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watching Oregon and awaiting develop-

public domain of the state has been that body. handled in a reckless and profligate manner, and the result is that today do not care to get the little perjurers very little desirable land remains for and bribers. They do not care to get actual settlement.

The land, which under the intent of the government, was to be offered for leading politicians and office holders in in the building. the purpose of settling the country, has the state of Oregon, and they will give passed into the hands of speculators and corporations, and very few actual homes thieves if they will turn "state's evihave been established.

The people have been robbed of their heritage, and deprived of their of the political situation in Oregon. rights under the laws of the country. It is another case of too much law, and thing else against these men, and while the people seem to be the chief suffer-

The timber of Oregon was considered of little value until recent years, at least the residents of the state did not recognize the true worth of the stately fir, pine and cedar trees, and they allowed this vast source of wealth to slip away from them. Very few people of Oregon, comparatively, have secured a to pass the main criminals and should dollar, directly or indirectly, from timber. But others have, and to them it mattered not how they obtain it.

The talk and furor raised against certain high officials, chiefly pointed toward Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann, is not the true meat of the land business, and the men who are raising all the disturbance and crying "stop thief' are either weaklings or they are deliberately turning the public eye from the real facts.

It is true that subordinates of high officials may have used their positions to extort money from settlers, and false reports may have been made by several of these men for a pecuniary consideration, but the men above them were not parties to their criminal acts, at least the evidence does not bear out the suspicions cast by the prosecutors.

It is related that several years ago a score of timber land holders, who had The question of the character of the acquired claims under the homestead building to be erected must be left law, were frightened by the appearance largely to the building committee, who of a government official, who inspected are Messra, Byrd, Lee and Condit. the land, and was about to make a report on the actual conditions.

Final proof had been made on the crete or frame structure. several claims, yet in some instances cabins had not been erected, and no be made at Salem, and common brick effort made to establish a permanent are sold for \$7 per thousand, and residence on the land by the claimants. pressed brick at \$15 to \$20. cities in the state, and they made a the style of brick structure to be folconstructive home on the land, by visiting it once or twice during the year, over a frame structure, some hollow fishing in the vicinity.

The claimants called a meeting and resolved to head off an unfavorable re- plan, lath and plastered on strips at port. To do this it was necessary to tached to the brick walls, leaving an assess each \$50, and the money was air space so as to ensure dry walls. forthcoming. The fund was placed in to enrich the individual is not clear, but ter are attached. the settlers, so-called, were short half Hollow brick walls, with furring on a hundred each in eash.

Some time later another employe of an absolutely dry structure. the government made his rounds, but he | These suggestions are thrown out for was easier than the first one. Another what they are worth, and for the purmeeting was called, and the holders of pose of creating a wide interest in the the land "dug" 'again. They found \$25 proper construction of an important apiece would be sufficient for their pur- public building. pose this time, and they rejoiced, This was in Albany, and the claim- board will adopt of securing plans and

vere issued in due course, after the investigators had received their stipend.

That money was used by the claimants is not denied, but that it ever went into the pockets of Mitchell or Hermann is an unwarranted assertion, and cannot be held against the mer who are now under fire.

ants paid their money. Their patents!

A number of politicians of various shades and breeds have made insinua tions during the past two years that The land fraud cases continue to at- Congressman Hermann was guilty of tract general interest throughout the fraud, but they have failed to offer a West, in fact the whole country is scintilla of evidence, and as the grand jury investigation progresses the attacks fall flat, and it is doubtful if an-One thing is certain, and that is the other indictment will be returned by

The powers behind the prosecutions the great big land thieves, like the railroad corporations. They want a few all kinds of inducements to the real

There is more spite work than any the government is expending its energy in that direction, the real timber land thieves and boodlers will make their escape, and the people will never get a chance to see the usurpers of the public domain punished.

The Journal is ready to assist in every way in the prosecution of the guilty parties, but when a direct effort is made er the responsibility on men entirely free from connection, it believes, as do most of the people of the state, that malice alone prompts the prosecution.

Turn the search light on the little fellows and on the big fellows, but do it for the purpose of bringing them to justice, and not for revenge.

THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

There is great public interest in the erection of the new high school building that has been ordered by this district.

The report of the board of education in favor of erecting a "substantial brick building''' was approved by the electors' meeting.

The board of education has just purchased the additional lot that gives the school district a fine half-block site on Center street, in the heart of the city.

The decision to build of brick precludes the consideration of stone, con-

Fortunately good building brick can

There is difference of opinion as to lowed. Some advocate veneered brick and spending a few days hunting and brick walls, and some solid walls with furring.

There are houses built on the latter

It is a fact that on the south and west the hands of a chairman, and from sides solid brick walls cannot be kept there disappeared. Whether it ever from becoming water-soaked, even rotreached the government official, or went ting the furring to which lath and plas

the south and west sides would ensure

It is not yet known what plan the

Humors

They take possession of the body, and are Lords of Misrule.

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elec.

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the services of an architect. One plan is to buy plans and specifi-

cations outright, and then employ a superintendent of construction to see that they are complied with.

have him make plans and specifications, strong. and supervise construction. In this way the ideas of the board can be embodied in the arid regions of the United

knew about school houses, all that the been accustomed to accept as our mindence," and tell things that would cast board knew and practical suggestions imum allotment for a bome. a suspicion on the men now in control from the city superintendent and principals.

they are the servants of the people.

tractors have an equal chance, and build lem will seem much easier of solution. early to get the best figures.

SCHOOL BOARD REFORM.

The Journal believes that at the close of this year there is an opportunity for the Salem Board of Education to take a step in the direction of reform.

state require all bills to be made out changes from large cities, and even on a regular blank form, fully itemized their children frequently make a and sworn to.

