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It is not altogether bad that almost every county in the state wants an agricultural experiment station. But it would be decidedly bad if the present legislature were to consider all the applications in the form of bills that are being presented this winter to the end of locating such institutions and try to support them. Experiment stations are not productive of finances or self-sustaining. If we stop to consider them rightly they are not supposed to be. They are for the purpose of spending more money than they produce—thus saving some one else the necessity of spending their own resources. But it takes some cash to maintain one—say \$25,000 or \$50,000 annually, if any sort of a show is to be made or good to be accomplished. The real truth is that the people of the state are beginning to realize that an experiment station may be of some use and before having the two or three that are already established and supported by the Government with a minimum of state assistance, fully developed and provided with means sufficient to make them truly valuable, proceed to propose a score of small ones to divide the possible support. Now that is a mistake. There are several reasons why the experiment station should be at the Agricultural College. Its lessons are brought home to the prospective farmer to more advantage there than they would be in any other location in the state. Again, it is visited there by more people than it would be at any other place in the state for there are more reasons for visiting the college, a hundred times over, than there would be at any institution of the sort removed from the college. We dare say there is not one percent of our readers who know there is an eastern Oregon Experiment Station, at all, and less than that who can tell where it is.

And again, just put this under your hat, it costs money to run an experiment station. It requires able men and women. It requires room in farm land. There must be buildings and provisions for experimental tools, seed, fruits, animals, feed, fertilizers, drainage, roads, and a host of things unmentionable in one short article. We have seen one or two and think we know. Our station at Corvallis is now limited for demonstration grounds, proper barns, type breeds of livestock, and there is practically no limit to the money that may be put into these things. The fact that the people of the state are just beginning to value this sort of an institution is no reason why there should be one adjacent to every road district in the state, or one in every county. Let us make the most of those we have now, and for a considerable time to come, and when the wealth of the state and the counties warrant it will be time to locate county agricultural experimental stations.

There is a bill before the legislature which purposes to limit the sending of money from other states into this state for the purpose of influencing legislation. This is a bill that should be decided upon only after considerable deliberation. There may be instances where a little outside influence would be very beneficial, especially in those instances

where the results are of nationwide effect. In general it appears to us that outside influences exerted to determine legislation that will be of local or state effect should be excluded. We ought to know enough to keep our own house. We think the average of intelligence in this state will be equal that of most other states and that we are probably as able on the average to determine what is for our own good as some one or more persons from the outside.

But there is one phase of the matter that seems to be overlooked. Why has not some one proposed that the sending of money into the state for the purpose of assisting some political candidate into office shall be sufficient cause to declare the candidate's nomination illegal in the event of his having secured the nomination. The people of a state ought to be able to choose their own officers and as long as the leather trust, or the coffee trust or the oil trust or some one or more of the hundreds of other trusts are able to furnish the campaign expenses through a committee, or directly, the local citizenship can not be said to have the exclusive determining of their official representatives.

Another thing, the bill will not be complete unless it provides that not only must the nominee file a statement of his expenses which must not exceed a certain percent of the annual salary of the office, but it should also be provided the 2 percent shall include all expenses incurred by any committee or friend or group of friends, who may desire to render assistance. When we have arrived at this condition of limitation it will be possible for a man to be a candidate for any office in the country even if he is a poor man. Honor and manliness, and ability will be the essentials of selection. Influence and wealth are the requisites now.

SPEAKER McArthur, of the House of Representatives, has introduced a bill into the house to provide for a referendum of the question of amending the constitution to provide for a lieutenant-governor. That is all well and good, but isn't he over-loading some when he plans for the present president of the Senate to officiate as lieutenant-governor until the people have an opportunity to elect one. In the first place he is making himself solid with Malarkey; in the second, how can anyone "act" as lieutenant-governor until the constitution has been amended permitting such an officer? He also provides for a succession, in case of vacancies, to the governor's position, through the lieutenant-governor and the speaker of the House. "Pat" evidently doesn't intend that "Ben" shall step between him and the first place in the state.

We received a copy of the president's last message, Saturday. How in the world he knew we wanted it is a mystery, for we didn't know it ourselves. However, as this is the last "message" that Wm. P. will ever produce, we will take pleasure in placing it on file and sometime we may find a moment to consider it.

The editor acknowledges an

invitation to the installation of the name of Isaac Funk, Jan. 23, at College Hall, Urbana, Illinois. The invitation was received too late to attend. We regret this very much as little excursions like that tend to broaden ones experience and relieve the monotony of existence.

The Herald acknowledges the receipt of one of the finest government wall maps of the United States ever gotten out, by courtesy of Jonathan Bourne. He has also sent some valuable reports on live stock diseases, Poultry and the National Post Road Movement.

An Excellent Summer Dessert.
Whip one pint of cream with the white of an egg until stiff. The egg adds to the stiffness and bulk. Sweeten to suit the taste. Have ready some English walnuts ground rather fine, also a dozen dates and half a dozen figs cut into fine pieces. Stir these into the whipped cream. Put in a mould, cover tightly and pack in a bucket with finely pounded ice and salt, as you would for ice cream. Let it stand for four or five hours. The quantity given will serve eight persons.

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2. When putting clothes away, place tarred paper in with to keep the moths away.—By C. T.

FOR A COLD
Pure linseed oil is good for a cold.

The Tribe of Ben Hur will hold their regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, Monday evening, Feb. 23. Mr. Walker, the new state deputy, will be present to greet all of the members and visitors of Court No. 8, and join with the members in swelling the membership of their court, while the play "Ben-Hur" which is being played at the Heilig this week is present in the minds of the public.

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