

The Granges Met.

Linn County Council P. of H. met with Grand Prairie Grange No. 10 in its new hall Saturday, January 2, President D. H. Bodine in the chair. Seven granges were represented with a large attendance.

A resolution was passed favoring the passage by the legislature of a law allowing road districts to levy a tax on the same plan as the school districts, but said tax not to exceed two mills.

The following officers were elected for the present year:

- President, G. D. Harris. Vice President, M. F. Wood. Lecturer, C. L. Shaw. Chaplain, Cyrus H. Walker. Treasurer, J. H. Scott. Secretary, Edward Dyer. Gate Keeper, D. H. Bonine. Business Agent, H. C. Powell. Press Correspondent, C. H. Walker.

Program rendered: Instrumental, Silver Chimes, Miss Vernal Walker.

Recitation, Eva Kidder. Song, The Holy City, Mrs. Grace Lasselle.

Recitation and encore, Mrs. Frank Kitchen. Song, by the Grange.

Paper, The New Year, Mrs. Ellen Morgan. Song, Just Some one, Mrs. Grace Lasselle.

Speech by visiting member Mr. Edwards.

Voted that the President of this council be authorized to appoint a committee of one from each grange contributory to the Council, to constitute a Legislative Committee, to examine bills introduced into the Oregon Legislature at the next session.

County Supt. Jackson gave an outline of proposed changes in our common school laws, to be introduced into the approaching session of Legislature.

Voted to endorse the resolution lately adopted by the Linn County Horticultural Associan asking that a fruit inspector be appointed by the County Court who will rigidly enforce the fruit inspection laws.

Voted that the Lecturer of each grange be appointed to constitute a committee to agitate the holding of a County Fair next fall.

Voted to oppose a proposed bill so changing the Johnson road law as to provide for a state engineer and appropriation of money for a state road through the Willamette Valley.

The ladies of Grand Prairie provided one of their very best banquets.

The utmost sociability was manifested and all declared the meeting a magnificent success.

Next meeting will be with Sand Ridge grange next Saturday in February. The ... be something doing.

Some Locks Buncombe

The next state legislature will have the question of locks at Oregon City up again. Congress has turned them down and will continue to do so, said to be due to a break of Col. Hofer.

The stream is a navigable one, and should be looked after by the government, not by Oregon. This state should not father the locks. The DEMOCRAT was opposed to its assuming even half the cost of buying the locks, as provided by some of the politicians of the state who care little for the money of the people.

This paper is in favor of the government buying the locks and making them free. At the same time it appreciates the fact that it would probably not make much difference, perhaps none, for there is a combine between the railroads and boats, and the chances are the transportation companies would simply make the fifty cents a ton, and not the people. Anyway it is not a matter the state should assume.

The locks have long been a thing for politicians to seek to make capital out of, and the same old game will undoubtedly be kept up.

Railroad Building Reports

According to reports in some of the papers Mr. Harriman is about to build the Natron-Klamath Falls road and let most of the other roads go. It is said that the C. & E. is not being mentioned at all in connection with the projects to be pushed. As a matter of fact it is probable that the papers don't know anything about what Mr. Harriman is going to do. People who have watched the many building reports of the past few years will appreciate this, for in most cases they have not transpired at all as first reported. What will actually be the railroad situation the coming year will be better known when something happens and not until then. It is as liable to be the Corvallis and Eastern as anything.

A Display of Good Will.

Uncle Sam yesterday took out his pocket book and gave Mr. Italy, a friend in distress, \$500,000, a fortune in an Albany man's pocket. It was a splendid act, and redounds to the credit of the country. Occasions like the present are splendid tests of national

power and importance. It is a good thing to give, when the heart throbs in sympathy. It is particularly great for the people of one nation to show their friendship for those of another. Acts like this will dispel the jealousies and ill will of the century.

What's in a Number.

When men make a special effort to secure numbers 13 and 23 of hunters license it doesn't look very much as if they were afraid of superstition. In fact few people care for one number any more than another, and not everybody pays attention to the whims of Fridays and new moons. Of course there is nothing in such things, nor is there anything particularly in securing thirteen as a defiance. People do well, though not to allow superstitious to influence them in the affairs of life.

There are all kinds of thieves, but the Los Angeles thief who stole one hundred tons of coal certainly deserves the front seat.

