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FARM LAND VALUES STEADILY INCREASING

More Scientific Methods are Being
Employed on the Farm, Pro-
ducts Increase in Value.

The increase in the value of farm lands promises to be steady and continuous. It is being felt all over the country. City people as well as farmers are beginning to realize, as never before, the value of agricultural real estate as a safe and profitable investment.

The universal hunger for land is increasing with the realization that the day when farms could be had for the asking, or for a trifling payment, has passed.

A still more potent reason for the increase, and one that appeals most strongly to the business man, is the fact that farm products bring highly remunerative prices at present, and that they are reasonably certain to be even more remunerative in the future. The rapidly growing population of the cities cannot fail to bring a corresponding growth in the demand for the products of the soil.

The added financial returns, together with the great improvement in the social conditions in rural communities due to the telephone, free rural delivery and trolley lines, are causing

thousands of educated, enterprising young men to adopt farming as a career. These young men will bring to the farm a degree of scientific and technical training heretofore unknown to the calling. Because of this technical training and the results which it brings, they can afford to pay better prices for land than have been paid heretofore.

These are some of the reasons why the value of land alone, without improvements, has advanced between 1900 and 1905 from an average of \$21.80 to \$29.11 per acre for the country as a whole. In many individual states the advance was much greater, according to the bulletin issued by the agricultural department.

For instance, in Wisconsin the increase was from \$37 to \$48; in Nebraska from \$20 to \$31; in Illinois from \$54 to \$75; in Indiana from \$41 to \$55.

The middle west is predominant in agriculture, and is likely to remain so, but there has been a marked improvement in land values all over the country, even in New England, where the old, abandoned farms are being bought up and farmed in a scientific manner.

The percentage of increase in the values of southern lands is very large, although prices are still lower than in the north. Thus Tennessee lands increased from \$17 to \$22; Alabama, \$8 to \$12; Mississippi, \$10 to \$16; Louisiana, \$18 to \$26; Texas, \$8 to \$11; Oklahoma, \$9.90 to \$17.49.

The Nine in the Calendar.

The figure 9, which came into the calendar on January 1, 1889, will stay with us 111 years from that date, or until December 31, 1999. No other figure has ever had such a long consecutive run and the 9 itself has only once before been in a race which lasted over a century—that in which it continuously figured from January 1, 889, until Dec. 31, 999, a period of 111 years. The figures 3 and 7 occasionally fall into odd combinations, but neither of them has ever yet served for a longer period than 100 consecutive years in our calendar since the present mode of calculating time was established. It is also clear that from their relative position among the numerals it is an impossibility for either of them to appear in date reckoning continuously for a longer period than a century.

That's it!!!

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for coughs, influenza, Bronchitis and all Pulmonary diseases. One bottle will convince you—at your druggist, 25c, 50c, \$1.00 at Rotermund's and National Drug Co.

Two hundred and fifty new Edison Phonograph records received at the music store this week. Come and make your selection while the stock is complete.

Proposed New State Officers.

Many new state officers are proposed for creation by the legislature of Oregon at this Winter's session. Most of them carrying salaries. Among them are:

Railroad Commission, of three members, salary \$5000 a year each.

Tax Commission, of five members, two under salary and governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

State Board of Control, of three members, at \$2500 each.

Two new Supreme Court Justices, at \$4500 each.

State Bank Examiner, at \$2500 or \$3000.

State Auditor, at \$2500 or \$3000.

Insurance Commission, at \$2500 or \$3000.

New Fish Commission.

New Board of Immigration, with additional duties and \$100,000 appropriation.

Road Commission, to direct employment of convicts on road and supervise state aid to counties in road building.

One Normal Board to supplant present four boards.

New Cure for Epilepsy.

J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleanser and life giving tonic pills on earth. 25c at all drug stores.

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Jury of His Peers.

"I have been engaged in the practice of law a good many years," said S. S. Urmy, police judge of Topeka, Kansas, "and about the most humorous thing I ever saw in a court room was in Topeka.

"One day an old negro man was being tried in the justice court, that was before the office of police judge was created, and he demanded a trial by a jury of his peers. He could neither read nor write and his lawyer insisted that the jury, to be his peers, as required by law, must be unable to read or write, too. To avoid disputes I agreed to it, but we had a time finding 12 men in Topeka who could neither read nor write. But we did find them, and the case went to trial.

"Before the jury retired I took two pieces of paper and wrote 'guilty' on one piece and 'not guilty' on the other and instructed the foreman of the jury to destroy the one he did not wish used and to return the other to me when the jury had reached a ver-

dict. The jury was out only a few minutes when it came in. The foreman handed me a piece of paper with the word 'guilty' written on it.

"Well, gentlemen, you find him guilty, do you?" I asked.

"No sah, Judge, no sah, we done found him not guilty," spoke up one of the jurymen. Then he added with disgust: "I tole that fool nigger he was tearin' up the wrong piece of paper."—Kansas City Star.

The secretary of the treasury has sent the estimates to congress upon which is based the appropriations for the coming session. Among the items occur the following for Oregon: "Mouth of Columbia \$1,000,000; Celilo canal, \$750,000; Tillamook \$10,000; Coquille river \$10,000; Coos river \$3000; to establish a life saving station at Yaquina \$20,000; keepers dwelling for same \$4000; Crater lake park \$7000; public building at Eugene, \$15,000; and for the Indian school at Chemawa \$119,300."

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Does What Other Stoves Fail to Do

In almost every house there is a room that the heat from the other stoves or furnace fails to reach. It may be a room on the "weather" side, or one having no heat connection. It may be a cold hallway. No matter in what part of the house—whether room or hallway—it can soon be made snug and cozy with a

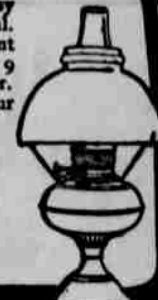
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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FAMILY

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Neckties
Night Shirts
Gloves
Hose
Handkerchiefs
Mufflers
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A nice Silk Waist
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Albums
Furs
Handkerchiefs
Silk Petticoats
Fancy Hose
Back Combs

FOR MOTHER

Wool Dress Pattern
Silk Dress Pattern
Silk Waist
House Slippers
Hand Bag
Gloves
Comfortable
Felt Slippers.

FOR BABY

Baby Caps
Baby Coats
Baby Dresses
Baby Mittens
Baby Sacques

With this month we are closing a very successful year, and we want to thank the good people of Grants Pass and Josephine County for their very liberal patronage accorded us, and we assure you that it will always be the aim of the Golden Rule Store to deal the fairest treatment, give the very best bargains that the cold cash and experience can buy.

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cial at per yard.....12½c.
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ettes, some 36 inches
wide worth up to 15c per
yard, special to Clean up
per yard.....10c
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and Pants, either Gray or
Eeru, good Heavy Fleece
worth and sold all over
the country at 35 to 40c
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ment.....25c
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Suits, per suit.....50c

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