IS 3000 STRONG

Great Throng at the National Grange.

BIG DEMONSTRATION TODAY

Three Final Degrees Will Be Conferred.

GAVEL PRESENTED TO MASTER

Symbol of High Office Is Made From Wood of Historic Tree—Resolutions Denouncing Cigarettes and Oleomargarine.

Yesterday's attendance at the National Grange convention went up to nearly 3000. Today bids fair to bring the largest numbers, owing to the fact that the three final degrees will be conferred this afternoon at the Empire Theater. The sessions are growing more enthusiastic and much business is being transacted at every session.

There was no evening session last night, the various committees needing time for their reports. The Armory Hall was thrown open after 5 o'clock to the general public and the visitors held impromptu receptions among themselves. Many speeches were made and songs were sung, the occasion being one of the most enjoyable of the informal gatherings so far during the week.

Assistant Steward's Address.

Yesterday's business began with the annual address of G. W. F. Gaunt, of New Jersey, assistant steward of the National Grange:

Another year in the work of our order has closed, and we are called together in annual session to review the past and plan for the future prosperity of our noble order. If we farmers wish to reap an abundant harvest, we must plan wisely. So it is with the Grange work: If we hope to make our order more progressive all over the Nation, we must follow closely on the same lines. Spur the strong ones on in their good work, which they have so well in hand; give special care and encouragement to those who are weak and falling by the wayside. Visit them personally and point out to them the necessity of more thoroughly understanding the teachings of our ritual and caution them to ever bear in mind that our motto is "Onward." We must never go backward.

The Order of the Patrons of Husbandry has come as the savior of the farmer. The good of the order demands that we use it for our protection, and that in our councils we take such action as will result in educating our members to that point of independence so essential in bringing about a more united action by farmers. To these ends the order must be perpetuated.

Let not its motto and watchword be meaningless, but let us all address ourselves in the future, as in the past, to the upbuilding of the proud fabric of human brotherhood until it, indeed, shall be in comparison, however feeble, like the tree of life for healing breaches among the nations. When that long-promised day shall come at last, the swords of strife and discord shall be beaten into plowshares of serviceability that shall break up the fallow ground of human greed, passion and indifference.

It should be our aim to keep our order foremost in the mind and thought of the public.

Address of Worthy Gatekeeper.

B. C. Patterson, of Connecticut, worthy gatekeeper, made an address.

"The diuties of gatekeeper are many, requiring familiar qualifications. He must be prompt and also a bearer of information, ready to give advice and information pertaining to all phases of Grange work; also all matters of public importance. I sincerely hope that my future relations with the National Grange may be as pleasant and enjoyable in the years to come as in the past.

"The reports from the several Grange masters showing an increased membership and interest are a great pleasure to me; and may the good work continue."

Founder of the Order Writes.

Immediately following these addresses the following letter was read from the founder of the order:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25.—Hon. Aaron Jones, Master of National Grange, and Members of the Same—Worthy Patrons: Permit me to suggest that the sessions of the National Grange be held during the month of August, instead of in the month of November.

When the National Grange was permanently organized we met in January. After several sessions, this was changed to November, to accommodate the Southern members, as January in the South is the month in which work on the plantations is laid out and plowing commences.

During the past 25 years the custom of holding field meetings in the Northern States has attracted attention, and I am led to think, if the National Grange would hold its sessions at that season, a very much larger number of your members would attend to secure the seventh degree. November is a disagreeable month everywhere in the North, and as you now have a very small representation in the South, very few, if any, will be discommoded by the change.

I offer the suggestion for your consideration. It might be that during the last week in August and the first week in September would be best. I remain,

Yours fraternally, O. H. KELLEY.

The following communications were read and accepted, the secretary being instructed to place them on the records of the Grange and make suitable acknowledgment:

W. C. T. U. Asks Aid.

Portland, Or., Nov. 16.—To the Patrons of Husbandry, in Annual Session: We, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Oregon, extend to you their hearty, cordial greeting to this fair metropolis of Oregon.

We welcome you as one of the forces making for purer customs, better laws and happier homes.

We heartily indorse the many reforms you are organized to bring about, especially those tending to lift agriculture to its proper place, foremost among the sciences.

We are in hearty accord with your effort to secure postal savings banks.

We earnestly ask your prayerful consideration and hearty co-operation in the effort we are putting forth to banish intoxicating drinks, and gambling devices from the agricultural fairs of our land, to the end that these great important gatherings may educate up, rather than down.

We bid you God-speed, and may the wisdom of the all-wise Father, who ever leads all things good, be with you in your deliberations.

MRS. L. F. ADDITON, President.

Greetings From the Woman's Club.

Portland, Or., Nov. 17.—To the Officers and Members of the National Grange: The Woman's Club sends greetings and hopes that your stay among us may be one of great profit and pleasure.

If in any way it lies within the power of our organization to contribute to the pleasure of visiting women, we hold ourselves at your service. A member of our publicity committee will be at your sessions and will be ready at any time to accompany strangers over the city, to the stores or places of amusement, where your resident members are otherwise engaged and such services are desired.

Believing that we are both working to the one great object, the universal brotherhood of man, and through that to the honor of the Creator, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

MRS. P. J. MANN, President.

Historical Society Rooms Open.

