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GRANGE MEETING.

NEW ERA, Or., Dec. 1, 1884. Editor Willam the Farmer :

were things said that I thought fell vided the latter has wealth?" short of the high standard of business forever strive to stand by. Not that I a proportionate amount of the intellibut a practice too common in the farm- not enough of self-interest, enterprise, ed upon to meet its requirements. By one upward, rather than the "downward pro man meeting his agreement enables the gress. next to meet his, and so a little prompt- In relation to the transportation ness oils up the business machinery for question he shows that the agitation of quite a ways. I will admit the present the question by the Grange throughout season to be an exceptionally hard one, the United States, for eleven years back but it proves to many a poor fellow that has educated public sentiment and prohe has been too ready to use some other duced considerable results. The people person's money; that he was too willing need to be educated to a knowledge of to take chances on the future, always the principles of true government and of thinking that things would be better the encroachments of aggregated capital. ahead, but the present state of things He says: shows to him that he is in danger of losing all. And how far back is it to where many a fellow can see that by a little economy and promptness at that that in some sections it seems to lauguish, time he could now have had the reins in in others it is strong an prosperous.

The financial condition of our treasury his own-hands, but as it is they are beyond his grasp.

chants, bankers and traders their obliga- of all classes of our people, that it would tions must be met the day they are due be strange if it has not detracted from by twelve o'clock, or their notes go to instance has come to my acknowledge, protest, and their financial credit is where the Order has departed from its shaken, which to them is a very serious wise and well defined non-partisan policy, matter, so much so that they leave no and lent its influence to aid the special stone unturned to prevent such an occurrence.

Much of the indebtedness of farmers has been gone into without the proper necessities of agriculture, are prospering. outlook ahead as to the proper chances Our agricultural experiment stations, so for paying it, and some go in debt from recently established in several States, are the fact that they are able to get another man's money to use, with very little number should be increased. Our cothought as to how it is to be paid, and operative associations are very generally then they murmur sorely because they prosperous, notwithstanding that failures are asked only to fulfill the contract they voluntarily entered into.

When a person goes in debt he saddles ducers and consumers, farmers and himself up and places the bits in his own | manufactures" into a closer connection mouth for another man to ride, and it is only natural when he shows signs of the "credit system." bucking that they will get a Spanish bit on him if they can, (and they can gen-

It does seem impossible to get along without sometimes having to borrow money and sometimes buying on credit, but it is the prompt meeting of such debts that the financial and general welfare of a community rests, and if it is true, as Judge Boise told us, (and I have no doubt but it is) that the Scotch Loan Company is slowly taking in farms in in vain, to realize the "first fruits of his this valley, with the idea of creating a land aristocracy and tenantry, is it not high time for us to wake up and adopt the only safe rule, and that is to stop is ever relieved from these oppressions, borrowing unless we know we can pay the work must be done by the farmers as we agree to. Had they been paid according to agreement the Scotch Company would not have got a foot of land. in which their concentrated influence Every failure has been on the part of will be a power which no despotism can the borrower. The land in this valley is hold in bondage. Let them ponder these worth too much to be allowed to slip things well, and decide at once, and away from the free American home to the customs of another country. The remedy is promptness in business. THOMAS BUCKMAN.

THE NATIONAL GRANGE.

The National Grange recently met at Nashville, Tennessee. The Master's address reviews the condition of agriculture and calls many facts from the census return of 1880 to prove that while the wealth of the country increases imper box. For sale by Port & Son.

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mensely the producing class is not allow d to retain a fair proportion of the wealth they create by their industry. Cities, with their merchants and spectators become very wealthy but the distance between the laborer and operative and the wealthy class widens as the wealth of the country increases. He

"May we not again ask in all seriousness, is there not just cause for alarm for the fate of our free institutions? Is not the growing power and insinuating influence of wealth, centering in the hands of a few, creating an aristocracy which will eventually be able to crush out civil liberty, by degrading agricul-Schneway, Georgeville, ture, and reducing the laboring classes of this country to that condition of penury and starvation depicted by Macauly? Is there not reason to apprehend that we have already reached that Clothier. "downward progress?"

"We must admit, at least, that there are great and growing wrongs in our business and industrial system, which should be righted; and to question the power and duty of the government to correct them, is to acknowledge its weakness, and its inadequacy for the pro-tection of human rights. It is to admit that "a government of the people by the people and for the people," is a failure. Are we ready for these admissions? Are we prepared to believe in the theory that "institutions purely Democratic Last Saturday we had a public meeting at the Tualatin Grange Hall and both?" Are we credulous enough to enhad the Master of the State Grange, dorse the doctrine that men who labor and earn their bread by the sweat of Judge R. P. Boise, to address us Among their brows cannot be as well qualified the many good things he said to us there for self-government, as the sloth, pro-

"Are we willing to admit that our short of the high standard of ousiness integrity that we as Grangers should must constitute a majority, and possess wish particularly to criticize the Judge, gence and morality of the people, have ing communities, though it may make us sweep our own door-yards. It is the failing to keep sacred our contracts and to maintain our system of landed proobligations, or to speak plain, failing to prietorship, make our agriculture more remember that when we sign a note that prosperous, labor more remunerative, the distribution of the products of labor more equitable, and place society on the

seems to indicate a general increasing ond his grasp.

If I understand the rules among merjust closed, has so engaged the attention the interest of Grange work. But no interest of partisanship.

> "Our agricultural schools and colleges, which are founded upon the wants and filling a long-felt want in our agrisometimes occur. They are doing a good in revolutionizing the business system of the country by bringing the "proand better understanding with each other, and in gradually doing away with

> "There are also signs of better cultivation of farms, more diversifying of products, a more rational and systematic rotation of crops, improvement in breeds. care and management of live stock, and more attention given to the production and use of fertilizers.'

"In all these things we see indications of progress; but little, however, has been added to the farmer's profits. It matters but little how hard the husbandman may toil how rich and productive his soil may be, he will continue to struggle labor," so long as monopolies in business have the power to control the market value of his produce, and fix the price of his labor. If our American agriculture themselves. They have the power to do it if they will. They have the organization ready to receive them, and forever, whether they will continue to be slaves to capital—"Hewers of wood and drawers of water" to a monied aristocracy, or be free men, in the full enjoyment of their natural and constitutional rights.

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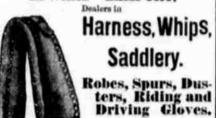
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