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OUR COLLEGE.

Says the Rural Northwest, one of the leading agricultural journals on the Pacific coast: The Oregon Agricultural college is supported by the state and general government. The people ought to take a general interest in it, and know just what it is doing. There is, unfortunately, in some places a prejudice against agricultural colleges. This prejudice has arisen from two causes. One of the reasons for this prejudice arose out of the fact that when agricultural colleges were first started in this country there were no persons prepared and fitted to become instructors therein. Many of the earlier ones were but little different in their character from other colleges. This reason for prejudice has about passed away. The other cause for prejudice is ignorance of the work that is being done by these colleges, and a misunderstanding of what is attempted therein. It is certain that these schools of agriculture and the experimental station connected therewith, have already done a great deal to advance the interests of the farmers of the United States. They are centers from which radiate new ideas. The experimental work they are doing is especially valuable. When the farmer lived in a little clearing in the woods and could carry all of his tools and implements upon his back, agricultural colleges would have been useless. The tendency of late years has been such as to make it constantly more and more imperative that a farmer shall be a man of intelligence and skill. Oregon is especially a field in which the state agricultural college, with its experiment station, can do a great work. The conditions of climate and soil are materially different from those found in the other portions of the country. There is inevitably to be a great deal of what is known as "high farming" or, at least farming on high priced land. To make this a success requires the aid of the best methods that are known or can be discerned. Individual experiments will do much, but the state can do the experimental work more cheaply and can prove by trial the worth of discoveries made by individuals. Great areas are being planted to fruit trees in this state by persons who in the majority of cases know neither the kind and conditions of soil best adapted to the different varieties of fruit, the proper mode of caring for and cultivating their fruit trees after they are planted nor the various pests they have to combat. To such persons the bulletins of the agricultural college cannot fail to be of great value. This is only one illustration of the immediate benefits to be derived from the college. We hope that the articles upon the agricultural college will be carefully read and that the people of Oregon will see that it is to their interest to uphold and encourage it in its work. If it deserves criticism let us have that, but let its shortcomings be pointed out in a friendly way rather than with the spite of a fault-finder.

AT PORTLAND.

Portland is certainly a great city. Its metropolitan magnificence overreaches all other competitors on the Pacific coast. The writer was down there from Friday until Monday, and her spectacular public buildings so impressed him with the greatness of the city and the energy and enterprise of her people that he felt like prolonging the visit another week, but business demands at home refused to be counteracted. The exposition was a feature of unabated interest. We do not re-

member the time when we experienced more real, genuine pleasure than when we glanced over the selections of Oregon and Washington exhibits. Here were indications of thrift on the part of the fruit growers of the Northwest, and we can easily see that the time is coming when Oregon will be at the pinnacle of fruit-growing countries. The mineral exhibits far exceeded our greatest anticipations. The gold products from Eastern and Southern Oregon showed signs of extreme mineral wealth. Some very enormous specimens were shown to us, and we were convinced that Oregon has untold resources of rich mineral products in mystified corners of the earth somewhere.

Portland's big papers, the Oregonian and the Telegram, are as indispensable to the city's needs as her hotel accommodations. Indeed, Portland without the Oregonian would be like the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. The Telegram is also doing a great work, and is run in the interest of the Democratic party. Its circulation is rapidly increasing, and it is said to have a strong financial backing.

At the cyclorama of Gettysburg we saw soul-harrowing conflicts on the battlefield,—men falling about; and shells bursting, and horses reeling, and blood flowing in rivulets—as natural as life. It was a hard matter to discern where the real left off and the artificial commenced. It well pays one to visit the cyclorama, and before you depart therefrom you will be fully convinced that war is not all a blessing.

While in the metropolis we visited Drs. Darrin's office. We have been acquainted with these gentlemen for some time, and we spent a very pleasant hour in their commodious quarters. Here a continual crowd was gathered, awaiting treatment, and it did appear that fully five hundred people passed up and down the elevator for consultation during the short time we were present. This was almost as interesting and spectacular as any feature of amusement we saw at the Exposition. Sunday we went over to Mt. Tabor, East Portland, on the electric and the motor cars. Here we met our friend E. C. Pentland, who is now a resident of the metropolis. Many interesting things happened over at Mt. Tabor, but lack of space will not permit us mentioning them. This place is fully four miles from main Portland, and the Sunday excursion ride is an extremely pleasant one.

