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day and to touch upon topics of general interest. We carefully select miscellany suited to such a journal, and revise matter sent in for publication from contributors.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE OREGON STATE GRANGE.

SALEM, May 27th, 1879. The sixth annual session of the Oregon State Grange was opened at 10 o'clock A. M. in due form in the fourth degree by the W. M., A. R. Shipley, assisted by the following officers: D. S. K. Buick, Overseer; W. R. Thomas, Lecturer; W. M. Hillery, Steward; E. A. Evans, Asst. Steward; pro tem.; W. H. Gray, Chaplain; N. W. Randall, Secretary; A. F. Miller, Gatekeeper; S. L. Hayes, Ceres, pro tem.; C. E. Shipley, Pomona; Jennie Miller, Flora, pro tem.; Irene Hillery, Lady Asst. Steward.

on his members great and lasting benefits. Many expressed themselves as having been well paid for the time and labor spent. It was also shown that the Order has been the means of greatly benefiting the farming community at large, and that while all have benefited, some have been injured, neither does the Order desire to do injustice to any one.

members of Multnomah Grange, and honorary members of the State Grange were passed by a rising vote. Resolutions presented by H. E. Hayes, regarding a bounty law were passed. The Committee on good of the Order recommended for discussion in the Subordinate Granges the following subjects, to be discussed in the meetings of the several months as indicated:

more importance was attached to this subject young people would not be so anxious to leave home as soon as they were old enough. She thought mothers were too careless in regard to the rooms occupied by their children, especially their boys, and that if care was taken to keep things tidy, and make boys' rooms bright with carpets, pictures, etc., it would begot a spirit of contentment.