

CORRESPONDENCE

Oswego, Oct. 12.—The Clackamas County Pomona grange members held a most profitable and instructive meeting at Oswego, October 12. A large attendance was had and much was said and done toward our life insurance. It being the annual election of officers, some very good selections were made. The ladies carrying off the larger number of the offices, no doubt on account of carrying out one of the many principles the members of the grange are in favor of, that of women suffrage. Much good talk was had concerning the best methods of keeping up grange interest and increasing our membership. The reports from the various granges show that they are holding their numbers and have bright prospects of a large increase this coming winter. Members from the Washington and Multnomah county granges were present and many good ideas were exchanged. The exercises in the evening were long and right to the point, and Pomona feast, the best of all, was nice indeed. They all agreed that Milwaukie would be the next place of meeting, the second Wednesday in January.

HE WAS WELL MADE UP.

The Cause of a Wonderful Hit Made by the Late Bill Nye.

James Whitcomb Riley tells a quaint story of his former lecturing partner, Bill Nye. It was the opening of their joint season. They had both been rusticated during the vacation and were brown as berries. Nye looked much like an Othello in his sunburned make up, and Riley suggested to him the application of some "liquid white," a cosmetic much affected by the gentler sex of the profession.

Nye sent for the preparation, and never having used anything of the kind before he filled the palm of his hand with it and carefully smeared it over his countenance. There was no mirror in his primitive dressing room, and Riley was beautifying himself on the other side of the stage.

The "liquid white" dries out somewhat like whitewash, and when Nye appeared before the audience he was a sight to behold. His head looked like a frosted top piece on a wedding cake. His face, white as the driven snow, was expressionless and blank. The audience shrieked, and when he came off from his first selection they demanded his reappearance. He obliged them to howls of laughter. Again he made his exit, and again was redemanded by the uproarious audience.

Believing he had made a hit, he was about to return to the stage when he was caught by the arm by Mrs. Nye, who cried, "William Edgar Nye, what have you got on your face?" "Nothing but its usual expression, my dear."

"Expression! Fiddlesticks! You're a fright," cried his wife, and leading him to where there was a piece of broken looking glass showed him how he looked.

Nye was mortified, and catching sight of Riley, just about going on the stage, he would have undoubtedly followed him on and been revenged but for the intervention of Mrs. Nye.

His head was scraped, combed and washed, and his next selection was read without "a hand" from the audience. Moreover, the story is a fact and not a press agent's concoction.—Detroit Free Press.

MARRIAGE OF OFFICERS.

The Armies of Europe Have Various Rules Regulating It.

The restrictive conditions at present in force with regard to the marriage of officers in the Russian army forbid this privilege under any circumstance in the case of officers under the age of 23. Between the ages of 23 and 25 years the dot of an officer's wife must amount to a sum representing the minimum income of 250 rubles yearly.

On comparison of these conditions with those regulating the same question in other European armies it may be noted that in the Austria-Hungarian army the number of officers authorized to contract marriage is limited by a fixed proportion assigned to each grade, and, these totals being reached, all further marriages must be deferred pending the occurrence of vacancies in the married establishments.

The Italian army regulations, which fix the income of the fiancée at a minimum of from 1,200 to 2,000 lire, would appear to be more rational in their operation. Italian officers, however, apply a somewhat liberal interpretation to this law, with the result that the number of marriages occurring under actual provisions does not exceed more than an eighth of the total number, seven-eighths of the officers being united under the conditions of the religious ceremony only, and thus exposing themselves to all the inconveniences which attend a marriage not recognized by civil law.

Similar disabilities would now appear to be incurred by Russian officers, and suggestions have been made by the press in Russia that a general revision of the law is becoming necessary. The question is assuming some importance from the fact that Russian officers, reaching a total number of nearly 40,000, represent one of the most important classes in the state.—Brooklyn Citizen.

He Knew.

Pedagogue (severely)—Now, sir, for the last time, what's the square of the hypotenuse of a right angled triangle equivalent to?

Boy (desperately)—It's equivalent to a lickin for me, sir. Go ahead.—London Fun.

First Elephant in America.

