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State Lecturer J. J. Johnson will visit all the Granges in Rogue River Valley while in this section of the state to attend the Fourth of July celebration, at which he is one of the speakers, at Wilderville grove. His schedule of dates will be to meet with Deer Creek Grange on Monday, July 6, with Illinois Valley Grange on Tuesday, July 7, with Wilderville Grange on Wednesday, July 8, with Froidale Grange on Thursday, July 9, with Dimick Grange on Friday, July 10, with Talent Grange on Saturday, July 11, with Central Point Grange on Monday, July 13. As these daily meetings and the long drives that will have to be made between some of the Granges will make the itinerary a strenuous one on Mr. Johnson it is asked that to make the work as easy as possible for him that day sessions of the Granges be held instead of at night, where possible. To aid in the extension work for the Grange movement in this valley Mr. Johnson will hold public meetings at as many places as possible. The plan favored is for the Granges to hold their meetings in the afternoon and then to hold a public meeting in the evening. Granges that do this will find the two meetings very helpful, for at the closed meeting the officers and members will be able to get much valuable instructions from the State Lecturer and at the public meetings the public will learn of the purposes and real worth of the Grange to the farmers and as a factor in bringing a fuller and a better development of the agricultural resources of the community.

Dimick Grange, Emily Lawton, reporter: Regular meeting was held Saturday evening and though there was a heavy rain storm there was a good attendance of members. Two applications for membership were balloted on and the persons admitted, and one application was received. A short but interesting literary program was carried out under the direction of the lecturer, for much of the time of the session had been given to considering plans connected with the grange celebration at Wilderville grove on the Fourth. Notice was received that State Lecturer J. J. Johnson would visit the various granges in Rogue River valley during the week following the Fourth and that he would visit Dimick Grange on Friday, July 10. Whether this meeting shall be afternoon or evening was left to be decided later. As the next regular meeting will fall on the evening of the Fourth it was voted to hold that meeting on Wednesday evening of next week. At this meeting a number of candidates will be given the degrees, and as our members desire that our grange may make a good showing in efficiency in ritualistic work when the state lecturer visits us special effort will be made at this time for thorough drilling in the work of the order and to that end all the officers were asked to thoroughly rehearse their parts.

VALUE OF PUBLIC SPIRIT.

How a Massachusetts Town Has Profited by It.

What an active public spirit and an energetic campaign for civic improvement can do is shown by what the Village Improvement association of Framingham, Mass., has accomplished.

Then there was the experience with the hencoop on the common, says the Boston Herald. That is a charming piece of ground in Framingham Center, with the old town hall at one end, a high school at the side, two churches at the far end and well planned houses on the fourth side. For years there had been desecrating hencoops and a poultry yard in front of the high school. The association attacked all that. It was a small matter—so small that nobody at first seemed to have interest enough to act. Then one morning the town set to work, tore down the coop, plowed up the hen yards and began improving the common. The school committee, which had been somewhat apathetic in its attitude, spoke glowingly in print soon afterward of the good that had been done by taking away the coops. The improvement association smiled and did not charge anybody with having stolen its thunder.

Then, again, there is the case of the old town hall, a center of activity when the business was in Framingham Center, as it is in South Framingham at present. The building was going to pieces. The improvement association set out to get it. It took time, but finally by an almost unanimous vote the association was given charge of the old white building at a nominal rental. It is going to be an expensive piece of business too. The members of the association have pledged \$1,500 already for improving the exterior and the interior arrangements of the building, and there will be an ultimate expense of about \$5,000. The town committee

five and 1,000 miles on the lower. These figures prove conclusively the enormous tax levied by the bad roads on the farmers and how much of their legitimate profit is consumed in hauling from the farms to the railroad stations and cities. Not only have the farmers suffered great loss on account of poor roads, but the people in the towns and cities who depend upon them for their supplies have suffered also.

