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From the Oregon Agriculturist.

Ten years ago some of the most intelligent dairy farmers of Oregon were considerably worried over the prospect of an early over-production of first-class butter in this state. The increase in the production of such butter has been greater than anybody expected, but the fear of over-production has gradually nobody lives, or can live, now. And,

have been sensational, but it al-most turns out that reports of losses etables. Each farmer can raise,

upon the proposition to appropriate hence, the value of this one limited tract, now valueless, would be Association to aid it in the prying \$5,000,000. Its products at only \$5 premiums at its annual shows. The proposition was altogether too extravagant for the economical legislators. They had to make a record "drawback" will be a lack of good for economy somewhere, and natur- water in summer. ally found it easier to economise in small than in large matters. We nay, the probabilities, with reference tions for farmers' institutes, the the "if" already mentioned. And state horticultural society and the this case illustrates and brings home state dairymen's association would to the people of Oregon, and espechave met a like fate if bills therefor ially of Portland, the vast importhad been introduced. Some of ance of the scheme and system of these days the agricultural interests irrigation that the Government has ot the state will have to get to-gether and unite in letting the leg-islature know what they want in THE COMMONER the way of appropriations for furthering agricultural interests. At present a good deal of money is charged up against agriculture in appropriation bills which really goes

specially interested. Entomologist appear to be tending more to the conclusion that the most satisfactory way to keep insect Year.....\$2.00 foe of the noxious insect. There other natural foes anywhere. Most of the insects which have done great damage have been able to do so because they found their way to new homes ahead of their natural foes.

All through the country west of the Cascade mountains the common field pea is growing in importance as a farm crop. This is due to the fact that the climatic conditions of this great district are especially favorable to the pea. It yields better here than in most of the eastern countries, whereas there are other feeding crops which do not find the conditions as favorable here as elsewhere. A good many Oregon farmers have concluded that peas, har-vested by the hogs, are the cheapest concentrated food that we can raise for that animal. Oats and peas grown together are used to a considerable extent for silage in the Puget Sound country. An Oregon ered remarkable, for people rushed dairy farmer has found that oats frantically and delirously about, deand peas grown together, harvested, threshed and ground, make fine produced at a cost considerably under the price charged for mill

Irrigation Along Butter Creek.

The Government, according to a late report, will undertake some irrigation work in the near future in Oregon, notwithstanding the some-what adverse conditions caused by conflicting interests and antagonis-tic efforts. The first experiment brought by a ditch about thirty miles long from the Umatilla river below Pendleton. The area that can thus be irrigated is not very extensive, as compared with some other areas under contemplation for irrigation purposes, but it is sufficient, if enough water can be se-cured, to add very largely to the agricultural and horticultural products of those counties. The land -except in comparatively narrow

snap" for a large number of home acres can be secured by one perthe 200,000 acres will make 1250 farms, and as it is presumed the purchasers will nearly all be men of families, the reclamation of this tract, if we only count four persons to each tract, will add 5000 people to the population of that locality—or, rather, will put 5000 self-sustaining people on land where assuming again that the land can be The severe storms of the present sufficiently irrigated, it will be very winter, in connection with the deep cheap at \$10, \$12, or even \$15 an snow, have caused beavy losses of acre. In three years after water is stock in a number of the range available it will be worth \$40 or \$50 states. Some of the reports of an acre, for it will produce very losses which have been published abundantly; exceedingly prolific will are greatly exaggerated. The ex- within his own demesne, several perience of the winter will teach the head of cattle to turn off fat to the perience of the winter will teach the ranchmen the growing need of providing an ample supply of hay for winter. It will probably tend in some degree to hasten the change in the methods of the region from those of athe range stockman to those of the stock farmer. Oregon has not suffered to anything like has not suffered to anything like of crops; no anxious fear of drouth; the extent of states further east, although greatly overstocked with and rails to fill the reservoirs. At sheep in some of the range districts. \$25 an acre, a moderate price for The Oregon legislature sat down this land, well irrigated a few years

These are the actual possibilities presume that proposed appropriato that tract of land-always with

Dekum Block Badly Gutted by Flames-

Portland, Oreg. March 3, 1903.— Losses of more than three hundred thousand dollars' worth of stock for matters in which farmers are not and property, resulted from a fire which, commencing in the Dekum building at 12:38 this morning, raged for three bours with relentless fury, jeopardizing during every moment of that time the very heart of the business center, only giving way under the combined attack of attorney for Plaintiff and C. F. Mcpests in check is to find the insect of the business center, only giving

The greatest property loss is that sustained by the Dekum building itself, the entire seventh and eighth floors, covering nearly half a block, being destroyed, while the sixth is estimated at this time that \$70,000.

