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the matter before and if he 401.33. knew such to be true he should have told the public about it. It is not necessarily the present incumbent's fault that such islature, nor the governor, either of which should take note of the conditions of that office and if it is true that the expenses of running that department are out of proportion to necessities should suggest or provide for a reduction. We never heard of an officer objecting to his own salary. Mr. Duniway has not proven an exception in that matter and we believe his competitor would be were he once installed. Mr. Clarke is an assembly nominee for the position. He tells us he will administer the position more honestly, and in the interests of the people. Yet he associated himself with a crowd that denies that the people are competent to name their own officers, and, near a record in clearing log- at the state college of agriculture dur- more than half destroyed there is rea practically, that they have any practically, that they have any ged off land for cultivrtion is de-interest in the government. He scribed by a Seattle man who lowa. Texas, Georgia and a few othhas been nominated clearly in cleared 200 acres of average ed. If on a somewhat smaller scale violation of the method proposed stump land in Chelan county, for In number of members the boys' and by the law, and then appeals to us for votes to defeat what he an acre. The modern methods sippl, 6,000; Indiana, Obio and North calls a law-breaker and grafter. of land clearing are rapidly Dakota, each 5,000 members. The We cannot see the consistency in working toward a settlement of work of these clubs has vast possihis argument and have returned his money to him with a few country, and no other form of bilities for expansion and usefulness, and should be given generous support by local, state and federal agricultural pointed explanations that we cannot sell space to men who intent of the law to violate the intent of the law to ing mentioned has been described boost themselves into office. If in detail in an article written civic and social improvement and betit is true that the expenses of by C. F. Whaley of Seattle civic and social improvement and better home conditions, most of all enthe office are out of proportion to for Pacific Northwest Commerce. riching and making useful and helpthe proposition it may be neces- He gives the following as the ful the lives of all those who have had sary for the people to look into distribution of the expense a hand in it. Farmers' bulletin No. 385, recently issued, takes up the origin. it, if the ligislature will not. We of clearing the 200-acre scope and present work of the clubs Clark says:

of the State Printer, under the law governing the conduct of that department, incidentals \$23.40; total \$8638.14. is greater than the combined salaries of the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, bank examiner, superintendent of public instruction and attorney would cut out useless appeals, to get rid of fleas, writer giving the the supreme court; the master fish make verdicts in civil cases rewarden, two state water superintendents turnable by a three-fourths vote 1896. She states that the fall on their state engineer, two members of state tax commission, insurance commissioner of the jury. Every man who has arrival and the next summer they were labor commissioner and governor? That ever seen a case tried where a almost eaten alive by fleas, and she departments of state, and his income ing some wretched widow or shed, fleas in the barn and barnyard, of a session of the legislature? It is a feature would give the Beast less house. The fall of 1897 and the early gling of the figures in a maze of tech- to do. nicalities to the contrary notwithstand

Here are some plain startling figures, backed by the records and the facts lege is ready for the fall term. that. They expected the fleas as usual, which challenge successful contradiction

partmental and institutional work, state for the farmer's children. out next spring.

making a total of \$48,064.65. Based upon his receipts for the same work, upon a smaller scale two years ago, it is conservatively estimated that he will ton growing, potato and fruit growing, MR. WM. J. CLARKE of Gerreceive an aggregate of \$43,500 the remaining five months of the year 1910, and high school improvement. The space for the following little for printing departmental reports, in- and high school improvement. The story of abuse of the interests of 32 initiative measures with arguments the people in the office of state for or against the same, corrupt prac- tion in New York in 1898 through the printer. This story of whole- tices pamphlets, etc., or a grand total work of the College of Agriculture of sale waste may all be true, but of \$91,564.65 for the years 1909 1910, and Cornell university in the publication of we wish to call your attention to the fact that Mr. William Clarke.

of \$156,401.33 for the four-years' term. Its nature study bulletins. Since that the fact that Mr. William Clarke. the fact that Mr. William Clarke for salaries and other expenses of his ty of forms and has been developed in

ber to logging and milling comwaste exists. He is not the leg- panies for as high as four dollars ried on under the leadership of the a thousand. The loggers make state superintendent of public instrucmoney at it. The lumber is tion in co-operation with the State Agworth it. If the lumber was ricultural college. Practically every charge the public just as much, corn and vegetables under directions but the school funds would not sent out from headquarters, while the be destroyed over great areas instead of being so cut as to con- sity. serve and perpetuate it. Uncle Sam makes mistakes, but if the held in each school, the three prize timber trust succeeds in swiping winning exhibits and the three best the timber reserves-for that is what all this yell about develop- finally to the state corn growing and ing our resourses comes to-the corn cooking contest at Lincoln. Dur- for Uncle Sam's soldiers. people will pay twice what they ing this session a grand corn banquet would for lumber and a few mil- is held, attended by from 2,000 to ionaires take everything in sight. 3,000 of the brightest boys and girls -Labor Press.

