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## Winter Short Course

The regular winter short courses will open at the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Tuesday January 4th and extend for six weeks. These courses are given for young people who are unable to take the longer four-year course and to people who are beyond the school age.

These winter courses include instruction in General Agriculture, Dairying, Horticulture, Mechanic Arts, Domestic Science and Commerce. Each of these courses, except the one in Mechanic Arts, which will consist entirely of practical work in the shops or in the draughting room, will consist of a series of lectures supplemented by demonstrations, and by practical exercises in the dairy, the orchard and the various laboratories. The various courses are so planned as to provide the largest amount of practical information in the short time available.

The College also offers a one-week course, better known as Farmers' Week, which starts Monday February 14th and extends throughout the week. This course includes principally lectures, practical demonstrations and exercises. There will be no fees whatever for attending the exercises during Farmers' Week.

Those who attend the six-week course will be expected to pay a

registration fee of \$1.00. In addition, students in the Dairying course will pay a laboratory fee of \$2 and a breakage deposit of \$3; those in Mechanic Arts will pay a fee of \$2 for the course in blacksmithing and \$2 for woodwork; those in Household Science and Art will pay a fee of \$1.50 to cover cost of materials used in the course of cookery, and each student will be expected to furnish her own materials for all other classes.

Board and lodging may be had in Corvallis at \$3.50 to \$4.50 per week and adequate accommodations will be provided for all who attend.

No entrance examination or other educational test will be required; but no one will be received who is less than sixteen years of age. Nearly two hundred men and women registered in these courses in 1909, their ages ranging from sixteen to over fifty.

## What New York May Do

A proposed amendment to the constitution of New York will empower the state water supply commission to install a great system of reservoirs in the mountainous regions, impound billions upon billions of gallons of water that go to waste in the spring freshets and sell this mighty volume of stored energy

for the generation of electric energy to industrial plants that may be a hundred miles away.

If this amendment carries, the state, through its water commission, will spend many millions of dollars, but this money will be a good investment, for the profits on the power sold will be sufficient to carry on other state improvements, and to reduce state taxation. This amendment seems to be a step toward state ownership of public utilities, but it really does not near that goal; it merely means that the state will take over and control its unused water powers for its benefit. Might not this be a good plan for other states to adopt? It would not only serve the states' interests, but would perhaps relieve the federal government of a question that is troubling it.

The New York water supply commission was created in 1905, and has comprehensive jurisdiction over all the flood waters of the state, taking in all watersheds and stream sources, as well as the non-navigable streams, and has ample power of both conservation and development, so that if this amendment is adopted the work of carrying out its intent can be begun at once.—Journal.

## No Pardon Board Needed

Oregon has some fifty boards and commissions to carry on its affairs of state government. They are surely enough. But now comes a proposal for yet another—to assume the pardon duties now performed by the Governor. This board, it is said would take from the executive's shoulders the distressing cares

that the law creates for punishment of criminals.

The pardoning and commuting power held by the Governor is one that seldom needs exercise. The exceptional convictions that deserve clemency of the Government are rare. Only where there have been obvious miscarriage of justice in the trial courts should there be executive interference with the process of the law. The constitution of the state was framed for the purpose of admitting executive clemency only in such emergency. Execution of the laws is even now too lax, and a pardoning board would interpose farther delays and obstacles in the path of the already too slow administration of justice.

Another trial court for such a pardoning board would be, is not needed, and would prove a misfortune to the public interest. It would open anew many cases of convictions, after the regular courts were done with them. It would cause creation of new jobs, more favors, additional patronage and higher taxes.

It is time to halt the creation of new commissions and additional offices in this state. This is a particularly good place to stop the increase, if for no other reason than the curbing of crime.—Oregonian.

## Free Sites for Industries

Recently Hillsboro property owners offered a half acre for a free site for an instrument factory. The land owners there must be waking up to the fact that factories make land values and pays to encourage them to locate in any town.

This free site proposition is some-

thing that Bandon people should take up. There is no town on the coast where advantages for mills and factories are better than right here, and the number of such industries, already established here with their large pay rolls is an evidence of what can be done for a city where the proper effort is put forth. Bandon is a distinctly manufacturing city. With the excellent harbor of the Coquille river and the railroads that are sure to come, shipping facilities will always be good for manufactured articles. We have fine sites along the water front and we can get the mills and factories, and the time is not far distant when there will be several more plants of various kinds here.

## Ideal Roads

Largely by voluntary contributions a particularly bad piece of road near La Grande is to be constructed on the latest scientific plan for two miles. It indicates a realization on the part of the people of the cost of bad roads. The improvements will help out the land owners on each side of that road more than anybody else, but the probabilities are that they will do more than many who are miles away.

Those who are most benefitted by a project are quite often the last ones to do anything to help it out. However the experiment will be watched with great interest by people throughout Oregon as the good roads movement is becoming a great factor in the country and is destined to grow as the years move on.

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Taberculosis in Portland's milk supply is creating wide discussion and much alarm. No less authority than Dr. Robert Yenney, State Health Officer, has declared that more than one half the cows whose milk is sold in Portland are affected with tuberculosis. Some of the diseased cattle already have been killed and sold for beef. Their milk was condemned as unfit for use, and of course it was, but the same authority which forbade the sale of the infected milk, permitted, and even advocates, the sale of those plague stricken cattle for beef. The people of Portland are certainly in dire straits. First they are fed on Tuberculous milk; then in order to save the dairymen from financial loss, the fevered disease carcasses are sold over the block to an unsuspecting public for choice steaks and roasts. It is a revolting condition to say the least.—Roseburg News.

In those college towns where violence and disorder are allowed on the ground that to interfere and to enforce the law will drive away the students it seems to be forgotten that people are repelled from a locality where anarchy and tumult prevail. The owners of residence property in a college town are quick to perceive the advantages of increased educational facilities, and boost their prices accordingly. It seems peculiar that they do not also realize that violence and destruction of private property by vandals works in the opposite direction. Parents intent upon educating their children prefer less rowdiness, vandalism and anarchy than is furnished in some of our western college towns.—Labor Press.

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