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WE SPEAK OUR MIND.

A Polk County paper publishes a letter from Mr. George S. Dawning, of Sublimity, in which that gentleman reflects upon the WILLIAMETTE PARMER for not having exposed and denounced the Williams county maps. The letter is evidently intended to reflect emplemently on this paper, because there was no occasion for mention of it in that connection unless that was the intention.

Any insinuation that the FARMER has favored these map publishers, at the expense of the people, is untrue and entirely uncalled for. We have published every word sent to us that complained of the maps, and have done it without the slightest hesitation. We never received a dollar from them for advertising the maps, taking a copy and paying for it in that way, being desirous of assisting a publication that seemed to be of general interest. When the map was delivered Mr. Clarke being absent, Mr. Craig published a favorable notice, based on the appearance of the work. We have no fault to find with it, but as soon as others, who were dissatisfied, wrote us on the subject, we immediately made their complaint public. Not only that, test, when the publishers called to see us, and were anxious to prevent unfavorable criticism, they were informed that money couldn't prevent the people having their say, on that or any other matter of public interest in this paper. Perhaps Mr. Downing could conduct the PARMER mere in the interest of the people than we do, but we do the best we can, under the circumstances.

If Mr. Downing, or anybody else, has any complaint to make of this paper, they are requested to send it to us, and we promise to give them a hearing. Furthermore, as to those county maps, if anybody else thinks we have sold out to the map publishers we should like to know it. Pase your minds, brothron and sisters, and say just what you mean. The fact is, we have a great deal of work to do and a great deal to think of. This map business had its day with us and has passed out of our mind. Influential men had denounced them and we had published their denunciations; had done it willingly. but we did not see, and do not see yet, that any reasonable person should expect us to devote the paper to the pursuit of Williams for all time to come.

And right here let us say that however hard the times may be; however scant the crops, or low the price, adventurers, speculators and swindlers, peddlers, humbugs and cheats, can go among the farmers and put up games to bleed them, and more or less of the farmers will hite at the bait or get caught in the snare. If they will learn to say "No!" and will set down a positive foot on all things that are not absolutely necessary, or reasonably expedient, we shall theirs better as a community, and farmers will have more money, more influence and more happiness as a class, The Williams Co. get up their book to flatter the pride of the people and they expect the people to pay for it. It is the same old story told from the beginning of time. All such works are catch penny affairs, and theirs is a little above the average in not being of less account than it is

WRITE FOR THE PARMER.

The State Grange, when in session, paid time paper the compliment of a hearty exprecaion of good will and encouragement. We have no connection with the Order, save as being identified with the interests of agriculture, and this expression of confidence and good will is gratifying. This organization considers that we are friendly to the farming interests, and working for the farmer exclusively, and are therefore worthy of support We are thus informed-not officially-and seother feature of the discussion comes home to us with particular significance. A good friend from Walla Walla asked members present to promise that they would write for the paper, and do all that was possible in that way to add to its interest and value, and there was a hearty response from a great number who promised they would do so, a good proportion of them being ladies. Here was a practical suggestion that met with a hearty response, and we are free to say that if any person is really interested in our success, and desirone of doing us a personal favor, they cannot do it more cortainly and satisfactorily than by furnishing us good, valuable information, and give us the benefit of their

own experience. And right here lot us present the matter to you as we view it. We conduct this paper in your interest, as nearly as possible. No one man can construct a newspaper acceptably, no single mind is capable of furnishing the variety of knowledge needed. We can Trite the paper full; that is easy enough, but are not so egotistical as to think we can make it valuable and interesting. We give

sent in for publication from contributors. We read exchanges to pick out good agricultural information worthy of publication, all of which is hard work-harder than to write original matter. This is necessary, but it is also necessary that we have home matters. and home farming, and home interests generally discussed in our columns. The people through the country want to hear from each other, they ought to swap experience, and there is no mistake about it that this is what adds the greatest value to every agricultural newspaper. We hope friends in the Grange will write us about Grange matters and all other matters, and that all persons interested will communicate their experience and make their suggestions, and so call out the experience and suggestions of many others.

