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AGRICULTURE IN RURAL SCHOOLS.

Students and advocates of agricultural education and training will find encouragement in the compreoperation in Minnesota. Agriculture is to be introduced extensively into the rural schools and a bulletin has already been prepared and published for the use exercises and experiments and a copy will be fur nished to each rural teacher in the state. Timely ex. sue. ercises and studies are provided for each season of the year, and the topics under consideration are those of greatest practical moment to the farmers of the reterials to be used; third, plan of work; fourth, suggestive facts to the teacher. Field crops, horticulture, laundering, chemistry, stock feeding, housekeeping, dairying, cooking and sewing are thus systematically treated by educational experts.

and unassisted among the teachers, but the State Deployed three skilled instructors whose duty it shall to say the least. be to attend the summer schools for teachers and impart to them the most practical modes of instruction relating to these industrial subjects. The plan appears to be both sensible and expedient and other states might find it profitable to adopt it. This educational work in Minnesota is to be carried on in addition to the well supported farmers' institutes and the appropriation of \$165,000 that has been made for the efficient agricultural college. The late Governor the portage railway. The best interests of the people Mount labored strenuously to introduce a system like of Eastern Oregon, particularly the producers, can that above described into Indiana, but his efforts best be served if the legislature will legislate to the failed of success. The movement, however, is not end that the purpose of the railroad corporation, dead and the next Legislature will doubtless be which is apparently to defeat both enterprises, may pressed to arrange for the teaching of agricultural be frustrated. The large interests of the eastern secsubjects in every school of the state. In time no tion of the state require recognition in this very imdoubt this will be done by every state in the Union as it becomes more and more recognized that agricultural knowledge is the most important of all.

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. This proposition should not for a moment be considered. Nothing would be more unsightly than bill boards erected alongside the principal streets of the city. Our streets are none too presentable now without detracting still further by converting them into cheap advertising districts. The city has one public fountain that serves the purpose for which it was established and if others are needed the municipality can afford to provide for them. It is to be hoped that the council will very expeditiously dispose of the matter by refusing to allow the subject to further engage its attention. There are two good advertising mediums in this city that are available for all legitimate advertising and the antiquated use of an unsightly bill-board should be dispensed with. In this same connection it might be well to remark that although there is a city ordinance that prohibits the practice, some firms are causing advertisements to be printed on the side of the bluff, facing the business district of the city. As a city, the interests of this municipality require that these practices be abated at once.

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. Armstrong deliberately murdered his sweetheart, and justice will not be done if he is discharged. It is right that a lawyer should establish a reputation as a successful practitioner, but at the same time the meting out of justice to such criminals as Armstrong should not be interfered with and sacrificed in the realization of that ambition.

vened in special session at Salem. The meeting should be brief. After correcting the tax law so as to say that until quite recently, Clackamas county has good liver pill—Ayer's Pills. insure the raising of needed revenue on the assessment roll of 1903, and removing any question that of its roads, which no doubt, accounts largely for its cure biliousness. may exist as to the validity of the statute which pro- indebtedness, and indebtedness incurred in the buildvides for the collection of fees by county recorders of ing of good and permanent roads that are to be used conveyances for recording instruments, an adjourn- obligation usually justified. But we accept the comment should follow. The demand is general over the pliment to Marion county and its efficient officers state for the shortest session that is possible and at with lifted hat, for it is deserved .- Salem Statesman

Oregon City Enterprise the same time have properly considered such matters 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 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

> 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 afhensive plans now in process of being put in practical fairs, it is always opposing and seeking to discourage any movement that concerns the progress and prosperity of the country. This disposition on the part of the minority party is probably largely responsible for of teachers. The book comprises over two hundred the aggravated attack of indigestion that was disclosed by the editorial columns of the Courier in its last is-

THE action of President Roosevelt in refusing to consent to the reinstatement of Asa B. Thomson, as spective localities. Each topic is treated under four receiver of the land office at LaGrande, seems subdivisions: First, the object sought; second, ma- 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. In defense of this position, however, it is understood that the authorities have other charges of irregular practices on the part of Thomson in connection with the The system is not expected to work its way alone administration of his office. The wholesale indictment of prominent officers and politicians in this state partment of Public Instruction for Minnesota has em- of recent months has not been very complimentary,

> Is 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 portant matter,

It is the opinion of the Oregon Law Journal that the problem of tax dodging can be quite successfully years I have never been entirely free treated by amending the law on assessment and taxaion so as to cause the assessment roll to be printed in to the board of equalization. By following such a swelled to twice their natural size and i condensed form prior to the time that it is presented course of publicity, it is argued that the opportunity back to ease the pain. I doctored a and the liability for making any extensive changes in | great deal and used more medicines than valuations after the listing of properties by the assessor, will be largely eliminated. Those championing 1 this change in the tax law contend that the advantages to the state will more than justify the slight cost they helped me I could safely of causing the list to be printed. The proposed amendment is deserving of consideration at the hands of the tory in every way. Doan's Kidney Pills state's lawmakers when the present faulty tax law is are a wonder. They did me more good corrected at the special session of this month.

Just now those who have waited for results in the report. he Nome scandals for which he was sent to jail, is to take no other. assist Attorney Hall with the prosecution. People are wondering why Attorney General Knox would send out such a man as Frost to participate in this and have been on intimate terms for a case when he has such a record. Judge Gilbert, in long time, but this is what was said passing sentence on Frost said: "For those shocking offenses it is apparent that no punishment that can be lawfully imposed in a contempt proceeding is adequate." Are we to make a farce of justice by keeping such men as Frost in the government employ.-Exchange.-In selecting Frost to assist in the prosecution of the timber land speculators, Attorney General Knox may have been influenced in the belief that it takes a thief to catch a thief.

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. Funny, isn't it?" Frankly, it does look good to the Marion county tax payer. We have a good lot of Monday morning the state legislature will be con- business men managing affairs up here and they have Poor man! He can't help it. say that until quite recently, Clackamas county has good accounted by the improvements of the improvements. They act directly on the liver, Weekly and Weekly Journal also contain the market news and all of the features by those coming after us as well as by ourselves, is an

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