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# COUNTY AGENT WORK.

Through development of improved organization and the growth of a more definite project system the office of extension work in the U. S. depart-ment of agriculture in the north and west carried its demonstration activities into closer relation to the prac-tical needs of the farmers of the region during the past year, according to the annual report of the states relations service of the department. Local associations of farmers took a greater part in the work and more attention was devoted to studies of develop demonstrations of permanent interests of farm women was undertaken in the territory under the office, and a number of women agents wore placed in the field.

Among the specific results from the county-agent work of the office of exduring the year were:

Yields of corn in fields managed as demonstrations under supervision of the county agents increased on an average 12.8 bushels per acre over the average yields for the region. Yields of wheat in fields managed

as demonstrations increased 8.4 bushels per acre.

Yields of oats in fields managed as demonstrations increased 11.7 bushels per acre

Alfalfa was introduced on 11,311 farms

Several score registered stallions and rams and several hundred registered bulls and boars were placed on farms

Nearly a thousand fine bulls no longer useful in their communities because of danger of inbreeding were saved from the block and transferred to other communities.

One hundred and forty-three cow testing associations, 90 live-stock breeding associations, and 142 hog cholera control associations were organized.

More than 200,000 hogs were vaccinated against cholera.

Better farm management was pro that make for success or failure in farm enterprises.

Farmers' exchanges and co-operative marketing associations were organized and effected large savings to members.

Three hundred and twenty-one water-supply systems were introduced into farm homes.

Club work was carried on with more than 209,000 boys and girls. Over 24,000 of these engaged in profit-making projects, producing over \$509,000 worth of food products.

The club work was placed on a more permanent basis as an extension agency, and boys and girls are now enrolling to pursue the work for a series of years

# PRICES TO BE LOWER.

comparative standing it held before the war began. "While the foreign nations are do-

ing this, along military lines, they will bending every effort to re-establish their financial equilibrium.

"American's hope of salvation in the face of this assault will lie, probably, in one of three things: Either an absolute embargo must be placed on foreign made goods, and I doubt if this could be done without a constitutional amendment; a prohibitive -not a protective-tariff must be e tablished: or there must be a subsidization of American manufacturing interests, solid enough to meet the great financial pressure that will be brought to bear by the government controlled industries of European countries. Prosperity is not going to die in this country following the end of the war, but individual business-es may, unless prepared, meet sud-den and painful deaths. Individual

firms cannot hope to compete with the national organizations of Europe. the latter, spurred by the necessity of recovering their economic poise."

### AN INCONSISTENCY IN GOVERN MENT.

Members of congress elected in No vember will not assume office until all Oregon move. next March and, unless congress is local economic facts upon which to called to meet in special session, they will have no hand in shaping legisvalue. Extension work in the special lation before next winter-more than a year after they were chosen to rep resent the people. This is one of the inconsistencies of the American sys tem of government that frequently has been called to attention, but ev ery effort heretofore made to modify tension work in the north and west this fault has met with failure. Discussion of this problem has been revived, however, and it is likely another attempt will be made to bring about the necessary change in the con-stitution which will allow newly elect ed members of congress to assume of fice and commence their work without

waiting for more than a year. Public sentiment will decide this matter, of course, and if a sufficient number of the people should demand the change suggested, it would be accomplished in short order. That sentiment in favor of this change is increasing will scarcely be denied, but congress will never act on this matter until it faces an imperitive demand.

The nervous condition of the markets, a condition that causes wheat and corn to rise and fall five or ten cents a bushel in a day, shows beyond question that the high prices are caused more by the speculator than they are by the actual conditions. When a cure can be found for this gambling evil, the cost of production and the progress of the irrigation en-and the cost of living will be brought terprises of the nation, the state and nearer together.

moted through assistance given to farmers in determining the factors Kansas, Maine, Iowa and North Da Kansas, Maine, Iowa and North Da-Then Iowa went back to her kota. bottle, and there were three, and Maine wasn't badly burt by ingrowing prohibition. Now half the states of the union are prohibition, with the whole country coming.

> onsin and Michigan there have been eighty-six men killed and forty-one wounded during the hunting season this year. There were only fifty-nine dueing food this country has held its killed last year, which shows that the marksmanship in the north woods is improving.

