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**T**HE legislative act proposed by Representative Westerlund relative to the inspection of live stock for slaughter, is lost by withdrawal. He could not face the storm of ridicule which was directed toward it, assuming it was a beef trust product. Now as a matter of fact it was all right in intention but it was apparently a proposition to reduce the profits of the producers by additional inspection charges. It will be a long time before the people of this country submit to inspection of animals that they wish to kill for their own use. It would be better, and a far sight more probable of passing to require market managers to take out a certificate of evidence of their knowledge of the healthfulness of the products they handle, and then hold them to the handling of pure foods by revoking their certificates and putting them out of business if they are found selling anything dangerously unhealthful.

In addition to this, in cities of ten thousand or over, there could be an inspection office, through which all imported slaughtered animals should pass before being placed on the market. That would reduce the number of premature veal and sickly cows sold for food.

**C**ONFERENCES have been held looking to the arrangement of dates for a "Country Life Fortnight" in Portland during the fall or winter months when dairy show, land show, stock exhibits, gatherings of horticulturists, creamerymen, wool-growers, poultry and goat raisers, florists and similar organizations will be held. In this way it is thought meetings of interest to farmers can be grouped so that events in similar lines can be held simultaneously, or following each other, and those interested can attend them all without losing much time from their duties at home.

**T**HE lay of the Oregon hen has been the subject of much thought on the part of the regents of the Oregon Agricultural College and they will seek funds from the Legislature to establish a model poultry farm at Corvallis. The average hen in the state lays about 50 eggs per year, while champion layers at the college have gone well past the 200 mark in a twelvemonth. It is desired to develop a laying strain of poultry, and to sell the fowls and their eggs at a reasonable price to farmers is the object aimed at in establishing the poultry ranch.

**A** STRONG demonstration has been made in favor of the proposed interstate bridge between Oregon and Washington crossing the Columbia river at Vancouver. Joint committees from the two state Legislatures went over the site chosen for the structure and looked carefully into the merits of the project. At a later meeting in Portland, attended by citizens of both states, support was aroused for the bridge and it seems likely the plan will be accomplished.

Wyoming made herself celebrated on the third Inst. by beating New Jersey and New Mexico in deciding to support the Constitutional amendment favoring an income tax. The next Congress will have the job of providing laws to regulate the collection of this source of revenue now.

The bill making appropriations for the improvement of rivers and harbors for the coming year passed the House of Representatives yesterday and has gone to the Senate. Out of the 394 Congressional Districts in the United States, the largest appropriation carried in the bill is for the Portland, Oregon, district, amounting to \$1,960,000.

This edition of the Herald is a diversion from the usual form, having been suggested by one or two persons of the locality. We want your opinion on its looks and other advantages or disadvantages. It surely is not an improvement as to looks.

Forest rangers of the Southern Oregon and Northern California reserves will meet in Medford February 18-21, where they will discuss problems of their work and listen to addresses by experts.

The "Solid South" is broken, again. This time it is the state of North Carolina that paved the way to publicity by supporting the direct election of United States Senators through its legislature.

**Humor Of Corrupt Practice Law.**

The corrupt practices act, the most hilariously funny of all political laws, will likely have the humor taken out of it by the legislature. Really, it is much too jocular for a law. It pretends to purify the ballot by restricting the amount of money that may be spent by the office-hunter. He may expend but 25 per cent of the salary of the office he is seeking—but his friends may use in his behalf a million dollars. That has a large dash of real humor, hasn't it?

And the corrupt practices act is pleased to be jocular in other ways. For instance if you are an aspirant for office, but do not care to "announce" yourself, you can spend all papa's money and pawn the wedding presents to get more with which to make your pussyfoot campaign; then when you have tooted your horn by circular, through the press, at club meetings, and in all the other ways known of and approved by the clever politician, you strike an attitude, place your right hand between the buttons of your coat, look the corrupt practices act squarely in the eye and say: "Hearing the unanimous call of my fellow-citizens, and mindful of the honor they have done me in the past, I reluctantly consent to take up the battle in their behalf. Gentlemen, I accept."

Funny! Why, the corrupt practices act should be in Joe Miller's joke book. Senator I. S. Smith of Coos and Curry has introduced a bill which he thinks will squeeze the faciousness out of the corrupt practices act; but we hardly think he has put the screws on tightly enough. The bill limits the expenditure of the candidate to 30 per cent of his salary for a year; contributions of "friends" must be spent through a party committee of the candidate. That is little better than the present witty law. It does not at all limit the expenditure of money in politics. The "friends" can spend as much as they ever did, because the candidate can appoint all the cheerful givers as members of an authorized committee, through which they can in the future, as they have in the past, corrupt voters, debauch the press, and buy office.

