A + per previous announcement, Linn C). Conneil met with l'angent grange la & Saturday Feb. 6th with President Burbank in the chair. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, seven granges were represented by delegates and a goodly number of grangers trom different parts of the county making an audience of about sixty farmers and their wives. It being the first meeting after election, the chair announced the following committees for the ensuing year, the first name in each committee being chairman;

Committee on Legislation: A. D. Hale J. W. Propet, J. W. Swank, O. E. Haley, R. G. Wigle, Asa Lewelling, M. S. Dunbur and Freerkeen.

Committee on education: C. L. Shaw A. Bievine, Savilla Powell, Mrs. M. L. Dunbir and Mrs. A, D. Hale.

Committee on Womans Work: Mrs. Eugene Palmer, Mrs. Sarah A. Burbank, Mrs. Henry Sprenger, Mrs. Cora Leeper, and Mrs. C. H. Walker.

Figance Committee: Moses Parker, Thos. Froman and W. J. Obermier. Committee on revision of Constitution

and By laws: W. W. Francis, A. D. Hale and Heary Sprenger.

Bro. John Scott gave a brief account

of a visit made by himself, C. L. Shaw C. H. Walker last Saturday to Sodaville grange where with encouraging words, spoken by them, Sodaville grange took on new life, elected a portion of their officers and decided to move their place of meeting to Crow Foot school house about half way between Sodaville and Lebanon. At their next meeting the balance of officers will be elected and delegates elected to Council and to Line Co. convention. Bro, Scott urged all grangers to vielt Sodaville grange and encourage them in the new taken. County Commissioner Henry Sorenger was present and explained why the county court had ignored the resolution passed by last council asking them not to appoint road masters for the ensuing year. Mr. Sprenger said that the law as passed by last legislature, says that the first year "the county court may appoint road masters, and each year thereafter, they SHALL appoint them etc. leaving the court no option in the matter. Mr. Sprenger also stated that the Road Masters had in several instances saved the county more than their salaries. One instances was where the court had advertised for bids for a small bridge and the lowest bid was 8800. The court sent a road master to view the situation, with the result that they finally built the bridge for \$400. Several other instances were cited by Commissioner Sprenger which seemed to fully the action ofjustify the court and the wisdom of baving Road Masters. The matter of larmers giving their support to Albany's Co-oporative creamery was discussed at some length and created an intense interest, and this form subject matter for another article in a low days, space being lacking

at this time. It was voted to hold the next council with "Oak Plain" grange at Shedd, Patrone bringing lunch at this meeting on account of there being so lew ladies in Oas Plain grange. Bro. Scott announced that Linn Co. Convention for electing representatives to State Grange which meets at Corvallin in May, will be held at Oak Piaco grange hall first Sat, in March at same time of council, and urged all granges who had not elected their delegates to do so at their next meeting.

As the noon hour approached, the worthy president announced, that is distinguished visitor was expected on the train to be with us in afternoon session and all would be expected to put on their best Sunday manners and on motion it was voted to have an open meeting which resulted in quite an addition to the audience. After keeping us in suspense for some time, Pres. Burbank stated that the visitor was no less a personage than Col. Holer, editor of Salem's evening paper, The Capital Journal. In minutes, like a gentle spring the Colonel swooped down upon us. Dinner over, the meeting was called to order and the speaker introduced. A he was to address a tarmer audience, we supposed of course his subject would be, "What I Don's Know About Farming" but in this, we were doomed to Jisappointment The Coronel stood for a moment minute silence, gently stroking his majestic mustache, while he was working up the "gray matter" and get tog the think shop in running order, he smole one of his most charming smiles on the ladies and began b, saying he was very corr indeed thusbject was not one more

pleasing to the indies, as it had been one of the cardinal principles of his life at all times and under all circumstances to strive to please the ladies but if they would kindly bear with him this time, he would return at some future time an tell them how to can strawbernes, and then turning to the other side of the house he announced that his subject would be "Car Shortage and Freight He then launched into his subjust producing numerous letters from

over \$3000, an Albany firm \$800, a Port land firm many thousands. Saw mills all along the foot hills had been compelled to shut down either on account o shortage of cars or prohibitative rates and all had begged in vain of the rail road company for relief from certain failure which stared them in the face The Col. spent about an hour telling us of the distressing conditions, but we listeoed in vain for him to tells us of a remety. In this he reminded us of the Dr. who when called in to see a sick man, said "mv riend, you are a very sick man, I am very sorry for you, I wish I this went home and left the sick man to fight it out as best he could.

