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## FARM EXPERT COSTS NOTHING EXTRA.

Further investigation of the farm expert situation this week developed this fact: whether Thurston county has a county agriculturist next year or not, your taxes will be just the same.

The budget is fixed, as told elsewhere in this issue, the amount allowed for current expenses, the fund from which the agent was paid this year and will be paid next year, is specified, and the tax levy has been adopted. If an agriculturist is employed, the eighteen hundred dollars the county pays him will come out of the current expense fund; if he is not employed, it is a pretty safe bet that the money will be spent for something else.

Whatever happens, your tax levy is fixed; you will have to pay a certain amount whether there is an agriculturist or not; why not see to it, then, that this eighteen-hundred dollar portion of the current expense fund is used in this constructive work?

If it were an item by itself in the budget, whereby its elimination would affect the total and therefore the tax levy, the employment of a county agent next year would cost the average Thurston county farm from four-and-a-half to six cents, as we said two weeks ago; but as the situation really is, with the budget determined, the current expense fund specified and the tax levy fixed, the employment of an agriculturist will not mean the addition of a solitary cent to your taxes next year. The man who tells you it will, the man who goes ranting around about what the farm agent is costing the county, is actually ignorant of the real situation; he doesn't know what he's talking about.

The opposition to the county agent plan which is based upon such "high tax holler," therefore falls of its own weight. "There ain't no sech thing." You will pay just as much taxes next year whether you have a county agriculturist or not; if an agriculturist is employed, the work started this year can be carried to a more efficient and satisfactory development, we will be building for the future in this county, and the immediate future, too, in the way most essential for the betterment of this county, its agricultural development, combining the twin factors of production and marketing. We will be doing a constructive work—even most of the opponents of the plan admit that, providing it were carried on satisfactorily to them personally—and we will be doing it without its adding one cent to our taxes.

So if you have signed one of the opposition petitions under the misapprehension that its success would mean a reduction in your taxes, take your name off before the petition is presented at the commissioners' meeting next Monday. Then go to the commissioners and tell them frankly and honestly, without any bitterness, mud-slinging or prejudice, whatever objections you may have—the methods used in the work so far this year, point out what you think have been mistakes, suggest ways in which the work can be improved, and tell them you want it carried on another year.

That is the way to go about this proposition. If a limb on one of the trees in your orchard is diseased, you cut out that limb, you don't chop down the whole tree. So let it be with this farm agent question; if there is something wrong, something improperly done, see to it that that particular thing is fixed, but don't kill the whole proposition for some such fault. That would be nonsensical.

And don't forget this: if you want an agriculturist next year you can have him without adding a single solitary cent to your taxes; if you don't want him you will pay just as much taxes anyhow. Is there any doubt, then, when you get right down to "brass tacks," which is the proper thing to do, having in mind not only your own personal good but that of the entire county as well?

### IT'S SETTLED.

The light question, which has occupied public attention since early last spring, is apparently settled at last, and all Olympia rejoice. Both sides appear to have made a good deal, the city because the cost per year under the new contract is half what it was under the old; the company because the closing of a five-year contract with

the city will doubtless act toward making it much more difficult, at least, for an opposing concern to become established, if not shutting one out entirely. And Olympians, used to having street lights regularly for years until they have become counted among the necessities, are glad to know they are going to have them for five years more.

### NOT A "BLUFF" THIS TIME.

With work being carried on rapidly out on Chambers' Prairie and with all preparations being made for the erection of the depot and the construction of the depot yards at Fourth and Adams streets, Olympians are coming to realize that there's no "bluff" about the railroad this time and, dropping the skepticism forced on them by their experiences of the past, are giving greater confidence to the railroad announcements that the new line will be in operation by the first of the year.

There is not a little satisfaction, from the ordinary Olympian's view, to be found in the knowledge that this is the only new line the Union Pacific system is constructing in this state this year. It certainly is a convincing fact that this great railroad company has confidence in the future of this city, and perhaps plans which will stimulate that future.

