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TRADING AT HOME

E. E. Van Epps of Crawfordsville has a somewhat unusual side erop which leaves him, as far as it it goes, independent of the wheat gamblers of Chicago and free from tribute to the meat packers.

Mr. Van Epps raises twelve or fifteen acres of broomcorp. He does not take the crop to market and ask the market hogs "What will you give?" He does not give a retailer a chance to charge twice as much for allowing it to pass through his hands as the producer gets for it, as in the case of that 78-cent box of Oregon apples which cost the New York coasumer \$5. After he raises the corn he makes it into brooms in the dull time of year and sells them direct to the consumer.

Miss Elaine Woodworth, who teaches school in Mr. Van Epps' district, has written the story of his enterprise and it appears on page 2.

Mention of brooms recalls to this writer an experience in Eugene a dozen or so years ago. The merchants were making a buy-athome campaign. Wanting a broom, and knowing that there was a broom factory in town, I made the rounds of a number of stores seeking for a Eugene-made broom, but could find none. At the factory I learned the reason As soon as the buy-at-home campaign had been announced a rep resentative of a Japanese broom factory in Portland had visited all the dealers, offering brooms on large-quantity orders at reduced prices, and the stores had been stocked up heavily und had no need for the home product. The manufacturers had to find a market by expensive soliciting all over western Oregon. Buying at home was a one-sided proposition.

LET THE PEOPLE RULE

Some people worship representative government, as their ancestors worshiped aristocracy. Representatives frequently go wrong, and in recognition of the truth that all just powers of government depend upon the ame. Oregon the infatiaitve and referendum, Oregon the initative and referendum Rural Routes Extended bulwarks of the right of the people.

The people are not subject to their representatives. The latter are chosen to be servants of the people and to do their will. When they fail in this the people, whose servants they are, have a right to undo their work and correct their errors. Ours is a government "of the people, by the people, for the people."

The assumption that the farmers and common people do not know what they need and are not capable of self government was availed of by kings and aristocrats before this people abclished them and is now approved of by bosses who control some of our representatives and aspire to control

"Vox populi vox Deii."

The promoter, the contractor and the state engineer's office are all under fire as a result of the bursting of the Bully creek dam which damaged Vale and surrounding country so severely. Complaints of the insufficiency of the dam had been made repeatedly. It looks bad for the state officials.

Our representatives at Salem have "economy" on their lips but not on their program. They are seeking new sources of revenue to finance their extravagance and fill the void caused by the repeal of the income tax law.

Woodrow Wilson once wrote: "My attitude toward the initiative and referendum is this: My judgment was first very much against them, but I have been very much impressed by the success with which they have been weed in Oregon."

Garland on Income Tax

The resolution for a constitutional teen years meets hard sledding at Sa lem, even in a legislature largely elected and controlled by tax-dodging parasites and their slush fund. In opposing it Senator Garland of Linn county said:

"This resolution is in the interest of the millionaire and adverse to the poor," said Senator Garland. "It adoption would be equivalent to romise of tax immunity for the wealthy. At the time the state inome tax was attacked we were told hat its repeal would result in atracting thousands upon thousands of apitalists to Oregon. As far as 1 ave been able to determine these apitalists have not yet arrived.

Godlike Charity

Thursday was the anniversary of he birth of the man who, in the last ear of his life, counseled action with malice toward none and with harity for all." That this had been is attitude through his career is evdenced by a Lincoln document which ust came to light. This is a copy of he last speech he delivered in the ampaign in which Stephens A. Dougas defeated him for the state senatrship in Illinois. In that address he

"I have meant to assail the moives of no party or individual and if have in any instance, of which I am ot conscious, departed from my purose, I regret it.

"I have said that in some respects he contest has been painful to me. lyself and those with whom I act ave been constantly accused of a espattered with every imaginable dious epithet; and some who were riends as it were, but yesterday, ave themselves been most active. ave cultivated patience and made no tempt to retort."

Defeat Tuberculosis Law

(Brownsville Times)

Frank Cochran, J. S. McMahan, J. Wooddy, G. A. Overton, John elts, Lee Miller, H. C. Thompson nd W. C. Templeton visited the gislature Monday for the purpose showing up house bill 111, introaced by Representative Tucker, reniring all bovine livestock over six nonths of age to be tested annually r tuberculosis.

By good team work the delegation as able to impress upon Governor ierce the futility of the bill and accessful in cetting his vetc.

This bill, if passed, would place a gh priced veterinary in Lin to tax the already over-burdened stockmen to the tune of at lesst \$3,-000, being 35c per head for eight to ten thousand head of stock, not saying anything about the expense of handling said stock and the injury to

Extensions have been ordered on oth on the Halsey rural mail routes loute 1 will go north from Grasshopper schoolhouse one mile, then west to the George McNeil corner, south o J. W. Evans' corner, west to the river, north westerly to the Will Shepherd corner and thence 'go on the same as heretofore.

Route 2 goes west from Brandon corner to the Pacific highway, southwesterly to the Alford station, north to the south corner of the Sudtell place, east to the Pacific highway and then as heretofore.