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The Col. said that he was not there to fight corporations, he had lived in Oregon many years and had never paid a cent in railroad fares and the railroads had been kind to him. He didn't believe 19 gov ernment ownership (as most grangers do) but he was sure there was a remedy somewhere though he didn't know what it was, he advised us to think seriously over the matter, and if we did not get refief, we should shake our fists under the rail road company's nose, and remind gerous ground, that in some instances people had become so enraged at the overbearing rail roads that they dynamited them and tore up tracks. He hinted that as many of us have sus-pected, the shortage of cars and the reent raise of rates might be due to the fact that some men who are interested in pallroads are also interested in getting the timber lands back of them, and when the little mills are all out of their way and timber all in hands of these men, a large mill might be erected by these men who would pay such wages as they choose and sell lumber at their own price.

The Farmers furn

The National Government gives the rivers and harbors some \$30,000,000 s

It gives the cities great public buildings, post offices, court houses, etc.

It gives manufacturers protection by

It gives its veterans and their families \$140,000,000 a year in pensions as it

It has loaned its credit to private individuals to build railways, and given them grants of millions of acres of land. It has, however, done but little for the farmer and for agriculture.

The farmer is the backbone of the country; it is he who feeds the entire population, and he is no longer satisfied with poor roads.

At last it seems as if the National Gov. ernment was going to do something for the tarmer. A bill has been introduced in Congress called the Brownlow Bill, which appropriates \$24,000,000 as National and for the building of roads. The farmer wants this bill to pass, and he is determined that the National Government shall do something for him, as well as for the rest of its citizens.

Before pleading for changes in any kind of an administration of democrats the republican papers should look in the looking glass. Most of the changes needed in the United States are from republican misrule. Take for instance the U. S. post office department recking in U. S. post office department recking in fraud. If you wish to come closer home seven to three; an amendment was atthe Oregon state legislature which has a hardened to be produced to the seven to the seven to the Exposition and grounds on Sunday. burdenes the people of the state with an eight and half mill tax where a three mill tax has been in the habit of doing the business. The democrats of Linn county have reason to be satisfied with the administration of affairs in this county. During the past two years the offices have all been in good hands the interests of the people have been carefully looked after.

The New York World says: "Even Mr. Bryan's European tour has not eured him of his haunting fear of the gold bug. There is one thing to be said of our 'money-changers,' against whom Mr. Bryan inveighe: They do not give you 50 cents for a dollar as he tried to do." If we are to accept the statements made by the New York World's news commune, for instance, in the shipbuilding trust affair, there were many people who would be very glad to receive 50 cents for every dollar they had confided to the care of those "money-changers," -Commoner.

It is estimated that it costs at least 50 per cent more to build in Oregon towns than it did five years ago. Our people though, generally have accepted the situation and will go ahead just the same.

Influence for Good.

Washington, Feb. 9—There can be no doubt that the passage of the Lewis and Clark Exposition bill by the Senate yeaterday will have a strong influence for good, both in the House committee on expessitions and in the House itself. The Senate action was especially timely

The Proper Thing.

pers all over the valley complaining of heir mability to get care in which to ship products and the consequent loss. A Lebacon man lost \$1000, a Corvallis firm

Royal Baking Powder Saves Health and Saves Money

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS. THE BALTIMORE FIRE

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8 -When darkness fell tonight, the people of this stricken city knew 'the worst was over. The flames which for 32 hours had swept re-sistly through the heart of the city were

checked.

The damage is given as follows: Loss, estimated \$200,000,000
Amount insurance involved: 100,000,000
Number blocks burned . 75
Number buildings burned 2,500
Area in acres . 140
Ffrms burned out, estimated . 7,000 Banks wiped out Newspaper offices burned
Telegraph offices burned
Persons thrown out of work
Number of injured in the hospitals
not exceed 50. 50,000

Big Baltimore Fre.