Some of the New York papers acuse Chicago speculators with being noted, nevertheless, as a corrective responsible for the high cost of foodstuffs. And the Chicago speculators eattle comes apparently from enlarg-ed use of land in the national forstreet is the guilty party. The generous and general advice keep going down," was the assertion that is coming to us now to the effect made recently by Franklyn Hobbs, that we keep all the windows open. made recently by Franktyn Hoods, that at a some from the gas and coal 15 per cent. It is expected that

the combined fruit crops; it would be more money than Oregon gets for her potatoes, corn, barley, rye, oats and

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The Tourist association has adopted the same plan, with improvements, that has been successful in getting the tourist to California and to Switzerland. They will combine the big scenic attractions of the northwest and advertise them as one tour. It is intended to feature the summer climate of the northwest and to induce tourists to stay here for months, visiting every section of the state. That means that every community will secure its share of this new and that its resources will be looked over by men who are able to buy.

Emery Olmstead of Portland, vice-president for Oregon. H. A. Lat-ta, of Medford, R. E. Scott of Hood River, J. H. Koke of Eugene, Tilford Taylor, of Pendleton, W. J. Hofmann of the Oregonian, Phil Metschan, Jr., representing the hotel men of the state, C. C. Overmire for the automo-bile men, and Mark Woodruff for the Portland Chamber of Commerce are the men behind the scheme. With such a roster of directors for

Oregon the plan escapes being branded as a "Portland scheme." It is an

With all Oregon interested the legslature will be asked to finance the North Pacific Coast Tourist association for \$25,000 a year for two years. Washington and British Columbia will do their part.

If the legislature refuses to make the appropriation the plan will be dropped. It would be impossible to dropped. raise the money by subscription. And it is doubtful if it should be. Every citizen is benefited by the new money brought here by the tourist, and why should not every citizen pay the few cents that this sum means to each taxpayer in the state?--Exchange.

### Winning Pastures and Farms From the Wastes.

American hunger for land can still be gratified, Uncle Sam may no longor have a fine farm for every comer. but he still owns acres enough to provide farms for many colonists for decades or generations. During the fiscal year which ended with last June the national government distributed 20,000,000 acres of the public land among the people and still had 250,-

ed that for several years before and equaled an increase of 3,000,000 acres over the fiscal year of 1914-15. Irrigation rendered practicable the making of 5000 new farms last year, the private corporation assures year-

aging facts. The continuous expansion of arable areas in the United

Up in the hunting country of Wis-nsin and Michigan there have been more than negligible. Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture declares that in the business of proown, despite increase of population and immense exportations to Europe. and has done so not merely with meats and the products of the dairy,

but with other articles. It is to be and, caution, that the main gain in hate no

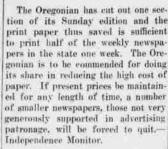
stooping to do a mean action in return, just to "get even." The non-residents attitude is by far the safest one under the eircum-

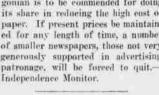
stances. Don't misunderstand us. We don't mean that one should yield one's own individuality or self-respect, rather that one should strengthboth by keeping out of the turen moil of envy and backbiting and hatred. Have you ever noticed how it weak-

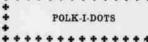
ens you-how exhausting it is to give way to a fit of anger?

The non-resistant attitude is by ger may seem to you, doesn't it take more of your vitality than a day of hard work would do? We think so, judging your experience by our own. So let's agree, each with the other, to drop those grudges-to wipe right out of mind the things that we have allowed to rankle there like so many thorns, and cleanse our hearts of the desire to "get even" with anybody in a malicious way.

Remember that revenge, while it is said to be sweet, is not. There is no sweetness in it, and when the first sense of triumph is past it is sure to leave a sting of self-reproach that is hard to efface .- Pacific Homestead.







