

Farmers' Club Organized.

Farmers' Club, Linn county School District No. 26, met pursuant to adjournment, at 1 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, February 1st. D. Cook in the chair. The house was called to order, and the minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

After some discussion, the Constitution and By-Laws were called for and read; whereupon, on opening the books, ten gentlemen present came forward and enrolled their names as members of the club.

On motion, the Club proceeded to permanently organize by electing the following named gentlemen officers for the ensuing year: D. Cook, President; Daniel Houck, Vice President; John Blevins, Secretary; W. Benedict, Assistant Secretary.

It was then proposed that the organization be known as Farmers' Club, Linn County School District No. 26. On motion the same was adopted.

The Chair then appointed Daniel Houck and Alfred Blevins to select a question for discussion at the next meeting, who reported the following: "In what way can we procure means to ship our surplus to Astoria?"

The Chair then appointed E. E. Fanning, essayist for the next meeting; and on motion, the Club adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock p. m. Saturday, February 8, 1873.

D. COOK, Pres't. JOHN BLEVINS, Sec'y.

Patrons of Husbandry.

MARSHFIELD, Clackamas Co., Feb. 10, 1873.

Editor Willamette Farmer:

As your very valuable paper is devoted almost exclusively to the interests of the farming community, I write you this to tell you that the farmers of this vicinity are going to work, as I think, in the right way to advance their interest and elevate the noble calling to which they devote their lives. Mr. J. Campbell, State Deputy, appointed by the National Grange of "The Patrons of Husbandry," called a meeting of the farmers of this county and organized a Subordinate Grange, at this place on Jan. 15th. This is an order which has been in successful operation in the older States during the last five years, and is spoken of in the highest terms by those acquainted with its workings.

This is the first attempt to establish the order on this coast. The principal advantage of the organization is, that it unites the farmers, thus enabling them to co-operate with, and protect each other. The institution is yet in its infancy here, but reliable men are preparing to canvass the State and country, and we expect before fall to see the farmers of the entire Willamette valley united in similar societies—all united under one general head for mutual protection and the advancement of agriculture.

Any inquiries respecting the Order will be cheerfully answered by addressing the Secretary of the Grange, Wm. G. Welch, or any farmer in this vicinity.

Very respectfully, H. E. CHAMBERLIN.

Correspondence.

ED. FARMER: I am a constant reader of your valuable paper,—I say valuable, for I consider it valuable in the most emphatic sense of the word as a medium through which farmers who are so scattered, can find out what each other are doing, and what they ought to do, and how to do what is necessary to be done. It seems to me that the reports of the Farmers' Clubs are calculated to do a great deal of good, especially among that class of farmers who are so situated they cannot attend those meetings. And right here I would say, Farmers, organize clubs in every neighborhood, and discuss all those subjects that are of such vital importance to the farmer, until we as a class become more wide awake to our interests and be able to act more in unison, so as to combat successfully the monopolies and rings that so oppress the farmers, especially, let them become awake upon the great, important question of storing their own grain in their own granaries and warehouses, and in their own sacks and under their own control, where they can manage it as best suits their interest and not the interests of dealers. And now, Mr. Editor, the course of the Willamette Farmer ought to insure it a hearty support from every farmer, who should be a subscriber, and as far as practicable a contributor to its columns, making it truly the farmers' organ.

L. B. J. Humphrey's Ferry, Feb. 10, 1873.

BENTON COUNTY.—Benton County farmers have held a meeting at Corvallis. E. Hartless was elected Chairman and A. G. Mulkey Secretary. It was agreed to organize a Club, and the following gentlemen were appointed to draft constitution and by laws: Messrs. E. Hartless, C. E. Moore, N. P. Newton, H. C. Lewis and A. G. Mulkey, with instructions to report at the next meeting, to be held in the Court House on the first Saturday in March, at 11 a. m. F. Stilson was appointed Corresponding Secretary, pending permanent organization. The following question was adopted for discussion at the next meeting: "What is the best method for farmers to adopt in storing and shipping their grain?"

Dr. Bayley communicated a proposition from the Willamette Navigation Company to carry all the grain raised by members of this Club to Portland for seven and one half cents per bushel, if insured the whole trade for five years. This offer was thankfully received, and will be duly considered by the Club at an early day.

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