

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The river is about two feet above low water...

Henry Deerbake of Prineville was in the city Friday.

About 1500 cords of fir and oak wood lie on the beach.

Hon. G. W. and Mrs. Johnston of Dufur were in town Friday.

G. D. Woodworth and J. T. Griffiths of Wasco were in town Saturday.

H. G. Jordan of Sherar's Bridge came up from Portland on the noon passenger Saturday.

Miss Charlotte Roberts, who is confined to her room with lung fever, is reported much better.

Dr. Candiana, of the Cascade Locks and S. J. La France, of Hood River were spending Saturday in the city.

Barley brings only 37 1/2 cents a bushel in Prineville. Wheat brings 80 cents rye 50 cents and oats 35 cents.

The sum of \$400 has been raised towards constructing a telephone line between Wasco and Moro in Sherman county.

It would not be a bad idea to hire a small boy to clean the lamps of the arc lights. It would certainly improve their light-giving qualities.

Professor Ingalls has received about \$30, in the form of subscriptions to a fund to be used in the purchase of books of reference for the Wasco Academy.

Captain John Lewis, register of the land office at this place, has obtained a month's leave of absence and started for Minneapolis and Washington Tuesday.

Charles H. Dodd of Portland is credited with saying that subscriptions for the world's fair are coming in rapidly and that there is no doubt of the \$50,000 being raised.

Dr. Siddall commenced Friday morning the erection of another residence building in addition to the two in course of construction on his lot at the corner of Fourth and Laughlin streets.

George Rowland transplanted an alantus tree today that he took from a lot within the city limits that had made a growth for the year of eleven and a half feet without a drop of irrigation.

The Chronicle acknowledged the receipt of a potato from Joe Trippier of Wapinitia which is a great curiosity. It is really eleven potatoes growing together, nearly in the form of a Maltese cross.

At the Cascade Locks one day last week a government derrick fell on an old man named Harry Crocker and resulted in a compound fracture of the fore arm. Dr. Candiana had him sent to St. Vincent's hospital.

The water from the upper reservoir was turned into the lower mains Thursday morning. The only pipes that failed to stand the test were two two-inch supplies that had been wrapped after the big freeze up, seven or eight years ago.

As we write, the thermometer stands over 60 degrees in the shade. The air is soft and balmy eve. It is a typical Eastern Oregon fall day and a loverly day the heart could not wish. If there is a spot on earth where the year contains a greater number of fine days than it does here we should like to know where it is.

Wheat is still ninety cents at North Dalles. George Smith has the field all to himself. He received last week about a thousand sacks and the week before about the same. This week about 350 sacks have been received up to Friday and the indications are that wheat will continue to come in slowly as long as the weather keeps open.

Robt. Laughlin of Wapinitia gave the Chronicle office a pleasant call Friday. From him we learned that at the auction sale of stock cattle which was held at the ranch of C. W. Magill of Wapinitia on the 21st inst., an average price of over \$14 was realized for cows, calves yearlings and two-year-olds. This is considered a fair price for stock cattle at this time of the year.

We learn from the Glacier that the Hood River valley is soon to be the scene of a grand literary gladiatorial contest on the momentous question: "Resolved, that if a man had hold of a tiger's tail it would be better to hold on than to let go." The battle will be fought on the evening of the 23rd inst. and the versatile editor of the Glacier will lead the hosts on the affirmative side. Now let the world hold its breath till this question is decided.

Chris Dethman of Hood River while in the city recently, informed us that he has now in his orchard a prune tree of the Samoa variety that is in full bloom. It is a two year old and has never had a drop of irrigation. Mr. Dethman says he raised this year also without irrigation over a hundred bushels of late rose potatoes on a patch of ground, a quarter of an acre in extent. This is a good showing for any country in the world.

V. C. Brock, county clerk of Sherman county, is in the city. Mr. Brock says the present year has put the farmers of Sherman county in fine condition. One man is spoken of who cleared off, by this year's crop, a debt of \$7000 and has a balance now to his credit in the bank. A very large acreage has been sown to wheat this fall and Sherman county will soon have an excellent spring sowing all together except for such crops as oats and barley.

A private letter from J. O. Warner, late of Nansen, informs us that he has joined his family at Red Lodge, Park county, Mont. The town, he informs us has a population of about 1200. It is a coal mining town with an output of from 50 to 60 car loads a day. Between three and four hundred men are employed and the pay roll amounts to \$35,000 a week. They have a tunnel a mile long and a branch road to Billings 100 miles distant. It is a good stock country. Mr. Warner says, as he ever saw, and the grass keeps green the year round. The town has one newspaper but the editor has been on a protracted strike for some time and he could not furnish Mr. Warner a copy till he gets over. The Dalles Chronicle will follow Mr. Warner to his new home where

and prosperity.

