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Boxing lessons are to be forbidden among the girls in Los Angeles high schools.

Peary has been awarded a medal by the French academy of sports, but the ananais club has done nothing for Dr. Cook yet.

Some of the irrigation schemes are in trouble, but no competent enterprise for the drainage of wet lands have proven a disappointment.

The national democratic convention will be held in Baltimore, June 25th, one week later than the republican convention at Chicago, June 18th.

What has become of the concentrated food tablets of which much was once said? They will be needed in the difficult, not to say desperate, war begun against the tip system.

Dr Pearson of Chicago, who has given away all of his $7,000,000 fortune, is better contented with a limited bill of fare than he would be if in a position to have his will broken.

Old carvings have been found in Korea similar to some produced in ancient Mexico. Asia and America are but a few miles apart at Bering Strait, a fact that has always been suggestive to antiquarians.

"The official investigation of the Equitable building fire reveals pretty certain that the disaster was caused by the careless throwing away of a match," reads a report submitted to Mayor Gaynor by fire commissioner Johnson.

An alphabet reformer thinks the English language can get along with seventeen characters. Now that the Chinese are waking up they should catch the idea and discard several thousand of their alphabetic emblems.

Admiral Dewey suggests the need of four new battleships. Dreadnoughts are a good thing, but Dewey managed to accomplish his work with smaller ships, the best he could get under the circumstances. Lincoln greatly admired this faculty in Grant.

Permanent headquarters of the Taft committee has been opened in the Selling building, at Sixth and Alder streets, Portland, where two large rooms have been fitted with desks, telephones and other conveniences; others to follow later on.

After years of litigation, Whitman college has finally lost its tax case in the supreme court of the United States, which reversed the favorable decision of the district court of Washington. By this decision, Whitman will have to pay some $5,000 taxes into the treasury of Walla Walla county, and it will find it a better paying advertisement than dead heading the country press and paying gambling athletics with the money.

PRIZES FOR GOOD FARMING.

List of Premiums Offered by the Tri-County Development League.

For the purpose of encouraging a more diversified husbandry in the counties of Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman, the business men of Portland, in connection with the Oregon Agricultural College and the Oregon State Conservation Commission, have organized what is known as the Tri-County Development League and have subscribed a fund for the support of a traveling agricultural advisor, and for the payment of the following premiums:

Class A. For the best two acres of field peas grown on typical wheat land and not on sub-irrigated bottom land. Precipitation of locality in which they are grown to be considered in awarding the prizes. First prize, $40.00; second prize, $30.00; third prize, $20.00.

Class B. Best one-tenth acre of corn grown on typical wheat land by a boy under 18 years of age. Weight of forage and corn when dry and quality of corn to be considered. First prize, $15.00; second prize, $12.50; third prize, $10.00.

Class C. Best one-tenth acre of Milo maze or Kaffir corn grown on typical wheat land by a boy 18 years of age. First prize, $15.00; second prize, $12.50; third prize, $10.00.

Class D. Best one acre of alfalfa grown on typical wheat land. First prize, $20.00; second prize, $15.00; third prize, $10.00.

Class E. Best five hogs fattened upon peas by the system known as "hogged off." First prize, $40.00; second prize, $30.00; third prize, $20.00.

Class F. For the best kept flock of not less than fifty hens for nine months. Record keeping and economy of production considered. First prize, $40.00; second prize, $30.00; third prize, $20.00.

Prizes will be duplicated in each of the three counties mentioned.

In addition to these premiums the following prize has been offered by an implement dealer of Portland for the best five acres of either spring or fall-sown wheat in Sherman county, to be grown on typical wheat land, precipitation of locality in which the wheat is grown to be considered in awarding the prizes: Empire Junior (16) single disc drill, donated by Mitchell, Lewis & Staver, Portland, Oregon.

In Class A, B and C, competitors must give cultural methods employed; date of seeding, cultivating, harvesting; yield, and cost of production.

In Class D, competitors must give methods and cost of preparing the land, date of seeding, and amount of seed sown.

In Class E, competitors must give acreage of peas requred to fatten the hogs, method of preparing the ground for the peas, amount of seed sown per acre, date of sowing, and total cost of producing the crop. If supplemental feeding be fed, the character of feed and amounts must be given.

