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The cost of turkey is the same this year as last, but it's poor consolation for those who couldn't afford one last year.

A third United States packing company has located in Buenos Ayres. Perhaps Argentine will soon enjoy that intense rivalry and competition between the packers that exists in this country.

No longer will the skirts of tradition encumber the fair women of New York city since one of their number has brought from Gay Parce the "daintiest creation" in trousers ever dreamed of by the emancipated women.

Some time ago Uncle Sam Wilson told that there Mexican president Huerto to go, but he is still on the job and giving dinners to which the American Ambassador can't go 'cause he has to play the Brother Jonathan act and hit up the golf links.

A ruling by the attorney general of the state of Washington allows school houses to be used in that state for dancing purposes, under the law recently enacted that school houses shall be used for neighborhood recreations. It is up to the neighborhood as to what is recreation.

The United States supreme court has decided in favor of women in the dispute between respective interests of husbands and wives in farm homesteads in the state of Washington. It affirmed the decision that, under the state law, wives have a half interest in government homesteads after title has passed from the government.

The debts of the nations of the world have increased by a fifth during the last ten years and now amount to \$42,000,000,000. Wars, preparations for war and legislation for social justice have been the main factors in increasing the indebtedness. The rate of increase itself is rising. It staggers imagination to conceive of the monetary load that will surely burden the world within the next ten years at the same rate of increase.

Construction upon the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, to open in San Francisco in 1915, has broken all records in rapid exposition building. The main exhibit section is now under way and millions of feet of lumber have been raised into place. According to a recent statement of the director of works the exposition is eleven per cent ahead of the definite schedule adopted more than one year ago. All the exposition palaces will be completed months before the opening of the exposition, on February 20, 1915.

Financial Record of Crop Conditions

Crop returns this year will bring to the farmers of the state of Oregon a net cash return approximately fifteen per cent greater than that received last year. One of the banks of Portland has had reports sent in from the producing points of the state and conservative joining of their estimates and figures show that the Pacific north-west states have enjoyed a year of advance in all lines excepting lumber. This advance has been more pronounced in some localities than others, but no district has reported a material loss.

The grain yield has been a little short of the previous year, but better than normal while the quality was higher and the prices steady and firm. The section around Pendleton produced the larger yield per acre this year over any other section of the state, but as a whole the amount marketed was a little larger than the record crop year of 1907.

One of the most encouraging signs in the reports was that of the gain of the lowly hog; nearly every community reported a gain in hog products and prospects that more would be raised next year. Places that have been shipping dairy products also reported a gain in receipts enough to probably enable Oregon to very soon be able to supply its entire home market within a short time.

The financial drain from the state going east and west for hog and dairy products is immense and when ever this state can be in condition to supply the home markets in these two items a considerable difference in local cost of living will be noticed.

The post office department has recently ordered 25,000 scales that will be capable of weighing up to and including one hundred pounds. Scales in use in post offices were first designed to weigh up to eleven pounds only; then the weight limit was increased to twenty one pounds. The order for the new scales is taken to mean that in the near future the weight limit for the parcel post will be increased to 100 pounds. Reductions in postage rates to other than the first and second parcel post zones will be announced in the near future. The postmaster general has ordered the destruction of the original parcel post placards that were placed in postoffices throughout the country, the many changes that have been made and are in prospect rendering them obsolete.

Hood River county threatens to appeal to the courts from the decision of the state board of equalization in doubling their assessment, for purposes of state taxation, the orchard lands of that county. We had supposed that there was no end to the raising values of orchard lands and the wealth awaiting on orchardist, but the Hood River people say that fruit lands have not increased in value in the past three years, and in some instances a decrease of actual land values has taken place.

The train schedule Monday morning reminded some of our townsmen of the days of conductor Dave Harris; instead of poking along out of town some twenty minutes to half hour late, the train was out on time, as George Hennagin and wife were coming down the grade at the experiment farm in their auto. Because of their treatment and not wishing to show resentment at Conductor Clock for not knowing their intention of visiting the Rose City they continued their trip to Wasco by auto and there intended to board the train that had left Moro on time.

The Legal Grist

BY REV. A. J. ADAMS

The judge was seated in his tower,
The bailiff cried the fateful hour,
Clerk at desk, Sheriff at hand,
All awaited His Honor's command.

The lawyers, each astride a chair,
With manners grave and serious air,
Beckoned clients to their side,
To counsel give e'er they were tried.

Soon, names were called, a jury chosen,
To be exact, an even dozen,
Who swore to practice self denial,
By keeping mum throughout the trial.

Dead silence reigned within the walls,
As if to hear a pin that falls;
So noiseless all within the room,
As comes apace the day of doom.

The Judge, from bench, the silence broke,
In accents sober thus he spoke:
"Client, counsel, all give heed;
Are you ready? If so, proceed."

"Ready here" quoth one and all,
"Instruct the jury, the witness call."
Justice afresh her scales did scan
And cried through bailiff, "bring your man."

The lawyers, wise and contra wise,
Began the witness to catchise;
Inserted deep the legal probe,
Like specialists scenting a bad microbe.

Then lawyers pro, and lawyers con,
In legal panoply led on
To fierce attack, or bold defense,
To coach, or badger, his common sense.

One side wavered and said "we rest,"
The other said "we, too, think best."
That doesn't mean the battle's o'er,
But only of witness there are no more.

Now begins the second inning,
To ascertain who's done the sinning.
The lawyers all, with notes in hand,
Sift the evidence as if 'twere sand.

What's left aboard the legal sieve,
They freely to the jurors give,
And in return for this legal tender
The twelve must a favorable verdict render.

The jury then begins to move,
To mould opinion in one groove.
Or, to use a little legal slang,
To see if criminal or jury shall "hang."

After many a trying hour,
With sleepy heads and waning power,
The foreman, either by sign or nudge,
Ask the bailiff to see the judge.

A verdict sealed and writ with pen,
Just judgment of the two and ten,
His honor reads. They say "amen."
Some mother's heart is broken then.

Alas! for hope so long deferred,
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