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The legislature has closed. As Mark Antony said of Caesar, "the evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones," and so it is, perhaps, with legislatures.

But we do not speak just here of the late lamented session in any disparagement, or to discuss its larger deeds and apparent misdeeds. Rather is it our purpose to remark in passing upon the record of our local representatives.

Mr. Burdick, of Redmond, has come through his first legislative session with distinct credit. He has proved himself capable, likeable and balanced. He voted on the common-sense side of nearly every question and won the confidence and respect of his fellow members. From a local standpoint he has played fair and has worked with his joint representative, Mr. Forbes, for the best interests of this territory.

For Vernon A. Forbes, of Bend, this was a third session. He entered it with the advantages of experience and prestige; he has emerged from it with a record which is second to that of no other member.

As discerning a judge of legislative efficiency as C. C. Chapman, of the Oregon Voter, who has been at the capital throughout the session, says, "Forbes is the smartest man in the lower house." That is praise worth having, and praise well deserved in this instance.

Mr. Forbes made good. The record of his votes is worth examining. It stands the test, both in state-wide matters and where local affairs are concerned. For Deschutes county he certainly "brought home the bacon," and in all things labored diligently for his constituents.

Here, in detail, is what Mr. Chapman says about Representative Forbes in a recent issue of the Oregon Voter, while discussing county division questions:

"The Deschutes county boosters are succeeding in getting the legislature to ratify a county division. There was a vote, and on the face of the returns Deschutes county was cut off from Crook county. Fraud was alleged, and the case is now in the courts for determination.

"But the enterprising people of Bend, the county seat of the new county, are not satisfied to let the courts take their course. They are ably represented by Vernon A. Forbes, who is so strong in the House of Representatives that he carried the bill through and probably will get it through the Senate.

"Forbes is the smartest man of all the active floor leaders in the lower house. He is quick, experienced and resourceful. He is making his big fight for Deschutes county, and is strong enough to get favorable action in the upper house."

He was strong enough. The vote in the Senate was unanimous.

PRIZES OFFERED FOR REVOLUTION ESSAYS

Public School Students to Compete in Writing on Historical Subjects.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers a series of prizes totaling the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the pupils of the public schools of the State of Oregon for essays on topics connected with the war for American independence.

There will be three prizes awarded: Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for the second, and ten dollars (\$10.00) for the third best essay, respectively, written by pupils of the grade or high schools of the state on one of the following topics:

1. The Siege of Yorktown.
2. The influence of Benjamin Franklin upon the American Revolution.
3. The part played by the Colony of Massachusetts in the American Revolution.
4. Privateers and their work in the Revolution.

The conditions controlling the contest are as follows: Essays shall not exceed three thousand words in length; shall be written in the pupil's own hand writing on one side of white paper, and must be accompanied by a certificate from the pupil's teacher to the effect that the essay is the unaided work of the pupil. Essays must be signed by the writer, giving full postoffice address, including the county, and be forwarded to Mr. Winthrop Hammond, Chairman of the committee, No. 127 Sixth St., Portland, Oregon. Essays must be in the hands of the committee not later than April 1, 1917. Essays not

complying with these requirements will be rejected. No essays will be returned.

Prizes will be awarded upon the following points:

1. Originality;
2. Accuracy of statement;
3. Manner of treatment;
4. Orthography, syntax and punctuation;
5. Neatness and legibility.

The prizes are offered to encourage love of country and the study of its history.

Further information concerning the contest may be had by addressing any member of the committee in charge of the contest whose names and addresses appear below.

WINTHROP HAMMOND,
127 Sixth St., Portland, Or.
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State House, Salem, Or.
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THE POISONING OF COYOTES IS URGED

Wool Growers Association Gives Committee Report on Best Methods.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

To lessen the damage to stock by coyotes the National Wool Grower's Association, through a special committee has given the subject careful study in connection with the United States Biological survey and has reported giving methods of poisoning which are of value to the farmers and stockmen of this section. Because of the importance of eradicating the coyote on account of his part in the spread of the rabies epidemic the recommendations of the committee are given herewith.

"The conclusion reached after thorough discussion with officials in charge of the government operations in poisoning coyotes, is that, under winter conditions best results are obtained from small baits composed of lard and sugar, each with a poison

dose of two and three-fourths (2 3/4) grains of strychnine (powdered alkaloid). The strychnine may be contained in a No. 2 capsule, or it may be placed in loose form in a cavity in the center of the bait. In the latter case, it is essential that the lard be cold and hard when the poison is added, since warm lard quickly absorbs the extremely bitter taste of strychnine.

"The entire process of preparing the baits should be by means of clean wooden or metal implements to avoid the taint of human hands. Probably the most important recommendation of all, is that each bait be kept in a small, clean paper bag from the time it is prepared until placed for the coyote. It is advised that paper bags for the purpose be plainly labeled, "Coyote poison."

"The materials are usually at hand for any stockman to prepare his own baits. Good, odorless, home-rendered lard is considered better than the market article.

"The committee strongly advocates that each live stock association employ a competent man to make the baits in quantity, to supply members and co-operators, and that every effort be made to poison the ranges during the remainder of the winter.

"In general operations of the kind, it is important that inhabitants of the district be notified and other pre-arrangements be made to insure the safety of dogs that are valued.

