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PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

Cottage Grove Grange, No. 75.

COTTAGE GROVE, Lane Co., February 14th, 1875.

Ms. Editor: Cottage Grove Grange, No. 75, P. of H., met in the hall of the Good Templars on the 6th inst., when the following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

Spring Valley Grange.

Officers installed the 23d of January: W. A. Henry, Master; T. H. Starbuck, Overseer; J. K. Sears, Lecturer; Harry Watson, Steward; John Higgins, Assistant Steward; Clark, Chaplain; Wesley R. Craven, Treasurer; T. Pierce, Secretary; Miss S. M. Higgins, Lady Assistant Steward; Miss Nancy Walker, Ceres; Miss Alice Watson, Pomona; Mrs. Louisa Walker, Flora.

STRAY THOUGHTS.

How dear to the heart is the sympathy of loving friends. When losses and afflictions gather thickly as a dark cloud shutting out the light of hope and leaving the suffering one enveloped in impenetrable gloom.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

WEST UNION, Feb. 12th, 1875.

MR. EDITOR: There has been considerable excitement in our neighborhood about wheat being frozen out.

LARKNEY AT GERVAS.—P. K. Murphy the Marshal of Gervais, last evening brought up a man named Bandanary, who was committed by Squire J. D. Taylor for larceny of a watch, gold pen, a razor and some hacco from Mr. Bonney, who lives near that place.

The O. S. N. Company's new boiler will be ready to start in a few days.

"FOODS."

[Synopsis of Rev. P. S. Knight's Sunday evening Lecture, Feb. 14th, 1875.]

Every human want marks a line of industry and invention. Man's natural wants few and simple, but they become more complex and more numerous as he progresses.

Ask any housewife among us what considers the necessities of life in the food. She will likely say, bread, meat, eggs, poultry, milk, salt, sugar, tea, coffee, fruits, vegetables, etc., etc.

Simplicity in the art of preparing food passes away as civilization advances. The first bread was simply the ripe grain reed out by hand and eaten.

It is especially interesting to note how many of the important enterprises of the world arise from its simplest wants.

We must have meat, our bread, hence, there must be cattle on the hills, and men to herd them, hay to feed them, and men to herd them, and others to butcher them and bring them to sales and cart them about town.

It must be remembered that "inventions" of the line of food have not always tended to health and happiness.

ilege of eating in the name of the devil. It is eminently proper to make hunger the occasion for eating and home the place.

But after all it is bad to have the home entirely dedicated to eating; to have the purse constantly drained and the energies of the family entirely devoted to the furnishing of a sumptuous table while the wants of mind are forgotten.

I am mindful of the fact that with many whom I address the means of subsistence is a daily problem that taxes the energies of mind and muscle.

I bear the tramp of hurrying feet as the crowd goes by; I hear the noise of machinery, the clang of hammers, the thunder of freight trains, the low rattle of the wind over the rippling harvest fields.

W. SIMPSON'S ADVENTURES.

Escaped convicts are becoming very sharp. It must have been Wm. Simpson, who escaped Friday afternoon, that called Sunday night, about midnight, knocking and pretending to be sore, on Andrew Kahler, who lives about a mile and a half from town.

FROM SHERIDAN.—Mr. B. B. Branson writes us as follows under date of Feb. 8th: Mill Creek Grange is in a flourishing condition.

TUESDAY, Feb. 16.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.—Mr. R. H. Dearborn continues the saddlery and harness business at the old stand of W. H. Watkins & Co., and having purchased the business formerly conducted by Jordan Bros.

COMMISSIONER RECEIVED.—Mr. O. A. Brown informs us last evening that he had just received his commission from Washington as special Indian Agent for Oregon.

THE WOOLY HORSE FOUND.—This morning a Mr. Babb drove in from Marion Station with a pair of ponies, one of which excited considerable attention, being as woolly as a Southdown sheep.

COURT HOUSE SQUARE.—The County Commissioners have contracted with G. B. Waggon to set out 112 maple trees around Marion square.

ASSISTANT PASTOR.—Rev. James Campbell, of Harrisburg, Oregon, is employed as assistant pastor, for the year to come, of the Christian Church in this city.

OREGONIAN HEARD FROM.—Mr. Leo Fox, who was for a long time a successful merchant in Albany, where his brothers still reside, has recently returned from a visit to Europe.

CROSS WALKS.—Street Commissioner Howell has ordered lumber to lay a number of new cross walks.

NO FLOUR FOR KANSAS.—Seventy barrels of flour remain undisposed of, and as the word from Kansas is to "keep your flour and send us money," the Relief Committee will proceed to pay the donations back, pro rata to the donors.

UPPER WILLAMETTE.—The melting snows are causing the river to rise and the boating will soon be good to all points.

THOSE BONDS.—Gov. Grover and Secretary Chadwick have the Modoc war bonds and coupons to sign with ten thousand signatures.

THE McMINVILLE HOOK & LADDER COMPANY are to have a grand Cotillon party on Monday evening, Feb. 23d, and we are in receipt of an invitation thereto.

COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS.—Gov. Grover has appointed Abe H. Holsberg, of New York City, a Commissioner of Deeds for Oregon, to reside in New York City.

The British bark Nabob, which sailed from Portland 7th of March '74, bound for Cork, is evidently lost as she has never been heard from.

Capt. Aaron Vickers died at his home in Oregon City on Saturday.

The mail carrier for the Dalles says the prospect for the early clearing up of the Columbia is bright.

STATE TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE.

SALEM, Feb. 17, 1875.

The State Temperance Alliance met in Fourth Annual Session at Reed's Opera House, this morning, at 10 1/2 o'clock, and was called to order by Prof. L. J. Powell, President.

Prayer was offered by Rev. N. A. Starr. The following officers were present: L. J. Powell, President; Mrs. M. A. Coburn, Secretary; W. R. Dunbar, Assistant Secretary; G. A. Peables, Corresponding Secretary.

On motion of W. R. Dunbar, a Committee of Three was appointed on credentials. The Chair appointed Messrs. G. W. Dimick, C. W. Shaw and A. G. Walling.

On motion of Mr. G. W. Dimick, a Committee of Three was appointed on Order of Business, as follows: Rev. J. L. Parrish, Mrs. Carrie M. Folz and W. R. Dunbar.

PILOT COMMISSIONERS.—The Oregonian says a few days ago a meeting was held at Astoria by the Board of Pilot Commissioners, composed of Messrs. Wm. Wadham, A. Yandusen, and Warren.

FLAX SEED.—Mr. Joseph Holman has just returned from Douglas county where he has contracted for flax seed and has been cleaning seed for farmers to sow.

THE JAPAN PEA.—We have received from L. L. Osmont, Cleveland, Tenn., sample packages of this new vegetable, that in appearance is small and differs from the ordinary pea.

SOUTHERN OREGON DISCOVERIES.—We learn from the Jacksonville papers that the interest in the new mines continues and new discoveries are constantly being made.

NOT MURDER.—The Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Whitney, is disposed to save the county all unnecessary expense for criminal business.

WOLF SCALP CLUB.—Farmers over in the vicinity of Bethel and Spring Valley are organizing a Wolf Scalp Club to raise bounty for capture of coyotes who are depredating on sheep flocks.

AID FOR NEBRASKA.—From Mr. Thomas Pearce, we learn that Spring Valley Grange, Polk county, of which he is Secretary, has forwarded twenty-five dollars in currency to the sufferers from the grasshopper ravages in Nebraska.

A bundle of Mr. J. L. Parrish's seedling maples were forwarded to California by this steamer, to adorn the streets of Oakland, the most beautiful of Pacific cities.