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Granges Should Elect Delegates.

The report of the regular meeting of Evening Star Grange No. 27 P. of H. which was held on the second of this month reached The Herald too late for publication in full. It pays a high compliment to the new lecturer J. B. Gehr and the interesting program under his charge.

A resolution was unanimously adopted indorsing Senate Bill No. 48, being an amendment to the present Torrens Law for registering land titles. This is a most important matter and should be encouraged.

At the next meeting March 21 the program will include among other things, quotations from Harriet Beecher Stowe, and papers and suggestions upon nut culture. How best to interest the young people, etc.

State Master Austin T. Buxton will meet with Evening Star March 21, this being the beginning of his inspection work in Multnomah county. All patrons are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

All granges should elect three delegates and three alternates to the county convention to be held about the 11th day of March, probably at Gresham for the purpose of electing three representatives to the State Grange, which meets at Hood River in May.

The exact date and place of meeting of this county convention will be announced in few days, for your next issue.

Washington County Granges.

[Special Correspondence.]

Gale Grange No. 283, of which the state master is a member, has about 80 members and meets in a hall in the town of Forest Grove. Many of its members are interested in horticulture. Its lecture work is mostly composed of practical discussions of timely agricultural topics.

The master this year is Colonel Harry Haynes, who takes great interest in apple culture. State Senator Haines, president of the senate, is a member of this grange.

Lewis and Clark Grange No. 328 is one of the newer granges and has about 60 members. It initiated three in the first and second degrees last meeting and expects to have at least a dozen applications at the next meeting. N. S. Prickett is the master and is also deputy grand master of the Odd Fellows for his district. This grange is at Banks on the new Hillsboro Tillamook railroad. This grange will be heard from in the near future.

Green Mountain Grange No. 295, has about 65 members and meets in its own hall at Buxton. It initiated four in the third and fourth degree last meeting and had five applications. The fraternal feeling here is especially good. F. P. Bailey is master, David O'Donnell, lecturer and Benton Phillips secretary.

Washington No. 313, meets in the school house on Punkin Ridge eleven miles north of Hillsboro. This is not a large grange being in a sparsely settled country, but the members are extremely loyal. At the special meeting February 8th, to welcome the deputy inspector, 82 per cent of its membership was present. It has 39 members with seven on the way. John C. Miller, who was the first settler on Punkin Ridge, is master. Notwithstanding this grange works in a school house its ritualistic work was better done than many granges do their work who meet in halls.

Hillsboro Grange No. 73, is the oldest in the county. But for the never-failing loyalty of a dozen or so of the early members it would not now be in existence. It owns a hall in Hillsboro. At one time in its history it was the largest grange in the state having 140 members. Then its membership fell away to 22 but the tide has now turned and many new members are coming in. It has now climbed back to 35 members, has four second degree members and two applications on the table. Within a year it probably will have built to the

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Montavilla Improvement League Meets

The Improvement League held its regular meeting at the office of the secretary last Monday evening, and numbered among its visitors Brother Brownhill, of The Herald, who, by the way, is a member of the League and W. H. Osborn, of the Fairview League. A committee from the Board of Trade was present and presented a proposition to unite the two improvement bodies. Messrs. Dickinson, Epton and Carter were appointed as a committee on the part of the League to take the question up, and report at the next meeting what could be done along that line. Mr. Brownhill urged the advisability of such action and touched strongly on the question of publicity, offering the columns of The Herald for that purpose. He also spoke of the fact that Montavilla was fast gaining an enviable reputation abroad as a desirable suburban location, and said that it was owing to the fact that we were beginning to take our light from under the bushel and allowing it to be seen.

A committee, consisting of W. C. Aylsworth, W. J. Burden and O. E. Carter was appointed to take up the matter of urging upon the postal authorities the necessity of a second mail carrier for this district.

W. H. Osborn spoke on the subject of the eastward extension of Villa avenue. He said that the farmers, with but one or two exceptions, were very much in favor of the 80 foot road, and were desirous that steps be taken at the earliest possible time to establish the route to be followed and commence operation.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Messrs Barringer and Herman, are fast becoming known as the Montavilla boat builders. It least it would seem so from the looks of the valentine they received the other day.

George Barringer has sold the house and two lots across from Hooker's to a gentleman from McMinnville.

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Leander and W. E. Lewis are grading the grounds around the Hotel Montavilla.

Roy Quick has arranged to have The Herald continued to his address.

Mr. Zinner, a resident of the Villa, died last Friday morning of apoplexy. The body was shipped to his old home in the east for burial.

M. S. Carter and his bride, who are spending their honeymoon in the south, will soon be at home to their many friends at their residence on LaVeta street.

Mrs. Sam Sloan, who has been sick for some weeks, was able to be out on the street Tuesday.

Mrs. W. A. Burdette almost surprised herself by being able to go to the post-office the first of the week.

Mrs. Mary Corbett (formerly Rathburn) has moved to her old home in the Villa.

Mrs. Ross Brown has moved from her home in the Villa to 26 East Pine.

In the absence of Pastor Blair, Dr. Wilson, of the Portland Academy, preached a splendid sermon at the Villa Presbyterian church last Sunday night. Miss Kreglow delighted the audience with a beautiful solo. The services were held in the Odd Fellows hall, where Professor N. W. Bowland also conducts a Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10:30.

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