

Grange Column.

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\$840 capital that was afterwards increased to \$1,100. No dividend was made but stock accumulated on profits and members were credited their proportion. After twenty months the concern inventoried \$3,300, just twice its original stock being added.

Discussion took in National Grange matters and Congressional doings, general politics, etc. Portland was attended to as a great theater for corruption, and the danger from that source was plainly discussed, making it necessary that the country should be on the alert to avoid and defeat the machination of Portland politics.

The importance of having our rivers and harbors improved was discussed, as that would make the whole country independent of monopoly. It is interesting to us, and gratifying to us as well, to be able to point out the fact that the WILLAMETTE FARMER has always taken right ground, and taken it firmly, with regard to the corrupt influence of Portland politics and the improvement of the rivers to make them navigable.

Salem Grange is increasing its numbers, and also increasing its interest. The Grange can be very serviceable if all intelligent farmers will take hold of it and lend their good will, good judgment and good efforts to achieve what is possible.

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Our Country.

Coastwise Farming.

The Seattle Herald recently had the following remarks upon farming lands located near tide water, which so heartily meet our approval that we take pleasure in reproducing them:

If a proper course had been pursued, if the agricultural lands of King county had been spied out by competent men and properly mapped and listed, and brought to the attention of the home hunters who have passed through this city and gone on to other localities, King county would have been many hundreds of thousands of dollars richer at the end of this year than it will be.

The Coos Bay Coal Fields. — Their Recent Transfer. — The Proposed Railroad.

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