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POMONA GRANGE AT BUTTEVILLE.

On Friday of last week the regular meeting of Marion County Pomona Grange was held at Butteville, on the Willamette river, at the lower edge of French Prairie. The day was beautiful and rather warm, and pleasant enough to call out a large gathering of Patrons of Husbandry from various parts of Marion county.

Quite a party took the early train from Salem for Woodburn, on the route to visit Pomona. There were Judge and Mrs. Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Flint of California, Messrs. John Minto, Elisha Strong, Adam Stevens, and daughter, I. M. Wagner, J. H. Rook, Charles Miller of Jefferson, and ourselves, all Patrons, and interested in the success of the occasion.

We reached Woodburn soon after eight o'clock in the morning and found several teams waiting to carry us in comfortable carriages to Butteville, which proved to be ten miles distant. There was no haste necessary, so we journeyed leisurely on towards the west over the most flourishing and beautiful portion of French Prairie; lands that were among the earliest settled by the enfranchised servants of the old Hudson Bay Company, fully half a century ago.

An hour's ride brought us to the home of Willard H. Rees, the pioneer of 1844 and messmate and confederate in plains travel and adventures of John Minto. Learning that Mr. Rees lived there we got Mr. Voorhes to drop us off and went in to have an hour's chat with the veteran of "the forties." Mr. Minto was in a wagon before us and had taken the same view of matters, only "more so," as he has a far more intimate association with Mr. Rees than we can possibly possess, from the fact that they bivouacked so long together so long ago.

We made a pleasant call on the Rees family, for Mr. Rees took much interest when we recalled the incidents of "long ago." He furnished us with valuable books and documents referring to the pioneer era that will materially assist the work of making Pioneer History that we have in hand, as see the first page of the WILLAMETTE FARMER in every issue.

very comfortably fixed there, everything is done for pleasure and comfort and nothing for style.

It seems invidious to name the ones we recollect because there are so many we cannot recall to mind, but we feel like calling over the old friends we met and some new ones made. There were Judge Green, F. X. Mathison and Wm. Case, three men who have been in public life and are among the oldest and most honored citizens of Marion county. Mr. Geer, son of the veteran pioneer who died recently, not far short of a century in years; John Botchellu who counts among our older friends and Mrs. Botchellu who came over the plains in '51 in the same carriage the Home Circle rode in. The Master of Butteville Grange is Frank Feller, and he is in many respects very cleverly named. J. S. Vaughn, D. J. Pendleton, J. C. McCrea, and scores of others we cannot name, were present and made themselves felt by kind attention to their visitors. Mr. Jacob Voorhes is Master of Pomona Grange in Marion county and with over a hundred in attendance it can be assuredly described as in a flourishing condition.

The day passed in attending to some business matters and after that in agreeable discussion and in addresses from various persons. Mr. Flint, visiting delegate to the Oregon State Grange from that of California, and State lecturer there, talked pleasantly concerning Grange matters at home, in California, and while he kindly gave some advice he complimented the order in Oregon upon its success and thorough comprehension of the work in hand.

At noon there was a diversion from the regular routine of Grange business and they took a recess. Most of them found a recess in the lower hall, that had long tables spread with food and such fluids as even the prohibitionists present (and there were several of them, let me tell you, and they were determined to be seen and heard), did not hesitate to imbibe. I have no talent for describing victuals, but modestly securing some cold meat, a little chicken, some bread and fixtures, including a cup of coffee with cream and a bowl of strawberries smothered several times in cream, I devoted myself to do them justice.

The Pomona Grange meets about once a month in good times of the year, and its meetings are held in different localities so that the various neighborhoods and districts in the county can be favored. Its influence is good as to social matters; it is through this branch of the order that business enterprises are organized and attempted and there was something of harvest matters and machinery attended to at this meeting. There were present last Friday many young persons and it is a noticeable feature of the present growth and prosperity of the order in Oregon that many young people are joining it, and so impart new life and vitality. The efforts of the ladies of Butteville Grange made this meeting such a success.

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