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## CHANGES THE CUSTOM.

That there will be no inaugural ball will probably pique a portion of Washington society and spoil the anticipations of those who would have profited by the sale of material and construction of fancy ball gowns.

President-elect Wilson departs from the usual custom and affords us a different view-point from which to perceive the fitness of things associated with the highest functions of a people or country.

The manner of government of a nation either makes for the weal or woe of its citizens as a whole, and why the chief executive should usher in his reign at the helm of state with something altogether frivolous and foreign to the purpose of the higher ideals of government is something we have never been able to discern the fitness of. If, after an executive has filled his term of service and has made a success of his undertaking, he feels like jubiling over his achievement, according to the fitness of things, he might be justified, and we could then see the propriety of his action, but where the celebration comes first appropriateness cannot be applied.

Life is real and governments are instituted for the purpose of adding to the happiness and bettering the condition of mankind and to do this takes earnest, sober and consistent endeavor.

### The People's Side.

When they passed the Thompson swamp land grab bill over the governor's veto the members of the state senate thought they were putting the executive into a hole but they blundered and went into the mire themselves as time will show.

When the bill was passed over the veto legislators made the flimsy excuse that the land in question is not valuable and is unfit for settlement anyway.

It is the same old talk. It is exactly what the Alaska coal grabbers said when they were trying to steal a coal field worth many millions. It is what they used to say about the Everglades in Florida. It is the same thing the steel trust said about the Tennessee Coal & Iron company before it had gobbled it in. Now it is known that property is worth a billion dollars.

The Lake county swamps are valueless now because a big land company is trying to gobble them up. Therefore the company indulges in bearish talk and the legislature has assisted in the game even though the governor pointed out the danger.

Just wait until that company gets this land safely in its paws. Then there will be no talk about worthless land. We will then have a development and exploi-

tation campaign and the newspapers of the state will be urged to boost and help populate those beautiful reclaimed lands. Smooth salesmen will go about selling that land for \$250 an acre and upwards. It will be set forth that the reclaimed swamp land is the richest land in the west and that a man with a wife and 10 children can live in luxury off the earnings of five acres, raising anything under the sun from peanuts to canary birds.

After all that has been said about speculators and promoters in this state how could the legislature take the stand it did. It was an outrage against the people and the state. It is not sufficient to say the swamp land is worthless or that the state board can handle the problem. There is doubt as to what the board can do and no one knows who will be on that board when the present members retire. The matter should have been handled by the legislature so there could have been no doubt or danger.

By its action the legislature has shown incompetency and laid the foundation for a future scandal. It is aiding and abetting the very policy that was assailed with bitterness and tears at the recent irrigation congress. It is aiding a reclamation policy that looks not to serving the settler but to stinging him. It is strange conduct from a legislature that wants to vindicate representative government and shorten the initiative ballot.—East Oregonian.

The suffragettes of England have been rioting and are in the toils of the law again. Of course we do not fully comprehend conditions as they exist in England, but from the tactics the suffragettes of that nation are employing to accomplish their purpose, we are inclined to think that they need governing instead of governmental powers.

The Turko-Balkan trouble is not yet ended, but the beginning of the end is set off some fifteen days longer, so that the middle of February will be here before any particular move will take place indicative of what is coming.

### Increased Interest in Children's Industrial Contest Work.

Among the many educational matters discussed by the county superintendents during their recent session at Salem in the capacity of State Board of Examiners, none was entered into with more interest than the school children's industrial contest work. With one or two exceptions each superintendent had introduced the work in his county, and was gratified with the results. In almost every county where school fairs were held last year for the first time, the exhibits were beyond the expectation of those in charge. The discussion was not as to whether the movement is a good one, and one to be continued. All were agreed and enthusiastic on that point. It was simply a matter of discussing method—how to conduct the work to get the best results. There was an unanimous sentiment in favoring a later date for the State Fair this year in order to make it possible to hold the local contests first, and then send the best of the exhibits to Salem. Some expressed their intention of sending

their whole juvenile county exhibit to the State Fair, and unless there is a mighty side-tracking of enthusiasm, the Fair Board will need to build a roof over one corner of the State Fair grounds to take care of the children's department.

Many of the superintendents in their industrial work this year are going to specialize on poultry, believing that it is a good thing for every child to have the care of some sort of animal life and that nothing is more profitable nor practical to begin with than poultry. It is claimed by some of the superintendents that it is easily possible to meet the entire cost of our public school system by the increase in the production of poultry and eggs by the school children of the State.

N. C. MARIS.

### Get Honolulu and Alaska on Wireless.

The fourth annual engineering show at the Oregon Agricultural College brought out nearly 1,000 spectators to see the demonstrations and exhibits of work done by the boys in the electrical, civil, and mining engineering departments and the forestry school.

The largest crowd was attracted by the big wireless telegraph receiving station and the two smaller sending stations in other buildings. Communication was established with every station on the coast from Alaska to San Diego, and with Honolulu and many ships at sea.

From every station in Alaska came reports of heavy snow storms in progress, and all of the vessels reported that they were laboring under heavy south-east gales. Honolulu also reported storms.

A part of the electrical decoration was done by Yashitaro Fujihira, of Wakoyama, Japan. Besides the Oregon students in charge of the exhibits there were also among the young demonstrators students from Kentucky, Oklahoma, Idaho, Illinois, California, Indiana, British Columbia and the District of Columbia.

Iron welding by electricity under water; cooking on asbestos with ice; an automatic writing machine; methods of irrigation engineering, fire fighting and forest surveying; highway engineering; making spun glass; and building furniture, miniature barns, houses and aeroplanes, all occupied the attention of the students and visitors. The funds received go toward the support of the Student Engineer, a monthly magazine.

### George H. Williams' Statue to Cost \$25,000.

SALEM, ORE., Jan. 27.—The commission appointed by Governor West to inquire into the cost of erecting a statue of George H. Williams in the capitol at Washington has made its report. It recommends an appropriation of \$25,000 for a statue of heroic size, or \$8,000 for a bust. The commission was composed of Colonel C. E. S. Wood, Dr. T. L. Eliot and George H. Haines.

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