We have always tried to have our friends understand that this is their paper and we own and conduct it in their interest. How to make it more valuable and acceptable to you is our study, and we are satisfied that by calling from the people themselves, facts and opinious, experience and argument, we can do more good, and convey more pleasure. The whole family is represented here. We have room for all, and the experience gained by such practice of correspondence with a public journal can be made a valuable part of the education of youth. You have then much to gain from extensive correspondence through the FARMER. It is not time wasted, or merely devoted to advance our interests, but it is a means of information and improvement for yourselves. #

THE PIONEER REUNION.

The annual reunion of the Pioneer Association for Oregon and Washington, will take place this year, at the State Fair Grounds near Salem, Thursday, June 17th. We publish a statement made by the Secretary of the Association, Mr. J. Henry Brown, which details the order of exercises for the day and evening, and sets forth the objects of the Association. It is not necessary to add much to what the Secretary has said, for he has covered the ground very fully. We have deferred the publication of his statement until the near approach of Pioneer Day, that it might be fresh in the minds of our readers.

This anniversary comes at a season of the year when Naturo almost invariably wears her pleasantest aspect. June comes in between the labors of spring and the culmination of the harvest and then the farmer can take a day or two from the routine of the farm to appropriate for recreation and enjoyonce more for a night and around the camp fire recite the tales of long ago. These ocnasiona become more interesting every year. They revive the memories of early days most pleasantly. The Pioneers themselves most in fraternal union and their children ranew in their generation the frieudships of their lives. The stranger is as welcome as the Pioneer. Any person who is interested in the present of Oregon can enjoy these remions to the fullest, for all the romance and interest of early days is revived in the procoodings, and he meets the chief survivors of those heroic days when the first comers to this fair land undertook to subdue the wilder-

Let us hope then that Pioneer Day will so grand gathering of the people, comprising all who are interested in the past, present so future of Oregon, for it strikes us that the day should become an Oregon holiday, upon which the people should continue to gather, for all time, to enjoy the retrospect of the past, recall the heroic deeds of the Pioneers, and preserve the traditions of the carliest times—times that are always possessed of fresh and abiding interest, that is impossible to connect with later years, when civilization is perfected and society organized on the hum-dram principles of ordinary life.

SIGN YOUR OWN NAMES.

We are always glad to receive communication tions from farmers, or their wives, or sons, or daughters, and they should always sign their own names. It gives force and point to a fact or a suggestion to know where it comes from. No person need be fearful that any little or big mistake in writing will not be corrected. We will attend to that. Just got n the thing you want people to know, or the question you wish to ask, and it shall appear in good shape, though, for that matter, nearly all the communications we receive are well written enough, but persons who are not in the habit of writing for publication

day and to touch upon topics of general we engage to kill the printer if he sets it up on its members great and lasting benefits. members of Multnomah Grange, and henorary interest. We carefully select miscellany in type without correction. Tell us what Many expressed themselves as having been enited to such a journal, and ravise matter you know, and say what you have to say well prid for the time and labor spent. It in it, and then somebody will answer it, that munity at large, and that while all have been otherwise would not think it worth a notice.

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. n due form in the fourth degree by the W. M., A. R. Shipley, assisted by the following officers: D. S. K. Buick, Overseer; W. B. 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; Jen. nie Miller, Flora, pro tem.; Irene Hillery,

Lady Asst. Steward. W. M. appointed the following committee n credentials: Thomas Smith, B. F. Fuller and Arthur Warner, who reported a querum present. The Grange proceeded to business The following is a list of the delegates:

Baker County-Thomas Smith. Clackamas-A. Warner, Sister Warner. omona-H. E. Hayes, Mrs. S. L. Hayes. Tillamook - Milton Perkins.

Douglas-J. T. Cooper, Mrs. Harriet Coop r. Pomona-D. S. K. Buick, Mrs. Buick. Marion-R. P. Boise, Mrs. J. L. Hillery, George-S. Downing, Mrs. Downing. Pome

a, Hugh Harrison. Multnomah-A. F. Miller, Jennie Miller Pomona-A. R. Shipley, Mrs. C. E. Shipley. Yamhill B. F. Fuller, Jennie Fuller. Clatsop—W. H. Gray, Mary Gray. Polk—McMinn Dodson.

Grant-E. L. Sanford.

