

Farm and Grange Notes

Evening Star Grange.

Evening Star Grange met in its usual session on Saturday, March 3rd, with a large attendance.

The afternoon program was unusually interesting. Mrs. T. J. Dorgan of the Oregon Conservatory of Music was present and rendered two of her own compositions on the piano. One was entitled "On the Campus," and the other was "Theodore."

Four little girls from the Hudson school gave two pleasing songs.

Mr. F. M. Heath gave some very amusing impersonations.

Mr. A. L. Barber, city auditor, told about the need of "City and County Consolidation." He spoke from experience, telling of many duplications. Many thousands of dollars of the taxpayers money can be saved by consolidation and he hoped that it would come to pass. It has proved to be a success in many eastern cities, so why not here in Portland and Multnomah county.

Mrs. Pauline Pease talked on the all absorbing topic, "High Cost of Living." She told how to purchase with care, buying the good and needed materials for food; leaving out the useless, the premiums and the stuff of but little nutritious value. Do not always buy the highest priced, the cheaper may be just as good. She advised us to study our daily needs, and provide accordingly.

Mr. Roberts of Columbia County, Mrs. Benzie of Milwaukie and Mr. J. L. Barber were present and gave very pleasant and helpful talks.

This Grange will give a public entertainment in its hall on Friday evening, March 9.

Pleasant Valley Grange.

There was a good attendance at Grange last Saturday notwithstanding the stormy weather conditions. An excellent literary and musical program was rendered, the readings given in commemoration of the anniversaries of the births of Washington and Lincoln were especially fitting for the occasion. Lecturer Mrs. H. E. Poppleton was in charge. Committees were appointed to make arrangements to enter an exhibit at the county fair next fall, and to make

arrangements for entertaining Pomona Grange, which meets with Pleasant Valley Grange on the third Wednesday in March.

Fairview Grange.

The appropriations of \$3500.00 secured by State Senator Lewis of the Multnomah County Fair, Gresham, has caused all the Granges in this part of the country to prick up their ears, for they feel that it will now be possible for the Fair to give Grange premiums of \$250.00 each for high point winners. Fairview Grange, under Master Stone, had a very full meeting last Saturday, at which time the Fair proposition was thoroughly discussed and committees appointed. Fairview Grange won the first prize two years ago and are determined to repeat this fall. They have already served notice on the balance of the Granges in the county to that effect.

County Agent Hall was on hand at the meeting, taking notes of everything. His presentation must have been a queer one, for he has about ten Granges in the county, every one of which will expect him to be their next best friend. Looks as if it was going to be necessary for him to be a centipede in order to fill all the demands on his time. There is probably no section of Oregon which has a more fertile soil than that along the Columbia Slough where members of the Fairview Grange mostly live. As a rule they confine themselves to a few standard crops, but this year they will put in small patches of all the different grains and vegetables grown just to show the possibilities of their section and to help them make an attractive exhibit at Gresham. If all the other Granges in the county go into the matter with the same spirit as does Fairview, the Multnomah County Fair this year will be one of the best ever and will demonstrate thoroughly to outside people the possibilities of agriculture in this part of the state.—Portland Live Stock Reporter.

Mending Eggs.

Loss in eggs from handling makes a big bill, for it is difficult to sell an egg with a broken shell. A farmer in Illinois has discovered a way to save this waste. He saved the broken eggs for a week and mended them with gum arabic stickers. He then put them in a small incubator and lighted the lamp. From forty-eight eggs, twenty-nine chickens were hatched. So successful has he been that he now runs three small incubators to take care of the eggs which would otherwise have been a total loss.

Youthful Agriculture.

Mayor Overholser of Oklahoma City is a believer in agricultural activity, and in order to stimulate enthusiasm in school children for practical agricultural education, he has offered a prize of a five-passenger machine to the boy or girl among the fourteen thousand school children of his city who produces the greatest profit from his vacant-lot gardening during the coming summer. It is reported that the earth of Oklahoma City is being torn open in a fury of excitement.

Analyze The Business.

Business men in the city always keep books. If they didn't, they would fail in their business in a majority of cases. On the farm it is the exception rather than the rule for books to be kept. Where success is made in farming it is made in spite of this lack of careful check on the business rather than because of it, and where farming fails it is often because the farmer does not know what the various lines of the business cost or what they produce.

The absolute necessity of a keeping of accounts to insure against unwise and unprofitable undertakings has led the United States department of agriculture to prepare a simple, definite, clear system of farm bookkeeping, which it is

anxious to induce the farmers and stockmen of the country to adopt. Bookkeeping is not the complicated thing that it is usually supposed to be. Common knowledge of language and arithmetic is all that is necessary.

Every farmer should know what it costs him to raise a ton of hay, a bushel of wheat, a work horse, a sack of potatoes, a milk cow, or anything that he raises or wishes to raise. He should know what the ton of hay is worth to him if fed to the horses or the cow; what the sack of potatoes is worth to him if fed to the chickens or the stock. He should know whether the cow he is keeping is paying for her pasture and hay and incidental expense, and if another cow that he might keep would pay him more for the same feed and care. There are a thousand things that he should know—that he absolutely must know if he is to succeed, unless he was born under a lucky star, that insures him success without effort on his own part.

