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Washington, D. C., Oct. 13, 1908.

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LAWRENCE O. MURRAY,
Comptroller of the Currency.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE OVER

The Grange Hall Farmers' Institute is over, but the results of it will survive for long. There were many instructive features about the day and evening sessions, but Prof. C. L. Lewis, of Corvallis, lecture on "Horticulture" is perhaps the most important one from a Grande Ronde valley standpoint of any of them. First reviewing the enormity of production by Oregon orchard lands, he went at some length into the best method of draining the soil where orchards are to be located.

Proposes 1-Year-Old Trees.

"Use 1-year-old trees," said the speaker during his evening address. He pointed out how the tree will head lower and permit easier cultivation, from 28 to 35 feet apart is the proper distance to plant the tree. As regards pruning he suggested that if the growth goes too much to wood, pruning should be done early, about June 1. The various manners in grafting, the proper time and the most practical method, occupied much of some of the speakers' time.

A strong point which he emphasized was not to irrigate too much. It produced a soggy and ill-flavored apple. One irrigation is general enough. In connection with his topic of packing apples he ventured the assertion that Oregon gives better attention to picking a uniform size and evenly colored fruit than any other state in the union.

Professor Lewis' address was the feature of the evening session. Other numbers on the program for the final session were:

- Song, by Grange chorus.
- Recitation, Miss Letha Huffman.
- Solo, Alex Robinson.
- Stereopticon views, by college professors.

DATE OF MEETING.

Creditors of Claire Scriber Will Meet December 30 at 10 O'clock.

The creditors of C. J. Scriber, bankrupt, will meet in the office of Referee Hodgins on December 30, at 10 o'clock, according to an official notice sent out to the creditors by the referee. At that time creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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FOUND—Long neck fur on road 3 miles east of La Grande, two weeks ago last Saturday. At Observer office.

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