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The following letter from the
Oregon Agricultural College
should be of interest.

Mr. R. M. Standish,
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My Dear Sir:-

When we were at your institute a few months ago there were some questions asked regarding the eradication of ferns from some of the lands in the vicinity of Estacada. I have recently received from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., a bulletin No. 687, Farmers' Bulletin, dealing with the eradication of ferns on some lands in the United States. I thought that those who wish to read this bulletin could get a copy gratis from the Department of Agriculture, so that you could probably publish in your paper the name and number of this bulletin.

Trusting that we may be able to be of some assistance to you in any matter pertaining to vegetable gardening in your community, I am

Sincerely Yours,
A. G. B. Bouquet,
Ass't Professor of Vegetable Gardening.

Under the heading "Disgruntled", the Canby Herald last week handed out the following:-

"Speaking of the recommendation of the recent County Taxpayers' Meeting that the county purchase the fair grounds at this place, the Estacada Progress says: 'Under the conditions, the court has no alternative but to do as instructed, but Commissioner Mattoon for one, says he will not sanction the purchase,' etc., etc. Looks as though Mr. Mattoon deliberately and arbitrarily says in effect that he will not obey the law as it is generally recognized. Furthermore the Progress, inasmuch as it is speaking in condemnatory terms of the action of the taxpayers and cites Mr. Mattoon's position in furtherance of its view, it in substance commends a public official for his announced intention to disobey the law.

The Progress further characterizes the proceedings of the Taxpayers' Meeting in part as 'foolish recommendations that were enacted by county seaters and the Canby delegation.' Doubtless if those 'County seaters and the Canby delegation' had recommended that the county fair be moved to Estacada or Barton the Progress would have been better pleased."

It still remains a question with many taxpayers as to whether the so-called recommendations of the Taxpayers' Meeting are law

or as the name implies merely recommendations. If the court decides not to buy the Canby Fair Grounds, it will not be without a precedent, for the court in the past has used its own discretion regarding other recommendations.

The Progress feels real hurt at the claim that it would be better pleased to have the county fair staged at Estacada or Barton.

All the Progress has urged is a fair deal and that means locating the annual fair in a centrally located place, along good transportation facilities.

Last week, Governor Withcombe declared the charters of a list of corporations, among them being the Clackamas County Fair, forfeited; owing to failure to submit an annual report for the last two years.

This last move forces the future of the county fair into the hands of the county court and there is no time like the first of the year to get busy at it; first decide where it will be held; then appoint a fair board early.

To Attend

National Canners' Convention

R. C. Deming of Garfield, who is now in New York, visiting his folks and attending to some business matters, in a recent letter to the Progress, states that he is thoroughly investigating the eastern market conditions, especially as to the demand for Oregon apples, prunes, loganberries and small fruits.

He reports a good demand for Oregon apples and no limit to the demand for prunes, but to date the loganberry has not met with popular favor among eastern consumers, although the loganberry juice seems to be gaining popularity.

Mr. Deming intends to return to Estacada next month and enroute will stop at Louisville, Ky., where he will attend the sessions of the National Canners' Assn.



County Has 1303 Miles Of Highway Of All Sorts And Kinds

County Judge H. S. Anderson has just prepared a summary of the reports of county road supervisors for the year 1915, which shows the class of highway and the work done on the roads during the past twelve months. The report shows 1303 miles of road altogether, composed of the following varieties:

	miles
Gravel or rock road redress	58
Plank Road	110
Gravel Road	185
Crushed Rock Road	135
Bituminous Macadam Road	7
Dirt Road	866
Plank Road built in 1915	7 1/2
Gravel Road built in 1915	23
Crushed Rock built in 1915	20 1/2
Bituminous McAdam built in 1915	2
Gravel or Rock Road redress	58

278 cement and iron culverts have been installed in 1915, taking the places of that number of plank culverts or bridges.

There are reported in the county 512 bridges.

The reports show further that 32 miles of new road has been opened for travel during the past year, and that about \$9000 has been donated in labor or cash for road improvements.

In road machinery owned by the county, the principal items are: 5 road rollers, 11 rock crushers, 1 gravel screening plant, 1 road oiling and asphalt heating outfit, 34 road graders, 40 road drags, 79 wheel scrapers, together with a long list of slip scrapers, plows and other small tools.

Does it not seem odd that Clackamas County, which December 31st last, bragged of the fact that the prohibition law would close but seven saloons in the county, has had to appropriate the sum of \$3,000. from the taxpayers money to enforce the prohibition law in this county?

As near as we can ascertain, but one other county in the state appropriated any extra money for the enforcement of prohibition, not even Multnomah County.

Are the taxpayers getting a good economic run for their money, under such circumstances?



In a short time we will make herewith an announcement which will be of importance to all people in every walk of life.

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