

I. O. Q. T.

Harmon Lodge, No. 161, I. O. G. T., at The Dalles, is flourishing as it never did before...

On the evening of the 13th inst., a special meeting of the Lodge was called to receive a visit from the G. W. C. T., and a splendid meeting it was too.

LODGE ORGANIZED.—On the 18th inst., the G. W. C. T., W. R. Dunbar, reorganized the Lodge of Good Templars at Heppner, in Umatilla county...

Letter from Jackson County.

ED. FARMER: In your issue of Jan. 12th I notice inquiries and suggestions in relation to ticks on colts. I have had some experience in the matter...

We are having a beautiful winter here in Southern Oregon, and a larger area of ground is sown here than ever before, and the prospect is fair for a good crop.

W. BEESON.

Wagner Creek, Jan. 16, 1877.

STEAMER BONANZA RAISED.—Three months ago the steamer Bonanza, in coming down the Willamette, struck on Rock Island rapids and sank.

DOUGLAS GENTRY.—All agree that next summer will be very lively and profitable to the people of Douglas county.

The Salem Statesman says that Mr. F. A. Smith, photographer of Salem, has invented something new in the way of finishing photographs.

Albert Saunders was, on the third ballot, elected U. S. Senator from Nebraska. He was the first Territorial Governor of Nebraska.

A Visit to Rock Point Grange.

Having received a kind invitation from friends in the Rock Point Grange, Waldo Hills, to attend the annual installation of officers of that Grange, Saturday, January 21, the publishers of the WILLAMETTE FARMER, with one of the ladies, drove out into the hills Friday afternoon...

We stopped with our friends Messrs. George W. Hunt and John Downing, who are neighbors, and live quite near the Rock Point school house, where the Grange was to assemble.

Rock Point school house is a comfortable building, and the center of an excellent community. The crowd present included a number of visitors from other granges, as well as some not Patrons.

The music was very good, Miss Allen Downing presided at the organ, and the opening song, "Ninety and Nine," was well played and sang at the commencement of the exercises...

But, in good earnest, we realize, as we always have done, that the spirit of the Grange brings peace and good will and many attendant blessings to those who constitute the most reliable class of every community...

More about Wood Ticks.

We publish this week an interesting and scientific description of ticks, from Prof. O. B. Johnson, which will interest many, though we fear the remedy proposed by him, viz: a wash of sulphuret of potassium, will not destroy them.

Some persons have told us that an effective way of getting rid of ticks is to feed sulphur several times and then drive the horses until they are hot up, when the perspiration will start, and all the ticks will come off.

years ago, there were no ticks, and so many others say.

Several farmers have told us it is a mistake that they are only found among oak grubs: that they have turned their horses into stubble, and found them covered with ticks while running there.

As to clearing them off, we have found the only effectual means to be a fine comb. A curry comb, or a wool card will not reach the small ones, but a fine comb will make very clean work of them, though it is rather a disgusting job.

Some horses who have very tough hides are exempt from ticks, but those having thin skins and young and tender animals suffer greatly from them.

GRANGE MATTERS.

ED. FARMER: Cove Grange, No. 128, P. of H. met at their hall in the Cove, Dec. 23d, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: M., M. B. Rees; O., Aoy McCully; L., Otho Eckerly; S., Thos. Jones; A. S., Wm. Booth; C., J. Koger; Sec., J. M. Phy; T., A. R. Robinson; G. K., J. Conner; C., Mrs. M. L. Eckerly; P., Miss Josie Cochran; F., Miss Zella Rees; L. A. S., Mrs. T. Jones.

ED. FARMER: At the last meeting of Fidelity Grange, No. 174, P. of H., the following named persons were elected to fill the various offices respectively, for the ensuing year: J. C. Bewley, M.; H. Hutchinson, O.; W. T. Newcomb, L.; J. H. Ellison, S.; J. C. Ellison, A. S.; Leonard Killam, C.; N. J. Higginbotham, T.; J. D. Edwards, Sec.; J. Burgess, G. K.; Sister A. A. Hutchinson, C.; Sister C. Killam, P.; Sister S. E. Newcomb, F.; Sister H. R. Bewley, L. A. S.

ED. FARMER: At the annual meeting of Stockholders of Patrons' Transportation and Trade Association, Jan. 13th inst., the following persons were elected a Board of Directors for the ensuing year: W. H. Perkins, H. F. Holden, W. T. Newcomb, J. D. Edwards, Leonard Killam, N. J. Higginbotham, and Miron Perkins, after which the Board of Directors elected J. D. Edwards President, H. F. Holden Vice President, and W. T. Newcomb Secretary.

ED. FARMER: The following named were installed officers of Creswell Grange, No. 64, for the ensuing year: John Whiteaker, M.; E. S. Gay, O.; J. A. Ayers, L.; P. C. Noland, S.; Thomas Allen, A. S.; S. B. Day, Chap.; Alvin Hughes, Treas.; Roscoe Knox, Sec.; L. W. Gay, G. K.; Sister Jennie Goodman, Ceres; Sister R. M. Ayres, Potomac; Sister M. Allen, Flora; Sister M. Rjehart, L. A. S.

In Memoriam.

The great Master of the Universe has seen fit, in His wisdom, to take from time to eternity our brother C. M. Harris, of Oak Point Grange, No. 3, and as brothers and sisters of the Patrons of Husbandry, the noble Order of which he so recently was a member, we therefore offer the following resolutions:

- Resolved, 1. That this Grange has learned with profound regret of the death of Brother C. M. Harris, one of its beloved members. 2. That, whilst the Grange deploras the loss of our worthy brother, and shall miss him in our deliberations, still, as Patrons, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

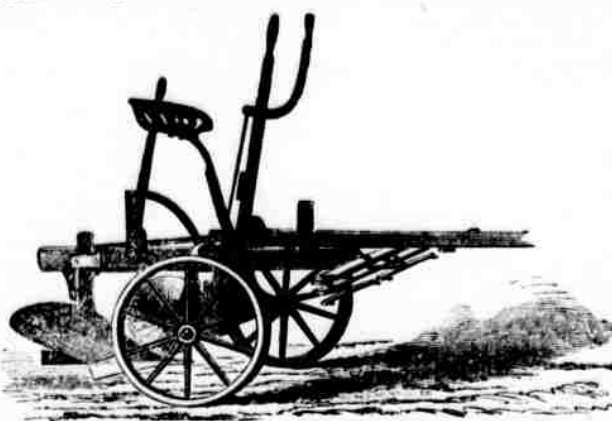
From the Red Hills.

ED. FARMER: As I see in your valuable paper communications from various localities through the county and State, and our portion left out, I think it is time we were coming in with our local descriptions, weddings, Happy New Year, &c., and as I am rather late with mine, will have to wish you a Happy New Year twice in order to be even with some of the former writers.

One wedding Christmas, followed by a big clarinet, resulting in the breaking of almost all the window glass in the house, and scaring the dogs all the premises.

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before the oak grub will be numbered with the extinct. The wheat that is up never looked better at this time of year, and unless some serious change, crops will be heavy.

UNPLEASANT.—Last week our friend T. J. Black, of Halsey, was held on a charge of forgery, and has been honorably acquitted, as we had no doubt would be the case.

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