Directions for Preparing Poison Baits
"(A)—In a warm place, mix thoroughly together home rendered lard and sugar in about equal quantities. Place outside to cool until stiff enough to mold into balls about the size of a small walnut; or into discs of about the same bulk. Press in the cavities for the poison; place in rows on a clean board and set outside to become thoroughly cold and hard. With a large pointed goose quill or other suitable measure, place the poison in the cavities with care that none be left on the surface. Close the cavities by applying the

COUNTY AGENT NOTES

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Children Raise Potatoes.

County Superintendent J. Alton Thompson and County Agriculturalist R. A. Blanchard have been busy organizing industrial clubs in Deschutes county. Four clubs were formed, with a total membership of 34 boys and girls, who will raise potatoes this year for competition in the state prize. Clubs were formed at Bend, Deschutes and Tumalo. The Pilot Butte Potato club elected Ray Wornstaff president and Jessie Stooky for secretary. The Juniper Cove Potato club named Clyde Smith for president and Mildred Witteman for secretary. The Deschutes Potato club elected Katherine Redfield and Edith Gray to fill their respective offices, while the Tumalo Potato club made Holbert Wallace president and Wayne Wright secretary.

The plan of these boys and girls clubs is primarily to instill a love of agriculture within the young people, to teach them to use their hands profitably and to assist the general agriculture of the country in helping to establish a uniform grade of potato and demonstrate its value in the county.

Each member will grow one-eighth of an acre and perform the major part of the work themselves, keeping accurate cost account and notes on growth throughout the entire season. This will instill business sense and encourage helpful observation. Each member of the club receives from time to time instruction sheets on the proper method of planting, treating the seed, cultivation, etc.

The state offers two prizes. A trip to the state fair at Salem, where the boy or girl will have all expenses paid and will camp under the trees within the grounds. The other inducement entails all expenses paid to the State Agricultural College at Corvallis for the two weeks instruction at the summer school. Each winner will be given proper supervision on the trip.

Central Oregon raised the best quality of cooking potatoes in the state last year, and has captured many prizes. The club members have an excellent chance.

Want Better Egg Prices.

The farmers around Prineville, headed by Mr. Ray V. Constable, are seriously considering the formation of an association which will handle their poultry products to better advantage. These men feel that if they could standardize the egg output of their section it would place the industry on a higher paying basis and attract more and better efforts in that line of agriculture. They feel that there is an opportunity for the small farmer to take advantage of an increasing market and demand in Central Oregon.

It has been estimated that the annual egg production of the United States is over \$600,000,000—enough to build two Panama Canals, or equal to our annual wheat crop. Nearly 8 per cent of this immense fortune is lost annually in the marketing, improper handling between the farm and market. Just now eggs are beginning to reduce in price, and it is characteristic of farmers to seek some

method whereby a fair price can be procured. Logically the best method for the accomplishment of that end is in co-operation; whereby the eggs are graded, candled and guaranteed to such an extent that they are worthy of the better price. Let the prices become adjusted, or some competing force enter in, and in all too many instances the enterprise fails through because of a lack of co-operation.

The population of Central Oregon is growing. Bend is offering a bigger market every day. Any market will pay more for a better grade.

Eggs that are candled and guaranteed, with the assurance of a constant supply. The plan of the "Egg Circle" of poultry associations that are the most successful entail the bringing in of the eggs by the farmers to a common point, where they are candled, packed and sent out under the guarantee of the association. The farmers of the Prineville section are being assisted by the county agriculturalist toward this end. It represents a progressive policy that puts the egg business on a higher paying basis.

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lard-sugar mixture with a case knife. Cool the baits; lift from the board with a case knife and transfer each bait to a small paper bag and twist securely shut. Keep in a cold place.

"(B)—A modification of the above method well worthy of recommendation when the strychnine is used in loose form, is that the cavities for the poison be made with a red hot iron, thus forming a pocket with scorched walls which prevent the strychnine from being absorbed by the lard.

"Good poison baits are little more than half the game—the remainder being in their proper use in the field. It may be said that poison baits should be placed as carefully as are traps. The following methods are recommended:

"(1) Place the poison lard balls in and about carcasses, and especially on trails twenty to a hundred feet from them. Old carcasses are attractive to coyotes even when little more than bones and hair remain. There is no better place for poison than in or near the remnants of an old sheep carcass.

"(2)—A method which has stood the test of long usage is, "The Drag Trail," made by dragging part of a carcass, entrails or other animal matter behind a cart or saddle horse. A fresh horse skin makes an excellent drag, as the operator can stand on it while placing poison or trap, and remount his horse without leaving a sign of his presence. Poison baits should not be placed too thickly along such trails. Six or eight to the mile are usually sufficient to account for such coyotes as discover and follow the line.

"(3)—Poison baits may be placed anywhere along stock or cross-coun-

try trails in connection with a scent attractive to coyotes. The rotten fish scent (government formula) is especially useful. A few drops on brush or grass tufts usually cause coyotes to investigate. Baits within two or three feet of such scent spots are likely to be found by the animals.

"(4)—Poisoning large baits or carcasses is not recommended. The practice is largely responsible for much of the objection on the part of residents to poisoning. Large baits without poison are useful as poison stations, especially when the snow is deep. Whenever coyotes signs are noticed about such "stations," the small lard-sugar baits may be used to good advantage.

"Care and precaution to avoid accidents in poison operations cannot be too strongly advocated. Proper application and supervision will do much to overcome the existing prejudice against this valuable and economical method for controlling predatory animals. Further suggestion on the subject of poisoning will appear in the National Wool Grower as they are determined from the several large experiments no win progress under direction of the government.

"It has been suggested that dogs are readily trained to respect lard-sugar pellets if offered one or two containing Ipecac instead of strychnine.

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