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In the organization of the Polk County Debating League, which was effected at Dallas last Saturday, there came into existence a feature of school work that is at once commendable and full of promise.

is that it will probably not last long enough to please all. We have not been swamped with poems on the beautiful up to this time, but no telling, though, how many are in the course of preparation.

What do you think of paying 6 1/2 cents apiece for eggs? Well, that is the retail price at Portland, and they are still going up.

It is learned that parties have been hunting and killing pheasants during this storm. While the local gun club has been sending bushels of wheat out to feed them, heartless men or boys have been following up and killing the birds.

Many little lives have been saved by Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. It is the only safe remedy for infants and children as it contains no opiates or other narcotic drugs.

BEST TIMBER LAND TAKEN

THREE-FOURTHS OF TIMBER AREA PRIVATELY OWNED.

Forests of United States Cover One-Fourth of Land of Whole Country, or About 550 Million Acres—Other Interesting Facts About Timber.

Few people have anything like a clear idea of the amount of forest wealth left in this country. Those who think at all about this natural resource which has assisted in material development since the landing of the first settlers are usually too much influenced by the condition of that particular state or section in which they are most familiar.

If they live in a much deforested or treeless region, the people usually imagine that the country's timber supply is even more limited than is actually the fact; on the other hand, with those whose homes are located in a section where a pinch in timber has not been experienced, the feeling is likely to be altogether the other way, and some become so indifferent at times as to think that there is really not much reason to worry about a timber problem.

The forests of the United States now cover about 550 million acres, or about one-fourth of the land of the whole country. The original forests covered not less than 850 million acres, or nearly one-half.

The forests owned by the government cover one-fourth of the total forest area, and contain one-fifth of all timber standing. Forests privately owned cover three-fourths of the area, and contain four-fifths of the standing timber.

The last ten days has virtually decided the fate of the joint high school. The two committees, of Independence and Monmouth, have had two or three meetings and it is understood that they have decided on a location for building site.

Let's just say it is a happy diversion, that we enjoy it and that the only objection which might be offered

POLK COUNTY LAND OF GOLD

A COUNTRY RICH IN AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.

The Hop Center of the World Where Products of the Field Attain Highest Yields and Land Values Are Unreasonably Low.

Polk county is situated in the center of the famous Willamette valley and has the most wonderful agricultural possibilities of any section of the state.

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.

Second is the prairie land. This is a level stretch, rising above the overflow mark and is a great dairying, grain, grass and vegetable section of land.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Polk's Gazetteer. A business directory of each city, town and village in Oregon and Washington, giving a descriptive sketch of each place, together with the location and shipping facilities and a classified directory of each business and profession.



Parents Should Know It is the duty of parents to educate their children in the habits of cleanliness.

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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.

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; P. N. G., J. N. Jones.

Rebekahs—N. G., Mrs. Clyde Williams; V. G., Mrs. J. S. Bohannon; Sec., Mrs. E. T. Henkle; Treas., Mrs. W. A. Messner; R. S. N. G., Mrs. D. A. Hodge; L. S. N. G., Mrs. Fred Hooper; R. S. V. G., Ethel Whiteaker; L. S. V. G., Jessie Cromwell; I. G., Ida Richardson; O. G., Clara Purvine; Chaplain, Kate Jones; Conductor, Maggie Hodge; Warden, Clara Bentley.

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 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.

Oregon Weather Happy Contrast.

We are rich and happy in this world only by comparison and contrast. For years Oregon has had ideal weather. For instance, during 1908, 25 degrees above zero was the coldest weather experienced at Portland and our little shiver of a few days, disagreeable as we may consider it, is from 20 to 50 degrees warmer than it has been at the same time in the sections that most of us came from.

Don't Get a Divorce.

A western judge granted a divorce on account of ill-temper and bad breath. Dr. King's New Life Pills would have prevented it. They cure constipation, causing bad breath and liver trouble, the ill temper, dispel colds, banish headaches, conquer chills. 25c at all druggists.

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20 Per Cent Discount Sale

We shall continue the sale until Saturday, January 16, 1909, which will positively be the last day.

We've too Many Goods on Hand

and we need the room for our new Spring lines, some of which are already on the way. We offer every article of our splendid stock at

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with the single exception of Boston and Bay State Rubbers and Rubber Boots. Every pair of Shoes in the house reduced 20 per cent. Every suit of Clothes in the house reduced 20 per cent. 20 per cent discount on every yard of dress Goods.

Every item in our immense stock, with the single exception of Rubbers and Rubber Boots. Every article in the store is marked in plain figures and you can figure the 20 per cent discount for yourself.

Table listing discounts: If your bill amounts to \$20 you get it for \$16, If your bill amounts to \$15 you get it for \$12, etc.

We are not paying any sales agency a commission to manage this sale for us. We are simply overstocked and realize that a deep cut in prices is the only way to make this clearance Sale a success.

It Will Pay You

to buy a year's supply of goods for your family, because it is a genuine 20 per cent discount Sale and you'll not find values elsewhere like we offer. Remember that this is the first general sale that we have had in seventeen years and you'll find everything exactly as represented.

Barnes' Cash Store

Salem, Oregon

BUILD HERE Entire Block, \$200

The 44-acre tract which was advertised in this ad last week is sold. Here is what we have to offer this week:

A whole block, located in Thorp's original town of Independence, beautifully situated and fenced on all sides. Price \$200.

Chas. E. Hicks INDEPENDENCE, OREGON