produce a portion of what Mr. tract: Labor, \$5287.77; powder, above referred to and should be in the \$1882.41; fuse, 85.77; caps, \$38.- hands of every public school teacher Do you know that one year's income 90; repairs and supplies, \$319.89;

general; of the five justices and clerk of reduce the cost of litigation and method which was successfully used it would pay the expenses of any two big corporation Beast was fight- doesn't see how the stock survived for two years would defray the expenses cripple knows that this latter fleas in woodshed, with plenty in the fact. Furthermore, under the new printing law which goes into effect in chance to pack the jury with one fleas most all winter. The following January, 1911, his profits will be much man. Under the present proced- spring before the fleas had thawed out greater than they are now, crafty jug- ure that is all the packing it has and begun to hop her husband and the

The Oregon Agricultural col-



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BOYS AND GIRLS' CLUBS.

One of the most encouraging and interesting methods which have recently been employed to aid in the good work of spreading agricultural education has been through the organization of boys and girls' agricultural clubs in many states of the Union. These usually trace their beginning to competitive contests of one kind or another in which special awards have been offered. The work has spread and become more comprehensive until there are today clubs for corn growing, cotpoultry raising, live stock study, bird been given state wide aid and recognihas never said anything about office leaves him a net profit of \$111,- a number of other states. In a number of instances the same work has been inaugurated through the farsightedness N IDAHO some of the govern-ment timber reserves sell timbraska, where the work has been very grabbed by the trust it would the plans. The boys grow their show get any of it. The timber would girls practice baking in accordance with recipes sent from the demestic science department of the state univer-

> essays being taken to the township show, then to a county exhibit and hibits from the local and country clubs and school official in the land.

Early in the fall a local contest is

EXTERMINATING FLEAS.

A lady reader of this department liv-The last measure on the list be- ing near Ladoga, Ind., noticing the arhired man dug out and hauled afield all of the manure about the premisesevery bit, clean to the ground. They also raked all of the litter out of the wood and carriage sheds and burned For the years of 1907-1908 the state A large amount of new equip- but none turned up, nor have any apprinter received from the state printing ment and several new buildings when they were, the frosty morning fund \$53,064.28, and \$11,772.40 for in- have been added to the already and spring rains seem to have finished stitutional and departmental printing, fine opportunities the young peo- them. Of course, as our correspondent a total of \$64,836.68. Up to August 1, 1910, he had drawn \$29,976.13 from the printing fund. and \$18,088.52 for de-

In the acreage which they have devoted to winter wheat Kansas, in diana, Illinois, Nebraska and Ohio lead, ranking in the order given. In the growing of spring wheat the leading and practically the only producing states are North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota and Washington, the rank being in the order given.

Unless one has been posted before hand relative to the fact that the newcomer into a semiarid section usually consumes a season in finding out that rarely will beans pod as they should unless they are given proper irrigation. Without the needed moisture they may keep on blossoming the season through, but they will produce no pods.

The orchard should not be turned into a hog lot, but it is not a bad idea to turn the drove of hogs into the orchard for three or four hours every few days from now on until harvest time to clean up the defective and wormy fruit. They will not only rela good many worms. More than this, it removes from under the trees a mess which is likely to be sort of nasty at picking time.

While scenery is not usually figured as a tangible asset when one purchases farm or ranch, it is nevertheless a source of much satisfaction and inspiration when one is working afield to lift his head and see the varied greenery and translucent blue haze of mountain vale, ridge or slope, the same, yet ever changing with the change in density of air, in angle of sunlight and with shadow cast by passing cloud. Such tree clad slopes are never dull or prosy, but a constant object of admiration on the part of former plain country dwellers.

Experiments which are being conducted along the line of growing camphor trees in the territory bordering the gulf coast seem to prove that conditions there are as favorable for the proper development of the tree as are to be found in China or Japan. One Louisiana horticulturist reports trees on his premises having a diameter of thirty inches and sixty feet tall which seem entirely acclimated and mature their fruit each year. It is his opinion that campbor growing could be followed in the sections mentioned on a profitable commercial scale.

Feeding experiments which have been carried on by various experiment stations show that the cost of a milk producing ration for the average dairy cow for a year is \$41. On the average farm the feed bill for the year will run from \$5 to \$10 less than this. In any case, it is important to ascertain several individuals composing the herd exceeds by a good margin this annual feed bill. If it does not the loafers should be converted into tinned meats

What appears to be somewhat being taken to the state exhibit held cambium layer of the trunk is not son to expect that the tree will heal and continue as a useful individual in the orchard family. If the damage exceeds this it is questionable if in the long run the tree would not better be removed and a new one set in its place. However, the degree of recovery it makes the second season following the fire injury will determine the Best course to follow.

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