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Lane County Pomona Grange.

IRVING, OR., Nov. 12, 1884.

Editor Willamette Farmer: Please publish that Lane County Pomona Grange will meet on Saturday, November 22, 1884, with Springfield Grange. All Patrons in good standing invited. A. C. JENNINGS, Sec.

The Order in Connecticut.

The Order of Patrons of Husbandry is bound to take on new life in Connecticut the coming winter. Lebanon Grange, organized last winter, has had an influence for good far beyond its own borders. One session of the State Board meeting at Meridian in December will be given up to discussion of the objects and principles of the Order. Mortimer Whitehead, of New Jersey, will deliver the address. This will be the beginning of an awakening that will lead to the reorganization of the Connecticut State Grange and the foundation for Subordinate Granges. The vigorous brain and hand of Rev. A. L. Loveland, late of Granby, will be missed in this work, but others will come forward to lead the way. The failure or success of any great effort, principle or party is not dependent on any one man. If it were, it would not be a great object. So the Grange will grow, spreading its benign and helpful influence until all have become acquainted with and benefited by its social, educational and co-operative features.—Grange Bulletin.

The Grange Bulletin in a recent issue says: "Let those Granges that have been and are now successful tell of their methods of work and what they have accomplished, giving their fellow Patrons the benefit of their experience. On the other hand let those who have failed tell us of the cause that led to their decline. Sometimes the record of a failure is of as much benefit as the story of success."

A good set of carpenter tools should be owned by every farmer, with as much of a blacksmith's kit as he can find use for. A farmer with some taste for mechanics can do much building and repairing at times when other work is not pressing. Often the time lost in sending an implement to the shop for repairs is more than it would take to repair it, if the farmer had requisite bits, bolts, and screws within reach. The writer of this paragraph many years ago built a smith's shop for his own use, hired two hands to do his own work and that of his neighbors who chose to patronize the shop, and in less than six months, had learned to make open rings, links in chains, and such work about as well as an ordinary mechanic, and to shoe a horse entirely satisfactory, to himself at least. And the beauty of it was it took less time to do such jobs than it did to go to a shop less than a mile and a half distant. Better still, perhaps, the little capital required in the investment paid an annual dividend that ought to satisfy a to-day's railroad or national bank monopolist.—Journal of Agriculture.

Burying Alive.

A paper recently read before the French Academy of Medicine expressed the writer's conviction that one in every 5,000 persons is buried alive. The estimate, however exaggerated, is not calculated to allay any apprehension which is conspicuous among the French people, and which was lately brought to public attention by the President of the Chamber of Notaries that express instructions are given in one will out of every ten to have the heart pierced by a qualified surgeon before the lid of the coffin is screwed down.

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About Dogs and Monkeys.

The monkey is generally supposed most nearly to resemble man, but there are points in which the dog comes closer to us. For example, restlessness of mind.

A dog requires excitement, and has a craving for the interest of outward objects. Feed him well, and shut him up alone in an apartment, and he will suffer under ennui like a fine gentleman, and become troublesome and uneasy for want of occupation or amusement. If the window be left open, he will find resource in looking out of it, and will divert himself with the passing scene, and take a lively concern in the doings of other dogs in the street. This is a pleasure which we trace in no other animal, and it is not, indeed, observable in all dogs, Newfoundland appears peculiarly prone to it. They are eminently social. We shall never forget a Newfoundland dog belonging to a provision dealer, with whom we had a street acquaintance. It was his business to go about in the wagon as a protector of the good things therein and as he rode along streets, most manifest and most lively was the interest he took in the moving scene. No duchess in the land ever lounged in her carriage with a more luxurious or a graceful air, than our friend exhibited in the wagon.

His favorite attitude was lying with his forepaw dangling over the front, and his great head loling on them. Any long stoppage, we remarked, made him uneasy; and he displayed his pleasure when his carriage was again in motion, by dancing from side to side like a parrot on its perch, and uttering a quick bark of satisfaction.

The curiosity of dogs is another quality which they have in common with our kind. No matter how fatigued a dog may be, if he is taken into a strange apartment, he will not lie down to rest until he has taken a survey of the room and smelt of every article in it. Dogs, as we have before attempted to prove, are rogues and cheats like men, and they are also murderers, with a conscience of their criminality. In packs of hounds it is not very uncommon to find a dog killed by his comrades, and we once heard a foxhunter describe his visit to a kennel after one of these assassinations.

Half a dozen of the long-eared bow-wows were squatting on their haunches in one corner with particularly grave faces, which meant to speak an innocence that was unluckily belied by the spots on their coats. While he was examining the body of the deceased, they kept yawning and licking their chops with their long red tongues, as if they had no manner of concern in what was going on; but it was evident that they were by no means easy in their minds. The dogs which bore no mark of the fray, and which were presumed to be innocent, moved about as usual with quite a different air.

Southey once wrote an elaborate article, showing how dogs syllogized, displayed the reasoning faculty of human beings. Among other illustrations he gave was that of a dog who loses sight of his master, and follows by scent till the road branches into three; he smells at the first, and at the second, and then, without smelling farther, gallops along the third.

In roguery, the monkey resembles the human species more closely than the dog. Let any one visit the monkeys in a menagerie at feeding time, and he might imagine himself at the Stock Exchange of New York, so universal and unprofitable is their system of overreaching.

Outside the bars of each monkey's cage and in the very center, is a pan which is filled with his appointed mess, and it comes to pass that no monkey eats his own supper. Each endeavors to rob his neighbor, and in the attempt, leaving his own unguarded, he is himself robbed by his neighbor. As in committing the theft they are obliged to stretch out their arms to the full extent, and with an awkward inclination, half the spoil is split by the way, and the whole simial society consequently loses half its meal by its roguery. The speculative man is not more soolish. The cunning strokers of trade are not more impolitic.

An In-Grown Nail.

Much suffering is due to the corners of toe-nails growing in the flesh. The remedy is very simple. It is a mistake to cut the nails short at the sore corners; if the nail is long, cut the upper edge straight across, or in a crescent shape, the crescent in the center, leaving the corners untouched. Then scrape the middle of the nail for its whole length quite thin. The scraping may be done with a knife, but much more readily readily by the use of a bit of freshly-broken window glass. The center of the nail should be made so thin that a slight pressure upon the corners will bend it. In some cases it may be well to put a little lint or cotton under the corners of the nail to aid in the bending. Of course the avoidance of tight boots will suggest itself to all.

Stocking the Farm.

A writer of some experience in farming says: A farm can be stocked with sheep for less money than with cattle, horses or hogs. Sheep will come nearer utilizing everything that grows on the farm than any other animal. Less labor will be required for getting feed and stock together. The returns will come in sooner and oftener than any other farm stock except hogs. Less money is required for sheltering and fencing and less labor is involved in herding, where outside pasture is accessible, and preferred. And finally, a handsome income on the investment can be had without the sale of the animals themselves.

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