Linn-William Cyrus, Mrs. Jane Cyrus, R. Irvine, S. J. Irvine, S. S. Train, M. J. Benton-Charles Moore

Lane-J. C. Simpson, Allen Bond, Rachel Rond

Washington J. H. Richardson. Walla Walls, W. T.-G. A. Evans, B. A. Evans, W. M. Shelton.

Cowlitz-E. L. Klady. The reports of officers were quite encour iging. Under the head of good of the order many interesting speeches were made. Judge R. P. Boise made a lengthy and earnest address to the members, impressing upon them

of debt are sure to succeed, while those who go in debt are quite apt to bring ruin upon themselves and families. He stated that in California many farms are being sold at nortgagee's sale at the present time. Judge Randall said, among other things, that if we pay as we go we shall surely suc-

He said those who keen out

sed, and that those who borrow are invariably going back, while the money-lender is going ahead. Bro. Buick said let us be determined if we cannot be money-lenders we will not be ber-

rowers. Bro. Smith of Baker stated that his Grance was going on the principle of doing without everything which they cannot pay for.

The subject of the WILLAMSTER FARMS vas discussed, and the members earnestly urged to not only take the PARMER, but to

Tuesday ovening an experience meeting was held, which was very interesting, and showed that the Order is in a better condition than many of the members had supposed. Although the membership is not so great as formerly, yet those who remain, appreciating the benefits to be derived from the Order, are carnest, and determined to go shead. The Master appointed the following co

mittoes: Good of Order Boise, Warner, Irving,

Sisters Carter and Train. Finance-Train, Carter and Bond, Sister Hillery and Cooper.

Co-operation-Moore, Hillery and Smith of Baker, and Sisters Fuller and Miller. Legislation-Hayes, Miller and Fuller, and

Sisters Shipley and Berwick. Appeals-Cooper, Evans and Perkins, Sisters Hayes and Warner.

By-Laws-Berwick, Warner and Thomas and Sisters Carter and Gray. Special Meeting of Fifth Degree appointed for Thursday evening at S r. M.

WEDNESDAY, May 28, 1879. Grange opened at 8 o'clock, W. M. Shipley in the chair. Several resolutions looking to imagine they must be very learned to do it the good of the Order were introduced and acceptably. Write just as you would talk; put referred to appropriate committees. A what you have to say in plain words, and lengthy discussion was had, in which it was don't try to be particularly correct, or nice, proven that the Order of Patrons of Hus-

freely and leave the rest to us. Last of all put was also shown that the Order has been the your name to it, if it has any common sense means of greatly benefiting the farming combenefited, none have been injured, neither does the Order deares to do injustice to any

> The subject of farm implements was brought up, and that part relating to plows was discussed at length with much interest. and no doubt profit

A. Warner, of Clackamas, was elected

member of the Executive Committee in place of G. W. Hunt, whose term of office has ex-A communication from Salem Grange was

read, in which they invite Patrons to join them in a picuic to be held on the Pair Grounds, near Salem, on June 17 and 18, immediately after the Pioneers' Rounion.

The amendment to the constitution of the National Grange, which was recommended at the late session of that body, was rejected. Bro. Shelton was added to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance made a partial report and congratulated the Grange on the omical manner in which the business of the Order has been conducted during the

A Grange Love Peast was held in the even ing, and speeches were made by Sister S. L. Hayes, of Cawego Grange, Bro. Owens, o Southern Oregon, and many others.

THUBSDAY, May 29th, 1879. Grange mot pursuant to adjournment, W Oversoer in the chair.

Report of Finance Committee read and ac

spenso in a gard to a purchasing agent.

Under the head of good of the Order one of the members stated that recently an infigential citizen of Salem, not a member of the Order, said to him that it was apparent that Oregon had been greatly benefited by the Grange, and that when the people from the country come into town he could see marked difference between those who were nembers of a Grange and those who were not. Many other suggestions of interest were

At the afternoon seasion Prof. Arnold, or the Agricultural College was introduced to the Grange, and spoke in behalf of the institution he represents. He desires the farm the necessity of keeping out of debt, and ing community to become better acquainted recommended that this principle be constant. with the aims and purposes of the college, ly impressed upon the members of Subordi. and stated that it is generally supposed that it is morely a literary and whereas it is also an Agricultural College. Prof. Arnold stated, and cited facts to

prove that the time was coming when fertilizers would be necessary in this valley, and urged that in order that farmers may understand the composition and requirements of the soil, and many of the mysteries of nature which bear directly upon the success and prosperity of their calling, it was just as consary for them to acquire book fearning and the training of schools as it was for other classes to do so. He stated his determination to make the College a success as as agricultural school, and asked the hearty cooperation and support of the farmers.

