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The dairy number for April 15 of Pacific Homestead is a splendid paper, printed in three colors. It is well edited and replete with fine half tones of the fine stock of the Willamette valley.

As a direct result of the meeting in Cottage Grove under the auspices of the Oregon Development League, that active community has already raised an advertising fund of \$3,900, and this will reach \$4,200.00. Most of the places which talk about their per capita contribution will have to take off their hats to Cottage Grove; that city has determined to put itself on the map in a really effective way.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, in a magnificent booklet of which it has just issued 100,000 copies, says in its introduction of Oregon: "A land of fertile hills and valleys, mountains of untouched forests, a climate unequalled anywhere, and scenery of which the eye never tires and the mind never ceases to wonder Oregon attracts the homeseeker and the tourist. Its 96,000 square miles furnish every need of human calling. Thousands are finding homes and fortunes in the midst of its inexhaustible resources, etc. etc. etc."

A city is kept clean by every man sweeping in front of his own door. A city is made beautiful by each man keeping his home neat and his front yard in order. Even a rented place is pretty if the tenant has pride enough to keep it neat and clean. Where all the houses and yards on a street are well kept that street attracts the attention of passersby. It does not take much money nor much time to make a place neat, and the sight of a neat place raises the estimation the public has for a family. The city should do something for its parks and for the streets; the people must do it for the houses. To have a city beautiful the people who own the houses and the people who rent houses must take an interest. Attention to details make beauty.—Corvallis Gazette.

LOADS MUST BE HEAVY

Some Absurd Blunders in New Oregon Road Law

Salem—Among the quaint and curious blunders of the recent session of the Oregon legislature, the passing of a bill making it unlawful to drive a wagon on any improved road west of the Cascade range weighing with its burden less than 2,500 pounds. The bill is house bill No. 81, and is designed to protect the roads from the result of overloading narrow-tire wagons.

The bill was referred to the house committee on roads and highways and by them amended and jumbled up. Section 2 gives county roads authority to regulate the weight of all loads of various commodities, between the first day of October and the first day of May of each year, Section 3 was amended to read, referring to the weight of loads that may be hauled:

"And the maximum weight thereof shall not be made less than 2,500 pounds nor more than 3,000 pounds for any vehicle having tires of any width less than four inches, nor less than 3,500 pounds nor more than 4,500 pounds for any vehicle having tires of more than four inches and less than six inches in width, nor less than 4,500 pounds for any vehicle having tires of six inches or more in width," etc.

The bill is intended to apply to counties wholly or in part west of the Cascade range.

Any violation may be punished by county courts for contempt of court.

Prominent Speakers Pledged

Many prominent speakers will be present at the Conservation meeting to be held at Walla Walla, Washington, May 13-14. Acceptances are coming in every day from invitations sent out by the Commercial Club. Expressions of enthusiasm accompany each acceptance. The success of the meeting is assured. Now that the railroads have granted special rates to Walla Walla for all those desiring to attend the Conservation meet, an assembly of between five hundred and one thousand people is looked for. Further invitations and programs will be sent out.

Lebanon Votes for Bonds

In one of the most bitterly contested elections ever held in Lebanon school district the people by a majority of 27 votes decided to build a \$25-

000 high school this summer, and issued bonds for that purpose. Lebanon has now a school of 12 grades and is badly in need of proper buildings for school purposes. The 400 school children were a vital force in making the election a success for the new building, as they urged all their friends and relatives to vote for bond and a new building.

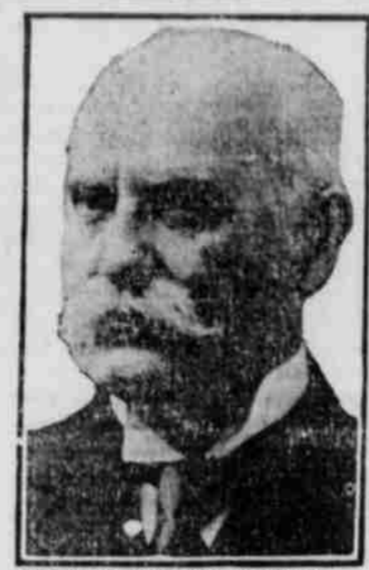
WILL RAISE PRICE OF BREAD

Many bakers Driven Out of Business Through High Prices.

Chicago, April 29.—Following in the wake of the action of Jewish bakers of Chicago in increasing the price of bread and biscuits, definite announcement from the president of Master Bakers' Association that 1 cent and possibly 2 cents will be tacked onto the price of bread before May 1.