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AALTIMORS, Md., Feb. 7,—The most destructive fire in the history of Baltimore occurred here today, raging practically unchecked during many hours completely destroying scores of the large est business houses in the wholesale district, involving losses which cannot ye be estimated, as the fire was still burning fiercely when night fell. Owing to the wide extent of the calamity it will be tomorrow before an approximate estimate can be made, though it is certain that it has already exceed \$40,000,000.

Feb. 3, 5 a. m.—The fire continues to burn furiously, but has not yet extended beyond Jones Falls.

The Heavy Losers.

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**Namington, Feb. 8.—The Baltimore Sun, in issue, published this morning from Washington, says it is thought the loss will exceed \$50,000,000.

The heaviest of these losers were:

John E. Hurst & Co., \$1,500,000; insurance over \$1,000,000.

R. M. Sutton & Co., \$1,500,000,

The Daniel Miller Company, \$1,500,000,000.

Armstrong, Carter & Co., \$500,000.

The district comprises about 125 buildings, occupied by more than 50

Lewis and Clark All Right. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—It has developed that the Lewis and Clark bill is stronger than the St. Louis loan-amand ment in the House. If the House agrees to the St. Louis proposition there is no doubt about the Lewis and Clark bill coing through. going through.

The Bill Passed.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Withou: a dis-senting vote the Lewis and Clark Ex-position bill passed the Senate at 5:30 today, carrying an aggregate appropria-tion of \$1,775,000. The number of Na

War Begun.

FORT ARTHUR, Feb. 9.—Japandse itorpedo boats attacked the Russian fleet here during the night and three of the Russian ships were badly damaged. The Japanese, who thus scored the first success of the war, escaped undamaged.

Atter Four Years.

After Four Years.
THE DALLES, Feb. S.—The arrest of Norman Williams at Bellingham, Washtoday on a charge of having murdered Mrs. L. J. Nesbitt and her daughter, Alma, near Hood River, in the spring of 1900 was the culmination of searching investigation of official of the Interior department and the relatives of the murdered women covering a period of almost four years.

Russians Whipped.

Toxio, Feb.9—It is reported here that the Japanese fleet enganed and defeated two Russian warships, whose names have not yet been learned, at Ohemulpo today. It is said the engagement began at 11 s. m. and continued until 3 p. m. The smaller Russian vessel is reported to have been sunn and the larger one was fired and hopelessly destroyed. A part of the crews are reported to have escaped to the shore and have speen captured.

The Raltimore Fire.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 9.—As yet no figures on loss and insurance that can be re-garded as official can be obtainable. A garded as official can be obtainable. A careful canvase of insurance experts, builders and business men places the loss in round figures at \$125,000,000, and the insurance \$80,000,000 to \$90,000,000. It is probable these estimates will stand with slight changes when the float figures are written.

Uncle Sam's Part.

WASHINGTON, Feb.—Orders were us bled today to Rear Admiral Evans to send his cruiser squadron, consisting of the Alliance, New Orleans, Raleign and-Cincinnati, from Subig bay to some point in Chinese waters yet to be determined, for the purpose of observing the mayslone ations.

Archbishop Christy is now in the city of Mexico Now the dogs of war are biting.

MISFITS.

The war dogs are growling.

Candidates are increasing.

A shortage in beans has affected the

Corvallie has to have something of a sensational order.

This will be decidedly an off athletic ear in Albany.

The great Chicago fire has now been succeeded by the great Baltimore fire.

A wife beater back east has just been flogged in public and sent to jail a month. Served him right.

Speaking of changes what is the matter of the Oregon State legislature, which foisted an 81/2 mil tax on the

Why not have a Linn County Base Ball Association of home amateurs with Lebanon, Brownsville, Scio and Albany

people of the state.

The Willamette Vailey Jack Frost wouldn't be recognized in the east these days.

The state poultry show has begun its annual cackle at Portland. It is hardly a state show except in name.

