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EDITORIAL COMMENT

BY THE TIME this article reaches the eyes of our readers the annual session of the Oregon state grange will be practically over. The session has been of great importance. The changes in official forces are so marked that the people all over the state will await with interest the result of the change.

FOR ONCE we must announce a change in the conduct of the Herald. For the past two years and for a time unknown to the present editor and proprietor of the Herald we have attempted to issue the paper regularly on Friday afternoon.

MAINTAINING the public highways in Washington by a tax of \$1 for each horse power on all automobiles, trucks and motorcycles operated in the state, is advocated by Gov. Hay in a letter to J. A. Perry, secretary of the Spokane county good roads association.

roads funds, or more than enough to maintain all the existing roads and those under construction, thus leaving a balance to be expended upon highways which are without care of any kind, because the present laws make no provision for such work.

THE LARGEST gold producing country is the Transvaal, where the output increased from eight million dollars in 1880 to one hundred and thirty-three millions in 1907. The increase in the production of the Transvaal mines made during the year 1907 almost equaled the entire production of the gold fields of Alaska.

SPEAKING of Germany, the fact is brought out by the bureau of statistics that that empire is the chief source of all imported paper and paper goods coming to the United States. More than seven out of the twelve millions of dollars' worth of paper goods used in the United States come from Germany.

tions and all climes. The increased production and lower cost of paper for which the wood pulp is used have spread knowledge and aided in the development of the world as has no other product of commerce.

It is quite possible to hypnotize an entire people. The holders of speculative tracts of land in Oregon certainly have the farmers pretty well under control of their superior will power.

The Oregon farmer is well aware that he is being overtaxed. The three tax amendments now before the people will give him power to cut his way out of the tangle of laws with which cunning tax-dodgers, have surrounded him.

Lawn mowers at cost at T. R. Howitt's. Come and get one while they last. We do not want to carry them over.

Annual Session of State Grange at Manchester.

In his opening address State Master Hadley remarked that the total grange membership of the state is 28,821 in 288 subordinate granges. There are also 20 Pomona's. There is \$26,994.99 in the grange treasury. He said that over 100 granges had availed themselves of the grange lecture courses the past year, which cost about \$2,000.

The biennial election of officers occurred this year, resulting in the retirement of H. O. Hadley and the election of Richard Pardee of Plymouth, lecturer for six years past. A. L. Felker of Meredith Center was elected lecturer and Wesley Adams of Londonderry overseer. G. R. Drake was elected secretary without an opposing vote.

The committee on agriculture recommended more attention to strictly agricultural topics in lecturers' programs, opposed speculation in food products, believed in small farms well tilled and in good roads, which should radiate from principal railroad centers, and also advocated larger state appropriations for the agricultural college.

Student of Shakespeare. The office boy sat in the corner busily engaged in reading a book. Strange to say, it was not "The Adventures of Bonko Jim," "Daisy Dean, the Demon Detective," nor even a thrilling narrative of more or less correct life on the plains. He was reading Shakespeare.

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While, as a matter of course, many towns still need to have the prod of the knowledge of the art of self preservation thrust into them up to the hilt, there is scarcely a neighborhood outside the great cities which has failed to experience some acceleration in the movement toward a revival or a retention of home trade.

That is exactly what the problem looks like to a man up a tree of observation. It really requires no climb to a high altitude to make the discovery. The way to calculate is to calculate. If you have been a student of the spreading disease, pernicious anemia, which has been afflicting the smaller towns of this country for about a dozen years past, due to infection from the microbes of mail order trading, you can calculate easily, without hiring experts, that unless somebody does something toward eradicating the germ the town community will continue to decline by slow exhaustion.

One mail order buyer in a community isn't much of a menace. But when a hundred, a thousand, become mail order "bugs" the community is mighty likely to suffer that wilted feeling that comes to a cherry tree when some truthful George has skinned its bark with his little hatchet.

Bargains are all right. All of us love to get a bargain when we trade. But if all of us should send our money to Chicago or Boston or New York or San Francisco for bargains when the home merchants are offering bargains also how long will the home merchant last and how long will the home town continue to develop?

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