A few moments' recess was declared, that the members might have the privilege of becoming acquainted with their distinguished

It should have been reported on Wednesday that a committee of three, consisting of R. Boise, S. S. Train and C. E. Moor was appointed to visit the Agricultural College at Corvallia.

A gloom was cast over the assembly by the ncement that Sister Jane Cyrus, wife of Worthy Past Master Cyrus, and a member of this State Grange, was dead and buried. A ommittee consisting of Sisters M. J. Train, C. E. Shipley and J. L. Hillery was appointed to draft suitable resolutions, and a page in the minutes dedicated to her memory.

Resolutions were passed regarding dormant

Granges.

The W. M. was directed to appoint district lecturers, and their duties were defined.

Interesting remarks were made on the good of the Order, and the members again urged to keep out of debt by Judge Boise and others. Thursday evening was devoted to a reunion and to conferring the fifth degree upon these of the members who had not already received it, also upon such other fourth degree members as presented themselves with proper credentials. The occasion was one of great interest and social enjoyment, but as farmers have but little time to play, work was resumed and continued to a late hour.

PRIDAY, May 30. Resolutions presented by A. F. Miller in or overwise, and if you make a trifling error i bandry had been the means of conferring up- regard to the death of Fro. J. Moor and wife.

members of the State Grange were passed by a rising vote.

Resolutions precented by H. E. Haves garding a bounty law were passed.

The Committee on good of the Order commended for discussion in the Subordinate Granges the following subjects, to be discussed in the meetings of the several months as indicated:

June The best kind of farm machinery and the best method of curing hay.

July—The best mode of harvesting grain

August The best way to dry fruit and what to pay for machinery. Whether or not farmers are being imposed on by agents.

September-School books. October-Interest.

November - Four of officers of the County nd State. December The laws providing for the

ttendance of witnesses in criminal courts. January-Appeals from courts. February Laws regulating freights. March-Best kinds of grain to raise. April-Fruit and ornamental trees.

May Selling our wool and taxing dogs. A resolution offered by Sister C. R. Shipley relating to an adjustment of dues with the National Grange was passed.

The WILLAMSTER PARMER was again recmmended as being better adapted to the wants of the farmers' families than political

A tabulated report, made by the Linn county council, in regard to a trial of plows, was read and incorporated into the minutes. A resolution, thanking Marion county

Pomona grange for favors and assistance was A resolution offered by Bro. Dodson in re lation to rate of interest, was referred by the committee on Legislation to the subordinate

granges for discussion. It was thought to be eminently proper that ome time should be devoted to the discussion of household affairs, and sister M. J. Train was called upon to speak of woman's work. She spoke particularly in regard to household conveniences, and arged that it is a woman's privilege to have everything just as convenient as possible, so that the smallest amount of time may be employed, and the least fatigue andured in doing her work. She stated that in a house furnished with conveniences a woman can do her work without help, just as easily as she could with help in an inconvenient one, and with far greater onjoyment. She described a flour-chest with a mixing-board which can be let down to its proper position by means of hinges. On each or the making of pastry, cake, etc. The flour is sifted into a pan by means of a crank. One wishing to bake need not move from their position until the article needed is ready for the oven. She also described a steam cooker with several compartments in which a housewife may place her meat, vegetables, fruit, pudding, etc., and entertain company, low, read, or do anything she likes while it is ocking, only attending to the fire occasionally. The smell of an article in one compartment does not pervade those in the others, neither does it escape into the room. She said if women would spend more time in devising ways to economise labor they might greatly benefit themselves, and that almost any ingenious husband could at little expense do much toward lightening the labor of house-

Sister J. L. Hillery described some coneniances which her house affords.

hosping.