It is not generally known that a former citizen of Owensboro brought across the ocean the first elephant that was ever in America. The name of the gentleman was Moses Smith, who at one time owned a vast body of land from the mouth of Panther creek up the river, embracing nearly all the present farms in the neighborhood of Sorgho. Mr. Smith was at Paris with his brother and had "more money than he knew what to do with." He told his brother that he intended taking something to America that the people had never seen. "You had better buy an elephant," said the jocular brother, and that was what Moses did.

He picked out the biggest animal he could find and paid an enormous price for it. He brought it to New York, where it was a nine days' wonder, but the owner soon found that he had something worse than the proverbial white elephant on his hands. He tried to sell it, but could find no buyer and at last undertook to give it away, in which he was equally unsuccessful. Finally he found a man who agreed to pay him \$100 for it, and this individual put it on exhibition. He was so successful that he went into the show business and made a fortune out of Mr. Smith's folly. Colonel Frank McKernan of Adairville is a grandson of Mr. Smith, who lived to a great age at his home in this county.—Owensboro (Ky.) Inquirer.

Satan at Camp Meeting.

We will call him Bishop Simmons. During the afternoon the younger ministers had listened to him with veneration and respect, and when their turn came they found him a dignified and careful listener.

The afternoon was delightful and the camp meeting service was a long one. The good bishop was a keen lover of the weed, and after the meeting had closed he strolled off for a smoke. At a little distance he found an abrupt ledge entirely out of the view of the camp grounds, and going down around to the foot of this he lit his cigar and prepared for a quiet half hour.

As it chanced, soon after one of the younger ministers took a walk from the grounds, and finally came to the top of the same ledge, and, looking down, saw the bishop.

For the space of a moment or two he stood with a gleam in his eye, and then, stooping down, he said in a sort of triumphant tone:

"Ah, Father Simmons, I've caught you burning incense to the devil." The bishop took out his cigar and turned about till he had swung the speaker fully into view, and then added slowly in a deep voice:

"But I didn't know he was so near."—Current Literature.

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Dawson City Prices.

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Culinary Information.

Mistress—Do you call this sponge cake? Why, it's as hard as it can be. New Cook—Yes, mum, that's the way a sponge is before it's wet. Soak it in your tea, mum.—Town and Country Journal.

The antimonomopolistic sentiment in this country is not a modern idea. In 1777 Massachusetts passed an act entitled "to prevent monopoly and oppression."

In the Hawaiian Islands there are twice as many men as women.

Didn't Call Her Mary.

It is said that the native servants in Hawaii used to call their mistresses by their first names. An English woman of strong will determined on her arrival in Honolulu that her servants should never call her Mary and instructed them carefully in the presence of her husband. One day, when she had visitors, her cook put his head in at the drawing room door and politely inquired:

"What vegetables for dinner today, my love?"

He had heard her called that and seemed proud of remembering not to say Mary.—New York Tribune.

Draving a Risk.

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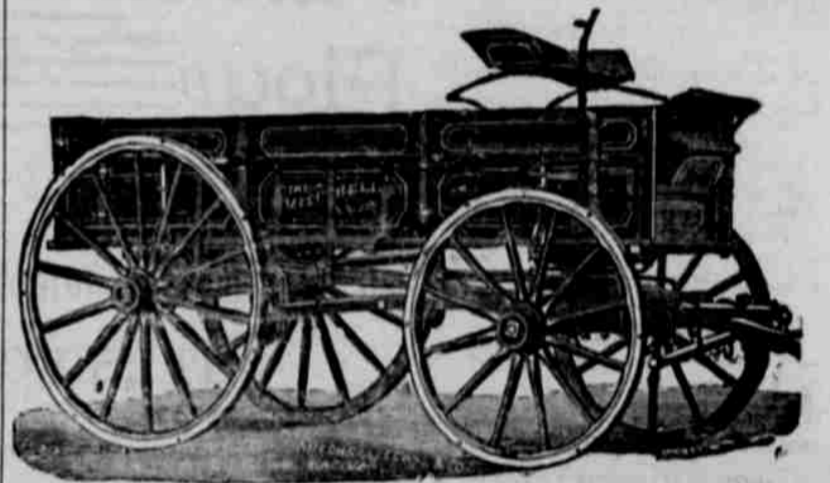
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