

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The Farmers' Institute held under the management of Corvallis Grange in the court house December 18th and 19th was a decided success all the way through. The rain storm on Thursday morning no doubt kept a good many farmers from attending yet there was a decided success all the way through. At the evening sessions the court room was well filled, there were two hundred and fifty to three hundred present.

The farmers showed much interest by the lively discussion of questions which were placed in the question box and in discussing the papers which were read. Among the questions which were discussed were the following: Can tiling be used for irrigating land? No one could give practical experience; but the discussion brought out several good points. Another question was, "Will it pay to build sheds for manure?" The balance of argument was in favor of some protection for the compost heap to prevent wash by allowing the rain to wash through it. Among the most important questions just at the present time, perhaps, is the following, "Would it be wise legislation to appropriate \$250,000 to defray expenses of an Oregon exhibit at the Columbian Exposition?" This was discussed at some length; but no one favored such a large expenditure from the state's funds. Some thought \$10,000 sufficient. The subject of "Summer Fallowing" proved to be an interesting theme to the farmers and had there been time one whole session could have been given up to this with much profit. The bare fallow is largely a thing of the past, judging from discussion which was entered into with much interest. Nearly all who spoke upon the subject grow some small crop rather than allow the ground to be naked during the summer.

The programme was carried out as printed except the transposition of his paper and the omission of the subject of "Breeding Cattle" the essayist not being present. Among those who attended the Institute from a distance were Judge Boise, Hon. J. Voorhees and Hon. T. T. Geer all of Marion county. Hon. T. T. Geer's address on Friday evening was full of good cheer for the farmer. Mr. Geer looked upon the bright side of farm life and evinced himself as having little patience with those who go about decrying the farmers' lot and picturing it as a most lamentable condition. Mr. G. showed that many crops which can be grown successfully in Oregon are bringing good prices, notwithstanding the stringency in the money market.

The exhibit of vegetables, dried and canned fruit, fresh fruit grains and flowers attracted much attention. One of the most interesting features, to the ladies at least was a display of "practice sewing" done by the girls in the Household Economy course at the college. Miss Snell's paper called attention to this feature and the advantages of a well trained hand and eye as well as brain in household work. To give this or any other paper justice would be to give the whole article which space will not admit.

A large number participated in the picnic dinner at the Grange hall on Friday. An hour and a half spent in the hall partaking of the delicious cakes and the more substantial things such as chicken, baked beans, cold beef, etc., together with the social chat helped to form new acquaintances and to strengthen the old. People will become acquainted easier at a dinner table than at any other place because they are good natured here if in no other place in the world. The Institute closed on Friday evening with a feeling that all had enjoyed the meetings and much had been gained both socially and intellectually.

The subject of a county fair in Benton county was talked of privately; but no definite action was taken. Certainly there ought to be a county fair in Benton county and there is no better location than Corvallis for such an institution. Perhaps at some future Institute this would be an appropriate subject to discuss.

The Salem Statesman says a grapevine line is in process of organization in that city. The proposed route of the line if built will be along the river to Independence, Monmouth, Buena Vista, Albany and Corvallis. This line when it is in operation will be of great benefit to the river crafts, for by it they can learn much of the business before them on the route.

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BRIEF LOCALS.

Buy your rubber goods at Nolan's. Egan & Achison are selling monuments at Portland prices.

Bargains in materials for fancy work at Nolan's.

Regular meeting of the ladies' coffee club next Monday at 4 p. m.

Case's Hair Tonic is getting more popular every day. Try it.

All the latest novelties in the photographic art at Pernot Bros.

The finest baths on the coast at the Occidental Shaving Parlors.

Wm. M. Hoag has gone to San Francisco to spend the holidays.

L. L. Hurd and wife went to Roseburg Tuesday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mack Hemphill, who is attending St. James College at Vancouver is home during vacation.

Do not fail to examine goods and prices at Ladies' Bazar before you make your holiday purchases.

The most attractive thing about the attractive line of goods at the Ladies' Bazar is the low prices.

Don't forget the masquerade ball tonight. Good music and a fine time is guaranteed to all who attend.

Remember J. R. Hughes has a fine assortment of candies for the holiday trade, and also a fine line of cigars.

For bargains in monuments, headstones, etc., go to Egan & Achison, Albany, Oregon.

Dr. Clinton Cook, who caused a sensation by disappearing from Chicago recently, arrived in Salem Sunday.

Mrs. James Booth, of Yaquina, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thompson, in this city.

You always get cupid almond cream, first class bay rum and a clean towel on the face at Case's Shaving Parlors.

Nothing could be more acceptable as a Christmas gift than one of Philip Weber's fine plush chairs. He has the most comfortable and stylish patterns.

