

### PARK GRANGE HAS ALL DAY MEETING

The members of Park Grange held their second all day meeting at their hall Saturday, April 9. As these all-day meetings are something of an experiment with this grange it was highly pleasing to the members to see such a good attendance and to note the interest manifested. Eleven applications for membership were presented which added to the ten new members admitted since March 1 shows a healthy growth of



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the order. Besides the regular order of business the matter of cleaning up and otherwise beautifying the grounds was taken up. A committee of ladies was appointed to oversee the work and interest as many as possible in helping with this work. As this park is for the benefit of the public in general as well as for the grange it is expected that all public spirited people will turn out and help on a date which the ladies will agree upon and announce later.

It was also decided that the grange arrange for a celebration on July 4. A committee has the matter in hand and as soon as they have conferred with other granges and kindred bodies and framed plans for the celebration they will report their progress and announce program.

The only disappointing feature of the meeting was their inability to eat all of the good things provided by the ladies for the dinner which was served.—C. E. S.

### HOOD RIVER PIONEER DIES AT LOS ANGELES

A dispatch to the Oregonian Friday states that William Penn Watson, one of the foremost exponents of early farming in the southwest, lies near death at his home, 542 Chestnut avenue, Long Beach, surrounded by his family. He is 83 years of age.

Mr. Watson settled in the Hood River district of Oregon 35 years ago, planting the pioneer apple orchard in the now famous apple country. He attracted attention 30 years ago with his success in raising fruit without irrigation. Mr. Watson has a fruit ranch near Willows, three miles north of Long Beach, which is never irrigated nor watered, and is the wonder of horticulturists.

Mr. Watson and his son, W. P. Watson, Jr., own large tracts of land near Cocheila on which they are successfully raising cantaloupes, oranges and vegetables without irrigation.

William Penn Watson was one of Hood River's earliest pioneer residents and came here about 40 years ago. He received a large grant of land on which now stands part of the city of Hood River, but disposed of it.

Contemporary with Captain H. C. Coe he was one of the first to recognize Hood River's superior soil and climate for growing apples and planted a small orchard.

Mr. Watson left Hood River in 1900. Besides his daughters, who reside at Long Beach, he is survived by Mrs. Nellie Walker and John W. Watson of Portland.

### Neighborhood Trust Still Trusting

The spirit of the Get Acquainted Trust is infectious and the madly was fully developed Friday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bartmess, who welcomed the Highland neighbors with a number of their special guests. Fortunately Miss Kate Earl was present to assist in the welcome and entertainment. Miss Blanche Harblson sang "Happy Songs" to her own accompaniment. Mr. Cuning read his usual paper on

the objects of the trust and other things—mostly. Mrs. Campbell recalled "The Quaker Maid" and being recalled "Sweet" Things in the Dark." A couple of songs by Earl Bartmess was a pleasant feature, as he has a fine voice that shows artistic training, but the main feature was reading the geographical rebuses. As each person had one attached to their person it caused quite a mix-up to read them all. Mrs. Newby won the prize for reading the greatest number and received a nice picture. The task of guessing the enigmas and the usual gossip made all appreciate the substantial lunch. It was nearly midnight when the guests said good bye and fled away from another best meeting like a crowd from Sunday night church, when lawyers preach.

### OVER FORTY AUTOS NOW IN HOOD RIVER

The number of automobiles at Hood River continues to increase. During the past week L. D. Boyd and A. B. Shelley, the former's son-in-law, received a Winton six. This is the first six cylinder car to be owned by Hood River parties. It has the advantage of all high powered cars of this class and is a great hill climber. Chas. Hall and F. W. Cutler have purchased White cars, the new machine recently put out by the White Steamer Company. Including the one P. S. Davidson recently purchased three of this make of car are now in the valley. Mr. Leslie Butler's new Cadillac also arrived this week. There are now something over forty in the valley.

### Cigar Company Doing Business

The Hood River Cigar Company opened its place of business last week and is manufacturing cigars for the Hood River trade. It has secured quarters in the Jackson building and is putting out several brands of first class five and ten cent cigars. The ten cent brand is the Commercial Club and the five cent brands are the Bankable and Hood River Five. The material used in all of the stock is said to be long Havana filler with Suntra wrappers. The cigars have been placed on sale in a number of places about town and are being bought by those who believe in patronizing home industry.

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