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ROGUE RIVER VALLEY ORCHARD NOTES

BY CHARLES MESERVE
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Annual Meeting Fruit Growers.

The annual meeting of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers association will be held at the Court House in Grants Pass on Saturday, June 6. The forenoon session will convene at 10:30 sharp, and this period will be devoted to election of officers and the closing up of the business for the past year and to considering a number of matters pertaining to the business of the Association for the coming year. Among these will be that of deciding on the design of a label for fruit boxes and of placing an order for labels. As to whether to adopt the Hood River special size box for packing 3-tier Spitz-nburg and other large apples will be considered. The adoption of more stringent rules for picking grading and packing will be acted upon. The afternoon session will convene at 1:30 sharp, and will be devoted to a general discussion of problems pertaining to the fruit industry. Among the questions considered will

be the pruning of young trees and the control of the borers, eradicating the green and black aphids and the spraying or codlin moth. The thinning of fruit will also be considered.

Both the forenoon and afternoon sessions are open to the public and it is expected that all will attend who are interested in the development of the fruit industry in Josephine county. In no line of industry does experience cost so much as in fruit growing and the grower who attempts to learn through his own efforts or to blindly blunder along will pay dearly in wasted effort, loss of money and of time. It is at the fruit growers meeting that the alert, progressive orchardist gains the knowledge that will enable him to avoid the mistakes and losses of other orchardists and to learn how to profit by the success of others. And there is no class more free to tell of their successes and failures than are fruit growers and to give a helping hand to the beginner in the industry.

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY
GRANGE DEPARTMENT**

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Miss Ada Morrison, lecturer Dimick Grange: How I regard the Granges and why I like to see this Grange Extension work go on.

Socially. We are by nature, fitted for society. By this we mean that we are naturally disposed to associate with one another. How narrow and bigoted we would be if we bottled ourselves up and did not mingle with our fellow creatures. So to be in a good healthy condition, mentally, this association is necessary. The Grange meets this need. It brings together those whose thoughts run in the same channel and a mutual sympathy exists by reason of our chosen vocation. Each is interested in working with nature, the developing of the country, and the bettering of the condition of the home and so are never at a loss to find something to talk about.

Education. Never was it proven more plainly that "Knowledge is power than we are forced to realize at the present time. Education is the "Keystone of the arch" on which our order rests. Of all the ancient buildings to be seen today, those of Rome are the most interesting. There the base is often the most expensive part of the edifice, because everything that endures must have a solid foundation. All the professionals and those who wish to follow a trade understand this. Would you be willing to patronize even a barber who has not given his chosen work some special study? And yet we see on every side those who style themselves "farmers" who do not know how to properly do their work to get best results. The farmer must have a wide and varied knowledge. Beside the school and general education, he must study not only animal life but plant life, seed germination and their friends and their foes, the elements of the soil for each variety of plant, and if lacking what fertilization to supply to change the result from the debit to the credit side of the ledger. These are only a few of what might be said of the preliminary preparation of the successful farmer, while the professionals and those who wish to follow a trade have only one line to follow.

Sisters, wives and housekeepers, are we not thankful that the last 50 years have wrought many changes to lighten our labor and lift our burden of care? And are we not willing to fall in the progressive procession? Not only do we owe it as a duty to ourselves but to our children, who look to us as an example not only morally, but mentally. Are we not willing to give them the legacy of parental progression? A noted writer once said he would rather his children would drink from a running stream than a stagnant pool. Using a borrowed quotation "There are four classes of people: those who do not know and who do not care to know, shun them. Those who do not know but who would like to know, help them. Those who know but do not know what they do know wake, them. Those who know, and know what they do know, be with them." The Grange has no use for the first named, but the last three mentioned make a fine combination.

"To aid and strengthen one another, Each knowing each a friend and brother."
Business. (locally) This is a subject freely discussed within the closed doors of our hall, for could we expect to be very successful in our own personal business if our plans were a topic for other people's con-

versation and this rule holds good in our grange work. Suffice it to say that it is the aim of every grange and true granger to do away with the credit and commodity system and substitute a cash basis, that prosperity may be universal, not only for the dealer but for the producer as well.

