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## GREAT FARMER'S MEETING

Education of our farm boys and girls and centralization of public schools. [A paper read at the Farmer's Institute held at Island City, Oregon, March 9, 1905, by Mrs. Mary E. Fraker, Lecturer of Blue Mountain Grange, La Grande, Oregon.]

Education is one of the fundamental principles underlying the Grange, and each year the subject of agricultural education, in particular, is coming more into public notice. Skill in farming is upon us and is here to stay. There never was a time when the old adage, "Knowledge is Power," could be more truthfully applied than to the business of farming today. The attendance at all of our agriculture schools and colleges throughout the country is increasing each year, and it is plain to be seen that the farmer of the future is not a man by himself, but a man among men. The terms "Hayseed" and "Reuben" will soon be of the past.

The time has long since gone by for the farmer to timidly take a back seat. His place is right up in the front row as the equal, if not the superior of men and women in any other vocation. The farmer and every member of his family are entitled to the highest position socially, politically and in every other way.

Now in regard to our boys and girls. It has been truthfully said that, "The future of any nation depends upon the boys and girls on its farms." Education and training pay on the farm just as they pay elsewhere in life. It should be the aim to educate these farm boys and girls in their surroundings. Teach them all you know of the milky way, but do not neglect to teach them the way to milk. Household Science should not be neglected by our girls. Very little attention has been given to this science and its great worth is not fully appreciated. Many a pan of biscuit or loaf of bread would not come to such an untimely end if this science were better understood by our young housekeepers.

Every farm child ought to have some instruction in elementary agriculture and horticulture. Where there is one person who is interested in Greek roots and Latin conjugation and the classics, there are hundreds who are interested in wheat, and live stock, and fruit.

In Missouri, I understand that each applicant to teach school must pass an examination showing that he is qualified to teach agriculture. For the past five years this has been one of the requirements for an applicant to obtain a first grade certificate. The state normal schools have had departments of agriculture and nature study. Instruction was also given to the teachers at the county institutes by members of the agricultural college faculty. Missouri has been working for fifteen years along this line and has now gotten fairly started. That state appears to be in the lead in this matter. Illinois and Indiana however, are not far behind.

Nature teaching should be in all of our rural schools. It is such teaching that the child mind craves, with it the school becomes a delightful place and the teacher an angel of light. Is it not likely that a child who is thus taught will soon begin to see a new value and dignity in farm life and be impressed with a desire to remain on the farm instead of going to the city? Our schools should be supplied with a good library which should consist of a liberal number of books in agriculture and nature study. In the average rural school with pupils of all ages and stages of advancement, there is a multiplicity of classes that makes it a difficult matter to grade pupils in a satisfactory way. The only practical solution of this problem would be in centralization, as then a better grading of schools and classification of pupils could be obtained besides numerous other advantages. This plan will render the teaching of agriculture comparatively easy, but until this is accomplished much can be done, as anyone, if he makes up his mind, can fit himself for teaching how to prepare the soil for planting and cultivating a few of our leading farm crops.

The farm boys' education should not cease here. Our boys are face to face with conditions that demand education and training equal to that of any profession on earth, therefore, when possible, a thorough knowledge of agricultural science should be obtained within college walls, where the composition and management of the soils may be learned, the use of farm machinery and the growing of farm crops, and the feeding, breeding and judging of farm animals. In horticulture, the management of garden and orchard. In dairying, how to feed and care for the cow, and how to utilize her products. In entomology they will be taught to know insect friends and

enemies. Botany teaches them the law which governs plant growth. In chemistry, they learn the composition and value of the feed which their live stock consumes, and of the fertilizers with which they feed their crops. In the veterinary class they will be taught how to treat the common diseases of farm animals. All of this they must know how to keep pace with the progress of the twentieth century.

The question may arise in the minds of some of you—what about the farmers of today?—The men who are actually in the harness, and who cannot avail themselves of the education agencies just mentioned? Must they plod along as their fathers and grandfathers did before them? Quite to the contrary. These men and their wives may arrange, I am quite sure, to take up a systematic course of reading and study in agriculture and domestic science in the subordinate Granges under the direction of the Agricultural college of the state. And then a great deal of valuable information that may be obtained from the various agricultural papers now published. So you see it is never too late to improve the mind, and, "where there is a will, there is a way."

In conclusion I would add that youth comes but once, and that the pathway of this life is trodden only once, that it is all important, before taking up the chief work of life, to be fitted for it as best you can and to make the very best of the talent that nature has given you.

The following is the excellent program rendered upon this occasion:—

- PROGRAMME**
- Thursday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.  
Address of Welcome. Hon. W. G. Hunter  
Response. Dr. Jas. Withycombe  
Song—Blue Mountain Grange Choir  
Soil Exhaustion. Prof. A. L. Kniesly  
Discussion  
Centralization of Public Schools. Mrs. J. A. Fraker  
Discussion  
Instrumental Music. Miss Pearl Parker  
Some Fruit Pests. Prof. A. B. Cordley  
Discussion  
Some Problems in Potato Culture. Robt. Withycombe  
Thursday, March 9, 1:30 p.m.  
Song—Blue Mountain Grange Choir  
The Babcock Test. Prof. F. L. Kent  
Discussion  
EO Ex at work. Geo. Gamie  
Care of the Dairy Cow. Dr. James Withycombe  
Discussion  
Instrumental Music. Miss Bessie Gekeler  
Poultry on the Farm. Mrs. Mattie Golden  
Discussion  
Agriculture from a Professional Man's View Point. Dr. S. V. Cook  
Discussion  
Some Commercial Phases of Fruit Growing. Prof. E. R. Lake  
Discussion  
Song—Blue Mountain Grange Choir  
Soil Inoculation. Prof. A. L. Kniesly  
Discussion  
Thursday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.  
Piano Solo. Miss Kathleen Thomas  
Rural Environment. Prof. E. R. Lake  
Discussion  
Vocal Solo. Mrs. Albert Hunter  
Address—Call to Action. Prof. T. A. Rinehart  
Piano Solo. Caroline Quimby  
Alfalfa on Dry Land. Dr. S. V. Cook  
Food Adulterations. Hon. J. W. Bailey  
Discussion  
Trio. By the Misses Hunter  
Reading—Tom Sawyer. Miss Etha Huffman  
The Agricultural College and its work. (Illustrated). Prof. F. L. Kent

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