Carpets and rugs of the best makes and prettiest designs at Weber's furniture store.

Elmer Samuels, who is now telegraph operator at Tekoa, Washington, arrived in Corvallis last Monday with his wife and family. They will remain during the holidays visiting parents.

For first class goods cheap go to J. Wm. Will. He has made an immense cut for 30 days in prices at the same time his goods can not be beat in quality. Call soon for now is your favored time.

Egan Achison handle the celebrated Portland cement walls for cemetery lots. These walls can be furnished at half the cost of any other and are far superior.

W. A. Wells returned last Tuesday from Napa, California, where he has been for the benefit of his health, which was greatly improved by the trip.

The display of home-made candies at Cameron and Co.'s makes one's mouth water, but they are sold at such reasonable figures that no one need do without what the English call "lollies" during the holiday time.

Rev. J. W. Ingle, financial traveling agent for the Philomath college, expects to go to Ohio and other eastern states in a few days in the interest of that institution.

Why suffer with headache and neuralgia? Wright's Paragon Headache Remedy never fails. Safe, sure, soothing to the nerves. Does not disturb the stomach, and induces sleep. Try it. Sold by all druggists.

The Yaquina, Seal Rock and Aalsea Bay R. R. Co. will commence their efforts for subsidy next week and there is no question but the people will respond to that enterprise and that line will be built, as Aalsea Bay will furnish considerable traffic to the line to and from Yaquina Bay. Seal Rock will add greatly to the enterprise in the summer season.—Republican.

A man living near Newberg, who was over in Marion county, undertook to return home one night last week. The night being very foggy, he lost his way in the hills and had to camp out. He built a fire and made the best of his situation, but the night seemed to him to be many nights. In the morning he found he had camped just a few yards from the road and but a short distance from home.—Dayton Herald.

There was another pay day for the employees of the Oregon Pacific this week. The vouchers for June were also paid.

Mrs. Wilcox, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, arrived in Corvallis last Saturday and will remain during the winter visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wilcox.

Ray Satchwell, day operator at the Ashland office of the Postal Telegraph Company is spending his holiday vacation with his parents in this city.

Thos. Eglin returned last Friday from a trip to San Jose, Cal. On his way home Mr. Eglin spent several weeks in Southern Oregon towns.

J. H. Hughes will address the children, of Corvallis, at Fishers hall next Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Subject, "Obedience to Parents." All children invited.

N. B. Avery, Judge Pipes and Fred Dingle left on the last steamer for San Francisco. Judge Pipes will visit relatives in San Jose, and expects to return about the 15th of January.

Joe Wright, who has been employed as commissary on a railroad near La Grande, Oregon, during the past season, is spending the holidays with his mother in Corvallis.

James Dunn, city marshal, has procured a scraper and has put in a portion of his time this week in cleaning the mud off of the cross walks on the principal streets. This is a good move kept up.

A new cab was brought to Corvallis this week. The proprietor has established his headquarters at Thos. Eglin's stables, and will run the cab for the accommodation of the public in the future.

When the blood becomes impoverished or vitiated, life becomes a burden, and the system is susceptible to disease. Wright's Sarsaparilla is worth its weight in gold as a blood medicine. Sold by all druggists.

W. C. Crawford, of the firm of Crawford & Howell, who are building the Jacksonville-Medford railroad returned from there last Saturday. He says rails are being laid and that cars will be running over the road by January 1, 1891.

The days are growing longer and will continue to do so until the 22nd day of next June. Last Monday was the shortest day in the year. The sun having on that day gone as far south as it could, started on its northward journey.

A train wreck seems to be an almost daily occurrence on the east side Oregonian railway. It is reported that another wreck occurred to a mixed passenger and freight train near Crabtree last Monday, caused by the spreading of the rails. No one was hurt.

There is talk of forming a syndicate for the purpose of setting twenty acres adjoining the Benton County Prune Company's orchard in small fruit. There is money to be made in raising small fruit in Oregon and this enterprise would no doubt prove to be a profitable investment to those who go into it.

It is a deserved tribute that Secretary Noble pays in his annual report to the efficient services of Mrs. Dorchester, wife of the Superintendent of Indian Schools, who, at the request of the Secretary, has accompanied the Superintendent on his tours of inspection.—Traveler. This lady and her husband were in Corvallis last summer and while here visited the Siletz Agency and paid Agent T. J. Buford a very high compliment on the manner in which the affairs of the agency were conducted.

