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THE OLD IDEA that corn cannot be successfully grown in Oregon is being disproven by the success of many farmers in the Willamette valley during the last few years.

Yamhill county is one of those fortunate counties in the state to have a county agriculturist and this man, M. S. Shrock, has made a careful study of corn growing in western Oregon.

"In Oregon we have but recently learned how to grow corn. And now that we have learned how, we find it the most profitable general farming crop we can grow.

"To say that we can beat the corn belt growing corn, is a strong statement to make, and such an expression usually invites a heated argument with some farmer who served his barefoot days between the handles of a two-horse cultivator on the corn prairies of the middle west.

"In our adjoining county of Marion, a man grew 1000 bushels of corn on 10 acres in 1915. His quality was equal to his quantity as the records show that he won first prize at one of the big eastern corn shows.

"Further evidence as to yields can be found by consulting the government year book for 1914, which shows that the 10-year average yields for the corn belt states are as follows: Missouri, 28.1; Nebraska, 25.3; Kansas, 19.9; Oklahoma, 19.1; Arkansas, 19.8; Iowa, 34.9. Oregon's 10 year average is 28.1 bushels, and we have only begun to grow corn.

"The profit side of the corn crop itself is only one of several reasons why Yamhill county farmers should grow corn. Corn or some cultivated crop is essential to a proper rotation of crops.

"We need not, however, go beyond the border of Yamhill county for proof of the value of such a rotation. There are several fields of fall sown grain growing now on ground that was in corn last year.

Conditions in Clackamas county are much the same as in Yamhill, and the farmers of this section of the valley should investigate the statements and experiments made by Mr. Shrock.

THE IMPORTANCE of land tonics and stimulants, which put back into the soil the strength which repeated harvesting removes, cannot be over estimated. Rapid and great as have been the increase in farm land values with the last decade and a half, the increase in such values is found to be progressive at present in more marked degrees than at any previous times.

This is a remarkable showing. A conclusion easily to be jumped at would be that the increase in 1915, being so large as almost to equal the total increase of all of the three other years included in the showing, was directly due to the progress of the European war, and the constant and heavy demand for farm products, at high prices, says the St. Louis Globe Democrat in discussing these figures.

A conclusion which must be drawn from such comparative figures is that the progress of the war in Europe may be serving as a stimulant, but before it began there had been a tonic at work for the strengthening of such prices.

SAYS THE SATURDAY EVENING POST: "There is news in the paper this afternoon about a great battle in Europe. There is news about a diplomatic controversy between the United States and Germany. There is news about an acute difficulty at Washington. But none of those things gets the chief place. The chief place is given to

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the vote on a bond issue for the county boulevard. Most of the four or five thousand persons who read the newspaper are more interested in the county boulevard than they are in the other happenings.

"The other things are remote, problematical. Naturally they are most interested in the certain and definitely apprehensible thing. It is like giving a hungry man his choice between a ham sandwich and a treatise on diet. Naturally his immediate interest turns to the sandwich.

It is on the theory laid down here by The Saturday Evening Post that The Enterprise operates. We attempt to give the news, briefly, in important world events, but to the people of Oregon City and Clackamas county, whom we aim to serve, home news is far more important and more interesting.

A STUDY OF THE WORKINGS of the high school tuition fund law, passed by the 1915 legislature, will demonstrate that it is among the most useful on the statute books of the state.

Most of the country districts and many of the smaller towns are not able to maintain high schools and in order to continue their studies it is necessary for the pupils who finish the work of the eighth grade, to go to some other district or drop out of school entirely.

The law not only helps the students living outside of a standard high school district, it results in better high schools. In Oregon City, for instance, the law has enabled the district to finance the construction of a modern addition to the high school, which not only means a larger school, but better equipment and better courses as well.

It is principally the big corporation with thousands of acres of unimproved lands or extensive water power that is called upon to pay this high school tuition tax levy. The standard high school districts escape the levy, and the millage is so small that the average farmer cannot feel it.

THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR that our friends, the candidates, are parading before the voters with pledges of economy, lower taxes, and efficiency.

Every aspirant for a place in the legislature declares himself for the abolishment of useless boards and commissions, every candidate for constable, sheriff and district attorney shouts that he will enforce the law to the letter, every man out for a county office tells the voters that his election opens the only sure way to reduce taxes.

When a voter casts his ballot for a candidate, he naturally supposes that the candidate is in favor of economy, or saving the public funds and lowering taxes. Such declarations are wasted effort.

WHAT IS THE MATTER with Oregon Democracy? Politics as far as this party is concerned in this state are painfully quiet just at this time. In Marion county, for instance, there are two Democratic candidates, and they are in the field for precinct committee-men.

These facts are reflected throughout the state. Democratic leaders here admit that they do not find the usual enthusiasm, that it is difficult to find a good Democrat who is willing to be the goat in the fall election by carrying the Democratic nomination.

Does this condition indicate that Oregon is tired of Democratic tariff and currency policies? To the mind of an unprejudiced observer it certainly would. It indicates that Oregon will vote for a Republican congressman the next time it gets a chance.

The Enterprise proudly repeats, for the benefit of the Oswego Times, the county's loud-mouthed newspaper infant, that it has never allowed a cement company or paving concern to pay for an issue of the paper, or has allowed the official of a paving or cement company to write an editorial.

The Democrats in the senate voted, to a man, against Senator Lodge's amendment to the sugar bill providing for higher duty on dye-stuff in order to encourage our chemists to go into the business.

Judge Dimick recently purchased 82 head of big type Poland Chinas, bred from the best imported stock known all over the northwest as the highest grade of brood stock. The judge will now have to fill his own prescription for the cure of all the ills of the northwest—"Grow more corn."

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

State Road Tax Favored. OAK GROVE, Ore., April 26.—(Editor of The Enterprise.)—I see by The Enterprise that you take very serious what the Journal of Portland has to say of the road problem of Clackamas county.

Every man knows, if he knows anything, that for every mile of road built the metropolis of the state gets the lion's share of benefit. Take the 24,000 automobiles in the state; over one-half are owned in Portland alone and the rest are scattered all over the state.

Mayor Hackett's Proposal Approved. OREGON CITY, Ore., April 26.—(Editor of The Enterprise.)—Every householder in Oregon City should encourage Mayor Hackett in his efforts to secure an electric municipal lighting plant for Oregon City.

When the power plant is once established the expense of operating it is a mere trifle. Electrical engineers tell us that with free water electricity will only cost one cent per kilowatt-hour.

Taxpayer Wants Good Roads. MOUNT PLEASANT, Ore., April 22.—(Editor of The Enterprise.)—The question of roads continues to bob up and will continue to do so until roads are made somewhat like they ought to be.

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FIRST GAMES UNDER COUNTY SCHOOL BASEBALL SCHEDULE COME SATURDAY

The high school and grammar school baseball schedules of the Clackamas County School Masters club have been completed, and the first games will be played Saturday. The games are played annually, the object being to select the county champion.

HUSBAND SAVED HIS WIFE

Stopped Most Terrible Suffering by Getting Her Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



Denison, Texas.—"After my little girl was born two years ago I began suffering with female trouble and could hardly do my work. I was very nervous but just kept dragging on until last summer when I got where I could not do my work. I would have a chill every day and hot flashes and dizzy spells and my head would almost burst.

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