Lipman, Wolfe & Co, are the heaviest individual losers, their damage approximating \$150,000, as to whether the mill be permandue altogether to the flood of water poured into the upper stories in order to successfully battle with a fire that for a time bid defiance to human effort, intelligently directed -for never was the Portland Fire Department confronted with a more serious problem, and never did Chief Campbell work his men to better advantage.

That no lives were lost is considered remarkable, for people rushed termined to save papers and other valuables, and were only prevented feed for his dairy cows and can be from taking chances that must have ended fatally by the energetic but necessary force employed by the police. The only person injured was Lon Ralson, engineer of No. 3, whose hand was badly and masked.

Nurses Went on Strike.

their efforts to have their new disarranged and the keys of the instruments concealed.

The star economist, Congressman Canon, proposes to build a time.—Oregonian. Congress. The expense of four or strips along the creek bottom which are irrigated from Butter Creek by for "the richest government on the owners of the bottom lands, and earth;" but what about the proprier produce great crops of alfalfa and ty of every member having a luxgrain, hay, fruits, etc.—is thorough- urious private apartment with bath, sion the American people will see had stomach trouble, and gave her ly arid; it is a fine sand, but when etc? We would suggest that for that their creditable desire is com- half of one of Chamberlain's Stomirrigated is exceedingly fertile, and the reputation of Congress the doors plied with. For unselfish devotion ach and Liver Tablets, which quietwill produce immense crops. It is be without locks or that every memestimated that about 200,000 acres ber's wife and mother-in-law have a can be reclaimed at a cost to the pass key as well as a free pass on recent public act is entitled to highsettlers or purchasers of \$10 to \$12 the secret sub-way which is to con- er praise than the relinquishment of permanent cure and she is now an acre. If so, if the land can be nect the House of Representatives a seat on the Supreme Bench for well and strong. For sale by R S. sufficiently irrigated, this will be a with this building of boadoirs.

Taxation of Corporations.

One of the many important measures that failed to pass the Legislature was the bill introduced in the House by Speaker Harris, for the taxation of corporations. The Ohio law upon the same subject, which has proved eminently satisfactory in its results, was closely followed in drafting the bill, and provision was made for insuring a full and equitable appraisement of the property of corporoations doing business in this state

As was to be expected, a storm of opposition met the proposed legislation. Representatives and emissaries of a score of big corporations were on hand to fight the bill. The lobbyists of the railroads, the palace car companies, the telegraph and telephone companies were working like beavers to protect the interests of these habitual tax dodgers.

Their efforts were successful and the bill failed to pass the House, though Speaker Harris made a powerful argument in support of it. In the course of the debate he alluded to the fact that two years ago a similar bill was defeated, despite the strong popular demand for its passage, and he warned his opponents that all those members who voted against it had been retired by their constituents to private life.

The warning was unheeded but it may yet bear fruit. Legislators who undertake to make laws for the corporations rather than for the people will learn to regret it. The remedy lies in the hands of the people and they will apply it.

Mr. Harris undoubtedly spoke truly when he declared that such a law as he proposed will eventually be enacted, for it rests upon the plain fundamental principle that corporations as well as individuals must bear their share of taxation .-Telegram.

Suit Settled-

Reliable information has been reeived that the action of Thomas E. Ryan vs George Quigley has been settled.

This was an action brought to reeover possession of the property formerly owned by The California Lumber Company, and now owned Knight as attorney for Geo. Quigley and his principal. Morris Brown is now on file in the Circuit Court tor Coos county, Oregon.

