

ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.

Contributions to the Department are solicited on matters of interest to the Agricultural and Laboring classes. Our space is necessarily limited, therefore, be brief and to the point. Write plainly and on but one side of the paper.

Some wheat has been contracted at 75 cents.

A man in Marion cut down his own cherry trees to keep the boys from eating the cherries.

National Organizer R. A. Irvine has gone up into King's Valley to organize a sub-alliance.

Remember the County Alliance will meet at Lebanon the last Saturday in July.

The organization at Providence is about 80 strong.

Providence Alliance deserves credit for the manner in which they conducted the picnic there.

The County Alliance meets at Lebanon, July 25. A suitable hall has been secured and the band engaged. A profitable meeting is anticipated.

The organization lately perfected in Portland is the thirty-seventh of the kind within the United States. The growth of this order is almost without parallel. The delegates from Linn county were Hon. R. A. Irvine, John Bryant, and Jacob Newman. Hon. R. A. Irvine was named upon the committee on constitution and by-laws, on resolutions, and on platform.

Harvesting is well upon us. Considerable grain is already in the shock, and the reapers are doing full work. In many places fall grain stands five feet high, and the heads are as thick as they can stick. The grain yield of Linn county this year will surpass that of last season considerably; and the business outlook is certainly good for lively business, in the towns of this county.

There are at present fourteen sub-alliances in Linn county, viz:
Munkers, Falls, Jourdan Valley, Santiam, Happy Home, J. R. South, Cheddle School House, Rock Hill, Charity, Tangent, Saranac, Orange Hall No 10, Sweet Home, King's Valley.

The editor attended the picnic, given by the Alliance, at Providence grange hall, on Saturday last. There were probably a thousand or more people present and the occasion was enjoyed by those present. The feature of the program for the forenoon was the address of Hon. R. A. Irvine, who is an interesting speaker; and he made a clear forcible argument upon the issues of the day.

If everybody else got as good a dinner as we did at the table of Mr. L. H. Griggs they will be loud in their praise of the feast. The address of Judge R. P. Boise was full of sound reasoning. He occupied about an hour's time in the afternoon. The plug ughes were on hand. We did not hear the address made by one of the number. The occasion was one of pleasure and it would be of profit to the people to have the gatherings and hear the discussion of live issues frequently.

Albany Bridge
Last Friday evening the contract for building a bridge across the Willamette at Albany, was let to the Portland Bridge Co.; to cost \$3,350. The county court made an appropriation of that sum. The bridge adopted will consist of four spans and two approaches. The south approach will begin at the north line of First street at Calapooia, and will strike the first pier 200 feet north. The spans will be 25, 25, 305 and 205 feet, respectively, and will be 74 feet high over the main current, above low water mark, or 40 feet above high water. The span crossing the current of the Calapooia will be nearly 50 feet above the 34 foot high water mark, rarely reached here, the pier beyond, standing on the point of the island. The north approach will be 345 feet long, a total of 1925 feet.

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