Business. (generally) To enable me to be better understood I'll illustrate by example. The Cyphers Lumber Co., Oakland, Cal. is authority for the following freight rates:

Freight on 1st class matter from Oakland, Cal., to Portland, Oregon, 51 cents per 100 pounds. From Oakland, Cal., to Ashland, Ore., \$1.83 per 100 pounds. From Oakland to Lewiston, Idaho, \$1.80. From a personal knowledge the freight from Grants Pass to Portland is \$1.70 per 100. No one could help but see this is injustice. The poet has said:

"For every evil under the sun,
There is a remedy or there is none,
If there is one try and find it,
If there isn't, never mind it."

Have we no redress? Where is our Interstate commerce commission? Are they dead, or asleep to the duty of the office they swore faithfully to perform? Or is there some law that conflicts with this thereby paralyzing their efforts in our behalf? Farmers, we are all seriously effected by this in justice. Shall we sit supinely down by our own individual self and suck our thumb, or trust to prayer, putting forth no effort ourselves to rectify existing wrong? When the "Last Great Day" shall come and the Lord divides his sheep from the goats, we feel quite sure in our own minds that they will pass through the gate over which hangs the sign "Sins of Commission." But we better not be too sure we will not march in the procession that carries the banner "Sin of Omission." But what can we do singly? Nothing. But to unite our efforts there is strength. This was proven by the United Colonies when the yoke of Great Britain was a barrier to their happiness and prosperity. They united their efforts and fought for right, honor and justice and won, and we, their descendants are enjoying their reward. Yes let the farmers unite and let Trust meet Trust. In a personal letter of recent date from Sister Mary S. Howard, secretary of the state Grange, she says: "Oregon now has 151 good active granges with a total membership of 7100 members. By putting our efforts with this number is it not possible for something to be accomplished and our strength be felt and recognized?"

Caution. As the Grange is for the farmers exclusively, let me call your attention to one part in our Declaration of Purposes. Many are excluded by the nature of our organization, not because they are professional men or artisans, or laborers, but because they have not a sufficient interest in tilling the soil, or may have some interest in conflict with our purposes. Using the words of our Worthy State Overseer, and if his face is the index of his life, we should consider it a privilege to say Brother Shaw, he says: "There are many applications for membership by persons who have no interest in common with us, but who expect to use our order to further selfish ambitions. The early history of our orders showed this to be true and the grange went down under this weight. Examine carefully the qualifications and motives of all who seek admission, lest when the harvest is ended and the feast prepared, we find sitting at the table a great number

who have toiled not, but who ask demand, and take a large part of the profit of our labor.

Conclusion. In conclusion let me say, that I see no reason why the grange will not meet your desire socially and if it does not help you to climb the ladder of knowledge through your association with your fellow tillers of the soil, ably assisted by the instructors sent out by the State Grange then yours is certainly a pitiable case. Can you be satisfied with existing business conditions; for I might have called your attention to many more examples which need our attention and co-operation, such as:

- 1st. Causes which led to business holdings last fall.
- 2d. Land grafts and money grafts.
- 3d. Weakness in the enforcement of the law governing the spraying of fruit trees.
4. Destruction of the Canada thistle and other noxious weeds.
5. Hunting and fishing out of season and without license.
- Dumping garbage, carbon and other refuse along the public highways or in running streams.
7. Bad roads.
8. Speedy transportation of fruit and a hundred and one more things that might be spoken of.

Are you aware of the fact that the grange is responsible for the Rural Mail Delivery? That it is working for the extension of the Parcel Post and the establishment of the Postal Savings Bank. That it secured a removal of tax from industrial alcohol. That through the initiative that corporation with but little tangible property, have to pay a tax on their gross earnings. I'd like to go further, but time forbids.

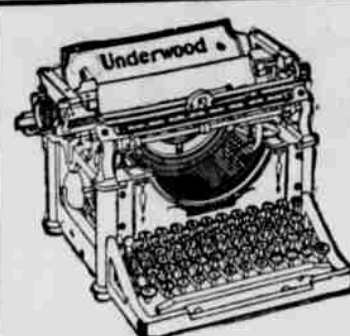
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