This will be appreciated not only by residents on the route but also by local merchants. Goods will frequently be ordered by parcel post which, instead of going that way, to be left at a box a mile or two from their destination, would have been llowed to wait till the buyer had ceasion to come to town, and peraps to the county seat.

TIMES OF SELECT More than 200,000 copies of "So

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Child Exploiters Take New Courage

prohibition of income taxes for fif- Hours of Labor for many of the Little Ones Are Increased

(Albany Democrat)

Seventeen states already had child abor laws which were quite effective locally as the pullified federal law was expected to be. Therefore the action of the supreme court in declaring that law unconstitutional did not have any harmful effect on the childen in those states. In the other 31 states, however, the

court's action appears to have opened the way for a return of old abuses. Last August 12 plants in Delaware increased the hours of labor for children from eight to ton per day. The 10-hour day has been re-established also in Georgia, Louisiana and Rhode Island. North Carolina is permitting an 11-hour day. Texas, South Dakota, Michigan and South Carolina have not been reported on yet, but are thought to be in the 10-hour day

One outstanding result of the loss of the national child labor law is the endency of certain industries to move to states in which the laws are lax n this regard. Some cotton manuacturers of Massachusetts are inreasing their facilities for production

in the south on the express ground that they can take advantage of the shild labor there for at least 10 years. Reports such as this should bring nany recruits to the movement for a constitutional child labor amendment.

A national child labor law was enacted in Argentina, last September. It makes 14 the minimum age for in urpose to destroy the union; and dustrial and commercial employment all over the country. It restricts the gainful employment of children under 18 to six hours a cay, six days a week, and prohibits night work in certain dangerous occupations for boys under 18 and for girls and women of all ages.

This law is said by the children's bureau at Washington to set a higher standard than exists in any state

Evidently Anglo-Saxon civilization in this hemisphere will have to hump itself to keep up with Latin civilizaion, in the matter of safeguarding its young people.

There were ten counties represent ed at the meeting of the Oregon Holstein Breeders' association at Salem C.R. Evans is on the board of directors. He and Adolph Mueller of Tanent and H. R. Borovicka of Scio were Linn county members present. The Oregon State hospital has a herd of

Velora Maxwell of Tangent and Lyle Saylor got a marriage license

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BIDDLE'S LAST VISIT

"You have often heard of Biddle Birdsell, the cat," said Daddy, "and I

> story to tell you of Biddle." "Only more?" asked Nick and Nancy to

> gether. "Yes," sald Daddy, "this is the story of Biddle's last adventure, and it is a true story just as all the animal stories

are true, true

"As you know, Biddle was a real cat. He belonged a Big Chair. to a little girl hamed Gertrude.

stories.

She had tried to say 'Kitty' when she was a very small girl, "And 'Biddle' was the best she was able to do. So they had always called

Mim Biddle. "He was a tiny kitten when Ger trude was a baby. He had wandered to the house where Gertrude lived and as he seemed to be a little walf kitty,

Gertrude's mother and daddy took him in and gave him a home. "Then when Gertrude began to talk she tried to say 'Kitty' just as the others did, but Biddle was what she said.

"Biddle was always called Gertrude's cat for he had arrived only a little bit later than Gertrude had arrived.

Biddle was a very remarkable cat. He was devoted to the family and he did many very clever things. He always wore a little collar with many bells upon it so as to warn the birds that he was about.

"Gertrude had thought that was only fair to the birds and she was quite

"In time Gertrude grew up. She was almost a 'young lady' now and Biddle was an old cat.

"Oh, Biddle didn't care much about adventures as he once had. He didn't care to wander and play as he had when he was only a silly, playful little kitten.

"He liked to sit in a big chair which was always called Biddle's chair, and there he would sleep-though when the family told visitors of some of the wonderful things Biddle did he always half-blinked his eyes and listened to what was being said about him.

"His family had moved from the house where they had lived for a great many years. They had gone to another house in the same town and Biddle had waited until the last of the furniture had been moved before he went along too.

"He was quite willing to go, them. He knew they must go. And he made himself quite at home in the new house—his old chair was there and the family were there and, if he felt sad at all, he made the best of things.

"He grew older and older of course and with age came great feebleness. But he was very happy and very con-

"He was petted a great deal. Old age was as nice as youth he had de-

"One day he acted rather strangely. He seemed to be thinking very hard. "Suddenly he got up from his chair. Suddenly he moved, though for a long time he had always moved very care fully, very slowly.

"With a tremendous spurt he had jumped up and had bounded out of the house with all his one-time youthful springiness.

"He dashed across the street and out of sight.

"In a little while the telephone rang. The people who now lived in the house where Biddle had once lived were tele-

"'Biddle is here,' they said, 'We heard a cat purring and found him outside the door

He seemed want to come in. He ran right into the study and sat on the desk-just where you once told us he always used to sit, and there he is now. We thought you might worry about him as you said he never left the house these days." "An hour passed Biddle had sat on the desk all that

time, taking in all the dear familiar

familiar glow and sparkle from the fireplace. Suddenly his energy seemed to have left him.

Wearily he got down and dragged himself home. He went back to his old chair. Yes, he was an old, old cat, and his days would not be many more. But he had seen his old homagain. He had made one last splendid spurt and it had carried him through "Biddle had had his last adventure.

'They're still at it at Salem.



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