A good resolution is a good thing to keep. Don't throw it away.

In Linn County and Albany in Health.

The reports of County Health Officer Dr. W. H. Davis, for the year 1908 show a remarkable condition of affairs in Albany and Linn county in the right. The figures will speak for themselves.

There were 160 deaths in the whole county, as follows—January 12, February 19, March 13, April 21, May 8, June 10, July 10, August 11, September 15, October 16, November 8, December 16. On a basis of 22,000 for the county this is 7 1/2 approximately to the thousand population.

Of this number only 22 occurred in the limits of Albany, and of these three died at St. Mary's Hospital, people brought here for treatment. This is a record of only 4 1/2 per thousand population for Albany, calling the population of the city 2,000.

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C. H. NEWS.

Circuit court: Judge Galloway convened an adjourned session.

The case of Kola Neis agt W. S. Paul, upon stipulation the plaintiff was permitted to foreclose his \$5,000 mortgage, with arrangements for the disposal of the surplus pending the case of Paul agt Paul.

In the Spink divorce case a demurrer was overruled, and the case set for 10 m. tomorrow.

The trial of the case of the Calapoia Lumber Co. agt Finley and Rice, to set aside an arbitration, was begun, with Hewitt & Sox for the plaintiff and Weatherford & Wyatt for the defendants.

Probate: In estate of Alpheus Nordyke, Mrs. Nordyke appointed administratrix. Value of property \$3500.

35 hunters licenses issued. Late ones: J. J. Rebban, Floyd Rebban, Chas. Berry, J. W. Gardner, Eddie Roberts, Walter James, O. W. Alexander, E. W. Davis, Ben Clelan, Geo. L. Thompson, Manley Copeland, O. A. Archibald, Harold Archibald, J. D. Hyde, F. W. Schlutz. Being No. 13, Tom Cummings is doubly happy.

Licenses to marry: E. D. Hoffman, aged 22, and Berne Lock, aged 18, of Thomas Freeman Morton, liveryman, aged 24, Lebanon, and Ethel Henderson, aged 21, of Waterloo, teacher.

Deeds recorded: W. R. Ray to R. B. Ray, 160 acres. \$ 1 J. A. Falk to Theodore Falk, 280 acres. 1000 C. F. Doughton to Carrie and Harry Chase, 2 lots, H's lat ad. 650 R. W. Swink to Elizabeth Turnidge, 40 acres. 500 S. L. Goan to Mortis O. Ingle, 13 acres. 1460 John Moore to L. H. Fish and A. Hodges, lot Wright's ad. 10 H. C. Miller to Wilson and Mary J. Richardson, tract 10 w 1. 100

Mortgages \$270, \$500, \$100.

The receipts of the recorder for 1908 were \$3777.56, the best year yet.

Probate: Second account filed in estate of S. T. Crooks. Inventory in estate of Alpheus Nordyke. Final account in estate of Miles K. Lewis.

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Marriage licence, Thomas Glaze, aged 66, of near Albany, and Louisa P. Critcherson, aged 67, of Albany.

Hunters licenses. D. C. Myland, A. H. Muller, E. R. Muller, Roy Ellis, E. Spices, O. M. Pickett, Geo. A. Scott, M. W. Canter, Marshall Woodworth, D. O. Woodworth. Total, 45.

Deeds recorded: T. A. Richardson to Lee Bilyeu, 1-2 interest 3 lots, Scio. \$ 32 S. M. Thomas to S. W. Bowser, 1-2 acres. \$ 20 Green Kinder to Clara A. Jones, 20 acres. 1 Patent Catherine Thompson.

Mortgage, \$250.

OREGON.

Portland, January 4th. The Portland Commercial Club has introduced a novel feature that should be adopted by every community in Oregon. It is the appointment of a Newcomers' Special Committee.

The apples of the Pacific Northwest are the subject of an extended article in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

Oregon Grape was the chief decoration in historic old Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, New York, on Christmas Day.

The Hood River Commercial Club will give its Fifth Annual Banquet tomorrow night.

There will be an enthusiastic mass meeting at Condon on the 7th, the purpose of which is the development of Gilliam County.

Eastern Oregon will be uppermost in the minds of Portland business men on Thursday, the 17th, as that has been designated "Umatilla Day" at the Portland Commercial Club.

