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#### PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

The introduction of farmer's Granges into Wasco county, leads the Dalles Mountaineer to advise every son of toil, be he farmer, mechanic or stock man, to unite with this order and make it in its practical workings, what it is in theory.

Two great objects can be accomplished by the successful working of this institution among the people. One is the pecuniary advantages, to be derived; the other is the reform in the management of the various departments of Government. The former will be accomplished when the mechanic can buy cheaply those articles not manufactured by himconsumer into closer relations, withmiddle-men. One of the indispensicheapen it to fair remunerative rates | quartered on the Treasury? and prevent extertion.

The reforms that are sought cannot be attained all at once, but must portunity. The great error of some be accomplished gradually. We in of the States has been that in con-Oregon manufacture but few of our agricultural implements,-and the money that is paid annually for these, by the people of this State, distances. Break down these barrimated that a profit of fifty to one desire. New routes will then be hundred per cent, is paid by the consumer over the manufacturers price. If the agent of the manufacturers in advance of that condition. could be the agent also of the Grangers, and the individual Granger could buy his implements at the manufacturer's prices, the saving would be centered in few hands. There is no 21,000. great.

The same system might be adopted in all other articles, and might be lakes, and at prices the owners see arranged for the local trade in each fit to fix. If Congress is going to take county, and the principal settlements any stock in the carrying trade, let it throughout the State. To accomplish build a hundred lake and river these reforms and to secure these steamers to be run at cost. This benefits to the farmers, a cash system must be adopted, and the credit rival lines are put in operation, it is system with its interest exactions must cease. The political reforms that can be effected through the Grangers are not the least of its recommendations. While the Gran- a free field and open fight. Give gers do not propose to establish a freedom to the seas and freedom to separate political organization, they are expected to so far lose their identity with the old political parties, as to not vote for unpopular men.

We would recomend to the different Grangers throughout the States, to appoint a committee in each, on political reform, whose duty it should be to examine into the conduct of precinet, county and State officials, and if any dereliction of duty or misconduct is found, arraign that officer before the bar of public opinion, by publishing the facts in some newspaper circulated at the place where such officer resides. Let it be understood by every officer that his official acts are being strictly examined by a committee of the Grange; that his short comings will be exposed to the public, and that his good conduct will be appreciated and understood, and the first great step to political reform has been accomplished.

-It does not seem to be generally known that the National Banking Act contains a section by which every stockholder is responsible at law for double the amount of stock owned by him. Of course this makes the stockholders of every National. Bank in the country liable for as much again as the full cash capital of their respective institutions.

ed only last week from Europe, having become disgusted with the country, politics and people, sailed away again on the 18th-leaving, he says, forever.

#### WHAT IS WANTED.

All the talk about having the general government build a double track rail road from Chicago to New York, to insure cheap transportation, is mere nonsense. Before urging this measure too strongly, its friends should point out some one public improvement authorized by Congress, that either has been cheaply done, or the use of it was cheap after its completion. The fact is, it costs the nation ten dollars to do a job that a State would do for three, a county for two, or an individual for one. It it were to build rail roads of its own, it may be taken for granted that they would cost twice as much as companies would contract to build them, while the operating expenses would be four times as great. Think of selecting engineers and brakesmen by party caucus, or conductors, to accommodate Congressmen; and every employe stealing-to the extent of his opportunities. We have been self, and which he requires; and to blessed with a great variety of humsell at the best possible price, the bugs of moderate proportions in our products of his labor; or in other day, but this touches the sublime. words, to bring the producer and Instead of running oppositions to its citizens, the administration will have out the interventions of a series of enough to do to regulate existing routes, and put an end to abuses. ble parties between producer and It is bad enough to be bled at every consumer, is the carrier. While the pore by corporate extortion. What carying business will never be dis- would be the result if, in addition to pensed with while civilization lasts, a hundred millions expended, fifty it is the policy of the Grangers to thousand more place beggars were

Private capital will always seek profitable employment if it has opferring charters, they have provided that no other roads should be built parallel and competing, within wide amounts to a large sum. It is esti- ers, and confer franchises on all who hundred counties in the State, give constructed just as fast as they will pay. It is idle to expect anything ties was 43,000. The heavy Granger

> The true relief lies in enlarging canals and multiplying shipping. All the commerce of the country has now | Carpenter's majority to not less than competition. We are only allowed single lines on the rivers and great would settle railroad charges. Until idle to look for relief. The country has been sold to monopoly. All routes to the West are under effective blockade. It can only be raised by the land, and the problem of cheap freights will speedily solve itself.

### DEATH OF CAPTAIN HALL

It seems, after all that has been said to the contrary, concerning the death of Capt. Hall, that he died from natural causes. These facts are produced from scientific research -and it is another proof that such baseless scandals as this has been, are only the result of diseased imaginations and the talk and surmises of ignorant and designing persons. The telegraph already informs us that "Mr. Morton denies absolutely that he ever had any suspicion of foul play in connection with the death of Captain Hall, or that he ever, to the best of his knowledge and belief, told any one that he had or gave any one reason to suppose he had. When Capt. Hall returned from the sledge expedition, Dr. Bissel was employed in the observatory about two hundred yards from the Polaris. As he saw Capt. Hall and party approach he went down and greeted and shook hands with them, and returned immediately to his work at the observatory. Captain Hall and party went to the vessel, and all partook of some coffee which all the crew of the vessel had previously drank. The coffee was prepared by the cook, -George Francis Train, who arriv- and was given to the party either by him, or Joe, or Hannah. The party were unaffected by the coffee except Captain Hall, who was immediately attacked with something. After vomiting he fell into a state of insen-

sibility. It was half an hour after the return of the party when Bissel was summoned from the observatory and found Captain Hall already in a comatose condition. When Captain Cor. First and Ash sts., Portland. Hall revived from this state of insensibility it was found that his left side was paralyzed. This is considered by medical men an absolute refutation of the charges of poisoning. The suspicion that Dr. Bissel caused the death of Hall is baseless. It is undoubtedly felt by his friends, many of whom were also warmly attached to Paint and Whitewash BRUSHES, Hall, to be most harsh and cruel. The symptoms and medical treatment of Captain Hall have been submitted to the most eminent medical men of the country and by them his death has been unhesitatingly pronouced to have been due to natural causes, and the treatment employed by Dr. Bissel is endorsed as exactly that which was required and the only treatment proper under the circumstances."

#### Eastern Election.

Ohio election returns as yet are of very unsatisfactory character, and it is impossible the state definitely who is elected Governor. The Democratic State Committee from their official returns received from eightytwo counties, and guess as to the other counties, claim that Allen is elected by 700 majority. The Republicans do not give up as yet, and claim that nothing but full official returns can definitely decide the question as to who is elected. There is little doubt the Republicans have elected their whole State ticket, with the exception of Governor.

Iowa returns received by the chairman of the Republican Central Committee, from sixty-six of the one Carpenter's majority at 12,417 Grant's and Democratic counties are all in, and the remaining counties to be heard from will doubtless increase

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