It is gratifying to learn that this suit has practically been settled, floor was so completely gutted as to thus making it possible for the necessitate its entire remodeling. It present leasee of Porter mill to acre title to th damage will reach if not exceed makes it almost certain that this plant will run steady in the future, and it dispells all doubt that might to exceed \$10,000,000. We could have lingered in the minds of some

If the child-labor law lately enacted is properly enforced and its intent is carried to a logical conclusion, the enrollment in the public schools of this city will be greatly increased at the beginning of another school year If, being shut out of stores, factories and other places where they are employed, boys and girls are allowed to roam the streets or gad about the neighborhood in idleness, their last estate will be worse than their first. There is danger in reforms of this kind, in that they will go too far, without going far enough. Danger, too, that resort will be had to falsification, both by parents and child-workers, of the birth record in order that the law, which many ignorant parents regard as meddlesome, may be evoked. It is likely to be the superintendent removed, the expert who are questioned by the authortrained nurses of the New York Eye ities. It is this phase in human tic efforts. The first experiment will be made on the lands ajacent to Butter Creek, in Morrow and Umatilla counties, the water being seriously crippled the infirmary der years, in spite of child-labor temporarily, but that after their departure it was found that records of on the one hand and the selfishness try is now close to 200,000 miles, the patients had been destroyed, of trades-unionism on the other something less than eleven times lotions mixed, glasses and bottles could frame. The lawgivers of that of Canada, while the popula-Oregon have done what they were tion of the United States is fourteen asked to do in enacting a child-labor | times that of Canada. law. It is for public opinion to see to it that it is enforced at the proper

If there are any anti-imperialists the sake of the Filipinos.

As early as 1606 in England J. J. LAMB, Pres. L: HARLOGKER, Vice-Pres. drunkeness was made a statutory offense and punished by a fine or imprisonment in the stocks. This remained the law until 1872, when the licensing act of that year made it an offense punishable by a fine to be found drunk in any public place or on any licensed premises. Under the new licensing act passed last year by the British Parliament and operative since January 1 of this year, any one found drunk in any public place, public building or public vehicle may be arrested by any one. If, when arraiged be fore a Magistrate, the offender is pronouced an habitual drunkard within the meaning of the act, the drunkard is informed that it will be an offense for him to obtain or at tempt to obtain at any club or licensed premises any intoxicating liquor for a period of three years. It will be illegal for him, either personally or by deputy, to buy a bottle of wine or spirits at a grocer's shop. All licensed places are notified that if drink is supplied to this blacklisted drunkard, heavy fines will be inflicted on those wh supply it. The conviction of iquor-seller on charge of selling iquor to a drunken man, subjects nim to punishment, and three convictions may forfeit his license

The statehood contest is a thing of the past.

The only resource for the habitual

drunkard is to get drunk at home

and keep under domestic cover

while he is drunk .- Oregonian.

The Ship Subsidy bill appears to be dead beyond resusitation.

Apparently Miss Mary McLear has been withdrawn from circula tion.

The Senate will now apply itself to the appropriation bills and the ratification of the treaties.

It has been noted that men and lobsters both turn red when they get into hot water.

there is still some question as to

A tyrannical labor union in Birmingham, Eng., has raised the price of a shave from 1 to 3 cents.

over a woman's convention is not always the one who can maintain order in a large family of children. Perhaps President Roosevelt's earnest advocacy of large families

The woman who can ably preside

may touch the obdurate heart of the Governor of Kansas. Mr. Carnegie is now planning for a beautiful and fitting monu-

the Hague. Most of us would not object to a law fixing individual wealth at not struggle along on the interest from

\$9,999,999. The student who answered the question, "What are the bi-products of petroleum?" with the single word, "Universities" was not so far

from correct. Congress had no time to take a holiday for Washington's birthday and even the Sundays are utilized by holding sessions for pronouncing eulogies.

Among the countries of the world Canada stands eighth in the extent of its railroad mileage. In proportion to its population, however, its mileage is considerably in excess of that of the United States.

If there was a way of vitualizing the false hopes, idleness, folly and crime consequent upon Senator Hanna's negra, pension bill, a hideous spectacle would be presented.

We trust Mr. Carnegie's generous New York, March 3. - Failing in boy on the "other job," or the cash offer to pay Venezuela's debt to girls in the "other stores" who are Germany will not create false hopes under the required age-not those in the hearts of some of the other South America republies.

In making funeral culogies on Sunday, Congress worked overtime, interfering with bonest labor and the labor unions will soon be after

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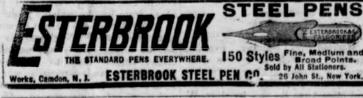
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