The Salem Journal weicomes Mr. Geer back into the republican fold. Now, Mr. Geer, it is up to you with the Journal editor.

The 3 mill levy for running county expenses in Linn county is one of the smallest in the state.

Russia will find that she has not run up against a weakling, and besides she has the entire world against her.

22 calibre is a pretty good size for a politician. It would take a microscope to discover the calibre of some.

An eastern Oregon editor had this in

Everybody is busy in Portland. For the little position of watchman of the post office building there are two hun-dred applications.

Delinquent Tax Sale, from page 4.

Investors' Morigage & Security Co., McMaster & Burrell, agents—Beginning 5 chains north and 70 degrees 30 minutes west from south-east corner of D. L. C. of Jared Michaels, claim 41, township 14 south, range 3 west; thence north 70 degrees 31 minutes, west 30 chains; thence north-19 degrees 30 minutes, east 40 chains; thence south 70 degrees 30 minutes, east 55 chains; thence north 19 degrees, east 14.50 chains; thence southeasterly 24.50 chains; to the northwest corner of D. L. C. of E. Elisha Griffeth; thence south 9 degrees 30 minutes, east 29.10 chains; thence west 31.60 chains; southeasterly 24.50 chains to the northwest corner of D. L. C., of E. Elisha Griffeth; thence south 9 degrees 30 minutes, east 29.10 chains; thence west 31.60 chains; thence west 31.60 chains; thence west 31.60 chains; thence west 33.90 chains; thence west 32.90 chains; thence such 32.90 chains; thence 32.90 chains; 32.90 ch

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est 61 cents; total
Kay, Thomas—South addition to
Selo, lots 7 and 8, hirek 7; tax
50 cents; penalty 6 cents, interest
Kierman, Franko 7; total
Kierman, Franko 7; total
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southly 68 cents, interest 61 cents;
total
Kirchoff, L.—Hack's 4th addition to
Albany, block 9; tax \$8.50, penalty
85 cents, interest 67 cents; total
Kirk, Jennie—Beginning on the east
line of west half of D. 1. C. of
Olney Fry, Sr., Not. 772, township 11
south, Target 72, township 13
south range 6 cents;
thence 2 and claim of the cents
thence 2 and claim; thence west
4.6.66 chains; thence north 2.56
chains; thence sast 46.56 chains;
thence south 2.26 chains to beginning, containing 10.55 acres; tax
\$1.14, penalty 11 cents, interest 0
cents; total
Kium, William, ostato—Undivided
third of south half of claim No
40, township 12 south, range
the south 2.26 chains to beginside of said cents, interest 17 cents;
total

Kuut on, George—The southeast
quarter of southeast quarter of
section 30, township 9 south, range
4 cent, 40 acres; tax \$3.80, penalty
38 cents, interest 34 cents; total
Kruuss, interest 34 cents; total
Kruuss, 10 cents, interest 17 cents;
total
2 cents, interest 34 cents; total
Kruuss, 10 cents, interest 17 cents;
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2 cents, interest 12 cents, penalty
2 cents, interest 14 cents; total
4 cents, interest 1 cent; total
2 cents, interest 1 cent; total
3 cents, interest 1 cent; total
4 cents cents, interest 52.12;
total
La Francis, Nancy—Hack 23.67,
penalty \$2.25, interest \$2.12;
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the southeast quarter, except 2 acres of section 26, township 13 south, range 1 east; tax \$23.67, penalty \$2.36, interest \$2.12; total
2 arson, Hans—Beginning at northeast corner of D. L. C. of R. W. Brock, claim \$52, township 13 south, range 3 west; thence south 7.48 chains; thence west 44 chains; thence north 7.48 chains; thence east to beginning; also let 7, section 8, said township; thence south 28.13 chains; thence south 28.13 chains; thence west 12 chains to Calapodia west bank of said creek to a point 7.50 chains west of beginning; containing in all 100 acres; tax \$17.56, penalty \$1.78, interest \$1.60; total
2.61, johnston—The northeast quarter of section 8, township 15 southrange 1 west; tax \$10.20, penalty \$1.02, interest 90 cents; interest 61 cents; total
2.62, johnston—The northeast quarter of southwest cents of south range 1 west; tax \$10.20, penalty \$1.02, interest 90 cents; total
2.62, johnston—The northeast quarter of southwest cents; tax \$2.90, penalty 20 cents; interest 26 cents; interest 26 cents; interest 27 cents; total cents; total cents; total cents; total cents; total cents; tax \$10.20, penalty \$1.20, cents; interest 26 cents; inte

block 2: tax 31-cents; total.

