

Grange of Oregon, Organized In 1876, Strongly Identified With Development of State

Initiative Taken in Much Beneficial Legislation, Social and Spiritual Lives of Communities Advanced, Children Aided in Educational Needs; Membership of 380 Units Aggregates Total of 23,000.

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Since its organization in our state 62 years ago, the Grange has been a mighty factor in agricultural, social and community development. To say nothing of the many economic questions it has valiantly fought for or against. Many measures submitted to the voters via the initiative or referendum have been defeated or carried to a successful conclusion by the Grange, and the Grange has defeated many proposals by our legislature that were inimical to the general welfare. The order has also been instrumental in placing upon our statute books many beneficial laws.

The only strictly farm fraternity in America, the Grange has weathered the storms of 72 years, and its impressive ritualistic ceremonies together with the beautiful opening and closing rites, have drawn its membership into close bonds of brotherhood.

In Oregon, Grange halls dot the landscape in nearly every rural community, for there are 380 units of the order within the state, and social and educational activities are carried on with consequent stability and friendliness and pride in the basic industry of America.

Have 23,000 on Rolls
Every Grange in the state—subordinate, Pomona and state—has active agricultural and legislative committees, and no equal body of men and women who make up the 23,000 members of the Grange, has a clearer conception of the duties of citizenship or a better understanding of the economic questions that are continually arising.

At every meeting of a subordinate Grange usually twice a month, the legislative committee brings before the assembled Grangers a synopsis of legislative matters for discussion. Many laws on our statute books are the result of deliberations in some local Grange that conceived the necessity for such legislation.

Not only do subordinate Granges have active legislative committees, but the Pomona or county Granges also have like committees that are in constant touch with the legislative committee of the state Grange when the legislature is in session. For the Oregon state Grange has a committee stationed at Salem during the period when our legislature is in session, carrying out the mandates of the delegates at previous state Grange conventions. This committee works without fanfare and its work would be heartily commended by every thinking person in Oregon. If it were known how much vicious legislation is killed before it ever reaches the floor for discussion.

Achievements Recounted
The Grange in Oregon has to its credit the placing in our statutes an income tax law, thereby relieving property of any burden for state purposes. Three times the Grange has fought to a finish the plans of those who wanted to place a sales tax upon the people with the expectation of relieving taxable incomes from aiding in the support of state government.

These are only two of the many outstanding victories of organized agriculture in Oregon. Many more could be cited.

At the very inception of the Grange as a great farm fraternity, its founders realized the importance of training boys and girls. Its installation service admonishes every mother: "We trust that it will be a prominent part of your duty, both in and out of the Grange, to encourage the education of the children within the limits of your jurisdiction." The Grange has its own juvenile branch, organized in 1888, for children under 14 years of age, is interested in every youth movement, and last June the Granges of Oregon financed 205 boys and girls at the 4-H summer school at Corvallis.

Youth Unit Organized
A new youth movement has recently taken its place in Grange circles in Oregon, a movement that undoubtedly will spread into every Grange state. This organization of young people, known as the Young Grangers' Auxiliary, will be well represented at the coming session of the National

Grange at Portland next November. Already several counties in the state are well organized into YGA's, as they call themselves, and the delegates at the last session of the state Grange instructed the matter to appoint a superintendent of Grange youth. Fred A. Lewis of Klamath Falls was recently appointed to forward the youth movement.

An important factor in Grange progress has been the admission of women on a basis of full equality, something unknown 70 years ago. The Grange was the first organization in America to give women equal voice and vote. Any woman in the Grange is eligible to any office within the order.

Practically every cooperative movement in Oregon owes its existence to Grange initiative and leadership. Without the use of Grange halls in which to conduct preliminary meetings and without the leadership trained in the Grange, most cooperative movements among farmers could not have been successfully launched.

National Meeting Set
November 14, in the auditorium at Portland, the National Grange, its voting body composed of the masters and their wives of 40 states, will commence its 72nd annual convention. Thousands of Grangers from the Pacific coast will throng our chief city and special trains will bring delegates and visitors from the Atlantic seaboard. The session will last nine days.

Many questions of importance not only to agriculture, but to civilization as well, will be discussed and voted upon, becoming the program and guidance of the Grange legislative office in Washington, D. C. From control of monopoly to taking profits out of war, a wide range of legislation will be considered, and future policies of the National Grange, as they are decided in Portland, will command the attention of our national lawmakers.

The national, or seventh degree, it is confidently predicted, will be conferred upon at least 6,000 candidates. This degree, the highest within the order, is based upon the mythical goddesses of ancient Rome—Ceres, Flora and Pomona. Not until a Granger has taken this highest degree in the Grange, can a member of the order have a real conception of the dignity of agriculture.