In Class F, competitors must give the system and cost of housing, cost of feed, class of feed consumed, method of feeding, and breed of hens kept. The system of daily record-keeping and general management of flock will be considered in awarding the prizes. The contest for this class to begin March 1, 1912, and end November 30, 1912.

In Class G, it is expected that competitors will give cultural methods and furnish a detailed record as to cost of preparing the ground, yield, variety of wheat grown, date of seeding, and amount of seed sown per acre.

All those who desire to compete for these prizes should notify the Traveling Agricultural Advisor, Mr Orren Beaty, Moro, Oregon, not later than March 1, 1912.

A record for long distance amateur wireless telegraphy was claimed on the 10th by Earl Page and C H Keller, Los Angeles lads, who picked up messages transmitted from the government station at Key West to the station at Colon, on the Isthmus of Panama. The boys who have installed an apparatus in the back yard of their home, also claim to have intercepted messages sent from the government station at Sitka, Alaska.

Oregon Statutes need Ethical Bracingup

Judge Morrow of Portland, is reported to have decided that "under the statutes of Oregon it is no crime for a public official to solicit a bribe."

However justified technically the judge may perhaps have been in this decission, yet all good men and true everywhere will wish that he had not found to this effect.

The reasons for such an interpretation are sure to be misunderstood by nonlegal people. The alleged facts that the solicited person did not agree to give the bribe, and that this nonacceptance of the offer nullified it, do not in the least satisfy the moral sense of straightforward men nor mitigate their honor at the idea that soliciting a bribe is not a crime. There seems to be a screw loose in the law, and the moral effect can not fail to be damaging wherever it becomes known.

As the reported facts appear at this time, it rather looks as if the statutes of Oregon needed to be braced up ethically to the truth that the solicitor of a bribe, especially when he is a sworn and trusted servant of the state, is as blameworthy as the giver of a bribe.

But Andy Didn't Catch on.

Like other trust magnates, Andrew Carnagie did not know that pooling was illegal until the courts had so decided. Yet it was obvious that pools were combinations in restraint of trade. Too many men of this class make it a rule not to obey a law until they have made a determined effort to have it annulled by the courts. Then, if they fail, they complain that it interferes with what they are pleased to call business, and agitate for its repeal. How can we expect the law to be respected by the poor and ignorant when many of the rich and educated set such an example of lawlessness.

J W Morton, who served as joint representative in the assembly of 1898 and '99 from Wasco and Sherman counties, filed his declaration of intentions with secretary Olcott to become a candidate for the office of United States senator on the republican ticket.

An increase of over 55 per cent in the registration in the winter short course is reported from the O A C over the same time last year; the increased attendance is noted in every department. Dr James Withycombe, director of experiment stations, predicted that the enrollment would reach 1,000 before the end of the week. These winter short courses have been offered at the O A C for 15 years and the attendance has increased constantly.

Oregon is to be the world center of prosperity during the year 1912, offering greater opportunities than any other state in the union. We will have during 1912 more railroad building than any other state of the union. Oregon will grow faster than any other state of the union. We have soil, climate and area. Our state is larger than New York and Pensylvania put together; larger than the six New England states with West Virginia thrown in for good measure; one half the size of France. Oregon is out of debt; the affairs of the state are administered by businesslike officials. In eight years more Portland will be as big as San Francisco.

With the entrance of New Mexico and Arizona into the federal union its extension on the mainland has ended. For years and years there will be but 48 commonwealths in the continental United States, for none can be added now except by the division of one, as Texas, into two or more, and state pride puts this outside of probability. The District of Columbia has become the only area on the American mainland that is directly governed by Washington. The spread of American political system, in all the fullness of its ideas and methods, from the Atlantic to the Pacific has been one of those continental achievements that stands beside the spread of Roman empire and government over all the lands adjoining the Mediterranean

State Capital Gleanings

That certain counties in the state lead the world as far as school attendance is concerned is shown in a statement which is being prepared by Superintendent Alderman.

That certificates of delinquency as to taxes can be foreclosed any time after three years from the date of their becoming delinquent is the gist of an opinion handed down by Assistant Attorney-General Van Winkle.