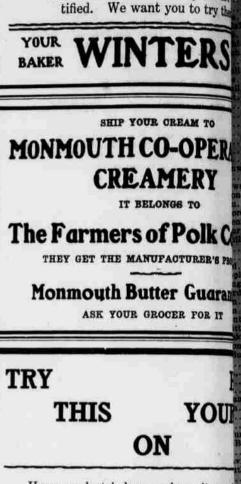
Yack Rabit Mountain, Dec. 25, 1916 Mr. Editer:

I see it stands on de nusepaper da goin to hav a meetin in Portland on Yanuary sax, of de Oregon Irrigation Congress, an at nite da goin to giv a big banquet. Vel now voodent dat nock you, a irrigation banquet in a dry town lak Portland. Ay tank day better callin it a dry farmin banquet. for a man som han ust to havin a yin rickey or a fue Hi Balls ven he sitten down to a banquet mite ust so well try to smoak a pipe vidout any tobacko in it.

Yewhiz, vot is de use to inwite man to irrigation banquet ven it is noting to irrigate wid, he mite ust so well stay at hoam and drink loganberry yuse.

Cors Ay aint sayin anything gainst loganberry yuse, but if any boddy can get any yenuine yoy by drinkin loganberry yuse Ay lak to fine out how he goin to do it.

Will you excuse me? TORGER OLSON.



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Our Pies are just as good as the

mother used to make," and some

better. We rather like to brag

our Pies, and Cakes, too, for that

ter. And lots of folks say we an

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Hang an electric lamp where it can switched on and off.

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ly increases of tillable territory in Twenty-six years ago there were the naturally dry acreas of the country. Such facts as these, which are drawn from the reports of the see retaries of the interior and for agriculture, are instructive and encour-

States bears directly upon the prob-lem of sufficient supplies of food in

000,000 acres in reserve. The volume of distribution exceed-

"The day after the close of the European war prices in this country will start downward and they will pert of Chicago. The assertion was companies, but it has a suspicious made at the monthly meeting of the sound. Minneapolis Ad Forum, and attended

Mr. Hobbs based his assertion on the abnormal amount of gold in America, which, he said, will start back across the Atlantic the minute peace is declared.

Opening with the statement that the gold transfer to this country justifies all Oregon crops of grain, fruit, fish, thirty-nine per cent in general com-modity prices in America, the speak-placed at \$130,000,000. er cited some things in which an even greater increase is justified by stock cente existing conditions, assailed those men prosperous. responsible for what he termed uninstifiable increases in other lines. and closed with a statement of what could get another \$100,000,000 added must be done to establish a condition of financial preparedness for the end state, would they take it? of the war and what will follow.

"My assertions are based on the theory that this ... will not he followed by international peace or dis-armament," he declared. "I do not believe there ever will be an end to war. When this war is over Germany to have those tourists drup \$100,000. them and you will be infinitely better immediately will begin rebuilding it-self to that point of comparative pre-paredness which it held at the start of the war. England, Rossia, France, Japan and other nations will be forced to follow suit, and the United States will have to bring itself up to the it would about double the value of immediately will begin rebuilding it-

**OTHERS'** OPINIONS .....

#### This Sounds Like Sense

The best estimates of the value in increase of from twenty-nine to vegetables, live stock and dairy pro-

In the grain districts and the livestock centers the farmers are mighty

But if some man came along and showed these farmers where could get another \$100,000,000 added to the circulating medium in this lifetime." Let's, for our own sake

Foolish question number one

Yet, that is exactly what is pro-posed by the North Pacific Coast Pacific Coast Tourist association. They intend to Aim to treasure and pay back the bring a crop of tourists to Oregon, kindly things but drop the unpleasant Washington and British Columbia and 000 every year in the laps of Oregon off for this course of action.

ting ground.

The public pasturages now support more than 1,500,000 cattle, 7,500,000 sheep and calves, and lambs in addi-Here is an increase of at less end of another decade will see 2,000 000 cattle and 9,000,000 sheep on those ranges. Outside of the national forests there also are additional available grazing grounds on public land. These render practicable, under the anspices of the national government, a material increase in the number of food animals in the west.

There is and always will be land enough in the United States for any number of inhabitants. China demon strates this. The people's business is to utilize the land and simplify and cheapen distribution of its products .- Spokane Review.

## Getting Even.

You have heard the remark often Let's, for our own sakes if for no other, do away with all de-sire to "get even" with another for any mean act that another may have done us, no matter what it is.

ones out of your mind. Don't notice



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