A Town's Need of Good Roads. In the course of a speech Congressman John H. Bankhead of Alabama declared that "the amount of money it takes to haul a ton of freight on our dirt roads will pay the freight for 250

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A Possibility. Old Nancy Doane was noted for the striking originality of some of her expressions. One day she was talking about the utter inanity of another old woman in the neighborhood, and she said:

"I never see her beat! She'll lop down in a cheer, an' there she'll set an' set an' set, doin' absolutely nothin' fer hours an' hours, day after day. 'Pon my soul, I sh'd think she'd milder!"

WILT VOTE FOR THE GODDESS OF LIBERTY

One of the features at the Fourth of July celebration at Ashland will be a young lady representing the Goddess of Liberty. The Goddess will be elected by popular vote. This contest has been so arranged that young ladies of other towns along the line, including Grants Pass, will be allowed to participate.

The ballot box in this city will be at Russell's confectionery store on East Sixth street, and the Misses Pearl Kearns and Lydia White have been nominated as the champions of Grants Pass. Various of our merchants are expected to allow one or more votes with each cash purchase. The young lady receiving the largest number of votes of whatever town participating in the contest will be elected the Goddess.

The contest should prove interesting and strongly advertise the Ashland celebration. 6-19 3t

W. C. T. U. NOTES

The next meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. Weidman. A Flower Mission program will be given and many flowers sent on their mission of love to the sick and the poor, the sorrowing and the tempted. Let the Y's and the boys and girls of the L. T. L. join in this beautiful work of the Flower Mission.

Have you seen the new map of Oregon, as published in the Courier last week? Are you not proud of the white shown there. Twenty-one counties dry, 101 dry precincts in the nine "gray" counties and only three "black" counties! Surely we have reason for thanksgiving.

Those saloons which are contemplating the drug business may find themselves facing the same conditions which are confronting some of the drug stores in dry counties of New Hampshire which, under the ruling of the state commissioner, will not be allowed to sell liquor for any purpose. Let the people know everywhere that liquor is not a necessity, even on a physician's prescription. Doctors are becoming to realize more and more that liquor is not a necessity and are, in many cases, not prescribing its use for any cause.

Don't forget the Flower Mission meeting of the W. C. T. U. at Mrs. Weidman's, July 3d.

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What Affected the Water Supply. It was market day. A young woman who works in a downtown office building had hurried to the busy mart where a coliseum was once planned and had purchased Sunday supplies. A big water tank stood in one corner of the office where she is employed. She had seen a man put ice in it for drinking water. That would be just the place for her provender.

"What the?" The demure young woman's employer had sought to have his thirst, but he set the cup down quickly. He shook with anger at the ice man. The demure one quaked with fear. Angry eyes met timid eyes. Then came the confession.

"I'm awful sorry, Mr. —," she quavered, "but I thought there was some kind of a thing-a-majig in there that would keep it from."

She burst into tears. He lifted the lid, and there met his gaze a bunch of celery, young onions, radishes, a pound of butter, lard, veal cutlets and some lettuce.

He did not stop to see the rest, as he lifted a light cigar, and said:

Hard to Please.

As Miss Lamson arrayed herself for the meeting of the Harvest Gleaners she expressed her mind freely and fully to her Aunt Eunice. "If they try to make me do anything I don't want to do, I'll tell them just what I think of them," she said, with great decision.

"Sho!" remarked Aunt Eunice, who had learned not to waste words. "Yes, I shall," insisted Miss Lamson. "Here I've worked for them for ten solid years, and they've never even suggested getting anybody else to take the burden from my shoulders. It's—It's disgraceful!"

On Miss Lamson's return Aunt Eunice cast one glance at her niece and then put in her word of sympathy. "Poor child, they've imposed on you again!" she said in her soothing voice.

"Imposed on me?" cried Miss Lamson, a dull flush rising to her cheek bones. "I should think they had! I declined the nomination, and they elected that little Robins woman right over my head. But there's no such thing as gratitude nowadays."—Youth's Companion.

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