Horace Rice of Lower Fifteen Mile came into town Monday morning.

Fred Krossow of Grass Valley gave the Chronicle a pleasant call Monday.

It is not a good time to read the Bible while your wife is out in the rain cutting stove wood.

Crook county has let the contract for wooden booths for the next election, as required by the Australian ballot law.

A Talk With The Farmers.

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The first evening session found about two hundred persons present. It was opened by a song from the choir after which Hon. H. H. Dufur read a very admirable and able paper on "Our agricultural interests as connected with political economy."

Mr. Dufur claimed that the United States owes her greatness to agriculture; yet while the farmer has toiled to increase his own and the nation's wealth speculators have eaten up his substance.

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In the discussion that followed these papers, questions relating to deep or shallow plowing, planting corn or potatoes on summer fallow, leaving the fallow rough or smooth, cultivating the fallow, and second plowing and many others were asked and answered and a good deal of practical information was given.

This was followed by a recitation by Miss Eva Vanderpool after which Professor Frazer read a valuable paper on "Zoology and botany in our public schools."

The professor ably contended that no education is complete that does not embrace the whole man, in his physical as well as mental constitution.

Ed Harriman then followed with a short but suggestive paper, in which he took the affirmative of the question, "Should the principles of agriculture be taught in our public schools?"

Mr. Harriman contended that the common schools should be furnished with a few acres of ground by means of which pupils might be trained in some of the simpler principles of agricultural science.

A little caustic criticism on ventilation in our public schools by Miss Snell brought Professor Frazer to his feet only to find that he had his match in the ringing, clear-cut and incisive replies of the female professor.

The meeting then adjourned to meet for its last session at seven o'clock.

The closing session of the institute opened promptly at 7 o'clock p. m. with an attendance of about 300 persons.

After a song from the choir Miss Annie Dufur read an essay on "The Beautiful" which was full of sublime thoughts expressed in chaste and elegant diction.

This was followed by a comic essay on "Poultry Raising" by E. C. Warren which fairly convulsed the house with laughter; then a song by the choir followed by a recitation by Miss L. Thomas, and then the meeting was entertained by an address from State Lecturer Holder on the question, "Should Farmers Organize?"

Mr. Holder took strong ground in favor of farmers' organizations, insisting that every farming community should have its own organization. Every benefit that labor has won from capital has been obtained by organization.

At the close of this really excellent and sensible address Chairman Dufur took the floor and among other earnest words said "Farmers are today as much slaves to the combined influence of capital as were the negroes to their southern slave owners before the war. To rid themselves of these chains farmers ought to and must join some farmers' organization. Then facing Mr. Holder who temporarily occupying the chair he asked the question, "Now Brother Holder are you going to do about it? But before that gentleman had time to answer, Frank Lee of the Northwest Pacific Farmer sprang to his feet and exclaimed "Support the Regulator," which was answered by hearty applause from the audience.

After an original song from the choir the question box was opened and the following questions were read and discussed with interest and animation. Does cultivation tend to increase the growth of corn and tomatoes in Eastern Oregon? What is the best remedy for blight on tomatoes, a question which no one was able to answer? Is the grant worth what it cost? What is fat money? Should a man be allowed to sit on a jury who cannot read or write? Should farmers be compelled to fence against stock running at large? Is rain-making in cooking, sewing, canning, tending the sick, marketing, and other household duties and acquisitions while lessons were also given in horticulture, floriculture, kitchen-gardening as well as in military and dressmaking.

This was followed by an excellent paper by Mrs. G. W. Johnston on "The cultivation and management of flowers, in which many important practical suggestions were offered.

After the reading of an amusing paper by State Lecturer Holder in which the college bred agriculturist was sadly scored, the question box was opened and the following questions discussed: "Should there be a bounty on coyote scalps? When is cream ripe? Is there any truth in the theory of planting corn and potatoes in the light of the moon?"

This discussion was entered into with such zest and good humor that it gave one the impression that it was the most enjoyable exercise of a very enjoyable day and as the clock now indicated nearly ten the proceedings of the first day of the Farmer's Institute were brought to a close by a song from the choir.

The third session of the Farmers' Institute opened Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock with a good attendance. After music by the choir an essay was read by J. Trout on "Education and Reform and how best to obtain them."

Mr. Trout's paper dealt chiefly with the subject of the nation's finances and advocated the views on coinage and currency usually held by the farmers' alliance. After a short and animated discussion a selection of music was admirably rendered by the pupils of the Dufur graded school, followed by a recitation by Master Charles Percy.