Loveland, H. 20 cents; total.

Loveland, H. 30 cents; total.

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range 1 east, 160 neres; tax 8.4.56;
penalty 45 cents, interest 40 cents;
Low T. A.—The northwest quarter
of southeast quarter of section 22;
township 10 south, range 2 cast,
40 acres; tax 8.152, penalty 5
cents, interest 12 cents; total.

Magas, J.—Hobsen's addition to Mill
City, lot 4, block 9; tax.

Makinzle, T. P.—The northwest
quarter and north half of southwest quarter and southwest quarter
of southwest quarter of section 12;
township 15 southwest quarter of section 13;
township 15 southwest quarter of section 14;
13.0, interest 50 conts; total.

Marchan, Cynthia—Beginning at the
northeast corner of section 27,
township 11 south, range 3 west,
thence west 53.38 chains to east
line of west half of Oliney Fry.
Sr.; thence north 10 chains;
thence cast 55.38 chains to beginning, containing 53 2-3 acres;
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thence cast 55.39 cents; total.

Morgan, H. B.—The southwest quarter
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south 22.25 chains to beginning, containing 10 acres; tax 57 cents, penalty 5 cents, interest 4 cents; total

Mathews, A. B., and Washburn, E.—
Bryant's addition to Albany, lot 33, block 11; tax 85 cents, penalty 8 cents, interest 7 cents; total...

Mayer, C. O.—Lots 1 and 2 and south half of northeast quarter of section 4, township 11 south, range 1 cast, 150 acres; tax 86.08, penalty 60 cents, interest 54 cents; total...

Miles, W. H. and Mary E.—Beginning at southwest corner of D. L. C. of W. T. Moore, claim 48, township 13 south, range 1 thence north 33.12 child township; thence westerly a sold line 25.03 chains; thence north 33.12 child township; thence westerly a sold line 25.03 chains; chain 46, thence cents Mitchell, Lewis, Co.—Kirk's 2nd addition to Lebanon, lot 11, block 2; tax 53.04, penalty 30 cents, interest 4 cents; total.

Moore, E. W.—The south half of the southeast quarter of section 36, township 15 south, range 2 west; tax 53.04, penalty 30 cents, interest 27 cents; total.

Moore, A. H.—The southwest quarter of southeast quarter and south half of southwest quarter of section 36, and northwest quarter and south half of southwest quarter of section 1, west crospt 3.42 acres 12.26, penalty 51.22, in pe

west 46.75 chains to beginning, containing 465.13 acres; also beginning on north line of D. L. C. of J. H. Hardman, claim 46, said township, in center of Hamilton creek at west crossing of said line creek at west west crossing of said line across said creek; thence west streem, east 2 chains to the creek; thing, contains the greek to beginning, containing the creek; and the greek to beginning at containing across; at \$2.00. Interest \$1.80. total containing 10 conts, interest \$1.80. total containing 10 conts, interest \$1.80. total containing at north-east quarter of section 2.5 conship; 11 south, range 1 west; thence south 240 reds; thence west 28 reds; total anortheast curner of south half of northeast quarter of section 25, township; 11 south, range 3 west; thence west 30.77 chains; thence south 26 chains; thence east 30.77 chains; thence south 26 chains; thence east 30.77 chains; thence south 26 chains; thence containing 80 acres; tax \$2.20, penalty \$2.31, interest \$2.20, penalty \$2.30, penalty \$2.30, penalty \$2.30, penalty \$2.30,

Myers, M. C.—Woodle's R. addition to Albany, lot & block? Addition to Sodaville, and the Albany lot & block? Lot & Block & Bl

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