1908 will go down in history as the greatest year Oregon ever enjoyed.

A Good Audience.

The cold weather last night lessened the attendance but not the enthusiasm of the members of the Christian church in their revival. From the way Whitson preacher one would conclude that the weather is just to his liking. About 125 were present despite the weather and other attractions in town. The revival spirit is getting bold alright and a great meeting is assured. Don't fail to hear these splendid evangelists. The room will be comfortable, no matter what the weather. The hour is 7:30 every evening. Hear Whitson preach tonight. Hear Longman sing tonight.

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IN THE LIBRARY.

Buel—Hives of the dark continent. Drummond—Tropical Africa. Northrop—Wonders of the Tropics. Penfield—Present-day Egypt. Wet—Three years' War. Brady—Indian fights and fighters. Eastman—Indian boyhood. Grinnell—The story of the Indian. Parkman—The Jesuits in North America.

Parkman—The struggle for a continent. Lummis—The awakening of a nation. Brady—Border fights and fighters. Brayman—Daring deeds of American heroes. Elson—History of United States of America. Frost—Illuminated history of North America. Hart—Formation of the union. Sparks—Expansion of the American people. Wilson—Division and reunion 1829-1889. Fiske—Beginnings of New England. Fiske—Old Virginia and her neighbors.

Godwin—The colonial cavalier. Parkman—The conspiracy of Pontiac. Parkman—La Salle and the discovery of the great west. Thwaites—The colonies 1492-1750. Fiske—American revolution. Fiske—Critical period of American history.

Romance of the revolution. Cox—Three decades of federal legislation. Famous adventures and prison escapes of the civil war. Fiske—The Dutch and Quaker colonies in America. Fiske—Mississippi Valley in the civil war.

Gasparin—Uprising of a great people. Glazier—Three years in the federal cavalry. Gordon—Reminiscences of the civil war. McClellan—War for the Union. Pollard—First fear of the War. Stiles—Four years under Marce Robert.

Wise—End of an era. Sounichsen—Ten months a captive among Filipinos. Graham—Schley and Santiago. Johnson—History of the Johnstown flood. Cozens—Marvelous country. Lummis—A tramp across the continent. Inman—The old santa Fe trail. Bancroft—History of Arizona and New Mexico. Brooks—First across the continent. Irving—Fur traders of the Columbia river, etc. Lighton—Lewis and Clark. Parkman—The Oregon trail. Waggoner—Stories of old Oregon. Lloyd—Newest England. Aldrich—Marjorie Daw and other people.

Allen—Kentucky Cardinal. Anderson—The right knock. —Atlantic tales. Auerbach—On the heights. Austin—Standish of Standish. Balch—Bridge of the gods. Barlow—Irish idylls. Barr—Bow of orange ribbon. Barr—Jan Vedder's wife. Besant—Little Minister. Besant—All sorts and conditions of men.

Black Princess of Thule. Blackmore—Lorna Doone. Brant—Jane Eyre. Brush—Colonel's opera cloak. Bunker—Short Sixes. Burnett—Louisiana. Burnham—Dr. Latimer. Burnham—Next door. Cable—Old Creole days. Caine—Bondman etc. Caine—Son of Hagar etc. Castle—Pride of Jenico. Catherwood—Story of Touty. Chambers—Cardigan. Churchill—Crises. Clark—Cry of the two-thirds. Cody—Selections from the world's greatest short stories. Cooper—Deer-slayer.

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MISFITS.

Another white bargain day and a big one.

The tail of the east flopped over the hills.

But say, we don't care for very much snow.

Will it be Senator Chamberlain next week.

Please excuse us from this eastern weather.

The state legislature will meet and do the people again.

Behold Uncle Sam loves his fellow man, or is he just playing a play.

Getting up a newspaper in a snow storm is a misfit.

Roseburg has some knockers after the pavement enterprise.

A Detroit banker has committed suicide, and everybody wants to be a banker.

Has the C. & E. been shelved by Harriman. It looks that way, which is a good sign that it hasn't.

Of course John D. Rockefeller will keep his \$29,000,000 fine. It has been a bluff game, a play to the grand stand anyway.

A Broadalbin reet merchant was seen today wearing a straw hat with eight inches of snow on the ground, a neat little Willamette Valley incident.

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