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C. W. Fulton is heartily in favor of opening the Columbia river, and Eastern Oregon would be pleased to see him in the United States Senate.

According to commercial reports, the new year is starting off with a heavy trade in Oregon. Spring demand is opening up earlier and stronger than usual which makes the outlook for the year encouraging.

The Tracy and Merrill outbreak at the Oregon penitentiary is yet fresh enough in the minds of the people to impress the fact on the legislature that there should be some provision for improving the workings of the state prison.

An inheritance tax law which is favored by many of the members of the Oregon legislature, would be another link added in the chain of equalization of taxes. Wealthy estates should help to bear the burden of taxation the same as any other property.

No more popular law could be enacted at this session of the legislature, than to change the present tax law, making the taxes due in the fall and not in the spring. The penalty is unjust and burdensome and should be removed. In this law more people are interested than in any measure that could be introduced, for taxes are as sure as day and night. The present system is entirely unsatisfactory.

There is now no question about the introduction of a range limit law at the coming session of the legislature. Representative J. A. Burleigh of Wallowa county has drawn a bill of this kind which provides that no sheep shall be herded within one mile of an inhabited dwelling. This bill is especially drawn as a direct blow at the great sheep industry for the pecuniary benefit of a few people. Not being satisfied with this vicious provision, the law further provides for a prohibitive tax against sheep being driven from one county to another. To make this nefarious bill appear plausible, several small tails have been pinned on where cattle and horses are mentioned from which the name, the stock grazing law is taken. Why not be honest about it and draw a bill to entirely prohibit the growing sheep in Oregon. The sheep industry today has all the load it can carry.

The GAZETTE is of the opinion that the Lewis and Clark fair appropriation will have a hard struggle in the legislature, that is if the appropriation reaches \$500,000 as recommended by the fair committee. The fact that the fair will not be held until 1905, is a long ways off, which will magnify the appropriation before any results can be obtained. Anyway let the appropriation be liberal, for a stingy disposition is bad business in either public or private life. Representative Phelps of Morrow county, is in favor of representation in each county. This is a good idea, for each county ought to have a fair and equal representation. This appropriation, it is true, will be somewhat of a burden, but it is for a progressive and forward movement. We cannot keep up with the march of progress without costing something. It will

give the state a great amount of advertising, and good advertising is a sound business proposition.

The question of irrigation is a great one that is given but little thought. Generally speaking very little is known about it. Guy E. Mitchell, editor of the Homemaker, in a recent address, said: "Never a season goes by even in the best watered districts of the rain belt that there is not some period of plant growth where the judicious application of water would very greatly increase the yield, and in some years double and treble it. It takes only a year of excessive drought among eastern farmers to get them talking about irrigation, but little comes of it for the reason that they are entirely unfamiliar with irrigation methods and have no idea how to go about the practice of supplementing the natural water supply." It is estimated that there 100 million acres in the west alone that could be irrigated which would add wealth almost incalculable to this great country of ours.

FOR BETTER ROADS.

The people of Morrow county will approve of the action of the county court at the last session, in making a start for the improvement of the roads of Morrow county. The appointment of a road master who will have charge of the road work as well as being superintendent over all of the road supervisors, with the road tax to be collected in cash at his command improving the roads, is a method that will bring results. It will be the duty of the road master to personally superintend the work and visit the different roads in the county.

Under the old system, very few people paid the amount of their road tax in cash, for a call from the road supervisor meant a sort of outing, where the neighbors could get together, and for a short time be free from the cares of life, by spending the time in social conversation. In a way, this is all right for everything but the improvement of the roads, which bear silent but impressive evidence of the old system.

The court has appointed a road master who will do his duty. The one and one half mill tax provided by law for road work will raise a fund sufficient to hire a large amount of work if judiciously expended. The road master will be the county court's agent to see that work is accomplished at a reasonable cost.

When the people begin to see that something is being actually accomplished in road improvement, an interest will be aroused that will cause co-operation between the residents of the county and the county court. This is absolutely necessary to accomplish results. Without the co-operation of the people, the county court will be powerless to do anything. This is a fact that the GAZETTE wishes to impress.

The new system adopted will have a tendency to bring the people and the county court in closer touch on matters pertaining to roads.

In making a tour of Morrow county, last fall, a GAZETTE representative could fully realize the condition of the roads. Certain sections were much worse than others, and there was much complaint. The people who were interested were at a loss to know what to do.

Some blame was attached to the county court, but still the patrons of the bad roads were not doing a hand's turn.

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3.50	" " " "	2.25	7.00	" " " "	4.75

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6.00	" " " "	4.00	8.00	" " " "	5.00
9.00	" " " "	6.00	10.00	" " " "	7.50

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will be some inducement for the people to work on the roads for they will be aided by the county and something can be accomplished.

If some farmer donates enough work with the county aid to build a permanent and substantial piece of road in front of his property, some other farmer will be sure to have enough pride to do the same thing which will be continued, and in a few years there will be a vast improvement in the principal thoroughfares. A system similar to the the present one adopted by Morrow county has been in operation in Clackamas county for some time.

Taking everything into consideration, Clackamas county has since the adoption of her present system, accomplished more good road work than any other county in the state of Oregon. No small amount of this work has been donated by the property owners and they feel that they have been amply repaid for thier labor.

Good roads will increase the valuation of property.

The present system adopted by Morrow county is a good start on the important question of good roads.

The new system does not apply to the individual road tax of \$3.00 which can be paid in cash or worked out under the direction of the different road supervisors as heretofore.

The sudden death of Congressman Thos. H. Tongue, was a great shock to the people of Oregon. Tongue was an able man and faithful representative.

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