Specific information can be had on the analysis of the business of the farm and the keeping of cost and return accounts by applying to the United States department of agriculture at Washington, D. C., or by addressing the farm extension department of the college or university in the state.

Eggs that hatch well come from hens that have good vitality.

The reproductive organs of the hen are apparently very sensitive. A hen may produce well, but not reproduce well.

The fact that a hen lays well does not necessarily imply that her eggs will hatch well and her chicks grow well.

The hen that rustles for a living, lays a nestful of eggs in the fence corner, hatches every egg and rears every chick, if cooped up in a house and fed and cared for well does not always, if ever, produce good hatchable eggs. The hen that has the liberty to range over the fields will produce eggs that will hatch well and chicks that will grow well.—J. D.

Church Notes

Evangelical Church.

At the Evangelical Church special effort is being put forth throughout the month of March, in harmony with the city-wide plans of "go-to-church" month, as outlined by the Ministerial Association. Special music is always an attractive feature of the Sunday services, more than usual attention being given to this interesting part of the program during the present month. On Sunday morning Rev. Hornsbech will take for his topic, "Aaron and Hur Staying the Hands of Moses." The general public are always cordially and warmly welcomed.

Methodist Church.

Next Sunday will be a very special day in Methodist circles of Lents. Rev. M. B. Paroungian, of Salem, Sunday School Missionary for the Oregon Conference will be present throughout the day. Those who have heard Mr. Paroungian know what a treat is in store for them; a most delightful surprise is in store for those who have not had that pleasure. Among the musical features of the morning service will be a duet by Misses Luella and Frances Kearney. In the evening Mr. Paroungian will give his address, "From Armenia to America." The Male Quartette will give two selections in the evening. If you do not appreciate your country, you will after you have heard this lecture. Mr. Paroungian will address the young people of the church in the League room at an afternoon service.

The Helping Hand class will entertain the young men's class on Saturday evening at the home of Misses Ruby and Gladys Woodworth. The teacher of the class, Mrs. Wallace, will be chaperone. A splendid program is being arranged, in addition to which a social time will be enjoyed and refreshments served.

Mt. Scott Methodism was well represented at the Centenary Church Tuesday evening, at which time the mortgage of the Portland Methodist Deaconess Home was burned. The church was filled to capacity and from beginning to end the service was inspirational in its character. Much regret was felt at the absence of Bishop Haghes, who is in Eastern Washington and missed his train by four minutes, thereby failing to reach the city in time. Dr. Stansfield, of First Church, gave a brief address. Also C. W. DeGraff, of Woodlawn Church, and O. V. Badley, of Sunnyside Church, both members of the Board of Trustees, gave interesting addresses. To Mrs. Esther Waldfoegel, the donor of the first \$1,000 toward the building of the Home, was given the honor of burning the mortgage. Much enthusiasm was manifested throughout the services. District Superintendent, Dr. W. W. Youngson, presided.

The monthly business meeting of the Epworth League was held at the par-

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sonage Monday evening. A social hour was enjoyed at the conclusion of the business session.

Friends Church.

The usual services will be held on Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Riley, will preach both morning and evening. The topic of the morning sermon will be, "Danger Lines in the Deeper Life."

Rev. Riley occupied the pulpit of the Sunnyside Friends Church on Sunday evening last, owing to the illness of the pastor. Geo. V. McClure occupied the pulpit of the local church.

The monthly business meeting of the Christian Endeavor was held at the church on Tuesday evening. A very pleasant social hour followed the business session.

The Ladies' Missionary Society met for an all-day session with Mrs. Riley on Tuesday. The morning was devoted to sewing. A mid-day banquet was served, the mission study class convening in the afternoon. "Early Protestant Missions of the Eighteenth Century" was the topic discussed. Mrs. Jasper, of the Methodist Church, was present and contributed a solo to the program which was very much appreciated.

The ladies of the church very pleasantly surprised Mrs. Geo. V. McClure at her home on 91st St. Monday afternoon, the occasion being her birthday. A most delightful social time was enjoyed, supplemented by plenty of "eats," so essential to the success of such an occasion. In departing they left behind them as a reminder of the occasion a beautiful set of dishes of dainty design. Needless to say Mrs. McClure was delighted with this splendid gift.

Those noted evangelists, Bud Robinson and Milton Williams, are in the city endeavoring to arrange for a union tabernacle meeting later in the Spring. The former will speak at the Piedmont Friends Church Sunday morning. They will both speak at a union mass meeting at Centenary Methodist Church in the afternoon.

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Even in ordinary life the unselfish people are the happiest—those who work to make others happy and who forget themselves. The dissatisfied people are those who are seeking happiness for themselves.—Mrs. Beasant.

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