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A FEW MINUTES WITH THE EDITOR

Man is superior to woman—when he is, and when he isn't he isn't, says Elbert Hubbard.

The holiday number of the Beaver State Herald was a beauty in the art preservative, and a hummer for Sandy.—Estacada News.

Through another substantial raise in the price of paper, the Hillsboro Independent comes to us as a four-page all home print paper this week.

Timothy Brownhill is making a big success of The Herald at Gresham and his Christmas edition was exceptionally good.—Dayton Optomist.

The Christmas edition of the Gresham Herald was devoted to Sandy and was well filled with cuts of the business houses and places of note. Brother Brownhill is making a fine paper of The Herald.—Forest Grove Times.

LaCamas, Wash., is gradually coming into its own,—a good town in a good place, now coming into closer touch by reason of the North Bank road passing through it. The LaCamas Post, a weekly newspaper, will appear on or about January 20, says Mr. Kelley Loe. We shall welcome our neighbor on our exchange list.

The Pacific Searchlight, Oregon's prohibition paper, which suspended publication Oct. 20, 1906, has resumed publication and is published at Salem, Oregon. R. H. Kennedy is the editor and Paul Kleppin, business manager. The Herald acknowledges receipt of the first volume published under the new management and welcomes it to its exchange list.

The Beaver State Herald comes to our table this week with a finely illustrated edition of the Sandy valley, with the towns around Gresham well represented in its columns. Timothy Brownhill, the editor, is making one of the best papers in the state out of The Herald, and it is of untold benefit to Gresham and the surrounding territory which the Herald represents.—Hood River Glacier.

Yes, we have a little wind, a little frost, and a few chilly nights. Yet we have flowers blooming in the yard, roses on the trees, berries on the vines, cabbages, turnips, winter radishes, onions, rape, and good green grass in the fields. And yet some of our folks are complaining of the weather! They would'nt do it if they could just take a peep into a real cold climate for a few minutes.

More than one young man will regret to learn of the death of J. W. French, a pioneer banker of The Dalles. For nearly half a century Joshua French was known as one of the shrewdest financiers of Oregon. He was honest and kind and liberal-minded. In his time he assisted hundreds of worthy young men to positions of trust and plenty. The writer, among many others, was from time to time assisted by him, advised and urged to higher and better things. Josh French never went back on a friend. He was imposed upon many times. He could have wrecked many lives. He had the power. They were in his grasp, especially in hard winters and in the panic of 1893. But be it said to his honor, he never took advantage of any man. There have lived men more pious but none with a kinder heart or a clearer conscience. A noble man, a poor man's friend, has gone to his rest. May it be as blessed as was his work here.

Assessed Valuations in Multnomah

The total assessed value of property in Multnomah county for the year 1907 is $233,141,058. It is divided as follows:

City of Portland	$215,579,835
City of St. Johns	2,452,950
City of Gresham	137,455
School District No. 1	$219,015,205
" " 2	3,300,000
" " 3	456,150
" " 4	475,350
" " 7	326,300
" " 8	183,965
" " 9	70,300
" " 10	130,180
" " 11	101,405
" " 13	196,561
" " 14	174,652
" " 15	75,610
" " 16	318,930
" " 17	333,325
" " 19	141,565
" " 20	330,505
" " 21	28,380
" " 22	229,870
" " 23	65,000
" " 24	32,760
" " 25	41,980
" " 26	110,135
" " 27	111,020
" " 28	262,940
" " 30	71,430
" " 31	143,465
" " 32	355,545
" " 33	258,955
" " 34	73,640
" " 35	50,135
" " 36	176,340
" " 37	794,805
" " 38	410,795
" " 39	174,965
" " 40	579,575
" " 41	433,800
" " 42	354,645
" " 43	87,940
" " 45	231,965
" " 46	824,235
" " 48	147,480
" " 50	19,705
" " 51	315,070
" " 6 Jt.	137,690
" " 9 "	81,475
" " 15 "	172,635
" " 23 "	29,530
" " 42 "	219,100
" " 53	33,665
" " 62	4,275
" " 67	23,600
" " 70	217,525
" " 83	10,850
" " 84	123,100
" " No.	4,300
Total	$233,141,058

The above amount for School District No. 4 is eleven hundred dollars lower than given on notice to school clerk and this year's valuation for the district is only a few thousand dollars more than last.

STANDING BY "THE HERALD."

For the past two months the Beaver State Herald's subscription list has been absolutely on a cash basis. Numerous predictions have been made that no country paper could establish such a precedent.

