

## West Side Enterprise

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The State Board of Agriculture has decided to hold the annual State Fair at Salem the coming year as usual. It is a wise decision. There has been some talk of dispensing with the State Fair for 1905 since we are to have a four-months stretch of the Lewis and Clark Fair. The State Fair should be one of the main side attractions to the Lewis and Clark Fair. The State Fair never covers more than a week's time. Lone Oak track, situated on the grounds, is one of the best race tracks west of the Rockies. Horsemen are in the habit of bringing their strings to this track for training and races of national interest may be provided for there, next fall. There is no other track in the Northwest that compares with Lone Oak, to which visitors to Oregon next year may be invited. The State Fair is over half a century old. During almost the entire existence of the state, people have not been deprived of a State Fair in the fall. Tender memories cling to its annual recurrence and no break should be made now. The State Fair should really be treated as an important auxiliary to the Lewis and Clark Fair, and the latter will be a help to the State Fair. There is no use for any hesitation on the part of the Board of Agriculture about getting up an exhibit. With the exception of individual county exhibits, which will go to the Lewis and Clark Fair, the best display of Oregon's products in the history of the State Fair should be displayed. It is not the purpose of the people who are giving half a million dollars to the Lewis and Clark Fair that visitors from the east shall be penned up in Portland. They are coming to see Oregon. They will want to visit the Capital of the state and once at the Capital they will want to see Polk county just across the river. And every visitor to Oregon is entitled to see Polk county that holds the blue ribbon over all others of the state in competition for the best showing of products. Oregon has many attractions, but it will be a mistake if excursions are not arranged for out of Portland through Polk county and to the State Fair, during the Lewis and Clark Fair next year.

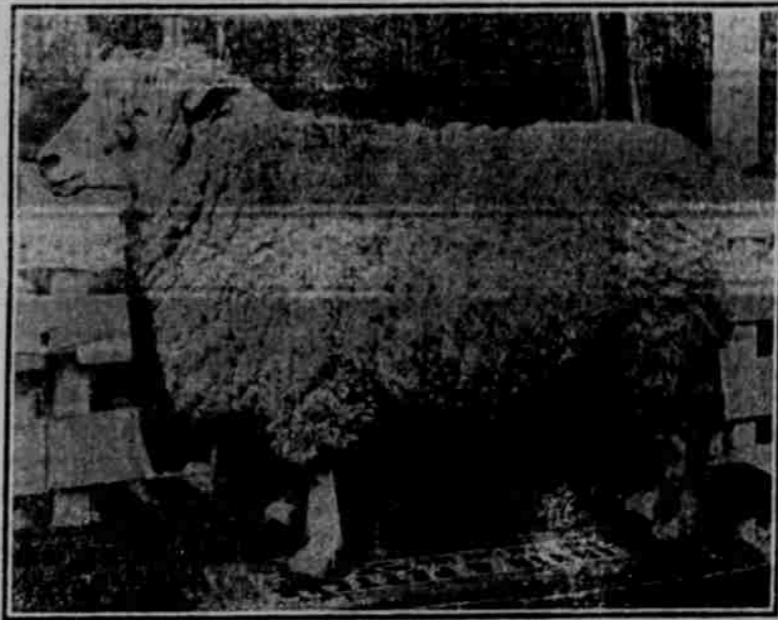
Franklin Pierce Mays has been indicted by the federal grand jury for complicity with Puter, McKinley, Emma Watson and Marie Ware in a conspiracy to defraud the government out of public lands. Mr. Mays is state senator-elect from Multnomah county. He had served one term before and has also served as United States district attorney for Oregon. Until the land fraud investigation came up he was a prominent candidate for president of the senate. Mr. Mays is best known in legislative circles as author of the Mays law which provides that at a general election, the voters may indicate their choice for a United States senator for guidance of members of the legislature. After the law

Mr. Mays had fathered, was placed on the statutes of the state and it came to a test, he declined to abide by its provisions.

Secretary of State Dunbar made some very good recommendations along the line of cutting down unnecessary state expenses in his biennial report and some he overlooked. For instance, fees collected by the secretary of state and put in his pocket instead of covering it into the state treasury. Selfishness, that touch of nature which makes us all kin has a hold on our secretary of state and creeps out in his report. If the coming legislature wants to retrench, the proper place to begin is with the office of secretary of state.

