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The Grange in Oregon.

Linn County Business Council held its first meeting since harvest with Polk Hill Grange on October 9. All the officers were on hand. Much business was transacted. Matters affecting legislation, State fair, interest question, and other timely topics. Among those present were A. S. Powell, Thos. Froman, Dr. Henry S. A. Dawson, R. A. Irvine, H. Shelton, Dr. Jones, S. S. Train, Bro. Wilds, Jno. Bryant, I. M. Kizier, B. F. Irvine, P. Swank, W. P. Anderson, Martin Miller, J. P. Wigle, M. J. Train, L. C. Rice and others. Santiam Grange (Jefferson) will be the next place of meeting. The meeting was an enjoyable one as well as profitable.

"S. L. H.," writing to the Disseminator, says: "Goshen Grange held its regular meeting at the hall in Goshen on the last Saturday of present month—a goodly number were in attendance. At 1 o'clock a public meeting was announced and Worthy State Lecturer H. E. Hayes addressed them upon the urgent necessities of the times and the dangerous position which farmers occupy at present, pointing them to their only remedy. Brief remarks were made by a few members of the order and the meeting adjourned. There is an increased interest in this Grange, with prospect of accessions to their membership. The young members which are the future hope of the Grange seem greatly interested."

Oak Plain Grange (Shedd's, Or.) has passed resolutions of condolence upon the death of Bro. M. Thompson. We notice that they were to be sent to us for publication, but not having arrived we think this notice will suffice.

Bro. H. E. Hayes has been on a visit to Lane county and has found things prospering. The Grange is a valuable institution, and where once firmly established is meeting with much favor.

Horticultural.

HORTICULTURAL NOTES.

Professor Maynard finds pyrethrum a very valuable insecticide for destroying cabbage worms, plant lice, currant worms, etc., but he finds it more economically used when mixed with plaster of paris, as the mixture can be spread further and appears equally effective. For many kinds of plant lice he uses one part pyrethrum to four parts plaster, and on cabbages he uses nine parts plaster and rids the plants completely of all the green worms.

Why do men sow two bushels of wheat to the acre and harvest twenty bushels, when a full head of any variety has as many as thirty kernels, each capable of producing at least five heads, making the product one hundred and fifty to one? Something wrong about conditions of growth, it must be assumed.

A well-known horticulturist says he had an apple tree which bore fruit every alternate year only, and the fruit was very small. He made it a yearly bearer—and also greatly increased the size of the apples—by thinning out the small branches after the fruit had formed, so as to remove about half of it. The apples were fully doubled in size and improved in flavor. Its year of non-bearing would find it full of blossoms, and by removing half the embryo apples a good crop would result. This is a good thing to remember and try next spring.

One of the chief reasons why orchards should not be cropped is because they require cultivation during the summer season. When roots are destroyed by deep working the ground it often results

in permanent injury to the trees, especially if done late in the season. Since the clearing of woodlands has given winds a free sweep the soil dries out much faster than formerly, and this makes trees more liable to injury from mutilation of their roots.

The common cause of failure of growing potatoes is lack of moisture at the time the tubers are setting. In a well-cultivated piece on a clover sod plowed under in the spring moisture will be attracted to the soil from the decaying sod. The loose soil holds considerable air, which, as it cools, deposits moisture just as it does on the outside of a pitcher of cold water in hot weather. Too much ridging of the ground often makes potatoes a failure. What hill there is should be broad at the top and with the slightest possible hollow between it and the next. Weeds rob the potato plants, and are more detrimental to this crop than to any other.

It is a fact that water is more essential to full crops than manure, and it is also more abundant in natural supply. The trouble is that no means are employed to save it for use, and the difference between full crops and shortened yield is the measure of penalty for improvidence.

Blue grass has the advantage of not running out as long as it receives a top-dressing of manure annually. It does best on limestone soils, but is grown in nearly all sections. Orchard grass is a variety that gives early pasturage and can be grown where many other grasses will not flourish.

Good soil well tilled is a sure source of wealth when the season supplies water enough always at the right time, but when this requirement is not met labor and seed may go to waste and the year be counted among lost opportunities, all because water is not saved when it falls in excess of wants.

The Old-Fashioned Boy a Thing of the Past.

Dear, old-fashioned boy, we were one of you, but you have disappeared. You are a thing of the past and will live no more, except in memory and song. We can see you now in your summer costumes—in your blue cottonade pants buttoned to a short shirt of the same material, and your little white wool hat, the crown of which had grown to a point and resembled a miniature church spire. Yellow clay mingles with your unkempt locks, showing that you have been swimming in the horse pond and driving your head into the mud, but withal you are better looking, stronger, healthier and more manly than the modern boy whose mother keeps him in fine clothes and white linen, and who knows not the joy of going barefooted and wearing a stone-bruise on his heel. His smooth and pale cheeks and delicate stocking-covered legs may compare oddly and more favorably to your brown, plump and bare calves and freckled, tanned and warty face, and his manners may be easier and more refined than yours, but we will bet on you on the general outcome every time. You are the old-fashioned boy that made good men, evolved into the Websters, Clays and Calhouns of this country, but, alas! you have mizzled. Your respectful demeanor, awkward politeness, filial devotion, modesty and blunt truthfulness have gone. The bicycle-riding, whistling, noisy, impudent and precocious modern boy, with modern ideas and habits, has crowded you out of existence and taken the place you once so nobly adorned. The cows come home at milking time, but you, with your rawhide whip and "bed-ticking" suspenders, are nowhere. You are only a sweet memory, dear, old-fashioned boy.—Boston Herald.

Petroleum for Roads.

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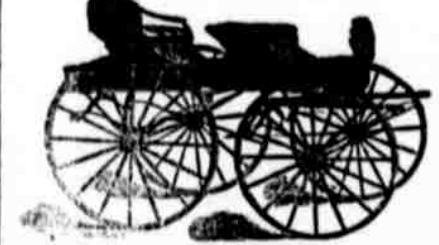
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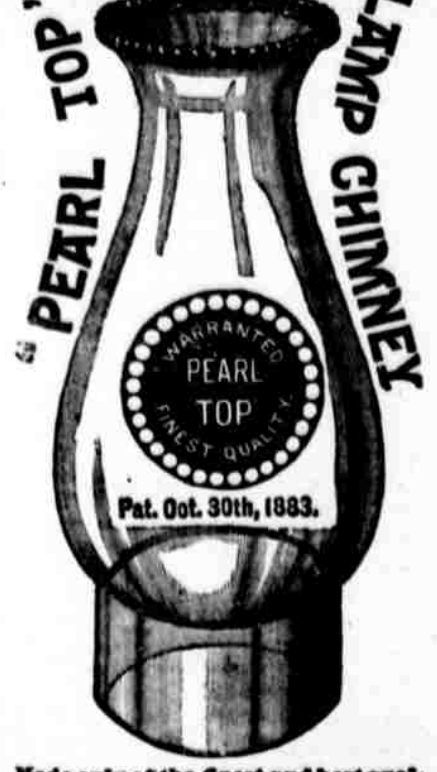
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