November 1st the editor of this paper decided that if the paper was worth while its readers would not hesitate to pay cash in advance for it. If the paper is not worthy of a good cash subscription list the editor doesn't want to publish it and the quicker we find it out the better. Fortunately very few are dropping out because of the new system.

Our folks have faith in The Herald and its policies, appreciate the good work the paper is doing and are standing by it.

A Fable For Critics

Once there was an Ox. He was a fine, hefty Ox. He could pull a big load. He never balked, but always liked to go straight ahead.

But the Ox had enemies.

There was the Flea and his whole big Family. "We don't care whether this Ox travels or not," said the Flea and his Folks. "All we want is some of his blood." Whereupon the Fleas eternally pestered the Ox and gave him That Tired Feeling.

Then there was the Tom Cat and his brothers—the Doubting Thomases. "We don't know whether this Ox is going the right way or not," said the Thomases. "Anyhow, we'll scratch his back for him." Whereupon the Felines jumped on the back of the Ox and scratched him for fair, which made the Ox exceedingly sorrowful.

Then there was the Fiste Pup and his Fellow Fistes—a whole litter of Fistes. "We don't care how slow the Ox goes," said the Fistes; "the slower the merrier for us. All we want is to lag behind him and bite his Tail." Whereupon the Fistes snapped continually at the Tail of the Ox, which gave the Ox a mighty mournfulness.

Finally the Ox, pestered constantly with the Fleas and the Felines and the Fistes, got to looking sickly. He stopped and lay down on his job, and there was no more going forward for him.

KEY TO THE SITUATION: The town is the Ox. The Fleas and the Felines and the Fistes are those citizens who criticise every progressive movement and do everything they can in their petty ways to make the Ox quit pulling in the right direction.

MORAL: Give the Ox a chance to pull. Everybody holler, "Git up!"

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The Gate Keeper

"In Faith, In Hope, In Charity, and with Fidelity."

Worthy Record Made by the Grange.

For many years the North American has been declaring that the State grange is the most progressive body of citizens in Pennsylvania. We believe that contention proved by the one fact that not a single public reform or economic betterment has been effected which did not first find its supporters and advocates in this organization.

Until recent years the grange in this state was misunderstood. To a large number of people the name was synonymous with populism and financial and economic fallacies. It was regarded as an aggregation of "Sockless Jerrys," whose muddled vision made them strike right and left in the dark whenever a question of general import was in issue.

This view prevailed despite the records of the grangers' deeds. Their detractors ignored such facts as that it was the grange which forced from the political machine in this misgoverned state a larger grant to the public schools than the appropriation of any other commonwealth.

When the bicycle and automobile came and roused widespread interest in the subject of good roads, the advocates called it a new movement. They forgot that they were but late recruits in a battle which the grange had been carrying on years before their enlistment.

For 15 years the State grange has advocated the parcels post and the postal savings banks on the identical lines that President Roosevelt and Paymaster-General Meyer now are asking congress to establish.

The grange was foremost in the fight for pure food. Pennsylvania's wisely stringent laws were the pioneers of the statutes of other states and of the nation. The fact that the people of the whole country today are forced to eat less poison than formerly is largely due to the Pennsylvania grange.

The grange always opposed the railroad pass and railroad rate discrimination. For 20 years it beseeched congress to do exactly what Roosevelt compelled it to do last year.

It was the grange that first saw the danger of destroying our timber supply, and cried out the warning which brought about the creation of a forestry department.

It was the grange that first advocated endowing the trolley companies with the power of eminent domain.

The grange stood immovable in opposition to the stealing of the water powers of the state.

The grange made possible the passage of uniform primary election.

The grange joined the movement to stamp out tuberculosis years before the Pennsylvania legislature gave to that great question the least attention.

It was the grange that fought and won the battle for appropriations to take the thousands of indigent-insane off stone floors and out of squalid corridors and tend and shelter them with the spirit of humanity.

This record of honor of the Pennsylvania State grange could easily be prolonged. It is enough to say that every good thing that has come to this commonwealth in many years, either has been the creaton of the grange or has had its stout support.

Throughout those years the grange had no fair hearing. It was not appreciated, because it was not understood. The North American counts it one of our best services to the public that we were able to force the merits of the organization upon the attention of the people.

There is a difference now. No annual meeting of any other body is reckoned more important. And the same newspapers which jeered at the grangers 10 years ago now have only good words and fair treatment.

We congratulate the members today upon the fact that, after their years of splendid effort, at last they are coming into their own; that the grangers stand today conceded to be the best type of our citizenship, and that their organization is a power known and recognized.—Oregon Daily Journal.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Pleasant Valley grange now has over 50 members and a number of applications for membership on hand.