The bill becomes a voucher, and is blank spaces for the names of the com- find land where they may secure a vice performed.

scraps, and some of them are not prop- co-operation makes house building, as erly vouched for.

This is not a reflection on the school mals and machinery much easier. board, but the inevitable working out It is also much easier to combine

y, and should adopt some plan of purthe lowest bidder, instead of earrying combination of this kind. open accounts.

that is letting contracts without bids, the employes of which would work for bills that run into the hundreds of eight hours a day therein, and during antee quality, as well, and that means dollars. These are only suggestions of the proper season devote two hours a whole lot to those who know. First, common business sense, and not criti-

Even lodges and other bodies transthe board of education should take time by the forelock, and get out of a rut ble surplus, which, under favorable that is sure to cause trouble in future.

X-RAYS

Isn't it nice to have some one else indicted,

Let us be thankful. The X-Ray man has not yet been neensed of any land

public ownership of water and lighting Now the Oregon National Guard is

filling the papers with its pleas for charitable consideration. If the new ten-ya-rd rule is adopted

thing in the way of fatalities. O. P. Coshow and Dexter Rice have formed a law partnership, and will

make a strong team of Blackstoneites. See, here, is Os West trying to get a Marion county grand jury at work, We didn't think that of a nice, clover young

pelitician like Os.

An Iowa statistican figures that the beef trust has robbed the farmer of only \$12,000,000 the past year. They should return thanks.

The fifteenth anniversary number of The Journal on New Years-the linea or china wedding event-you can get into it with a nice ad, at very moderate

The Century Club.

The Century Club will give another tastily decorated with flags, and pre-instance thereof helps to solve the sents a fine appearance.



How to get people "back to the soil" has been a question for years with economists. It has been brought forward more clearly of late by the military success of the Japanesepeople living on small farms, on what we would call a meagre diet, yet man-Another plan is to select an architect, ifest highly civilized and physically

The extension of irrigating schemes States has directed attention to the On this plan the building committee possibility of a profitable use of much could get the benefit of all the architect smaller tracts of land than we have

When in order to "get back to the soil" there was required ability to Any attempt to get plans to favor secure and handle 20 or 160 acres of certain contractors will be discounted land, the difficulties seemed insurnanced by the board of education, if mountable. But if it can be shown to the people to whom this counsel is The work of the architect should be given that they can be supported and under their direction. His time and ser- can even accumulate property on a vices should be theirs. Then let all con- tract of 3, 5 or eyen 10 acres, the prob-

> Farming is a profession, and should be studied as such. This pursuit is subject to a great variety of modifying influences and requires wide intelligence and careful judgment to secure the full measure of success.

The Sentry believes that most men have a natural aptitude for drawing As is well known the city, county and support from the soil, since the me measure of success cultivating little corners of town lots.

It is no longer necessary for men to numbered ad filed. There are suitable search the outskirts of civilization to mittee authorizing the purchase or ser- living. Small tracts of from one to five acres may be had on easy terms There are spaces for the attest of almost anywhere, even in the suburbs the clerical officer and the "O. K." of of large cities and out along trolley the auditing committee. Some of these lines. Thus the isolation of farm life forms are now complied with, but the is avoided, and when there are 40 to bills come in on all kinds of paper 50 families instead of one on 160 scres, well as the procurement of tools, ani-

of a bad system, which should give work on the land with employment in place to a better system of accounting. the shop or store to the great advan-The school district is growing rapid- tage of the worker. Health would be promoted, and great pecuniary advanchasing supplies at wholesale, and from tages would result from a judicious

It would be interesting, for exam-There is another growing abuse, and ple, if a factory could be established, a day to the intelligent cultivation of two-acre or three-acre field.

On this tract could easily be proact their business on these plans, and duced vegetables and small fruits sufficient for family use and a marketacircumstances, would in many case equal the earnings in the factory.

A comparison of the health and prosperity of the operatives of such an institution with that of the workers in a neighboring establishment, giving Brite and fare-not enough to hurt. 10 hours a day to their indoor work, would, we are confident, make an unmistakable showing in favor of the former.

Details have recently been made public as to the operations of a fiveacre farm in an eastern state that is making a comfortable living for a family of four and a good profit in addi-Roseburg is taking steps to secure tion. After paying for the farm, the implements, a cow, some poultry and pigs, which cost \$1200, the owner had \$300 left for working capital. A garden was planted, which soon furnished most of the food for the family, and the surplus was sold in a neighboring town. The eow and poultry, too, contributed to the income. Small fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries and for football we are sure to see the real blackberries, and trees like pears, peaches and plums, were set out. In the fall the hogs were butchered, and this, with the surplus poultry, gave the meat for the family, with some left for market.

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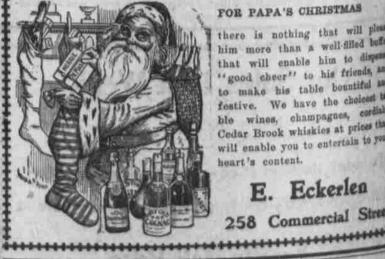
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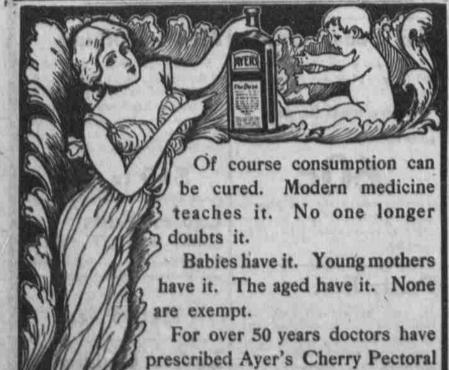
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