Secretary of State Olcott estimates that the purchase of a new addressing machine will result in a saving in one year of $800. The new machine is said to be capable of addressing 8000 initiative and referendum pamphlets and other pieces of mail a day.

That the work of the Salem Fruit Union, in developing the fruit industry in this section of the Willamette valley, has been eminently successful, was demonstrated at the union's annual meeting, when it was decided to construct a large cannery in connection with the union.

A delegation of oitizens from Willamina appeared before the state railroad commission relative to the complaint as to the Sheridan & Willamina road. The citizens are desirous of having a suitable station and declare that the track is in unsuitable and unsafe condition and should be repaired.

To have seventy-five thousand school children of Oregon taking active part in the agricultural and industrial fairs of the state in 1912 is the ambition of State Superintendent Alderman. At least one-third of the youthful exhibitors at the county and district fairs are expected to come to the state fair with the exhibits on which they won prizes at their home fairs.

A House of Evil Repute.

The house in St. Petersburg which M. Stolypin occupied at the time of his assassination at Kiev has an evil repute and merits the appellation bestowed upon it by a Paris paper, "la maison fatale." The property of the state, it is the official residence of the president of the council of ministers. Thirty-two years ago General Mesensoff, the uncle of Mme. Stolypin, met his death there at the hands of revolutionists. There his successor, General Potasoff, had a mental breakdown. Later two ministers of the interior, Sipiagin and Plehve, both came to an untimely end during their tenancy. On the other hand, three ministers filling the same position—Count Loris-Melikoff, Count Tolstoy and M. Dournovo—declined to live in the house, and they escaped attack. The present premier has not taken over the official residence.

Chefex, the Boy Violinist.

Bloch's Wochenschrift, Vienna, in speaking of the boy violinist, Josef Chefex, who may be heard in the United States soon, says: "He comes honestly by his musical talent. His father, Ruben Chefex, was a popular musician in Wilna, and his uncle, Nissan, conducted a school for music at Wassau. The boy, who is only ten years old, has already had a musical career. His father began to instruct him when the boy was three years old, and two years later he entered the Wilna School For Music. He was not yet six years old when he made his debut on the concert stage and then entered the St. Petersburg conservatory, where he appeared in a concert arranged by the directors especially for him. Since then he has been heard on all the great concert stages of his country."

Where Americans Are Unpopular.

Every time the natives of a country in Central America meet in a small room, drink large quantities of black coffee, smoke countless numbers of blacker cigarettes and hatch out a revolution somebody arises to remark that no Americans, meaning citizens of the United States, are wanted in that neighborhood. The reason for this is that the Americans are real fighters, and whenever a row is started they make it a point to shed real blood. Not long ago, in one of the revolutionary movements in Honduras, George T. Miller, an American, was killed after being ambushed near a cemetery in one of the towns of Honduras. When they found Miller, however, there lay in front of him sixteen Hondurans, dead.—Popular Magazine.

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Disease in Books.

Dr. S. Dana Hubbard of the board of health told the members of the New York Library association that greater precautions should be taken by the officials of circulating libraries against the dissemination of infectious diseases through books. "One of the most indefatigable readers on an ocean liner during one of its recent crossings," he said, "was a young man just recovering from smallpox. When his condition was discovered the whole ship's library was disinfected. Every public library should have a corps of inspectors whose duty it should be to subject all books returned by readers to a rigid examination. All those which bear suspicious looking marks should be destroyed, and all books should be subjected to a disinfecting process at frequent intervals."—New York Sun.

Aeroplanes and Forest Fires.

The supervisor of the Selway forest, consisting of 1,600,000 acres, which some years ago was a part of the Nez Perces' reserve in Idaho, predicts that aeroplanes and wireless telegraphy will be important factors in forest fire prevention before a far distant date. He believes that a man in an aeroplane could do more accurate and extensive survey work in the forests of the Pacific slope country in a few hours when forest fires are raging than is usually accomplished by twenty rangers in a week. With wireless stations installed on peaks in the chief danger zones, he believes it would be a comparatively easy task to assemble men and apparatus to check and extinguish the flames and prevent spreading.—Popular Mechanics.

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