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In the organization of the Polk County Debating League, which was public schools of this county than notwithstanding. any intellectual diversion that has been offered them in many years. county and in mental combat with upon the duration of the storm, higher grades of the various other all perish, even though they are beis a suggestion of possibility that the specie in the Willamette valley yond the acquirements of school and philanthropic. experience. There is truth in this, in that wisdom is largely embodied in the manner of expression. There by Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs is little wisdom in muteness except colds, croup and whooping cough. It on fitting occasions, but there is great is the only safe remedy for infants wisdom in truisms poised in polished and children as it contains no opidiction. Refined phraseology comes from long study and constant practice, and in these debates which are Cireful mothers keep a bottle in the soon to take place many people will house. P. M. Kirkland. envy the opportunity thus afforded to acquire the power to declaim well.

Mayor Rodgers of Salem has vetoed the franchise bill of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. This is the franchise over which such a bitter fight has been made during the last six weeks, and over which it is thought the railway and light company passed out bribes among councilmen of Salem with a lavish hand. Because of the war waged against the company by the Salem Statesman for long weeks the Forests of United States Cover Onecouncilmen were reclaimed from their unloyalty to the city under pressure of publicity and a charter drafted after the recommendations of the Statesman. It was all but passed when a section of it relating to the amount of the expense to have been

borne by the railway and light company in the construction of a South Commercial street bridge was found resource which has assisted in maby the mayor to be out of proportion when he returned it to the council of the first settlers are usually too with his disapproval.

is that it will probably not last long enough to please all. We have not been awamped with poems on the beautiful up to this time, but no telling, though, how many are in the course of preparation. Every letter we open, however, is with trembling fingers. Now come slowly for next week and give the literary editor a chance for life.

What do you think of paying 61% cents apiece for eggs? Well, that is effected at Dallas last Saturday, ther the rotall price at Portland, and they The Hop Center of the World came into existence a feature of are still going up. Surely, the hen is school work that is at once commend- the most valuable asset on the farm able and full of promise. It will be these days. She has a monopoly on entered into with more zeal by the the egg trade, the interstate comeighth and ninth grade pupils of the merce commission to the contrary,

It is learned that parties have been The hanging up of a gold medal for hunting and killing pheasants during the winning team by Mr. Hirschberg this storm. While the local gun club gives added attraction to these de- has been sending bushels of wheat bates. The debates will have a out to feed them, heartless men or broadening effect on the minds of boys been following up and killing the participants in them that can be the birds. Since the season is closed experienced in no other way as effi- the punishment of the offense should ciently. It will bring them in con- be doubly severe. Under the circumtact with the other schools of the stances it is still a question, resting the brightest minds of the several whether or not the pheasants will not schools. Declamation in ancient ing cared for. It is a shame that times was of first consideration. In- anyone would stoop to kill these poor deed, with this accomplishment there birds when the struggle to survive there is an attainment of wisdom be- is almost wholly in the hands of the

> Many little lives have been saved acre. ates or other narcotic drugs, and the ci ildren like Foley's Honey and Tar.



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This is a matter in which the city that particular state or section in Salem should proceed without which they are most familiar.



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Polk county is situated in the center of the famous Willamette valley and has the most wonderful agricultural possibilities of any acction of the state. These lands are divided into four classes:

First, that bordering on the Willamette river, Luckiamute and Rickreall streams. Bottom lands along these streams have soil rich and deep, a portion of it being subject to overflow. In these bottoms are located the big hop yards. This land has proven particularly adapted to hops. It will also grow grain and grasses and a variety of vegetation. The price of this land has a wide JOHN BRAMBERG range. Some unimproved, uncleared land may be picked up at \$50 an acre, while improved yielding hop land will bring as bigh as \$30) an

Second is the prairie land. This is a level stretch, rising above the overflow mark and is a great dairy ing, grain, grass and vegetable section of land. This land may be had at \$30 to \$60 an acre, according to improvements and quality of soil. It is very productive and yields good returns on the investment when ; roperly cared for.

Third, is the rolling land. At that point where Polk breaks into gentle undulations to the west are to be seen some farms as attractive as any portion of the earth's surface affords. The Oregon State Agricultural College sends a class out annually to learn object lessons from model farms of the state. The state class every year visits that section of the state lying just west of Independence and in the immediate vicinity of Monmouth in Polk county. The farms of J. B. Stump and Wm. Riddell are on the state college's list. Good improved land of this class can be had at \$50 an acre though the ranges of prices is from \$25 to \$65. This land is easily plowed and produces excellent crops of grain, hay and fruit. At the present time it may be said to be the basis for the stock industry, for besides the grazing pastures here is raised the necessary feed to keep during the short period in winter



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HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Give Pleasant Entertainment.

A joint installation of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of this city was held on the night of Thursday, January 8. An interesting program was rendered consisting in most part of music which was very enjoyable. Refreshments served on the occasion was up to the usual high standard of these organizations, after which the evening was spent in games and other indoor amusements.