### ON TO THE FAIR.

Beginning next Tuesday and continuing on through to Saturday night, Thurston county is going to show itself in its first annual fair just what it really can do in an agricultural way, in stock and poultry and in handiwork and cookery as well as in fruits and vegetables and other crops. We venture the assertion that there will be a good many mightily surprised people before the week is over. "Why, I didn't know we could raise 'em here like that," is going to be an oft-repeated phrase next week, if the advance reports are any indication.

There is absolutely no reason on earth why Thurston county should not have an excellent Fair next week from the standpoint of exhibits. We can "raise 'em here" beyond any doubt and a good many of us have been doing it, and those of us who have and those who haven't are going to be greatly surprised when we see what the other fellow's been doing. The main thing we need in this county, as a matter of fact, is just exactly such a demonstration as this will be of what we can do here. The going will be easier, then.

We hope every person in this county visits that Fair some time next week. The price of a season ticket is so small that we ought to go every day; the price of a day's admission is similarly most reasonable. And we should have two objects in going there: first, to see for ourselves just what we are actually doing in an agricultural way, and second and equally as important, to make it a financial success so we can have another and larger Fair next year and the year after and so on. Keep these things in mind next week—and attend the Fair.

Nearly every year further evidences are brought forth by Thurston county farmers that field corn, a most necessary crop in a country which aims to raise much stock, can be successfully grown and matured here and we make the suggestion now that it will not be very many years before a variety properly adapted to this climate will be developed and corn will be as conspicuous on every Thurston county farm as it is inconspicuous now.

The editor of the Toledo Messenger has already groomed himself for the coming affray. "Candidates for office are beginning to bob up," he said in an editorial in a recent issue, "and one last week sent to this office a long screed containing his qualifications for the office of governor, with a request that we print all or part of it. The screed was consigned to the waste basket and ere this to the flames. Candidates wanting their puffs or boosts printed in the Messenger may secure them at the regular advertising rates, no less, and no other terms."

In the light of some highly edifying and enlightening editorials with which we have been recently favored locally, the following comment from the Enumclaw Herald is quite apropos: "The Me-too press of Western Washington is wasting much space telling how the removal of the tariff has hurt the lumbering business. It is politics for them to do that. On the other hand, at the government inquiry into conditions, the president of the National Lumber Dealers' association testified that the slump in the lumber industry dates back eight years, or while Theodore Roosevelt was still president—six years before the present tariff law went into effect."

Some queer deer stories are floating around in the air these days, but as we have stated in previous years we must class ourselves among the skeptics unless some substantial proof is forthcoming.

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From The Washington Standard for October 7, 1865, Vol. V, No. 48.

The magnesium wire light is something extraordinary in its illuminating powers.

The length of the war—if we count from the firing on Ft. Sumter, the war lasted a few days over four years and one month; but if we count from the secession of South Carolina it lasted four years and five months.

This summer has been a most favorable season in this territory for all kinds of fruit and berries. Five years ago fruit was a rarity for which our tongues continually watered, with only now and then a taste.

We understand there are 50 tons of barley shipped from this place from San Francisco. These importations we don't like to see—barley grows well here and should be raised for export.

The census returns in Rhode Island show that nearly all the agricultural towns, especially those in the western part of the state, are declining in population.

In reference to the admission of Southern representatives in congress and the negro suffrage question, negotiations are on foot to the effect that if the Southern states will adopt laws conferring the right of suffrage on males without distinction of color, who can read and write, the Southern representatives shall be admitted. The president has cleared his desk of all pardon applications, having granted nearly ten thousand pardons within the past three days.

An overland camel company has been organized in New York, with the object of importing to this country and using among the Western plains next summer a large number of camels.

#### Land Exchange Two Years' Job.

Present indications are that not more than 400 of the 800 school sections in national forests will be cruised this year in connection with the federal land exchange, according to State Land Commissioner Clark V. Savidge, who has charge of the work. This will leave to be cruised next year the remaining 400 state sections, and about 800 federal sections, to be taken in exchange, thus making it unlikely that the work can be completed within the original time limit of one year.

#### Cuts Artery in Leg.

Elvie Currie, a resident of Tenino, is laid up with a badly injured leg as the result of an accident while working in the woods near that city. Currie's ax slipped, severing an artery. The man was weak from loss of blood before he reached medical aid. It was necessary to take several stitches to close the cut.

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