

OUR LOCAL FIREMEN.

Talk About the Coming Tournament—Hydrants, etc. The fire department of The Dalles is greatly elated with its future prospects, which appear brighter than for a long time past.

STOLE THE BEST TEAM.

A Livery Stable Man in La Grande Suffers. A few days since Mr. Haynes, a commercial traveler, was in La Grande on business, and called upon a stable keeper for his best team to make a short excursion into the valley.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE NOTES.

Base Ball Game for Coin—Sickness—

Special to THE CHRONICLE. CORVALLIS, May 17.—Bunchgrass is now on the sick list, but will try to give you a few items anyhow.

Diphtheria has been causing considerable stir in this quiet town. John R. Bryson, the lawyer, lost two children with the dreaded disease last week.

Last Friday there was a matched game of base ball between the O. A. C. 4th nine and the Corvallis Giants, small school boys; which was barely won by the latter.

The Great Northern.

CHICAGO, May 18.—The Great Northern forces lay three miles of track a day, at which rate the gap between Kallispell and Spokane Falls will be speedily closed.

Telegraphic Flash.

William Astor's death has attracted but little comment, because William Astor was not a great man. A rich man, for selfish reasons, may be courted and feted during his lifetime.

Civilizing the heathen Chinese has received a setback in Brooklyn, N. Y., through the disappearance of Miss Grace French, a pretty brunette about eighteen years old.

The Oregon delegation will not recommend any man for collector of customs at Portland until after the election. Senator Mitchell says, every person seeking the office will have plenty of time to file applications by writing.

In San Francisco, on the 16th, among arrivals overlaid were a whole family of children, three girls and two boys, who had come all the way from Switzerland, without escort.

SATURDAY'S EXCURSION.

Basket Picnic to the Cascades on Saturday next.

The steamer Regulator will give The Dalles people an opportunity to make a GRAND BASKET PICNIC to the Cascades, Saturday, May 21st, leaving her berth at the foot of Union street at 7.30 o'clock a. m., and returning at 6 p. m.

The Dalles W. C. T. U.

At the annual meeting of The Dalles W. C. T. U. May 6th, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Smith French; recording secretary, Mrs. O. D. Doane; corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. M. French; treasurer, Mrs. Leslie Butler.

COUNTY TREASURER'S NOTICE.

All County Warrants registered prior to January 17th, 1889, will be paid if presented at my office. Interest ceases from and after this date.

ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastern Oregon Co-operative association (limited), will be held at The Dalles, Oregon, on Wednesday, June 22, 1892, at 10 o'clock a. m.

FRANK PIKE, Secretary. Dated, May 12th, 1892. 5.20w6.17

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING.

Special Correspondence From Wasco and Sherman.

WASCO, May 12.—The opening session of the institute was called to order at 10:30 this morning by John Medler in the chair. After a selection of music by the choir, and prayer by P. P. Underwood, the address of welcome was delivered by Rev. J. M. Denison, who paid a glowing tribute to the fine agricultural resources of Sherman county.

WASCO, May 12.—The afternoon session of the Farmer's Institute opened with a musical selection by the choir, after which a paper, composed for the occasion by Wallis Nash, was read by Professor French, on the subject of industrial education.

Mr. Lee's paper was followed by a short essay by Mrs. Hattie Andrews on "How to lighten the work of the farm housewife." The husband should rise early, said Mrs. Andrews, light the fire, set on the kettle and potatoes, and sweep the kitchen floor.

On reassembling Mr. John Smith opened the discussion on co-operation by a general statement as to the success of the farmers' warehouse which he had managed for a short time last year. The professor spoke of the Hatch act, by which the sum of \$15,000 was granted to each state, annually, for the benefit of farmers.

can the farmers derive the greatest benefit from the experiment station? The professor spoke of the Hatch act, by which the sum of \$15,000 was granted to each state, annually, for the benefit of farmers. He pointed out four ways through which the benefits intended to follow the appropriation might accrue to those for whose benefit it was made.

An interesting discussion followed the address of Professor French. At its close, A. S. Roberts sang, in fine voice, a very appropriate farmer's song. The hour of 4:30 p. m., had now arrived.

WASCO, May 13.—The convention opened this morning with a large attendance. Frank Lee of the Northwest Farmer read a paper which contained some excellent practical suggestions on "Business Methods on the Farm."