SON OUTDOES DAD IN RAISING PIGS

HENDERSON, N. C.—(AP)—Edward Bullock, 11-year-old negro 4-H club boy, did so well with his club pig this year that his father asked him to take charge of all the pigs on the farm.
The boy's pig gained 190.6 pounds in 122 days while four from the same litter cared for by his father put on an average of only 147 pounds of weight each.
After weighing the pigs and figuring the profits, the older Bullock decided to let his boy look after all the pigs from now on.

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Arthur Brown Formerly a resident of Douglas county, Arthur Brown, now resides at Salem and serves as Grange deputy for western Oregon.

NYA Will Aid Boys and Girls to Go to College

Students of collegiate grades who are in doubt as to how they will pay their tuitions and buy books this fall will be heartened by the announcement made last week by Ivan G. Munro, Oregon director of the National Youth Administration, in which he stated that funds available for student aid projects in Oregon colleges have been increased \$19,000 this year for a total of \$134,000. In Oregon there are 23 schools in this group which will receive proportional allotments based on their past enrollment.

These student aid funds are available for needy college and graduate students in regular attendance in institutions of collegiate and university standing for part-time work during the academic year. Individual earnings are limited to an average of \$15 per month for students of collegiate standing and \$30 for graduate students.

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ates. Rates of pay at the individual institutions are determined by the college or university authorities. No provisions are made for direct loans or scholarships.

Such student aid employment is provided only for students of good character who need the assistance to enter or to remain in school. Applicants are limited to persons between the ages of sixteen through twenty-four years, carrying at least three-quarters of a normal full-time program. Graduate applicants must have completed satisfactorily the requirements for a Bachelor's degree. Preference is given to citizens and persons owing allegiance to the United States.

Students wishing to make application should apply to the head of the institution which they are attending.

Funds and allotments are now being prepared for the high school student aid program. Both public and private secondary schools are eligible to participate in the program, provided they are non-profit making in character, tax-exempt, and bona fide educational institutions.

IMPROVEMENTS TO WATERWAYS URGED

Early in the seventies, the Grange advocated the improvement of the Mississippi river by opening its mouth and by construction of levees. In 1874 it declared: "We adopt it as our fixed purpose to open out the channels in nature's great arteries that the life blood of commerce may flow freely." As an aid in the marketing of farm crops, the Grange has given active support to all sound legislation providing for the improvement of internal waterways. The national Grange very early advocated building the Nicaragua canal and later gave its unqualified support to the Panama canal project.

Moose riding is a thrilling sport in Canada. In order to qualify as a moose rider, a contestant must leap from his canoe to the animal's back, and remain mounted long enough to have his photograph taken.

Legend of Pomona

Pomona presided over fruit trees. Pomona was a wood nymph and no one excelled her in love of the garden and the culture of fruit. She cared not for forests and rivers, but loved the cultivated country and trees which bear delicious apples. Her right arm bore for its weapon not a javelin but a pruning knife. Armed with this she busied herself at one time to repress the too luxuriant growths and curtail the branches that straggled out of place; at another to split the twig and insert therein a graft, making the branch adopt a nursing not its own. She took care, too, that her favorites should not suffer from drought and led streams of water by them that the thirsty roots might drink. This occupation was her pursuit, her passion.

Pomona was a Roman divinity and is represented in the prime of youth and beauty, decorated with the blossoms of fruit trees and bearing in her hands branches loaded with fruit. Hope with us is emblematical of the fruit blossoms, the early summer time—youth. The blossoms fill us with

hope for the matured fruit of the orchard and the fruits of life further on in our journey through the years. Here each Pomona's hand bestows in cultured garden, fruit uncultured flows. The flavor sweet and the hue more fair. Than e'er was fostered by the hand of care. The cherry here in shining crimson glows. And stained with lover's blood, in pendant rows. The mulberries o'er load the bending boughs.

IMMIGRATION CURB WANTED BY GRANGE

Ever since 1877 the Grange has steadily opposed the admission of Chinese into this country, and later took a similar stand against Japanese immigration. Since 1889, the Grange has maintained a position in favor of restricted immigration and has never abated that stand.

Since the pension system was established in 1790, the United States has paid out more than \$8,000,000,000 in benefits.

