WILLAMETTE FARMER.







Marion County Ponona Grange. Will meet on the first Friday in oeto-
ber next, at $100^{\circ}$ clock in the forenoon ber next, at to 10 oclotk
Busincess of importance.

## ADDRESS ON CO-OPERATION.

 Worthy Master, Brothers, and Sinters:


 pussion, up to the knowledge of co-operation
phope iustead of beling listened to by the ear
 the light. This order way gotten up for our to our promotion, socially, edcationally
and nanancially. It rents entirely with ux
Patrons whether we receive any of those aid Patrons whether we receive any of those nid-
vantage. It resta with us whether we gain vantages. 1t rests with us whether wo gain
knowlodge at each of our neeetigs, 1t reats
with us whether it will give us social /oys

 honor to our painstaking. let ns take hold
wth redoubled earnexatnoso of purpose. The rate Anancially. The time has been when
or none could do this but those liviog tin eltos. working together.
The kytem of
The eystean of co-operation is neither now
or untried. Our merchants co-operatc. Oar lawyers co-operate. Our public men co oppe
rate. Alanstevery elass of labor co operate.
They work for oce general good ti their own calling. Why not the farmer co-operate?
Why showid they not work for the keneral
woct of farmera? Do othery work for our


 condition in which the empioyees of the $P$.
o. department of London found themseives,
and that was ruin expenses were so great
that unless something was done, for self.


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 crensed from $1 / 1 /$ chent of tea, to $£ 723,000$, that
amount of sales was made in one year, mind
you. Juast think what a vast amount of bus. you. Just think what a vast amount of bus
inesw was trankacted by this co-popative
body! Think ye, because ot our betng farm
ors we could not accompligh somethigg ers we could not accomplish something in
that iline? Does being a farmer disquailfy a
herton that line? DJes being a farmer disquailify a
peron for cooperative business? Shall we
fold our hands, allow ourselves to be robbed a sin to protect ourselves? All nature, goes
oo prove that nolf protection was implanted in the hearts of all His creatures. It is one
of nature's laws, and in bringing about this
oeld proter bring producer and consumer inion more di-
roet felations. Hence we must do away with the surplus middie men. They mast seek.
other occupations rather than Hving of the purchasser. Woo oheribh no unfriendly feel-
inga for them nagy for them, but wo do not need them. It
lessons our protth. Onr main object is to
bring an soon as possibla

 perous but through them all others as well."
them, be mre
We We are laboring to tring out a good, which
shall be a mutual beneft to all, through the
elevat eievation of the farmer, and to do this the
highent integrity shonld be the rule in ail
hing. It is not alone in co-operative pur. chases that we can be bonefited. In the past
we have managed our finanecial transsections our gyods on eredit; benco we paid the bighor market price. We sold our produce at
home to middemen for cash; hence wo re-
celved the lowest market price. colved the lowest market price. How ofien
thoos middiemen have their team and wakon
going from bouse to houno buying up our surplus buttor and oggs, \&e., engaging our
grain an so much per bushel. Can you not
nee that tu ose persons muel see that those persons must be pald from oft
that produce? Can the buyer niford to pay
is muchel as much for that produco as he could were
t t bulked and his traveling agent employed
otherwiwo other wiso His salary comes out of our pro--
duce, we pay for it . We cortainly should
recoive botter prices for our produce if we
would co-operate in selling. Time was, would co-operate in selling. Time was,
when il was an unheard ofthing for a harm-
er to sewd his own produce to market, but in ar wo send his own produce to market, but it
Is otherwise now. Thie timo han been whion
farmera were helptens. If they wish to hold their arnin for a bigher markeet they could
not do it, They atored with the middleman
ond to this wit and fa his warahouse, the grain was in hits
control, he stored it at his plosaure and ro coived a bandsome profit for his palus, Bu
nou how is it? Wo have the best of ware
hoow now how is it Wo have the bost of ware
hoases of our own, they are our matual
property; our grain th in our own control, we can hold it at will. The world must be
fd. TTey will pyy for bread. Wo cannot
alord to tuke nast what tt conts ns per bushe
to
 some of the comforts of life also. We should
know juat what we can attord to raise graiu
at, wnd never take one cont less. If we do,
it ionter It is ruin to un. You seo, Patrons, it costs
certiain anum to raiso or produce any give artiole, and every commission saved on said
artilele arde gin for the producer. Han to worth the white of every workit man to belong to a oo operative society.
in a protection. thelpa his buininess as weil an protection. Theipa his business as weil
an his pocket. Co-operation meauas workin cogecher or helpink one another. Did yo
aver think what a co-operaflivg a atore that beloggs to the cuastomers storea bave two objeota to fulall. Ist, to pro vide good artician for their cuatomers; 2 ad ,
aoll those artilen at the loweat the profita on the nalen to the customers. must be willigg too take a part also, the
litlo trouble it
hey would nuceed. Do you wonder what they would succeed. Do you wonder what
good you will receive by jolning a eo opera
ive
 lerast in that atore; and if it in not carried o
advantageously it is managing it righty. You may possibl pay the anme for an article that you wou: at somo other store, but the protit on sai
article is pat by for you; it is an increase on your captulat be the ever so lithe it is so muc
 Yory wued deponda too upon our follo
men. Poor people muat learn to tepp one
another; they have not yet learned the ben way. When they ds, poor folks will be a
well off as the ribh. 16 whll bo worth While to treat each other as brethreo.
Let us not then faint or grow weary, buit porsovere. Let us consider our warehousi
our individual propery; Iet us, havo a mut
tual help cuil help from them: let us work wi
might and maiu for co-operation in all
 in nelling, but in buying; tot us have our co-
openative stores; they are what we need -
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