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AGRICULTURE IN RURAL SCHOOLS.

Students and advocates of agricultural education and training will find encouragement in the comprehensive plans now in process of being put in practical operation in Minnesota. Agriculture is to be introduced extensively into the rural schools and a bulletin has already been prepared and published for the use of teachers.

The system is not expected to work its way alone and unassisted among the teachers, but the State Department of Public Instruction for Minnesota has employed three skilled instructors whose duty it shall be to attend the summer schools for teachers and impart to them the most practical modes of instruction relating to these industrial subjects.

There is under consideration by the Oregon City council a proposition by a Portland firm for a franchise to erect at different points within the city drinking fountains, in connection with which are to be maintained bill boards for advertising purposes.

Because of legal technicalities that have been unearthed by industrious attorneys employed in his defense, Pleasant Armstrong, the Baker county murderer, may escape the gallows and the punishment he deserves.

Monday morning the state legislature will be convened in special session at Salem. The meeting should be brief. After correcting the tax law so as to insure the raising of needed revenue on the assessment roll of 1903, and removing any question that may exist as to the validity of the statute which provides for the collection of fees by county recorders of conveyances for recording instruments, an adjournment should follow.

the same time have properly considered such matters only as require immediate remedial legislation. The average citizen would be pleased to hear of final adjournment in time for the members of the two houses to reach their respective homes in time for the Christmas season.

The National Republican Convention will be held at Chicago June 21.

"I would be only too glad if I had a farm to go to," remarked Peter Nehren, the court house janitor, whose scalp is among those demanded by the disgruntled Democracy.

Sheriff J. R. Shaver says that if he does have to go back to the farm in July, as predicted by the Courier, it will not take him as long to get ready as it has taken some of his predecessors from the minority party.

Because of his failure to secure more prominent committee appointments in the organization of congress, the Salem Sentinel says Representative Hermann is eliminated from the congressional fight in this district next Spring.

Democracy is a negative quality that must necessarily be tolerated. In local, as well as national affairs, it is always opposing and seeking to discourage any movement that concerns the progress and prosperity of the country.

The action of President Roosevelt in refusing to consent to the reinstatement of Asa B. Thomson, as receiver of the land office at LaGrande, seems severe in view of the fact that he was acquitted of the charge of irregular work in his office, because of which he was originally removed.

If any action is to be taken on the portage road bill at the special session of the legislature, it might be well for the state's legislators to take only such steps as will in every way encourage the building of the canal by the government and thereby save to the state the appropriation of \$165,000 that has been made for the portage railway.

It is the opinion of the Oregon Law Journal that the problem of tax dodging can be quite successfully treated by amending the law on assessment and taxation so as to cause the assessment roll to be printed in a condensed form prior to the time that it is presented to the board of equalization.

Just now those who have waited for results in the trial of Miss Ware and others in the land cases, are surprised to learn that C. A. S. Frost, implicated in the Nome scandals for which he was sent to jail, is to assist Attorney Hall with the prosecution.

The Oregon City Courier says "the county of Marion, which is no better county than Clackamas, does not owe one cent and its tax rate is lower than the tax rate in Clackamas. In addition, in the county of Marion, there is some \$65,000 cash in the treasury."

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