A HUGE JOKE.—They are working off the second story of the carriage factory now. A visitor in the city Tuesday supposed the factory was the government works, and said Ringer Hermann's majority in Benton county would likely continue to increase. The reporter remarked that this was due to the efforts of enterprising citizens of this city, whose capital is largely invested in the construction of the enterprise. "Well," said he, "I am wrong. I had forgotten that the college is putting up an additional observatory." "You mean dormitory, do you not?" queried the reporter, and the latter then took to his heels. The joke was a huge one, and the man realized the full fruit and force of it at his own expense some time afterward.

Many years' practice has given C. A. Snow & Co., solicitors of patents at Washington, D. C., unsurpassed success in obtaining patents for all classes of inventions. They make a specialty of rejected cases, and have secured allowance of many patents that had been previously rejected. Their advertisement in another column will be of interest to inventors, patentees, manufacturers, and all who have to do with patents.

GRANGE MATTERS.

MR. EDITOR:—Perhaps you and some of your readers would like to know something about the Linn County Business Council, P. of H., as said council met with the Corvallis Grange at the last meeting, on Saturday, October 3d, '91, Brother John Bryant, president, in the chair.

The roll was called, and a quorum being present, the regular routine of business was gone through with. The minutes of the last regular session of the Council were read by the secretary and stood approved. In the absence of Brother Mart Miller, the agent for the Council, there was no report from him in regard to the financial proceedings of the Patrons of Husbandry in the jurisdiction of the L. C. B. C. The Patrons in this part of Benton county asked of the Council for a sub-agent to act in concert with the general agent, as it was rather difficult for them to go to Albany to do their trading. Their request was granted with the consent of Brother Miller, our agent.

Considerable talk was indulged in by several members in explanation of the workings of the Linn County Business Council,—Bros. French, Scott, Freeson, Dr. Leeper, Letcher, Davison and Sister Whitney, and others whose names I failed to get. As this was the first meeting of the Council since last June, there was no business of importance prepared for this meeting.

Before adjourning for dinner, Prof. French, of the O. A. college, requested the Council as a body to visit the Oregon Agricultural college buildings, farm, etc. At this juncture dinner was announced and the worthy president declared a recess for that purpose, of which all availed themselves and partook heartily of the repast, interspersing it with social chat, all taking a general part.

Immediately after lunch (headed by Professors French and Letcher) the Council as a body started for the O. A. college buildings, farm, etc. On arriving at the college all were shown through the different rooms and the manner of conducting said institution throughout.

The green house was gone through. Also the dormitory, barn, silo building, etc., and their different uses explained in a hurried manner. As there were a good many persons in attendance who had never been at the O. A. college, there seemed to be quite an interest taken by the visitors in examining the locality, buildings, stock, flowers, etc., and none will regret the time spent. My only regret was that the time was too short to make anything like a thorough examination. After the hours thus spent, we returned to the council hall and resumed business.

The next meeting of the Council will be held with Grand Prairie Grange No. 10, Linn county, Oregon, on the first Saturday in November, 1891.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Corvallis Grange by the Council for the use of their hall, to the Sisters for the repast furnished and to the Professors of the college for the interest shown to the Council.

No other business of importance coming before the Council and all seeming to have enjoyed themselves in the day's work, on motion it was adjourned.

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POTENT POINTERS.—Mrs. Nell Oraven is keeping pace with city improvements by having some substantial repairs made on her property. Others should wisely join the procession, where improvements are needed, and it will not be long till Corvallis will be a neat and attractive city. Improvement improves homes, builds up property values, and is the creative genius of wealth. Let the good work proceed while the dusty shackles drop from the dry bones of mossbackism, and the last vestige of antiquated action stifles under the swelter of business impulses, actuated by enterprise and industry. It does not look well to see alleys blockaded with all manner of filth, and besides

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