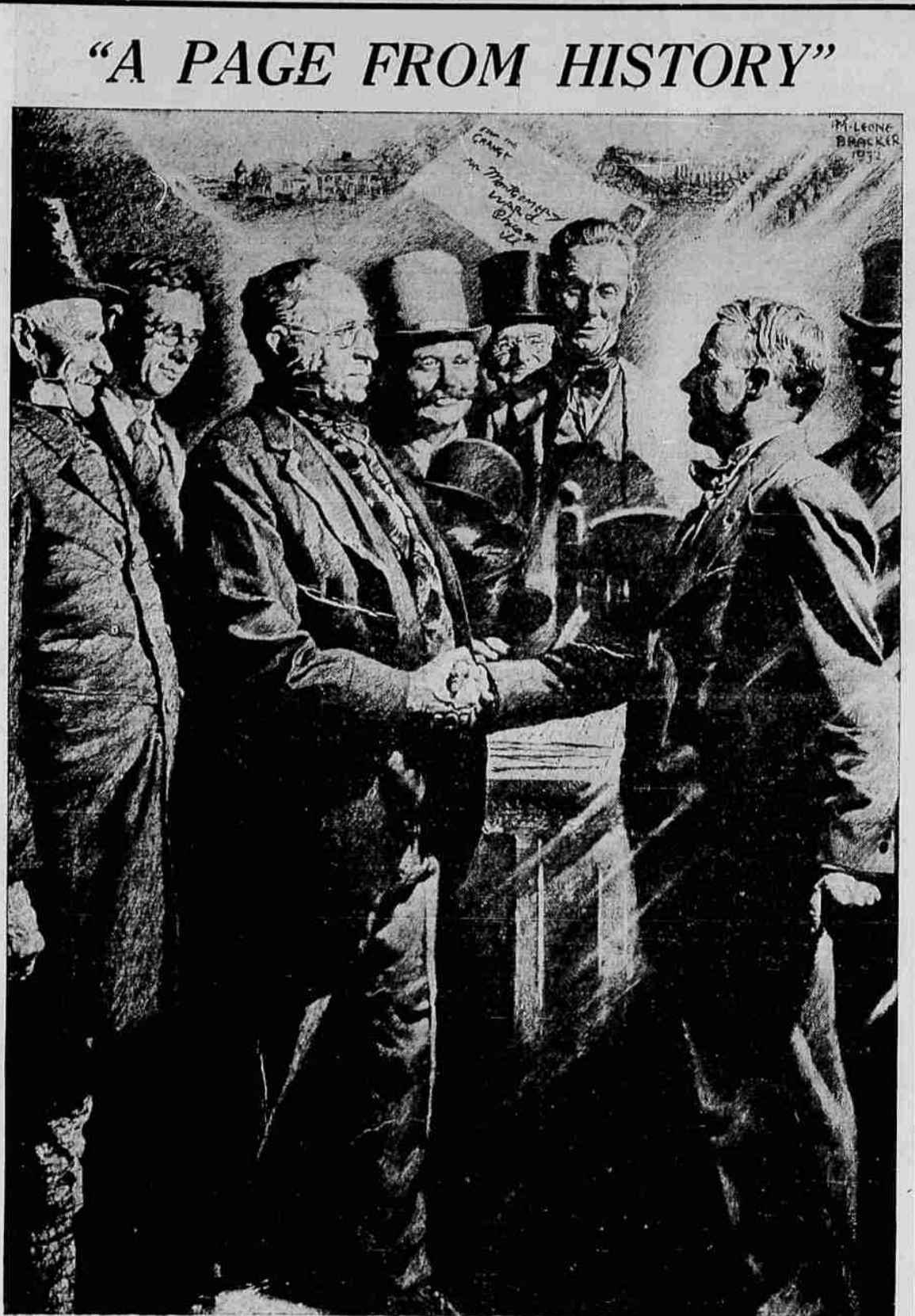
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In 1872 A. Montgomery Ward pioneered a new idea—the idea of selling by mail—and originated the Guarantee "Satisfaction or your money back." All America warmed to this new way of buying and in 1874 Wards had twice moved to larger quarters. It was in this year, as illustrated by the above picture, that the Grange called upon A. Montgomery Ward and secured his pledge that he would "Buy for Less" and "Sell for Less." It was in this year that the single-sheet price list grew into a 8 page catalogue, with the first mail order illustrations picturing the "Grange" hat and a few pieces of luggage. In 1876 Wards moved to larger quarters and the catalogue was increased to 156 pages. The first mail order pictures of men's and women's fashions were used by Wards in 1878—the very height of style in those days! By 1887 over 21,797 articles were listed in the catalogue of that year. In the year 1897 over 2,000,000 customers bought from Wards. Previous to 1905 customer paid for Wards catalogue, but from 1905 on, free distribution of the catalogue has been Wards policy. Between the years of 1914 and 1929, eleven big Mail Order houses were built throughout America—to hasten the service to Wards customers.

Starting in the year 1926—a new policy was instigated by Wards—a policy of bringing still closer to the consumer, the facilities of saving money—and today 1938—over 500 retail stores have been established throughout America. Your local Montgomery Ward Store opened here in 1928.

Members of the Grange and Friends—today as way back in 1874—two fundamental principles still exist—"More for Your Money" and "Satisfaction or your money back." You are cordially invited to make your local Montgomery Ward store in Roseburg your shopping headquarters.

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