districts and persistent rain, such as have but recently brought devastation to the farmers of the East and Central West, are unknown in Oregon.

OREGON AGRICULTURE.

The most interesting bulletin concerning Oregon yet issued by the census bureau is that on Oregon agriculture, showing the rapid progress being made in the state in the development of farm and stock growing interests.

The farms of Oregon, June 1, 1900, numbered 35,837, were valued at \$132,337,514. Of this amount \$19,159,694, or 14.5 per cent, represents the value of buildings, and \$113,177,820, or 85.5 per cent, the value of land and improvements other than buildings.

In 1890 Oregon had 25,530 farms and in 1900 the number had increased to 35,837, or a gain of 10,503. The value of farm property in 1890 was \$143,024,800 as compared with \$172,791,287 in 1900, a gain of \$28,636,487 in ten years.

The value of farm products is as follows for 1900: hay and grain, \$61,892,811; vegetables, \$4,011,107; fruits, \$4,863,062; live stock, \$59,927,043; dairy products, \$14,176,453; sugar, \$125,507; flowers and plants, \$199,230; nursery products, \$220,870; miscellaneous, \$26,643,704.

577,886 other cattle, 287,932 horses, 7,751 mules, 3,001,335 sheep, 4,290,818 chickens and 55,585 swarms of bees.

In 1890, 8 pounds of hops were reported for Oregon; in 1890, 493 pounds, and in 1870, 9,745 pounds. In 1880, 244,371 pounds were reported from 304 acres; in 1890, 3,613,726 pounds from 3,130 acres and in 1900, 14,675,577 pounds from 16,434 acres—the product being over four times, and the acreage almost five times, as great as in 1890.

LOCAL SCHOOL MATTERS.

Recommendations for Improvements in School Affairs. Superintendent Zinser prepared the following recommendations for improvement in school affairs and forwarded them to State Superintendent Ackerman.

"The Annual Institute, held in Oregon City during the first week in September, was in every respect a success. While the academic needs of our teachers should not be lost sight of, yet a three days' session cannot hope to accomplish much in this direction.

LOCAL INSTITUTES.

"Generous attendance and lively interest in the proceedings of the seven local meetings held in various centers of influence during the year indicate a healthy state of public school sentiment and a growing interest in the local school. The average attendance was about 100.

CONVENTION OF SCHOOL OFFICERS.

"One school officers' convention was held, which was addressed by the state superintendent. 36 districts were represented. The aim was to bring about a better knowledge of the duties of school officers, a more general co-operation of directors, teachers and superintendent.

SCHOOL HOUSES AND GROUNDS.

"There is a growing disposition to provide more comfortable and attractive school conditions. Besides the four school-houses that were built during the year, five more are in process of construction, and a number of other districts have made greater or less improvements, cleared and fenced the grounds, replaced rude home-made furniture by modern desks, and have been liberal with paint and brush.

TEACHERS' LIBRARY.

"Many of our teachers have had no professional training. Small salary and short terms and long-established habit are prohibitive, in many cases, of better preparation in college or normal school.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

"Owing to unfavorable local conditions no effort was made to secure the benefits of the recently enacted library law. But numerous entertainments have been given, by means of which 909 volumes, or about 28 per cent, have been added to the school libraries.

DISTRICT TAX.

"There is a growing disposition to help out the public school funds, which amount to less than \$5.00 per capita, by a special district tax. This is sometimes defeated in districts where the controlling elements are not directly interested in the local school.

THE COURSE OF STUDY.

"The course of study is steadily improving the quality of the school room work. Seventy-two eighth grade diplomas were issued and all the grades are feeling the stimulus of this final examination.

SUGGESTED LEGISLATION.

"The law should be amended so that a person residing in the district, but owning property in the county, would be a legal voter.

"The salary of the clerk might be paid from a special tax, and the amount left to the judgment of the district. In the case of some districts, the authorized salary is too small to attract persons suitable to fill so important an office.

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