The Clackamas county officials will ask their legislative delegation to introduce a bill for a 25 per cent raise in salaries. With the exception of treasurer, Polk county officials will probably be able to scrimp along. The sum of \$750 a year is not commensurate with the bond required and responsibility placed on the treasurer.

There are 200,000 sheep in Umatilla county. Of these 150,000 are ewes, and no matter whether wool is up or down, they keep lamming away at their business.—Statesman. The Statesman does not account for the whole bunch. It fails to mention the sex or employment of the other 50,000.



A Polk County Cotswold Sheep

Popular demand is the ultimate source of good law; popular indifference the source of bad law.

How glad printers are that Christmas comes on Sunday. Don't have to miss a day.

Salem has discovered that gravel don't make streets. Something new every day.

Readers of Polk county will miss the advertisements of Dr. Darrin.

In a minute analysis of the Nan Patterson case, the Salem Statesman has discovered that you can spell "Nan" backwards as well as forwards.

If the Lewis and Clark state commission does not give every county a fair shake, it can take its exhibit to the State Fair at Salem.

Cut politics out and organize the legislature on a business basis for the benefit of the people, once.

### Bainy Weather

The Christmas weather enjoyed in these parts is confined to a very small territory of the United States. Mornings the past week have been bainy as spring time and it is really unusual y mild even for the Willamette valley. November was the warmest on record for that month and without the calendar to prove it, people could hardly be made to believe this is the month of December. Grass and grain fields are green. Wild plum trees are most ready to bloom and crocuses and Oregon grape are almost ready to bud. On hazel trees the buds are swelling, and in some instances bursting out and Chinese lilies are ready to bloom. "This is remarkable weather" said A. Nelson one day this week. During his many years of residence in Oregon, Mr. Nelson says he has never seen it quite so warm in December.

### To Save Eloquence

L. M. Hall passed through Independence this week on his way to Salem. The purpose of his visit to the Capital, Mr. Hall stated, was to look after acoustic properties of the legislative halls for he is interested that the eloquence of the Polk county delegation be not lost. Mr. Hall was formerly a resident of this county and he makes full confession to being a democrat. He is now book-keeper for E. O. Taylor, the logger. Mr. Taylor logs on a big scale. He is now decking logs ready to float on the North Fork of the Willamette in Lane county. The past year he logged 4,000,000 feet out of the mountains. The coming year, he will get out 5,000,000.

### A Little War

There was quite a war on the Dick Kiger farm at Corvallis Sunday night. Kiger is reported to have removed the wire from the Bell poles to the Independent poles running on his farm, and then the Bell people moved them back. When Kiger again came to the front. Some of the Bell people went to Albany, secured a big supply of shooting arms and returned to the Kiger farm, but affairs were settled down and the trouble ceased for awhile. The Bell people say they have a written contract with Kiger which gives them the right to the poles and wire, and it may take the courts to settle matters.

### Coughing Spell Caused Death

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe Democrat, Dec. 1st, 1901."

Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by A. S. Locke.

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The Leading Farmers Paper in the United States, will be furnished

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one year to every new subscriber to the

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This Offer is Good Only For This Month.

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Free with \$5. purchase of Silver Ware a Shaving Mug worth 75c  
Free with \$4. purchase of Silver Ware Boy or Girls 50c Knife  
Free with \$2. purchase of Silver Ware a Boys 25c Knife  
Free with \$1. purchase of Silver Ware a Boys 15c Knife

\*A Knife will make the little ones happy.

Cut out this coupon, bring it to our store Dec. 24, and it will secure you a Liberal Discount on every item mentioned in this ad.



Carving Sets with Genuine Stag Handle \$1.50 to \$7.00  
Our Assortment is Complete.

We want you to look over our line of *Hardware Holiday Specialties*: Chafing Dishes, Butter Knives, Berry Spoons, Sugar Shells, Nickel Plated Ware, Savory Roasters, etc. Fancy Trimmers, Manicure Scissors, Fancy Razors, Pocket Cutlery etc. Try one of our GILLETTE SAFETY RAZORS.



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On BUGGIES and HACKS Dec. 23  
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