

THE last Poultry and Pet Stock show to hold its exhibit in Portland which closed its season last Saturday evening goes on record as the most successful exhibit of the kind ever held in the city of Portland. Truly it was an exceptional show for variety of birds and quality of stock. Lents had its share in the honors. The Herald last week gave a partial list of winners, all that were known at the time. In another column will be found a complete list of winning owners who have every reason to be proud of their credits for it must be remembered that the classes all were represented by large numbers of birds, and they were exceptionally well qualified for the contest. To even have a favorable mention in one out of 250 or 300 competitors is an enviable honor. But there are other breeders in this locality which should be mentioned, even if they did not enter into the show. There are pure bred poultrymen all around us and they are proving the profitableness of handling that class of stock. It may be that we do not know who they are, but a little inquiry will disclose them.

PROSPECTS for a prosperous spring are already developing. Real estate men in the city report that there is a rapidly growing interest in property in all parts of town. While the Christmas trade this year was not up to the average it has been good. No doubt political conditions prevalent throughout the fall have been prominent causes of the trade conditions, but with the election well past, and a generally favorable feeling toward the new president to be, commercial conditions will most likely assume a normal status. Tariff talk has done something to keep up the feeling of unrest. But it is now safe to say that the tariff question will be disposed of for the administration early next year and then there will be no further occasions for doubt on that matter. It is also safe to say that whatever the result of the action on tariff changes, there is not much danger of any excesses. No one now days believes in absolute free trade, or in its opposite, an excessive protective system, and with such a feeling prevalent, there is no doubt that tariff reductions will be moderate and safe within business bounds.

THE next session of the State Legislature is nearly upon us. In fact, the business of legislating is already begun. Unless the results belie the prospects the session will see the customary number of 750 to 1000 bills. Just how the members will manage to take care of all these propositions, and vote intelligently and wisely and with distinguished judgement is beyond our understanding. Perhaps the Oregonian can tell us. It seems that the intellectual ability of the ordinary legislator is an improvement on the clay from which he has been selected.

SOME of you may wonder why the road work in this section of the county has fallen off. It has been costing only \$4.85 a cubic yard to place crushed rock in the bins here of late. At that rate there wasn't anything left to pay for delivering it on the road. A stretch of road was improved in Wheeler county last year and it was estimated that it cost 75 cents a

yard to place the gravel on the road. Improved methods of handling cost more, but the pleasure of proprietorship in expensive machinery offsets the additional cost.

PRESIDENT elect Wilson has declared his interest in civil service reform. How then, will he look on the attitude of a good sized delegation of our democratic friends who hope to stir up opposition to a lot of postmasters and other appointive officers irrespective of their qualifications and worthiness. We anticipated that the latter day policy of the Taft Administration of making political faith the essential virtue, will not be the requirement under the Wilson regime.

THE presidential New Year's offering to the country was a bill of \$823,415,455.14 in advance for the National house-keeping account for the coming year. It does look as though living was going to be a little high next year.

We acknowledge the receipt of a very useful reference almanac, the product of the Evening Telegram. It will be convenient in a number of ways, having population report, election returns, platforms, crop reports, tariff rates.

W. E. Thomas placed a fine bunch of strawberries, picked fresh from the vine Christmas day on our desk today. Several of them would measure one to one-fourth inches each.

TERMS OF POSTMASTERS.

Will the postmasters who have recently been appointed by President Taft be discharged when Woodrow Wilson becomes president?—Reader.

Every postmaster of the first, second and third class offices is appointed to serve a term of four years from the date of his confirmation by the Senate. It cannot be learned just what policy will be followed with regard to the retention of postmasters in the service under a change of administration. President Taft recently placed many of the country postoffices on a civil service basis. There is little reason to believe that he will be reversed by President-elect Wilson.—Ed.

FROZEN WITH HEAT.

A Remarkable Process Known as the Caloric Paradox.

Freezing is usually associated with cold, but water can be frozen on a red-hot plate. This pretty experiment has rightly been called the caloric paradox.

If a drop of water is placed on a red-hot or white hot metal plate it does not suddenly flash into steam under the influence of the great heat. It does not even boil. It simply evaporates quietly and slowly as it rolls about the plate. Now, suppose that the drop on the plate is a volatile liquid like sulphurous acid. It will evaporate, and this evaporation will produce cold. Let a drop of water fall in the sulphurous acid drop and it will be frozen in spite of the heat.

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