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The burning of the bakery is another argument in favor of protection from the fire fiend. Had there been any wind in any direction, there would have been a sad tale to tell, for there would have been a large part of the town destroyed instead of one building. It is only a question of time when the insurance rates will be raised unless action is taken to provide some means of fire protection. Had there been anything to do with except buckets, there could have been the larger part of the main room of the bakery saved and all the wood, which amounted to a snug sum. Had there been a strong southwest wind blowing at the time of the fire all the north half of the business part of town would have gone up in smoke and there is little doubt but it would have been the same with a large part of the residence part, especially in the northeastern district. We should take steps at once looking to a change in the charter so as to provide for bonding the city, for water and sewer systems. There has been some talk that a few of those residing on the extreme edge of the city would oppose such a proposition, but if they stop and consider what it means to them in case the whole town burns up, they will certainly not do so.

Hunters from the city of Portland have been playing havoc with the wire fences in this part of the state. They travel with a pair of pliers and when they come to a farmers fence they cut it down. In one or two places they were not satisfied with making an opening sufficient to go through, but cut down several panels. A good long range rifle well handled at such times would go a long way toward putting a stop to such work. It is no wonder that the farmers have up signs to not hunt on the premises. The city hunters do more damage to the farms and stock than ever the licenses will pay for and yet if a farmer wants a bird he can't get it. In the close season he will be fined if he kills one and after the season opens the city hunters overrun the country and there are no birds left.

With this issue we begin the voting contest. This contest is for three prizes. The first being a fine Century Fountain Pen, good enough for anybody. It is the best that is on the market today. The pen is two karats finer than some others that are very much advertised. The rug given as the second prize is one of the most beautiful to be had in the world. It is the best axminster and is fit to adorn the finest parlor in the land. The third prize of two dollars is from

the best stock in the Polk County Bank. If enough interest is manifest in the contest we will give a consolation prize to the one getting the fourth number of votes. This depends largely on how many enter the race. The contest closes on Tuesday before Thanksgiving and the prizes will be awarded in time to have them to use for Thanksgiving.

Normal Students Contest.

The Herald offers three prizes to the three Normal Students receiving the highest number of votes between October 12 and Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Contest closes at six o'clock in the evening. The votes will be counted by the editor of the Herald and a committee of two persons selected by the contestants. Those eligible for contestants are students of the Oregon State Normal school at Monmouth. The rules of the contest are that any one bringing in one dollar for one years subscription to the Monmouth Herald will receive a ballot good for 100 votes and they can designate on the ballot who they wish to cast their votes for. These ballots must be countersigned by a duly authorized representative of the Herald, or by the editor, in order to be valid. There will be published in each issue of the paper a ballot good for five votes, with a blank for filling in the name of your favorite student. The names of the contestants will be published each week with their standing in the contest. Students, or their friends, can bring in as many subscriptions as they wish and receive their ballots and cast them for whom they please. We would like to secure 200 new names while the contest lasts.

Mr. F. A. Koser, of Rickreall, had a fine exhibition of his Berkshires at the Oregon State Fair. Mr. Koser has a fine farm, where he lives and raises not only Berkshire hogs, but Cotswold sheep. This year he had about 60 acres of clover which he threshed for seed, and in conversation with him we find that the yield throughout the valley this year will not be more than one-half crop. Mr. Koser believes that a farm should be better after it is farmed fifty years than when first started and runs his farm upon this basis.—Oregon Agriculturist.

Hawley & Son, of McCoy, were large exhibitors of Lincolns at the Oregon State Fair. They have for many years been breeding the Locust Lawn Lincolns, and take great pride in them. They had three yearling ewes, unshorn, with the fleece measuring 22 inches in length; these were left in this long fleece that the public might know of the possibilities of the Lincoln sheep as a long-wool mutton producing sheep.—Oregon Agriculturist.

Park Zumwalt, a farmer of Irving, Oregon, believes in intensified farming. The past season Mr. Zumwalt raised on a piece of ground 40x283 feet 2783 pounds of strawberries. These were sold on the market, bringing him nearly \$200.

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