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It may not be many years before California is buying prunes from the fruit growers of the Willamette Valley.

DESTRUCTION among Kansas and Oklahoma farmers is becoming more evident, and urgent appeal for outside aid are being made.

NO MATTER where you go always make it a rule to talk up your town and county. Never do any croaking to outsiders, it is bad policy.

There are but few sections of the earth which offer more favorable inducements to the investor or home seeker than Linn County, Oregon.

THE recent attempted revolution in the Hawaiian Islands has resulted in the arrest of the ex-queen and probably she will be banished and her estate confiscated. The republic of those islands appears to take care of itself and is worthy of a place among the nations of the earth.

RUSSIAN engineers are studying a route for a waterway to connect the White sea with the Baltic. The total distance to be covered is about 180 miles. Part of the route is already navigable. It is estimated that a uniform depth of thirty feet can be obtained along the entire route at a cost of \$6,000,000.

Just at this time our country needs a religion that will make a man pay his debts. Shouting don't settle old notes and accounts with God and man—cash up. We want to pounce right on a fellow and put him out of the church if he goes to a ball, or the theatre, or gets on a drunk, but never say a word to the pious scamp who never pays his debts. People who never pay their debts are doing the church a much harm as dancers and drunkards.—Ex.

E. B. McELROY, ex-state school superintendent, has taken his new chair in the state university, and will still continue to grow fat and sleek on a big salary filched from an overtaxed people. Things like McElroy are not men, but are instead parasites who are engaged in sucking the life blood from the body politic, and a moral spraying process should be resorted to clear them away ere they generate a disease that will prove incurable.—Roseburg Review.

THE postoffice appropriation bill was reported to the senate from the committee by Senator Blackburn Monday. One important addition increases the appropriation of the railway postal car service to the extent of \$100,000, making the total for this purpose \$3,205,000 and making it discretionary with the postmaster general whether the entire sum shall be used. The total appropriation made by the bill is \$89,337,383, a reduction of \$105,614.

REPRESENTATIVE Smith of Josephine county has a bill before the present legislature that is very good. It provides that when any change in any county road is desired to be proposed by petition to the county court of any county the petition must be accompanied with proof that the facts concerning the proposed change of the proposed road must have been published in the county newspapers for the period of at least four weeks next preceding the presentation of the petition.

THERE are over 125,000 school children in Oregon, many of them cannot have school more than a few months during the year. The state gave 87 1/2 cents each or about \$119,000 to the public of the state. The university of Eugene with an attendance of about 250, received \$77,000, or \$808 per pupil. This is class legislation with a vengeance. But the worst feature of the

whole business is that of old McElroy, is to draw \$2,000 a year teaching something he knows nothing about, and is now too old to learn.—Salem Post.

THE Portland Sun says: There is great demand from the eastern and southern states to the Oregon board of immigration for information concerning this state, its leading industries, cities, population, together with statistics concerning its wheat and other crops. The officers in charge, to supply this demand, have sent numberless pamphlets to the various states, but especially to Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Texas. We may confidently expect a large increase in the number of immigrants next spring from points further east, at least, so state those informed on the subject.

A BILL has been introduced in the house by Thompson, of Multnomah, to secure to Oregon, for the benefit of the common school fund, some 240,000 acres of school land, being sections 16 and 36, embraced within the Cascade timber reserve, and the appointment of an agent to select lieu lands therefor, and to increase the price of such selections to the sum of \$5 per acre, and to increase the price of all state lands to the price of \$2.50 per acre. The Cascade reserve was set off simply to allow the school land board to select lieu lands to speculate upon them, and this bill is the culmination of the scheme.

Last Monday's telegraphic dispatches give the news that a few banks in the city of Omaha hold upwards of \$3,000,000 in gold in excess of requirements. This is the more surprising because every day there is shipped from different points into the state of Nebraska, food for its starving poor. What a picture, as per contrast, is there here. The few are hoarding gold the masses starving! But for what purpose are they hoarding gold? Simply for the premium it is sure to command some day, in the near future, if our present financial policy becomes an assured fact. But whatever may be the cause, it must be plain that our policy on finance is wrong and will lead to inevitable destruction if persisted in. Whenever the bankers hoard the money, be that gold, silver, or paper or any other commodity, while the poor are starving, the social system that permits these things must sooner or later be pressed to the wall. These are stubborn facts but true, and the sooner we recognize this condition the better. Men as intelligent as our American citizens truly are, will not submit any great length of time to being starved by a few lovers of the golden metal. There were other causes that brought about this state of affairs in Nebraska besides this money hoarding by these banks, which is admitted. But the disposition shown by men who will calmly see their fellows suffer and starve, for such this picture truly shows, will meet its measure of deserts. Evidently the motto of these bankers is, do up your neighbor before he does you.—Tomahawk.

SENATOR RALEY, of Umatilla county, has introduced a measure in the senate that will be hard on tramps, if it becomes a law. It provides that any person going about from place to place begging, asking or subsisting upon charity, and for the purpose of acquiring money or a living, with no fixed place of residence or lawful occupations, shall be deemed a tramp, and guilty of misdemeanor; and on conviction shall be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment by separate and solitary confinement, with or without labor, in the county jail for not more than 12 months, in the discretion of the court. Any tramp who shall enter any dwelling-house, against the will or without the permission of the owner or occupant thereof, or shall kindle any fire in the highway or on the land of another, without the owner's consent, shall

be found carrying any fire-arms or dangerous weapon, with intent unlawfully to do injury or intimidate any person, may be punished, upon conviction, by separate or solitary confinement, with or without labor, not exceeding three years. Any person may apprehend the offender without warrant and take him before a justice of the peace or other magistrate, whose duty it shall be, after hearing the evidence, to discharge or convict the prisoner for trial, as in the case of other misdemeanors. The act does not apply to any female or minor under the age of 16 years, nor to any deaf and dumb person, nor any maimed or crippled person who is unable to perform manual labor.

JUDGE JOHNSON, of Denver has rendered a decision that the coal combine, which recently raised the price of coal 50 cents a ton in that city, is illegal.

NINE Tennessee moonshiners were captured by government officers Monday. Gus and Ed Thomas charged with several murders, are among the number.

A REPLY.

In reply to the piece published in your paper, of February 8, entitled "Our Public School." If you will allow me space, I will try to answer the above entitled article.

First, "Moral Surroundings at Home and etc." It is not improbable that some of the parents are just as moral and may be more so, than Patron. It does not say because a man or woman follows the more menial occupations in life, that he or she is not moral and saint, we have saw children of the first families of the Country go astray.

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Fifth, "Such Punishment," is nearly unbearable, to beat a human being until he is purple and black, for Three Weeks, no matter what the offense may be, it does not justify such punishment, it reminds one of the dark ages of the Roman Empire, when to torture or punish for what did or did not, until they were dead, it maid Saint out of them. We have Communists less Christianized than this, were for whipping a Horse to such an extent, a man would be fined \$50 and 3 yrs. Humane society and right too: It may be all right, but we can't see it. We have respect for their grit, but doubt their Judgement. Buck Dost.

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