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To Aid Oregon Farmers.
Portland, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special)—Field demonstration work by the Oregon Agricultural College, widening the usefulness of that institution greatly, will be realized to a much larger extent than has hitherto been possible, if senate bill No. 72 is passed by the legislature. This measure provides for the appropriation of money by the state and counties to carry on co-operative field demonstration work among the farmers themselves.

The bill was drawn by the Central Oregon Development league, in connection with the Oregon Development league and the Oregon State Bankers' association agricultural committee. It provides for a well-organized system of field work, conducted by experts under direction of the O. A. C. The demonstrations in agriculture will be given in different parts of the state, and the plan is what might be called a system of traveling agricultural schools.

There is found to be need for this work, particularly in the newer sections of the state, where settlers are flocking in and taking land. They must be given a start in the proper agricultural methods suited to the country if they are to prosper, and demonstration work by the state college will do this and do it right. The plan of the bill is extremely practical, meaning to place the demonstration work right out among the farmers, so they will not have to waste valuable time in visiting some far point. It is thought friends of the agricultural interests of the state will rally to the support of the bill in the legislature and secure its passage.

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Mystery of a Vanished Party of Australian Explorers.

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The Leichhardt Expedition Disappeared as Though It Had Been Swallowed Up by the Earth, Which May Indeed Have Been Its Fearful Fate.

There have been recorded many strange tragedies of exploration in lone and distant lands, but no one event of the kind has ever so stirred men's minds as did the total disappearance of the well-found and splendidly equipped expedition which Dr. Ludwig Leichhardt, the Franklin of Australia, led into the central deserts of Australia in 1848.

Leichhardt's design was to march right across the continent from the east coast to the west, and as he had already led a successful expedition nearly 3,000 miles through a previously unknown part of Australia, it was generally thought that he would be able to accomplish the task.

Still, there were some who doubted and prophesied disaster, and more than one wealthy friend of the doctor's refused to subscribe toward the expedition on the ground that they were not going to help him to commit suicide.

The members of the expedition numbered six whites and two blacks, an unusually large number for an exploring expedition of this nature, and besides being amply provided with flour, biscuit, tea, sugar and so on, they drove along with them fifty bullocks and 270 goats. They also had spare horses and mules in abundance.

At that time the most westerly station in southern Queensland was occupied by a squatter named McPherson, who dwelt on Cogoon creek. From there Leichhardt wrote a brief letter as he was about to start into the unknown land beyond.

That was the last ever heard of him or of any of his companions, and this notwithstanding the fact that expedition after expedition was afterward sent out in search of them.

As completely as though they had been swallowed up by the earth, they vanished.

This is the most puzzling part of the mystery—its completeness. Had they been killed by the natives, as was at first wrongly reported, some relics of the explorers would long since have been recovered from them. In some shape the iron work of the implements and arms they had with them would have survived.

And what of the stock? Some of the

goats, at all events, must have been left alive, one would have imagined, for these are notoriously hardy animals, able to pick up a living almost anywhere. Yet none of these, nor any of the horses, mules or bullocks were ever traced.

The probability is that the ill-fated expedition struck one of those waterless patches of country common in parts of Australia, into which the blacks never venture. It is not difficult in this case to prophesy what would have been their fate.

Their reserve barrels once emptied of their precious contents, the little water carried by the men in their canteens would not last more than a day or so. In the shadeless bush, in that terrific heat, death comes swiftly under such circumstances. About forty-eight hours is the limit of human endurance. Usually half that time suffices.

The explorers, we may be sure, would struggle on to the last, however, husbanding their water to the uttermost drop. The animals would be the first to go, and the desperate expedient of drinking their blood would be resorted to.

Hotter and hotter grows the air as the doomed men stagger further and further into the rainless desert.

Some lose their reason; all lose hope. Then comes the end. They separate and struggle away in ones and twos, and fall and die.

Day after day the terrible and pitiless sun looks down upon them lying there and sees them dry and shrivel into mummies.

And still no rain falls. But one day, it may be years afterward, there arises a sandstorm of exceptional violence. The wind blows with all the strength and fury of an arctic blizzard, but driving before it sand, not snow.

When it ceases the desert is there as before; the same, yet different. Mountains of sand exist where before were valleys.

The mummies have vanished from human ken forever.—Pearson's Weekly.

Very Encouraging.

"Every time I've called on Miss Gibbleton lately she's been out," complained young Mr. Fathead. "I never seem to have any luck."

"Cheer up," answered young Mr. Nerveless gayly. "I'll tell you how to make sure she's at home. Come with me the next time I call."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Caustic.

"Yes," said the bride of a week. "Jack tells me everything he knows, and I tell him everything I know."

"Indeed!" rejoined her ex-husband who had been left at the post. "The silence when you are together must be oppressive."

If doctors fail thee, be these thy doctors—rest, cheerfulness and moderate diet.—Latin Proverb.

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