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SALEM, FRIDAY, DEC. 7, 1877.

NARROW TRACK RAILROADS.

We have received a circular that sets forth a plan for constructing a narrow track railroad, to be called the Dayton, Sheridan and Grande Ronde Railroad, to accommodate the farming interests of the Yamhill valley.

It is argued that Yamhill county loses much by not having this road, and no doubt it will prove a great benefit if the people are able to build it, of which they must judge for themselves, as they can easily determine if they are able to spare \$200,000 to invest in such a home enterprise.

The time is probably not distant when narrow track roads will have to be built to connect many valleys and agricultural districts with main roads and rivers. Such a narrow track road is contemplated and work commenced, to lead from Umatilla Landing to the Grande Ronde valley in Union county, and many such will be necessary to bring the valleys of Eastern Oregon and Washington within easy reach of market, and also to connect the portions of the Willamette valley that lie along the Coast and Cascade ranges with the roads and rivers that traverse the central part of the valley.

Wild Oats.

ED. FARMER: Not long since I noticed that a brother wished to know how to kill wild oats. Now wild oats are sometimes very dangerous, especially those sown by young people when first leaving home.

The way Mr. — manages his wild oats (but he has not succeeded entirely) is this: he begins to plow his wild oat land as soon as his spring sowing is done, then harrows it; the object is to make them sprout, they will remain in the ground for years, but by stirring the ground, keeping it moist the object is reached. He then plows them under, and continues this as often as he can. The plowing and harrowing bring the roots to the surface where the sun completes the work. It is a great help if a person has a few sheep to run on the oat field, as they nip it off and help very materially do the work.

A young man by the name of J. R. Webster attempted to commit suicide yesterday, by taking a dose of strychnine. Dr. Glison pumped him out. A young lady the cause of it.

Pencil Notes from Old Linn.

CENTER SCHOOLHOUSE, Nov. 30, 1877.

Not having seen anything from this part of the Webfoot nation in your paper for sometime, I thought I would let you know that the world still wags here.

The school at Center is flourishing, under the management of a teacher from California. Mr. M. Elliot is teaching again this winter at Old Pike, he has been quite sick the past week and one of his pupils, Miss May Wigle, has been wielding the birch in his stead.

The spiritual wants of the community are quite well provided for.

Rev. Mr. Baxter preacher at Center on the fourth Sabbath of each month. Rev. A. I. Wigle on the second and Rev. I. D. Driver on the first, and occasionally a stray minister from some of the different denominations gives us a call. So you see if the community lacks moral training it is not for the want of clergymen.

The Franklin Literary Society is flourishing like a green bay "hoss," they held their election at their last meeting which resulted in the choice of the following officers: President, Silas Pearl; vice President, James Racler; Sec., James Waggoner; Treas., Harmon Condra; Marshal, O. F. Kizer. The boys, with proper encouragement, will make their society a success, but the parents ought to turnout to their meetings to aid them with their advice and counsel. I am sorry to learn that there are three or four animals of the genus hoodlum who go there to rowdy, sit with their hats on, amble, chew, spit on the floor, and do a great many silly things. Such idiots do not know anything but to prate and drivle and lie, but they are too well known to need further comment; however, these are the class that litter up the house and others have to bear the blame.

Charity Grange is still flourishing. They are seriously considering the propriety of building themselves a new hall. If they get a Master that has a little more "get up" than the present incumbent they may succeed, some one that will inspire a little more life and animation.

There are certain elements in the community that would be glad to see the Grange a failure, but if the Patrons of Husbandry are true to themselves that wish will never be gratified. Brother and Sister Patrons, do not be discouraged, the Grange ship is still floating triumphant; keep her well officered and the rigging in good trim and she will sail into the harbor of success. Be prudent and wise in the selection of your officers and choose those who have interest enough to attend your regular meetings and do something when they do attend. There are too many drones in the hive. More anon. JERICHO.

If any doubts were entertained regarding the solidity, solvency or integrity of the People's Protective Transportation Company, such misgivings must have been speedily dispelled by the transactions at their meeting in this place, on Saturday last. Stockholders, "outsiders" everybody joined in one unbroken determination, and harmoniously blended all conflicting foibles into one grand resolution, and that was, that the Peoples Protective Transportation Company must and shall be preserved. Stock books were circulated and about \$10,000 was raised. A resolution was passed appointing a stock holders meeting at Salem, Thursday, December 6th, and at Dallas, Friday, December 7, 1877 to discuss the prospects and interests of the company. Henry Warren, I. Allen Macrum and others will be present and address the meeting.—Yamhill Reporter

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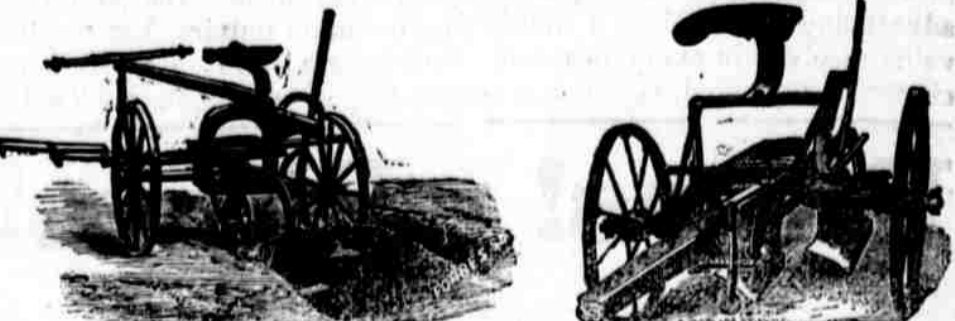
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