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EDITORIAL

A SPECIAL GRANGE PAGE.

At the last meeting of Multnomah Pomona Grange, Beaver State Herald was by official vote named as the representative paper of that body for Multnomah county. The officers of local granges were requested to send reports of their different meetings to The Herald for publication. From time to time this has been done. The reports however have been scattered more or less through the paper.

Concentration of effort and a steady improvement in general has always dominated the policy of The Herald. Hence we are glad to announce to our readers and grange friends that we have arranged with Mr. E. L. Thorp to assume charge of an exclusive Grange department.

Mr. Thorp needs no introduction to the majority of our readers. During many years he conducted a weekly newspaper in the city of Portland. During several years he has been special correspondent for Oregon's great daily. He is well and favorably known over Oregon and Washington as a journalist and is considered one of the best writers in the state. We may therefore truthfully say that no one is better qualified to take charge of this department than Mr. Thorp, who was for several terms Master of the Rockwood grange and secretary of Multnomah Pomona grange and has been in continuous touch with the Oregon State grange and the National grange as well.

All grange correspondence will therefore be found under the Grange Department in charge of Mr. Thorp who we sincerely hope will receive the hearty support of the Patrons of Husbandry not only in Multnomah and Clackamas counties but also in all the territory around us.

BURY THE HATCHET.

Theodore Brugger at the meeting of the Gresham Commercial and Development League last Friday night suggested that the hatchet be buried, that we quit calling those who do not do as we would like them to, "moss-backs," "deadheads," and other names of like nature. Ye Editor, along with others, will of course have to acknowledge the wisdom of the plan. A bad boy is never helped much by being continually reminded that he is a bad boy. The Herald would therefore suggest that we do bury the hatchet, that we overlook each others faults and all pull together for a greater Gresham.

We acknowledge receipt of the "Vermilion Signal," published at Vermilion, Alberta, by W. B. Cameron. Judging from the crowded appearance of its advertising columns, the rate charged therefor, and the fact that the town itself is but a few months old, we are forced to the conclusion that our friends across the border are indeed prospering. We welcome the Signal to our exchange table.

THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER.

The editor of the Oregonian, speaking of the suspension, because of lack of patronage, of the Yoncalla Courier, says: "It is more the town's loss than the editor's: A small town is judged by its newspaper."

Judging by the same standard we would suggest that the editor himself has something to do with the patronage accorded him. People are usually loyal to whatever is loyal to them. Many editors who today are complaining of lack of patronage would soon see a wonderful change in their business if they were to put more intelligent effort into it.

The people of today will not be satisfied with an apology for even a country newspaper; they want it good or none, and who shall say they are wrong?

OPEN HOUSE IN THE LIBRARY.

A unique experiment is presented by the Orr's Island Library which recently issued its first annual report. The institution is incorporated under the laws of Maine for "the maintenance of a library and the furtherance of such other effort as may make for the educational and social betterment of Orr's Island, Me."

A library building has been erected and has been kept open at least seven hours a day, Sundays and holidays excepted, since it was dedicated, which is unusual for a little fishing village of about four hundred inhabitants.

Here some of the novel and much dreaded experiments of library management have been installed as regular features. The one large room is surrounded by bookshelves open to all. The library enters into competition with the streets and the village stores, the only places where the children may congregate. Games are provided, stories are told, even classes in simple sewing have been established, but the main aim has been to connect the library with all out-of-doors and make each supplement the other.

There is an open fireplace and two large tables, one of which is given over entirely to children. A children's corner provides for quiet games, generally of an educational nature.

These things are in marked contrast with the ogre-guarded shelves, the spotless books, the grave-like quiet and the unnatural atmosphere of the "proper" libraries. But the Orr's Island library, during its short career, has worked its way into the lives of those reserved fisher folk, and that is more than can be said of some of the "proper" ones.—Boston Transcript.

The Seaside Signal reports that it is "unable to discover any ladies interested in a free reading room." Brother Watson would better send some of his female readers up this way so that they can receive instructions from ladies who are more progressive.

The progress of a town depends upon the kind of men who are in it. A town divided against itself can make no progress. All must pull together. Better try it.

Among the newest of Oregon's baby weeklies is the "Beaver State News," published at Hubbard, Oregon. It is a neatly printed, four-column, eight-page paper and is a credit to the town it has the honor to represent. We welcome it as our first cousin for it and the Beaver State Herald are the only papers published in the state bearing the new name of "Beaver State," which name was only adopted about a year ago.

The merging of the Montavilla commercial bodies on last Tuesday night augurs well for that progressive town. The new body is composed of sensible, progressive, liberal-minded, loyal business men who have ever had the best interests of the Villa at heart and will do all in their power to push Montavilla to the front. Every citizen of the Villa should do his utmost to assist in the work of the Improvement Board.

The Polk County Observer comes to our table this week as a six-column folio, semi-weekly. Brother Hayter says in part: "The increased service is made possible by our splendid mechanical facilities which are excelled by no country newspaper on the Pacific Coast." We wish for him all the success that push and enterprise can and will bring to one so deserving as friend Hayter.

Now is a good time for the Gresham and Montavilla improvement bodies to appoint committees to confer with officials of the Portland Railway Light and Power company concerning light and power for these towns. With 15,000 horse power generated every day at Cazadero there will surely be some to spare for this purpose.

Standing on the hill west of Gresham one gets a splendid view of "a land of promise." Stretching for miles in every direction are well-tilled farms, dotted here and there with beautiful buildings, fine orchards and stately clumps of firs, maples and alders and giving every indication that here abides a wealthy, happy and contented people.

Something must have happened at Vale, Oregon. We had to look twice at the Gazette this week before we recognized it. We do not know the cause of the improvement in the Gazette's appearance but we know the improvement is very commendable and should be appreciated by its patrons.

A pickle factory for Gresham? Of course we shall get it. Why? Because our folks are going after it. They are not waiting for it to come to them.

Now is a good time to get your shoulder to the wheel and help push the Gresham Commercial and Development League to the front.

*The man who is continually looking with suspicion upon everything his neighbor does or says will himself usually stand a little watching.

MELROSE.

Mrs. C. Fritz and father, Mr. Woodward, were called to The Dalles last Tuesday, owing to the illness of her sister.

Miss Geneva B. Rhoades visited her relatives in Sellwood over Sunday.

Mrs. E. Baker and Miss Lida Bramhall spent Saturday in Portland.

G. Haase, of Aberdeen, Wash., has purchased a ten acre tract of Mrs. Stafford and contemplates building in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parsons attended church in Gresham, Sunday evening.

Miss Bessie Strebin has been on the sick list.

The young people of Melrose were very pleasantly entertained at a Valentine party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bramhall February 14th. The evening was spent in various games after which refreshments were served. There will be a box social and bachelor sale at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Baker Thursday evening.

The Misses Alder entertained their friends very delightfully Thursday evening. Prizes were won by Miss Fikins and John Wheeler.

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