Sister Minto spoke of the scarcity of plements in the house as compared with those outside. She said if a man wished an implement to facilitate the raising of wheat, he purchased it as a matter of course. But if his wife wished some convenience to assist her in the making of bread, he could not afford it. She thought the making of bread was of as much consequence as the raising of wheat, and that most men failed to realize the importance of indoor labor.

Sister C. F. Shipley thought it was woman' privilege to think more and work less, and that if she would do so, much more might be accomplished. She said too little importance is attached to the manner in which our house are arranged, and that often the woman has nothing to say in regard to this subject, of though it is one of the atmost importance to her; and that women have been compelled to walk hundreds of weary miles for water, which a little forethought or labor might placed right at her hand. She thought men as a class failed to appreciate woman's work, and that it was time for women to think and plan for themselves. That many inconvenient houses might be remodeled at bitle cost if the inmates would give the matter due consideration

Sister S. L. Hayes spoke particularly in regard to making home pleasant. She said if

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 rogard to the rooms occupied by their children, especially their boys, and that if care was takon to keep things tidy, and make boys' rooms bright with carpets, pictures, etc., it would beget a spirit of contentment.

Resolutions were passed thanking the O. & C. R. R. and the O. S. N. Co. for half-fare

Grange adjourned at 6 o'clock Friday even

The session was unusually pleasant and barmonious. I wish the proceedings could have been more fully reported, but having been busy on committees and otherwise much of the time, and having had no experience whatever as a reporter, I beg your indulgence, Mr. Editor, and also that of your readers.

Notice to Patrons.

ORIGON STATE GRANGE, Mastrus's Oppics, Oswego, June 2, 1879.

TO THE PATRONS OF OREGON, WASHINGTON AND IDARO-

BRETHREN: The State Grange at its last ession instructed the Committee on Good of the Order to prepare a series of questions or subjects for discussion during the year in the Suberdinate Granges. Said series to include questions of legislation, business, education and other subjects of interest to us as a class, and to be so divided that each month shall have its subject or subjects for simultaneous onsideration and discussion by all the Subordinate Granges in the jurisdiction. The results of such discussions to be reported as fully as practicable each menth to the Secretary of the State Grange (N. W. Randail, Oregon City), and by him to be presented to the State Grange for such action as may be necessary. So that on subjects requiring legislation we may have the united voice of the Brotherhood, and may act intelligently and with hope of success.

This in my judgment is a step in the right direction, and, if carried out, must be attended with the best results.

The committee, in pursuance with the above instructions, prepared a list of questions to run through the year. Said list to be published in the proceedings.

The subjects for the present month (June). are farm machinery, including plows, and the

best methods of caring hay.

It is carnestly hoped that these subjects
may receive a full and thorough discussion in every Subordinate Grange, and that each side are receptacles for everything necessary secretary will promptly report. Thus we shall be able to arrive at very important conclusions regarding the merits of the different implements of husbandry used by us, as well as their popularity. It is desired that where a majority of the members of a Grange favor a particular implement it will be so reported. If these reports are made as fully as they should be, we shall be able to learn just how many of our members use each particular implement or machine, which knowledge may he of much value to us. The subject of haymaking is also an important one, and may be very profitably disensed. It is by exchange of ideas and experiences that we are enabled to arrive at just conclusions in regard to all such subjects. Let us endeavor to learn the very best method of curing hay, and then all

There is another thought connected with this simultaneous agitation and discussion of particular topics. It is this, in no other way an we create the community of thought and unity of sentiment among us as a class which are necessary to make organization practical and co-operation successful.

Fraternally, A. R. Shiplay, Master,

Camp Meeting.

Editor Williamette Parmer:

There will be a Camp Meeting at Sodaville, ommencing Thursday, June 19, 1879, and probably continue over two Sabbaths. Soda water is builthy. Come and tent on the grounsia.

Wood Suvens - Meases, Horron & Parrar of Sales, are in the field again as wool buyers, and understand their business fully. They have the lest connections and thorough acquaintance with the trade, and will be ready to pay the highest market price.

WE HAVE some communications from our little readers, which will appear next week in the children's column.

Trees beautiful photographs are the handiwork of Frank G. Abell. Have you seen those "four generation groups" taken by this eminent artist?

CONSULT Dr. J. Kook about that Catarrh