After a thorough canvass of the situation, the president declared that bakers throughout the city face the alternative of charging more for their product or going into bankruptcy.

More than 50 bakers in this city have been driven out of business within a comparatively short time on account of the high price of materials and the enforcement of the ordinance pertaining to sanitation.



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SENATOR ALDRICH.

As chairman of the finance committee of the upper national house Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island is one of the leaders in the discussion of the tariff in that body.

We have just received our spring line of men's oxford shoes in patents, tans and oxbloods at Conkey, Walker & Lehman's.

OREGON BRIEFLETS

Merlin—Ward has been received here that D. L. Pelly, a miner at Galice, was blown up by dynamite some time Friday.

Brownsville—The officers of the Linn County Pioneers' Association have set the date for the 21st annual reunion and three days' picnic for June 23, 24 and 25.

Baker City—The Eastern Oregon Express Co., operating between this city and Austin on the Sumpter Valley railroad, has been purchased by the Pacific Express Co.

Salem—The state board has closed a deal for the purchase of a new site in North Salem for the deaf mute school. The land purchased is the old Polytechnic Institute in part and comprises between 53 and 54 acres. The price paid was \$17,325.

Heppner—The crop outlook in Morrow county is very promising. From all sections comes the report that grain is looking better than ever before at this time of the year. There is a largely increased acreage and all are sanguine of a bumper crop.

Marshfield—The orchardists of this vicinity are congratulating themselves on the indications for a large fruit yield this year. The apple, cherry, pear, plum and prune trees have been in blossom for more than a week, and they have so far advanced that damage from frosts and cold spring rains is not feared.

Klamath Falls—Elmer Applegate has a 17-acre tract south of this city which he will plant in potatoes. Last year Mr. Applegate made on an average of \$400 an acre on his potato crop. This was after deducting all expenses and allowing for labor. His entire acreage averaged over 300 bushels to the acre.

Eugene—The first installment of 2000 packages of seed for the Lane county school children has been distributed. These seeds will be planted by the school children of the county to raise vegetables for the special exhibit to be made at the Lane county fair, which is to be held in Eugene.

Marshfield—Investigation of the death of Miss Mable L. Barnes, who died suddenly two weeks ago, has been discontinued. The stomach was sent for examination to the state chemist at Corvallis, but as he is out of the city, it has been returned without analysis. There was no other evidence to show anything but a natural death, so the coroner's jury returned a verdict of unknown cause.

Klamath Falls—The lives of 40 men were jeopardized, a horse so injured that its death ensued, and about 30 beams of timbering destroyed in the new railroad tunnel near the Oregon-California line on the California Northwestern railway by the explosion of two batches of dynamite Friday night, ignited by a laborer named Peterson, who in a half intoxicated condition had taken umbrage because ordered to leave the tunnel.

Salem—Governor Benson has received a letter from Governor A. E. Wilson, of Kentucky, inviting the Oregon executive to send three delegates and attend in person the third international conference on state and local taxation, to be held at Louisville, Ky., September 21-24, 1909, under the auspices of the International Tax Association. The governor has replied that he will appoint three delegates.

Pendleton—In contracting to sell 180,000 pounds of this year's wool clip at 20 cents a pound, Montie B. Gwynn, of this city, president of the Malheur Livestock Association, has probably made the largest and best wool sale of the season in Oregon. The news of the sale has caused general rejoicing among local growers, as it is taken as an indication of what they can expect. It is also reported here that several hundred pounds of Montana wool have been contracted for at 22 cents.

New County up to Voters

Advocates of the creation of county of Nesmith have not given up the fight, but will initiate the measure which failed in the legislature. This became evident when A. B. Wood, of Cottage Grove called on Attorney General Crawford to secure the latter's opinion as to the legality of an initiative petition prepared for the purpose of appealing the Nesmith county matter to the people of the state at the next election.

Annual Roll Call

The annual roll call of the Baptist church will be held at the church house in this city on Saturday, May 1st, at 10 o'clock a. m. the regular business of roll call and election of officers for church and Sabbath school for the ensuing year will be had. A committee will provide an interesting program; steps to be taken to secure a new pastor and other business matters may possibly come up for consideration. Rev. F. C. W. Parker, Secretary and general missionary of state, is expected to be present. An all-day session. Come and bring your dinner. W. H. PARKS, Clerk.

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