The river is only about ten inches above low water mark at Corvallis and 30 inches at Salem. The three Oregon Pacific boats are thoroughly equipped and in readiness to pull out at a moment's notice when there is sufficient water. There is a large amount of freight awaiting shipment as soon as the boats start up. Abernethy Bros. and Eldredge of Marion county are having built at Portland a boat after the plan of the Wm. M. Hoag, which will be put on the upper Willamette route this season. It will cost about \$15,000, and it is expected to leave the boat yard to make its trial trip about January 10th.

WILL INSTALL OFFICERS.—Corvallis Lodge No. 14, Rocky Lodge No. 75, A. F. & M. and Ferguson Chapter of B. A. M., No. 5, and the order of Eastern Star will install their officers next Saturday evening. The installation exercises will take place at the court house and be open to the public. Rev. E. J. Thompson will deliver the address.

BEAT HIS WIFE.—John Vernig was arrested Monday morning for brutally assaulting his wife Sunday evening. He pleaded "not guilty" before the city recorder, but at the same time said he kicked the woman in self defense. The testimony of Vernig's wife and others was evidence sufficient for the defendant's conviction, and he was fined fifty dollars, in default of the payment of which the marshal lodged him in the city jail. Vernig was brutally punishing one of his children, and his wife went to the rescue, when he turned upon her. The brute kicked his wife in a most brutal manner, put her out at the door and ordered her from the house. She was properly taken care of by near neighbors, and while she was not seriously injured, the indignation of the entire community has been excited against Vernig. He hasn't a particle of manhood. A strong man who would come before a court of justice and set up the plea of self defence against his wife, a weak and defenseless woman, in order to escape the punishment he justly deserves ought to be punished for that alone. Fifty dollars fine is a very light punishment for such a man.

WANTS TO COME BACK.—J. R. Hamilton, of North Dakota, was in Corvallis last winter looking at the surrounding country for the purpose of locating here, but the climate did not suit him, it being quite foggy during his short stay here. Mr. Hamilton has kept himself posted on Oregon, however, and from a private letter recently received by parties in this city it seems he has learned of the delightful weather this winter and the extensive prune and fruit orchards that have been set out in this vicinity this season. And he now wants to come back to Oregon and go into the fruit raising business. Well come right along there is room for more.

LECTURE.—The Rev. H. H. Brown appeared before an appreciative audience at the court house last Monday, and delivered his famous lecture, "Put a Nickel in the Slot." After speaking of the various mechanical devices designed for the saving of labor, he branched out in the wide field of reform in our industrial and political circles. He pleaded for a closer union between capital and labor; for the nationalization of telegraphs and railroads; and civil service laws that shall make it impossible to discharge a government employe except for incompetency. The lecture showed deep thought.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At the regular meeting of Corvallis Grange December 20th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: M. Prof. H. T. French; O. J. D. Johnson; L. Prof. J. D. Letcher; S. S. L. Shedd; A. S., L. F. Wilson; C. Rev. E. J. Thompson; T. Wm. Crees; Sec., Prof. F. L. Washburn; G. K., Chas. Horning; C. Mrs. Wm. Crees; P., Mrs. Geo. Taylor; F. Mrs. S. L. Shedd; L. A. S., Mrs. L. F. Wilson; Historian, which office we created for our own benefit, Miss Alice Horning.

FIXED FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—T. Graham, the druggist, has arranged a fine display of Christmas cards, toilet cases, celluloid goods and manicure and shaving sets of all kinds, historic and romantic literature for old and young, and an especially fine line of books for juveniles. His large display in all these lines should be consulted by those who desire to make some appropriate presents to their friends. Mr. Graham's well appointed line of drugs, medicines, paints and oils has become well known as a great convenience to the public who believe in fresh first-class goods at moderate prices.

BARGAINS IN REAL ESTATE.—Good six-room house, with large pantry, woodshed, etc., with lot and a half of ground on Jackson street; only one and one-half blocks from new school house. New stable and carriage house; water at house and barn; immediate possession. Five acres on College Avenue, west of State Agricultural College, frontage of 320 feet on Avenue; a splendid buy. Apply to Ralston Cox.

A very pleasant party was given Saturday evening by Mrs. F. G. Clark, at their residence, in honor of Mr. Edwin Clark, a relative recently from Minnesota.

If you want a monument see Egan & Achison, of Albany, before purchasing.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given, to all persons concerned, that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Margaret Wood, deceased, by the County Court of Benton county, Oregon; and all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to me at my residence, near Philomath, in Benton county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated Dec. 19th, 1890.  
G. G. NEWTON,  
Administrator of the Estate of Margaret Wood, deceased.

**Announcements.**

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., }  
Nov. 14, 1890.  
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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: George W. Cross, William Frels, George M. Mulkey and John B. Grdeig, all of Blodgett P. O., Benton county, Oregon.  
J. T. APPRISON,  
Register.