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PURE FOOD LAWS.

The recent visit to Bend of a representative of the State Dairy and Food Commissioner calls attention to the fact that Oregon has a collection of laws which amount to a pure food code. Not that there are any local conditions the existence of which would lead one to think that such a code existed, for we believe that Bend is singularly fortunate in the manner in which its stores are kept and its food supplies displayed. But we do believe that here, as elsewhere in the state and country, there is much that is offered for sale that would not be if there were proper state and national pure food laws strictly enforced. The fault for the condition is general, but the consumer is at the bottom of the heap. If he made his grocer carry only products that are pure the grocer in turn would buy only such from the wholesaler and the wholesaler from the manufacturer. As things stand today, the consumer thinks of little but the price and the dealer who would like to carry only the best is forced, by his less particular competitor, to carry the poorer qualities merely to hold his trade.

Authorities agree that the national food law is sadly insufficient and the most stringent of state laws is therefore useless because of the federal protection of interstate shipments. Yet public sentiment can work wonders, whatever the condition of the law, as is well shown by the case of the little town of Westfield, Mass., which has come to be known as the pure food town. Manufacturers know they have made a pure food when they get it on sale there and they advertise the fact of their admission to the stores of the town.

It would be a fortunate thing if some such condition might be brought about in the towns of Oregon, and best of all in Bend. We believe that before long there will be an effort made by President Wilson to have the national law improved and following this the state laws will have a bolstering up. Compliance with the law comes easiest to those who agree with its provisions. If we can begin now to see the advantages of the change, we will be ready for the new law when it comes.

RATIONAL PRIZE GIVING.

Among the prizes offered at the different fairs now being held all over the country are a number which in the nature of things must be given as rewards for successful activity running over a number of years, and as this farming has not been done because the farmer was working for any reward it must come to him as a surprise. Now, surprises are sometimes pleasant things to happen, but we believe that they are not as conducive to better farming or stock raising as might be. And as that is the chief reason for giving awards, premiums and prizes, we venture the suggestion that the present arrangements fail of their purpose.

Prize winning at county fairs is usually associated with the idea of having begun not earlier than the winter before and, by selecting seed and preparing a piece of ground a little better than anyone else, producing a crop that takes the ribbon in the fall. Now, here comes an offer for the best animals of a certain

age. There is no competition in it. Some years ago someone began to raise, say, a pair of that variety. He has cared for them so well that when the announcement of the prizes is made he has the best of that kind in the county and when the fair comes he gets the award. True, he has worked well and deserves recognition, but the prize has not bettered farming conditions, as was intended. We repeat, there has been no competition. And there is no incentive for his neighbor to try to better him at next year's fair because he does not know what the prizes then are to be.

We would suggest to the prize-giving powers that be that they carefully consider the classes of exhibits and then offer prizes in the important classes which will be repeated for a term of years. Then our farmer friends will be stirred to begin raising now the animal or the pair that is to compete for the prize in 1915 and 1916. That will improve breeds.

EVERYBODY'S AUTO.

"County auto. It is ordered the clerk issue warrants for gas bills for county auto with a very distinct understanding that the car shall be as much at the disposal of one county official as another, viz., the sheriff shall be allowed no preference, except during sessions of circuit court."

This illuminating paragraph appears in the proceedings of the last session of the County Court. Whence it is quite evident that Judge Springer proposes to joy ride in that sacred county car wherever and whenever he feels disposed and that Sheriff Elkins, for whose office the car was purchased primarily, so far as the taxpayers understood, may have to resort to a deal of dexterity if he is to have its use in the exercise of his duties. Under the provisions of the unique order Messrs. Myers, Rice, Brown (Warren and W. W.), Jordan, Foster, Poindexter, the school officers, etc., etc., are permitted to use the auto. Alone of them all, we suspect Commissioner Bayley will not demand his official privilege!

C. N. McArthur of Portland, Speaker of the last House, has come out in the open as an opponent of A. W. Lafferty for Congress. Mr. McArthur is a man with a record for capable accomplishment. By dint of hard work, backed with ability and poli-

tical sense, he won his way to a leading position in state legislative affairs. An able lawyer, his experience, political and professional, has brought him in close contact with general conditions throughout the state, and in addition to this he is a heritage which logically enough seems to predict a political career in Oregon—for his father, one of Eastern Oregon's foremost pioneers, was an officeholder before him. And there is another side of the question: a weaker and a less able man than Pat McArthur would be a fit opponent for Lafferty. Oregon has had enough of that political shyster. Neither his personal record, nor his public accomplishments, merit for him support—rather, they should win the sturdiest kind of opposition among all thoughtful voters of Multnomah. Let us hope that McArthur goes to Congress and Lafferty goes to the political junk heap.

The Bulletin has received a copy of the latest publication of the Department of Agriculture issued under the new plan of making its literature more readable by the person for whose benefit it is issued, the farmer. Hereafter instead of a technical description of a bug or a plant disease or a soil condition which could be understood only by a fellow scientist of the author, we shall have something that all can take in. A bug will be called a bug and not a species of homoptera. The man who has started this new idea has our thanks.

It was Lowell, the poet, who said, "What is so rare as a day in June!" It does not require a poet to appreciate the fall weather in Central Oregon, and any prosaic can exclaim with equally as much truth as did the New England author, "What is so rare as a Bend day in September or October!"

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WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

NORTH PORTLAND, Sept. 26.—Receipts for the week have been: Cattle 1492, calves 19, hogs 1983, horses 26. Sentiment in the cattle market has not been such as to warrant optimism recently. While receipts have not totaled so much as a week ago, there has been more than enough beef to supply trade needs. The \$8 steer has been displaced at least temporarily, and extreme top quotation is \$7.50 to \$7.75. Humpling the hog market is not proving as easy a task as buyers anticipated. No other explanation is needed than supply paucity. Statistically the market is 10 to 15 cents higher than it was a week since and prime light swine are resting around \$8.75. Mutton and lamb liquidation continued liberal and there was so much real fat killing stuff in the run that buyers did not care to shade bids. Choice mountain wethers sold 4.00 to 4.25 and ewes at 4.00.

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