Evening Star grange will hold its installation next Saturday. A great time is assured the more than 300 members who will attend.

Pleasant Home grange met at Mr. Campbell's hall at Orient last Saturday, December 28. There was an all day meeting and election of officers for the coming year. Quite a number were present, including two visitors, J. J. Johnson from Evening Star and Mr. Emery from Russellville. J. J. Johnson gave a very interesting talk for the good of the grange. Dinner was served at noon.

Rockwood grange at its last meeting elected the following officers: Master, F. H. Crane; overseer, J. Richmond; lecturer, Ida M. Thorp; steward, W. McLin; assistant steward, Theo. Stensland; chaplain, Laura Pullen; Treasurer, Geo. Cothrell; secretary, Mrs. V. A. Lovelace; gate-keeper, Geo. Crane; Ceres, Hester Thorp; Pomona, Mamie Kelly; Flora, Mabel Pullen; lady assistant steward, Mary E. Crane; organist, Anna Ruehle.

The election of officers of Pleasant Valley grange took place Saturday, Dec. 28, and resulted as follows: W. M., H. W. Snashall; W. O., E. S. Jenne; W. L., Mrs. Jennie Kronenberg; W. S., Thomas Snashall; W. A. S., Frank Baxter; W. C., Mrs. Mattie Jenne; W. G. K., Herbert Ryan; W. S., Mrs. Lilian Richey; W. T., Mrs. Ida Hamilton; Pomona, Bertha Baumann; Ceres, Mary Baxter; Flora, Bertha Ryan; L. A. S., Mrs. Taylor. A splendid dinner and a very fine Lecturer's hour followed. A number of visitors were present.

The Eagle Creek grange met on a recent Saturday with a good attendance. The following persons were elected to hold office for the coming year: Master, H. Glover; overseer, H. M. Duus; secretary, F. Bates; treasurer, H. Hoffmeister; steward, Earl McConnel; assistant steward, G. McConnell; lady assistant steward, Freda Duus; gatekeeper, Ernest Duus; Pomona, Maggie Smith; Ceres, Minnie Steinman; Flora, Leila Scott; lecturer, L. Steinman; chaplain, Mrs. D. M. Marshall. An open installation of officers will be held at the January meeting.

The newly elected officers of Gresham grange will be installed at the regular meeting on January 11th. The following are the officers elect: W. M., Theo. Brugger; W. O., Mrs. A. Wilkinson; W. L., Mrs. M. MacKay; W. S., Mrs. Chas. Gedamke; secretary, Mrs. Mattie Sleret; ass't secretary, Arnold Ruegg; lady assistant steward, Effie Roberts; chaplain, Mrs. Ruth Roberts; treasurer, Mrs. Barbara Sleret; gate-keeper, Geo. Sleret. A special installation program will be given. All members are requested to be present promptly at 10 o'clock.

Questions For Grange Discussion.

How much time each day should the farmer and his wife devote to self improvement, or is the work done more important than the worker?

What is the greatest question before the American people today, immigrants, liquor, race, corporations?

How can state and county fairs be carried on successfully without the midway and vaudeville shows?

Should anything but dollars and cents be counted as income on the farm?

Points and essays on education in the home, the school and the world.

The laboring man's opportunity as compared with fifty years ago.

Do the best interests of the country demand a parcels post?

What is destined to become the greatest motive power?

Does it pay as well to care for poultry as other stock?

Appreciation of our grange advantages.

The interests of the Pomona grange.

Village improvement associations.

The cultivation of flowers.

An Educational Conference.

An educational conference was held at Middle Bass Island, Lake Erie, in August. The object of this conference was to bring about a system of education that will enable all children during their school age to acquire that particular kind of instruction that will best fit them for the vocation they propose to follow. Further, there was a discussion of the labor and truancy laws. Special emphasis was placed on the fact that the education of the child and not its labor should be the desideratum and that the employment of children out of school hours and during vacation should be a part of the educational system as well as the study of books. The conference believes that all children, whether in school or employed, should be under the direction of a school district officer. A temporary committee of organization was appointed, of which E. B. Norris of New York is to represent the grange and report at a future meeting.

The Live Grange.

The live grange is alive all through the year. The grange that dies regularly each spring will soon forget to come to life in the fall. The members who "drop out" or "stay away" during the four hard work months will soon drop out and stay away permanently, and their grange will fall into the "dormant" class. Keep the grange busy, just as you keep the soil busy, and growth and good returns will be assured.—New York Farmer.