The purpose of the corrupt practices act was to limit the expenditure by or on behalf of a candidate to a certain sum, so that the rich candidate would have no advantage over his poor opponent. Any amendment that does not clearly and unequivocally incorporate that in the law is an evasion, which is saved from the charge of dishonesty because of its palpable puerility.—Spectator.

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## HAPPY HOLLOW HINTS

Since Daniel Webster Jenkins was elected Justice of the Peace he won't speak to his acquaintances unless they say Mr. or Judge.

The writer is indebted to Mr. Familyer Smith for some very fine pork stakes which Familyer got in Lents one morning this week. He did not say where he got his black eye.

Lute Nuclider, who was elected constable at the last election, has rented his large ten acre farm to Amos Hollowborn. Lute says his political and offshaul duties will occupy his attention hereafter.

Sarah Belle Shreaves' fellow has went. She don't know when he will return. Adieu. There was several people thought he was out two much of nights, and some of them hinted that they feel safer now he is gone.

Jim Sniffletree will address the Holler Literary next Friday night on "The degradin infloocens of political soopremacy." Jim used to be leadin line in Oregon City before he got converted. He was night watchman there before the post offfus was robbed.

Peaceful Jones, bein near sited sat down in a seat near the stove at the church the other night at the revival. When Brother Bowers asked for the brethering and sistern to join in endoocin convicted sinners to come fored for prayer, Peaceful tho't that some malishus persun had glewed him to the seat. It was found that the varnish had got hot and soft and that Peaceful had cooled a patch of it. The seat now has a patch of Peaceful's pants on it and Peaceful, bein a bachelor, spent the next day attending to domestick dooties.

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## LOCAL...PERSONAL

Mr. O. C. Soots, of Calgary, made the Herald a short visit Monday evening.

W. S. Davis, formerly of Lents, was in our town Tuesday on business.

C. A. Daniels has the contract for erecting a new residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Hasket, of Ninth Ave., have moved to Arleta, Mr. Hasket being mail carrier at that place.

Mrs. R. A. Brown and daughter, Bernice, of Ninth Ave., spent Saturday with friends in Montavilla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boland visited Mr. and Mrs. Baker, of Ninth Ave., Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wood and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Beldin, of Arleta, Monday evening.

Wesley Reynolds and Paul Bradford were visitors of Miss Frances Smith's room last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Fairbank, from Newberg, Oregon, visited his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fairbank, last week.

Mr. Schelly, who lived on Sixth Ave. and Marie street, has bought a house and lot on Fifth Ave, between Rose and Lester streets.

Mr. N. J. Parker and son, Walter, returned to their home in Vernonia, Oregon, last week, after visiting friends at Troutdale and Lents.

Mrs. Walter E. Jackson and son, Walter, left Wednesday by the way of Los Angeles and New Orleans, for Rochester, N. Y., to make an extended visit at her former home there.

Mr. Pratt, who has been working for the New Method Laundry for sometime, has sold his team and wagon to the Laundry and resigned his position. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt will move to Portland and he will teach history and Mrs. Pratt will teach domestic science in one of the city high schools.

Three valuable donations have been made to the Lents Fire Department within the week. Mr. Anderson, of Miller Mowrey Lumber Co., gave a nice order of lumber, enough to put an extension on the fire-house. C. C. Wiley and O. R. Addison each gave \$5.00 to the company recently, unsolicited.

## NOTES OF THE W. C. T. U.

**PRESIDENT RESIGNS.**

With two separate public activities making demands upon her strength and endurance, Mrs. J. W. Wilkins decided to devote her energies more fully to Sunday school work and in a measure withdraw from the more active work of Mt. Scott Union retaining her interest as formerly. Mrs. Wilkins is an efficient woman, a fine presiding officer and an energetic and effective advocate of whatever cause she has at heart. She has the rare ability of awakening enthusiasm in her co-workers and possesses the elements of leadership in a marked degree. The affectionate regard in which she is held by the members of Mt. Scott Union will serve as a magnet to draw her to the gatherings of the union and her inherent goodness of heart will make the interests of the union her own in the future as in the past.

**ELECTS PRESIDENT**

Mt. Scott Union finding itself without a presiding officer, elected Mrs. Nettie Dunbar president. Mrs. Dunbar protested against assuming the responsibility of so important a position as she has been suffering from trouble with her eyes making it impossible for her to do what she deemed the necessary reading to keep in touch with the outside world. To make it possible for her to carry on her work the promise was given that the superintendents of departments would actively reinforce and assist in whatever way necessary to make a success of the administration of Mrs. Dunbar.

Mrs. Walsh was the charming hostess to the Mt. Scott Union during the civic study of county government. Mrs. Addison had spent much time in preparing for the elaboration of this lesson and things were lively from the moment the topic was taken up.

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