

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Appropriations Asked to Aid Oregon Farmers

MEMORIALS TO CONGRESS ARE PREPARED

New Railroad Expected to be Completed This Year Across Eastern Half of State.

PORTLAND, ORE., Jan. 21.—Field demonstration work by the 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 the 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.

The present year is likely to witness the completion of another railroad across the eastern half of the state. The Oregon Eastern, being built from Vale westward to Dog Mountain, 140 miles, is progressing favorably and railroad men say they will complete the construction for this distance within the year. Dog Mountain is near Bend and it is expected the line will then be extended to a connection with the Southern Pacific Natron-Klamath road now being built.

To see the legislative wheels go around, a number of delegates to the recent Oregon Irrigation Congress were passengers on a special train that carried them to Salem for the opening of the session and later they visited the state institutions at Corvallis and Eugene. The Irrigation Congress was notable as being the most important gathering of irrigationists ever held in this state, and the visit of the delegates to the capitol was full of interest.

Memorials to Congress on important subjects have been prepared by the Oregon Legislature. One asks for appropriations for the improvement of Tillamook, Yaquina and Coos Bays. Another memorial asks for the protection of migratory game birds and another suggests a federal law to curb the divorce evil.

The Russell Sage Foundation has probed the public school systems of all the states and

finds Oregon ranks fifteenth in efficiency among the 48 commonwealths of the nation. This state, however, is found to stand first in point of attendance, the percentage being 87.8.

With the Churches

Christian Church.

BY J. M. ORRICK.

Considering the weather, the attendance last Sunday was excellent at all services. The Endeavorers showed themselves loyal both by the number present and the good interest. The subject for next Sunday evening is the first of a series of once-a-month subjects on "Mission Work at home and abroad." The first one is "Evangelism." Acts 13: 14-44.

The Baraca class, Miss McCosky teacher, had a most delightful class social in the Endeavor room. Cake and chocolate was served and all went home with increased enthusiasm for their class which is one of the best in the school. All were glad of the increased attendance in the class last Sunday. These boys know how to have fun and do business at the same time.

The class in Normal study of the Bible under the leadership of Mr. Orrick, had a fine beginning last Sunday. They will meet at 10 o'clock each Sunday morning at the Star Theater building. This class is open to all the young men and women both of the Normal and of Monmouth.

A committee has been appointed to fix up the little room at the church for a study for the preacher. No one is in greater need of a study and the room can not be used to better advantage. The work of the church takes the pastor into touch directly with more people than any other person of the town. He certainly should have an office.

"There are many sects among the heathen of India, but there are two things on which they all agree—the degradation of women and the sacredness of the cow."—The Missionary Intelligencer.

We are sorry to learn that we shall soon lose Mr. and Mrs. Murdock from our numbers. They have purchased a residence in Portland and will soon remove to that city. We wish them continued joy in the service of our King.

Next Sunday morning the sermon will be about "Our New Found Brother in Russia." The evening subject will be "The Deliverance of Israel from Egyptian Bondage."

DEAD MEN'S BONES.

The Making of Skeletons is Really a Work of Art.

The skeleton of man or beast is a much more useful and salable object than one would be inclined to suppose. Proof of this is the frequency with which we find these objects mounted in museums, schools of medicine, anatomical cabinets and even in the classrooms for child physiology and in the studios of painters and sculptors. Much labor is employed in separating the skeletons from the tissues and bones that cover them, whitening them and mounting them. Some of them, it is true, are prepared and sold by the medical profession, persons occasionally (in the interests of science) leaving their bodies to the care of this or that medical fraternity for whatever use they may tend to serve. This, however, explains very inadequately the supply available in response to the ever growing demand.

As a matter of fact, the greater part of the skeleton trade is carried on in France, nearly all of it originating there. Paris has a very well equipped factory for the furnishing of skeletons of men and

animals for whatever purpose required, and this factory has branches in London and Berlin. Most of the human bones employed in the French manufacture belonged in life to criminals or to unknown persons whose bodies were unclaimed after death in hospitals or almshouses. After being utilized in the dissecting room the remains were removed to this factory. The proprietor of this factory is or should be a very rich man, for he practically monopolizes this industry. The factory has many departments. First comes the preliminary preparation of the skeleton in the carbolic acid tank and finally the fitting of the bones and joints together with wires.

The preparation of the skeleton takes many months from first to last and is a very expensive process in the bulk. There must be a thorough chemical treatment of the bones, in the first place, to insure their hanging together and remaining in an unaltered state. It is hardly ever the case that a skeleton seen on exhibition is made up entirely of its own original parts. The formula employed in bringing the process of the skeleton's completion to a state of relative perfection is still an industrial secret. It must be when sold as "white as marble."

In the warehouse of this factory are rows of shelves where skeletons of all forms and representative of all races may be seen. Some by accident or in virtue of dissection processes have been broken or dismounted and very carefully refitted with fine wire. Underneath are multitudes of boxes of assorted bones, with big bones, such as ribs, marked off with letters and numbers. In showcases may be seen for sale—or "to let" for whatever purposes desired—skeletons of giants, dwarfs, negroes or of strange races discovered by explorers in faroff countries. Criminals' heads with their names and the dates of their execution (some of them very remote) are seen here, and pamphlets descriptive of their crimes are held for sale, with cards in small type containing the same matter, to be attached, if desired, to the skull or skeleton.—Harper's Weekly.

Getting at the Truth.

He was one of our leading logicians, and he was heard to soliloquize thus: "Five minutes ago I laid my hat somewhere in this room. Nobody has been in since I came. I cannot see my hat now. Therefore I must be sitting on it. Yes, I am. This is another proof of the irresistible power of logic."—London Globe.

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No. 64.	Independence to Dallas and Portland,	6:35 A. M.
No. 61.	Independence to Airlie,	6:40 A. M.
No. 62.	Airlie to Independence and Salem,	8:00 A. M.
No. 65.	Dallas to Independence and Corvallis,	8:55 A. M.
No. 68.	Independence to Dallas,	11:20 A. M.
No. 69.	Dallas to Independence and Portland,	1:25 P. M.
No. 66.	Independence to Dallas,	2:15 P. M.
No. 125.	Independence to Monmouth and return to Independence and Salem,	3:55 P. M.
No. 73.	Dallas to Airlie,	3:45 P. M.
No. 72.	Airlie to Independence,	5:35 P. M.
No. 70.	Independence to Dallas,	6:40 P. M.
No. 126.	Independence to Monmouth and return to Independence,	7:25 P. M.
No. 71.	Dallas to Independence,	7:45 P. M.