The following officers were installed:

Odd Fellows-N. G., Archie Parker; V. G., Claude Skinner; Sec., W. T. Hoffman; Treas., C. W. Irvine; Warden, George Wilson; Chaplain, Fred Hooper; Conductor, Willard Craven; R. S. N. G., D. A. Hodge; L. S. N. G., M. R. Black; R. S. V. G., R. E. Duganne; L. S. V. G., Ross Nelson; S. S., C. E. Huntley and C. Alderson; S. S., C. E. Huntley and C. Alderson; P. N. G., J. N. Jones. Rebekahs-N. G., Mrs. Clyde Wil-liams; V. G., Mrs. J. S. Bohannon: It Will Pay You

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If they live in a much deforested haste. It will be many years before or treeless region, the people usually another chance will present itself to regulate the charter of this corpora- imagine that the country's timber tion.

supply is even more limited than is actually the fact; on the other hand,

If the selection of United States with those whose homes are located senator takes place in a manner as in a section where a pinch in timquiet and machine like next Tuesday ber has not been experienced, the as did the organization of the Ore- feeling is likely to be altogether the gon legislature last Monday, the in- other way, and some become so incident will be so tame that Gover- different at times as to think that nor George will hardly feel that it is there is really not much reason to worth being joyful over. Organiza- worry about a timber problem. Both tion in the senate was easy, because can profit by a reading of the actual at the head was one of Oregon's gam- facts.

est fighters and shrewdest politicians, The forests of the United States and withal a gentleman and a schol- now cover about 550 million acres, ar and a good judge of hop-high- or about one-fourth of the land of the balls. He is in his glorious element whole country. The original forests when he is in the heat of battle and covered not less than 850 million it is remarkable that he emerges acres, or nearly one-half.

from the fray with scalp intact and The forests owned by the governa stick full of notches. In the house ment cover one-fourth of the total C. N. McArthur showed true metal forest area, and contain one-fifth of in the manner in which he lined up all timber standing. Forests pri-Statement Oners and antis in a way vately owned cover three-fourths of both masterful and eloquent. The in- the area, and contain four-fifths of terest which will be shown in the first the standing timber. Besides having ballot for senator will be most in- three times the area and four times tense. With the antis in full posses- the forests, the timberland privately sion of the organization it is very owned is generally more valuable. Forestry, or conservative lumberlikely that there will be a tie-up.

ing, is practiced on 70 per cent of

The last ten days has virtually de- the forests publicly owned and on twice that much will bring a return cided the fate of the joint high less than one per cent of the forests school. The two committees, of In- privately owned. This covers the dependence and Monmouth, have had country's forest resources as they two or three meetings and it is un- stand today. Senator Smoot, chairderstood that they have decided on man of the section of forests of the a location for building site. With the National Conservation Commission, that can be purchased at \$15 to \$25 matter of the site settled there is in outlining the future has said: little probability of the project failing "By reasonable thrift, we can proto materialize. The joint high school duce a constant timber supply bewill mean the establishment of a yond our present need, and with it \$50,000 building just outside the lim- conserve the usefulness of our its of the two cities, an improvement streams for irrigation, water supply, that is enviable to any community. It navigation, and power.

will mean the establishment, also, of "Under right management our fora few families, as teachers will come ests will yield over four times as here for the additional school work. much as now. We can reduce waste It will bring new home builders to in the woods and in the mill at least this section of Polk county for the one-third, with present as well as fuadvantage of high school. With the ture profit. We can perpetuate the splendid agricultural resources of the naval stores industry. Preservative Independence country there is reason treatment will reduce by one-fifth the town and village in Oregon and would have prevented it. They cure to presume that our city will resume quantity used in the water or in the Washington, giving a descriptive constipation, causing bad breath and growth from its long repose of quiet. ground. We can practically stop for- sketch of each place, together with liver trouble, the ill temper, dispel

Let's just say it is a happy diver- one-fifth the value of the standing and a classified directory of each chills. 25c at all druggists. sion, that we enjoy it and that the timber burned each year, not count- business and profession. R. L. Polk only objection which might be offered ing young growth.

Fourth, the hill land, which is crowned with small oak timber. This class of land is used principally for range purposes, with here and there a clearing for gardening or grain. This land makes excellent stock range and can be bought at \$10 to \$16 an acre. Spots are occasionally found that produce well.

when feed is necessary. Much fine

hay is also grown on the bottom

Combine bottom, elevated and rolling land in Polk county and you have a farm adapted to diversified farming which is becoming popular throughout the Willamette valley. Such farms are to be had in Polk county, the county that has for several years past been taking the best prizes at the state fair in competition with the entire state. Where one cares to farm on a large scale

hops, fine sheep, goats, hogs, dairy herds, beef cattle, hay, grain and poultry may be handled on one place. And yet the price of land is ridiculously low, in comparison to other portions of the Willamette valley. If judiciously handled it will produce big dividends on the amount invested. Even cheaper lands can be had but it is not recommended over the better class. Ten to twenty acre can be made to produce a good living for a fair sized family and equal to or greater than 200 acres of hill land. However, one preferring acreage rather than quantity can find land eight to ten miles away from river or rail, fairly good land, an acre.

It is better for you to come prepared to pay from \$40 to \$60 an acre and you will get good land and you will always be satisfied with your investment. There is no doubt that land values will increase in value in Polk county to correspond with other sections of the Willamette valley.

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Would Prevent Lapse. To prevent the time lapsing in which the United States shall be entitled to the \$300,000 appropriated by the Legislature two years ago, provide d the Government appropriates an equal amount, for acquiring the Oregon City locks, Representative B. F. Jones, of Lincoln and Polk, introduced a bill Wednesday extending the time to March 1, 1911.

The appropriation by the 1907 Legislature was contingent on government appropriation, with the understanding that the United States should own and control the locks.

Nothing appears to have been accomplished by the Oregon delegation at Washington since the adjournment of the Legislature two years ago. If no action extending the time were taken by this Legislature the time within which the appropriation is available would expire before the next session

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