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EDITORIAL

GRANGE WOULD INVESTIGATE.

The resolution which follows was adopted at the last annual session of the Oregon State Grange and is only another strong argument why every farmer should become interested in the Grange, and its work in behalf of the producer and wage earner.

"Whereas, the citizens of the United States have come to regard the Postal Service as one of the most important branches of Government; and,

"Whereas, it is the ambition of all true citizens to see this service advanced to a more perfect system not excelled by that of any other nation, and,

"Whereas, the deficit of the Postoffice Department for the year ending June 30, 1906, amounted to practically $15,000,000, thereby creating a condition that will retard advancement and improvement in our Postal Service, and

"Whereas, we believe this enormous deficit is caused, in a great measure, by the payment of exorbitant prices to the railroads for the carrying of mails; by the payment of extravagant prices for the use of stamping machines, time recording clocks and many other supplies used in every branch of the Postal Service; and by the flagrant abuse of the Franking Privilege, therefore be it

"RESOLVED, that the National Grange be requested to select a committee of three members of the Order, giving them full power to employ all necessary assistance, such as lawyers, stenographers and expert accountants; said committee to proceed to Washington, D. C., and make a thorough investigation of public records and all other available sources of reliable information in all branches of the Postal Department, and if, in their judgment, any unnecessary financial drains are discovered, the National Grange shall at once convey the fact to the President of the United States and to the National Congress and demand a public investigation."

HULRBURT.

Columbia Grange No. 267 met in regular session Saturday, October 6th. There was a very small attendance owing to the sad death of Brother Emily the previous evening. The reading of the quarterly report showed a membership to date of 83, with a class of four to be initiated at the next meeting. We are promised a rousing program next time so we look for a full attendance.

SHOULD PERPETUATE THE G. A. R.

The Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal order that must diminish in numbers in the natural order of things, is not an order for self-advancement, but for absolutely needful work of the highest patriotism and truest philanthropy. A writer in the National Tribune, urging membership in the G. A. R., says: "Every ex-soldier or sailor owes it to himself, his war service and the comrades who stood by him then to do his share in the work and help bear its expenses. The demands upon every post for fraternal assistance are heavy and must in the nature of things continually grow heavier. Sick comrades must be visited and given the cheer of fraternal sympathy and help. Nothing so comforts the sad hours of languishing illness as the visits of comrades. Dead comrades must be buried, and nothing so exalts them and the services they rendered their country in the eyes of their country as a full attendance of veterans at their funeral. It is not right that the veterans outside of the order should evade their share of the burden. It is selfish for them to evade a share of the good work done by their comrades inside the order."—The News Reporter, McMinnville.

PRAY FOR THEIR DEMISE.

When some of the citizens of Gresham, Montavilla, Troutdale, Fairview, Boring, Damascus, Sandy and other towns of eastern Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, who are now continually discouraging progress, retarding improvement, and doing their utmost to keep good men out of their communities shall have died off, or moved away, the rest of the people will stand a chance to do something. But if they won't help, or die off, we would suggest that they get out of the manger and let those work who can do some good. If you are living in a town and get your living there, be loyal to it, anyway to the extent of saying nothing against it, or the legitimate business enterprises in it. Get your shoulder to the wheel, help the wagon to the top, then you can get in, ride down the hill, and enjoy it too.

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OF INTEREST TO FARMERS.

Winter is a good time to think, a good time to read, a good time to play a little. Get the most of it. There are winter jobs—wood-cutting, ice-cutting, teaming—plenty of them, and there are the eternal chores indoors and out, tiresome sometimes, but useful for the regulation of life. But the days are shorter in winter and farmwork does ease up when the frost is on the ground. Get the most, then, out of the winter vacation, such as it is. Cultivate the ground in spring and summer; gather the crops in the fall. In winter cultivate the man who cultivates the ground.

The most important thing that goes to the making of crops is the farmer's brains. Give them as much attention in the winter as their importance deserves. See that they get reading that is of some value, both agricultural and any other kind that can be had. The young brains in the family will be more or less occupied with school, but not so engrossed that outside reading will get attention if it is accessible. And for the girls and women of the family there should be provided the best reading that will suit them.

And cultivate the heart, too. Have some fun even if you have to work for it. Time is the most valuable thing in the world, and one advantage the farmer has over most of the other workers, is that he has more time at his own disposal, especially in winter, than they do. It will do him no good if he wastes it, but it is no waste of time to get in friendly touch with one's neighbors, to take in new thoughts by eye or ear; to play a bit when the chance offers.—E. S. Martin.

A well-trained memory is one that knows how to forget what you don't want to retain.

HORTICULTURAL NOTES

EDITED BY E. P. SMITH.

Address all communications under this head to E. P Smith, Gresham, Ore.

Fruit-Tree Agents.

Now is the time, as the various fruits ripen, to look around and see what does best in your neighborhood, and make notes for the next season's planting. The tree agents will soon be around, but do not allow them to enthuse you with their gaudy pictures. Even where they are duly accredited agents of reliable nurseries you can always get better prices when dealing directly with the nursery. Let the tree agents sell to those who do not read. These men have done a great deal towards getting people to plant fruit who would not otherwise have thought of it, but even the honest agent must have a good price for his wares as he has traveling expenses and other things to pay.

Then if a man comes around and tells you he has some unheard-of tree or plant that cannot be had from anyone else, and tells you wonderful tales of its value, and offers it at a fancy price, don't bite, for he is certain to be a fraud. The best nurseries always have the things of proved value, while the fake agent always professes to represent a nursery no one knows anything about, and is either a fraud himself or the representative of a fraud. If you intend to plant trees of any sort next fall, get the catalogues of the best nursery or nurseries nearest to you, and do not imagine that a tree has to be far-fetched to be of better value.—American Fruits.

Qualities of a Commercial Walnut

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