Mr. Lee's paper was followed by a short essay by Mrs. Hattie Andrews on "How to lighten the work of the farm housewife." The husband should rise early, said Mrs. Andrews, light the fire, set on the kettle and potatoes, and sweep the kitchen floor.

This was followed by Professor Washburn, in a paper on "Insect Pests of the Farm and Orchard." The nature and habits of various pests were described with the most approved methods of their extermination.

As the hour of noon had now arrived discussion was deferred till the afternoon session and the meeting adjourned. On reassembling Mr. John Smith opened the discussion on co-operation by a general statement as to the success of the farmers' warehouse which he had managed for a short time last year.

warehouse had handled about one-third of the grain crop of Sherman county. Besides this it had dealt in lumber, wood and coal and while successful in itself had greatly aided in furnishing a genuine competition. C. J. Bright claimed there was not enough money in circulation. The national banking system was the worst in the world.

Professor French followed with a paper written by Wallis Nash on "Transportation" which strongly deprecated such legislation against railroad corporations as would cripple them or hinder the building of new and competing lines.

V. C. Brock followed on the same subject. Carrying wheat by wagons from Wasco to Grants, a distance of 20 miles was worth \$3 a ton. This was 15 cents per ton per mile. The Union Pacific, high as its rates were between Sherman county and Portland, carried wheat for 4 cents per ton per mile.

James McMillen followed. He held that the worst enemy of the farmer is not the railroad but the wagon road. It cost as much to haul grain 10 miles to the station as it did to haul it 180 miles by rail at average rates.

H. E. Moore spoke of what the Cascade portage had done for the farmers of Wasco county and declared, if elected to the legislature, he would do everything in his power to secure the dalles portage. This was the signal for the chairman to call on other legislative candidates present to express themselves and Messrs. Smith, Coon and McDaniels responded briefly pledging themselves in the same manner.

A reference by Mr. Brock to the action of the Portland chamber of commerce in connection with the Norton survey brought Hugh Gourlay to his feet who said that it was evident that Portland did not want an open river. When the Regulator company asked Portland to assist in putting a boat on the lower river, nineteen persons contributed the magnificent sum of \$2,200.

A. B. Craft followed on "Co-operation." Unlike any other business the farmer has nothing to say about the price of what he buys or sells. He must take what he can get and pay what is asked. Farmers should pool their interests in the matter of buying and selling.

After a song by Mrs. Frank Pike, A. C. Huff spoke on "Farm Fences," taking the ground that the present law was a nuisance and there was probably not a yard of legal fence in the county.

intelligent men and women of the future fathers and mothers of this great nation. An instrumental duet followed and the meeting adjourned for supper.

The night session was opened by a song from the choir after which Professor French read a paper on "Green Fertilizing and Green Manuring." The thirteen elementary substances were described and the absolute necessity of retaining in the soil or giving back to it, the most important, namely, potash, phosphorus and nitrogen.

SOME PERTINENT.

A Few Passing Remarks Worthy of Consideration.

THE DALLES, May 14.—After reading the very clear article in THE CHRONICLE yesterday, on the immense crops that will be raised in Sherman county this year, I am reminded of the pertinent questions that agitated our people a year ago. In the spring of 1891 there were two or more schemes, on paper and in the air; for moving the grain crop of Sherman and other counties to the coast markets.

According to statements of Mr. Johnson, of Moscow, here this morning, rich deposits of gold have been found near that city quite recently. He says that only a few days ago two men from Howard, a gulch about seven miles from Moscow, came into the city with gold dust and nuggets to buy supplies with, and a Moscow paper which Mr. Johnson had with him says: "Messrs. Turner Bros." the men above referred to, "washed this gold out in the gulch."

Status in snow marble no longer decorate the art halls of Boston. In the interest of realism an artist of that city has propagated a new fad which maintains that sculptured images must be colored in the hue of their human simulators. The propagandist is even now holding an exhibit of Greek plaster-cast which he has bedizened with a brush and some paint.

According to dispatches yesterday the will of William Astor, lately deceased in Paris, leaves \$60,000,000 to his son, John Jacob Astor third, a young man whose most remarkable achievement so far in life is his marriage to a pretty girl from Philadelphia. The bridegroom of the pretty girl is the father of a son six months old. He has three sisters all married, if Mr. Drayton is still to be regarded as the husband of one of them.