

A Good Thing.

The Farmers of Oregon are holding a Farmers' Congress this week in the Senate Hall of the State Capitol, which is being attended by the prominent agriculturalists of Oregon. The most important subjects are being thoroughly discussed that will help and promote the farming and stock-raising interests. This is a move in the right direction,

Farmers need schools and institutes just as much as any other class of trades or professions. Those who attend these institutes will have their ideas sharpened and will receive very valuable suggestion from others who study and experiment as well as work.

The farmer who thinks he knows it all and works his farm in the same old style as did his Grand Father should by all means mix up with modern up-to-date men who are practical, thorough and scientific farmers.

Any class of men who stand still at this date and age and do not use their best endeavors to grasp every new method and improvement for advancing their business interests will be dwarfs and failures in every respect. To-day one half of the population of this country are farmers, and three fourths of our exports are products from the farm.

Educated farmers who keep up with the times are those that work their farms with their brains as well as with their hands, and abundant success always crowns their efforts.

To become enlightened and educated farmers must read, study, think and help one another by exchanging ideas and results of experiences at such institutes as are now being held in Salem.

As Messrs. Campbell, Woodin, Caisse and Studenmeyer were burning the midnight oil, at work on the papers one night this week there was a timid knock at the door, and after a "come in" was sounded a head was stuck inside the door and "Have you any apples?" was asked. Visions of a treat made the eyes of the quartette water, but no "Have you any apples to sell?" was the repeated request. "No we have no apples to sell, Good-night."

Those who continually brood over troubles and will not let the sunshine of life into their souls, need never to expect happiness. There are many things in this beautiful world to make people happy no matter how hard their lot may be. If they will but try and enjoy themselves.



The Indian boy who sweeps well, saws wood well and is faithful in doing the small and minor duties required of him deserves praise and merits promotion. The boy who cannot and will not perform the little things required of him thoroughly and carefully will never make a success in other things, and does not earn a promotion. That should be the rule in making details and selecting apprentices for the shops and other Industrial Departments.



A fine Band and Athletic Club are good things for any school, if the maintenance of the same does not interfere with or retard the educational work of the institution. These important acquisitions should serve as healthful stimulants causing pupils to study better, work harder and progress all the faster. When too much attention is paid to foot-ball, base-ball and brass bands causing neglect in other more important lines of duty it is then time to call a halt.



After three years of hard and faithful work Miss Reel the National Superintendent of Indian schools has supplied the Indian service with an excellent practical and comprehensive course of study for the reservation and non-reservation training schools covering all grades of industrial and literary work necessary to be taught. This uniform course of study furnishes all Indian workers with a most helpful and necessary guide which if followed closely will undoubtedly bring very encouraging and successful results and give the Indian youth a thorough practical education, - fitting them for lives of usefulness and self-support.