FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING. Special Correspondence From Wasco

and Sherman. Wasco, May 12 .- The afternoon session of the Farmer's Institute opened with a musical selection by the choir, after which a paper, composed for the occasion by Wallis Nash, was read by Professor French, on the subject of industrial education. Reference was made to the change that has taken place in the acquisition of technical education, since the times of the old guilds and their apprentice systems, men applying for work in any of the trades are no longer asked "where do you come from and where were you apprenticed?" As a result we have a D. P. THOMPSON. superabundance of merely "handy men" whose knowledge is superficial. The state argricultural college aims to make thoroughly accomplished farmers, and farmers' wives, of the boys and girls under our care. Our education is conducted on the kindergarten principle. We combine the scientific with the practical. We have 200 students from every county in the state and we aim to imbue every one of them with the idea that labor is dignified and honorable. One hour a day is devoted to practical work. Boys are taught to work at the bench, at the anvil, in the field, in the orchard, in the labratory. Our boys are trained how to make a draught of any piece of mechanical work as well as how to do the work itself. They are instructed in the chemical constituents of soils, and the kind of food adapted to each species of plant life. They are given practical as well as theoretical instruction in horticulture, floriculture, pomology and every other branch of farm work. They are taught the character and habits of the pests of the farm and orchard, and the most approved methods of exterminating them. One third of the students are girls, they too are instructed in horticulture, in the care and cultivation of flowers and fruits as well as in household science, how to cook, boil and stew meats and vegetables, how to make puddings, jams, jellies, etc., how to sew, patch, darn, plan and cut garments and do all kinds of fancy work. These are the aims and objects of our college work, and they have been abundantly successful in turning out young men and women equipped with all necessary knowledge for starting life as accomplished farmers, and farmers' wives, imbued with a love of farm life they are never likely to loose in after years.

Mrs. L. Canfield followed with a very able paper on Odds and Ends. The numerous "leaks" on the farm were pointed out in a very interesting manner, and the dignity and nobility of farm work insisted on. "She is a true lady" said Mrs. Canfield, who is fitted to go from the milking stool to the drawing-room and piano, and be at home in either place. Had I a score of daughters I would teach every one them to milk, and had I a score of sons I would teach every one of them to cook and bake bread." The paper, as a whole, was deeply interesting for its caustic, incisive and somewhat radical th and words. It was finely composed and well received. Mrs. Canfield had nrged the importance of good reading matter in the farmers' homes, especially good newspapers, and the institute, taking up the cue, discussed this point at considerable length.

Professor French followed, on: "How can the farmers derive the greatest benefit from the experiment station?" 'The professor spoke of the Hatch act, by which the sum of \$15,000 was granted to each state, annually, for the benefit of farmers. He pointed out four ways through which the benefits intended to follow the appropriation might accrue to those for whose benefit it was made. First by correspondence. The professors held themselves ready to answer all questions within the compass of their knowledge, on anything relating to the farm, garden or orchard. Second, by institutes such as the present. Third, by branch stations, where tests are to be made and experiments tried, similar to those now going on at the central station at Corvallis. No branch station had yet been instituted, but probably one would be established in Eastern Oregon before long. Fourth, by bulletins, containing the results of careful experiments and approved methods. These bulletins are issued when necessary and are sent free to all who may desire them. At the close of the professor's remarks, in answer to a question, he said they have 400 varieties of potatoes at the experiment station out of over 3 Just Received, a fine stock of Suitings, 800 known varieties. Their best success bad been attained from planting in deep Styles, at Low Prices. loose soil, and keeping the ground level on top. We plant two eyes to the seed, about two feet apart. Planting the whole potato has resulted in a larger aggregate yield, but with more small potatoes. One eye to the seed has not proved so successful.

An interesting discussion followed the an interesting discussion followed the address of Professor French. At its close, A. S. Roberts sang, in fine voice; a very appropriate farmer's song. The hour of 4:80 p. m., had now arrived. The institute had been in session for nearly four hours without a sign of weariness. Chairman Medler announced the programme for the morrow and the meeting adjourned. The attendance was quite large, the large hall being comfortably filled with probably 300 farmers, their wives and children.

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On the other hand, arts, sciences and illustrated works have decreased from 479 to only 116, or less than one-fourth; and theology has decreased from 975 to 627. The annual output of poetry seems to remain constant at between 100 and 170 volumes; while the new editions of old poetry, which come into competition with contemporary verse, also remain pretty constant between 40 and 70 volumes.-London Academy.

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