To the Officers and Members of the National Grange: As secretary of the Oregon Pioneer Association, and assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, I most earnestly invite you to visit the rooms of the Historical Society, in the City Hall, fourth floor, reached by an elevator, at any time suiting your convenience. There you may see some of the objects which had a part in subduing the conditions which confronted the founders of this great commonwealth, when they began colonizing this region in 1834.

GEORGE H. HIMES.

Fraternal letters were read from W. L. Richardson, past state master of Tennessee, and Edmund Braddock, past state master of New Jersey. These letters conveyed the best wishes of the writers and words of counsel and encouragement to the members now in session and the order at large.

State Masters' Reports.

Seven state masters made reports upon the condition of their respective charges. They were from New York, Washington, Illinois, Missouri, Delaware, Colorado and Vermont.

Illinois Gains Members.

Oliver Wilson, state master of Illinois:

We have added eight Granges to our rolls during the year, and increased our membership about 20 per cent. The profits to the membership, so far as reported for the three quarters past, by co-operation in buying supplies and disposing of products, was about 14 per cent as compared with the local prices. Our dealings reach from the disposing of products in the East to the buying of fruit in Washington and California. We also find that the Granges, as a rule, which practice business co-operation are more active along other lines of Grange work, proving that the true mission of the Grange is to look after the general welfare of its members.

Our field meetings were the most successful ever held, although we failed in securing outside help. In every meeting reported, satisfactory results were obtained, both in point of numbers and interest manifested. Our Grange plans are becoming more general and popular, and are awakening and reaching a class which we have been unable to interest heretofore. They are all conducted on a high moral plane, the object being development, and not how to filch the most money out of the public.

Literary contests have become common and have proved interesting and beneficial, creating a healthy rivalry among members and adjoining Granges.

Missouri Grange Prospers.

State Master C. O. Raine, of Missouri, reported that the order in his state has maintained itself in a good condition during the past year.

"Almost without exception the subordinate Granges have gained in membership," he said, "and our mutual fire and lightning insurance company is prosperous and is growing in favor.

"The Grange is still working in harmony with the State Board of Agriculture, whose work is growing in popularity and favor with the farmers.

"The next session of the State Grange will be held at La Grange and will probably be attended by Aaron Jones, Governor Bachelder, G. B. Horton, Oliver Wilson and other National officers."

Field Work Vigorous in Delaware.

State Master Samuel H. Derby, of Delaware, reported that field work has received more attention than ever in his state. Governor Bachelder, of New Hampshire, visited the Granges there and gave valuable instruction. The state has one college receiving both state and National aid. This institution has close ties with the Delaware State Grange, and last December opened its doors and entertained the State Grange in its annual session. Mr. Derby said:

We aim to keep our members posted on prices, and where possible make contracts, thereby saving large sums.

Even when our members do not take advantage of the actual contracts, yet the fact that such contracts exist operates to protect them from extortion.

For years fire insurance has been furnished at cost by the Delaware State Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The Peninsula Horticultural Society, a child of the Grange, has been a great success, running over state lines and uniting portions of two others.

Colorado Reports Progress.

J. A. Newcomb, state master of Colorado, reports:

Progress has been made. The executive committee of our State Grange offers prizes to Granges for increased membership, and a great increase in numbers is assured. The standing of the membership and the order is being recognized. Seven members were recently elected to the State Legislature. The insurance feature is most prosperous, the farmers more than ever recognizing its stability and are receiving its benefits.

Valuable Work in Vermont.

State Master C. J. Bell, of Vermont, submitted the following:

The order in Vermont still continues to be doing something of value. One hundred subordinate Granges have in most instances held two meetings each month. The 13 Pomona Granges held at least four meetings each during the year, several of them monthly. At nearly all the meetings a programme is previously arranged, so that the meetings are not only interesting, but profitable to the membership.

During the year ending November 1, 13 new Granges have been organized. This month the addition to the membership will make the net gain fully 1000.

At the Pomona Grange lately organized in Cornwall, Addison County, 223 charter members were present for initiation. We trust this organization will thrive. The only hindrance in sight is that it was named "The C. J. Bell Pomona Grange."

My visits during the year show the meetings well attended, a large amount of interest manifested. The standing of the organizations ranks with the best. Their influence is for good, for a more prosperous and intelligent agriculture, cheerful and happy homes.

Report of Executive Committee.

Immediately following the noon recess the executive committee submitted its annual report, covering in detail its work during the year past, since the last annual meeting at Rochester, N. Y. It was very comprehensive and showed the order to be flourishing beyond all expectations.

Two resolutions were read, one condemning cigarettes, the other supporting the Grout law against spurious butter.

Cigarettes Are Condemned.

The committee on resolutions reported the following resolution, introduced by W. F. Hill, of Pennsylvania, and recommended its approval:

Whereas, The cigarette habit is ruining scores of our young men; be it

Resolved, That we ask the National Grange to co-operate with us in an effort to have a law passed prohibiting the manufacture or sale of cigarettes or cigarette papers within the United States.

The committee further recommended the indorsement of the resolution by the several state Granges and the Legislative committee of the National Grange, with a view toward abolishing the evil.

Supporting Grout Bill.

W. F. Hill, master, of the Pennsylvania State Grange, presented a resolution bearing upon the Grout law, now in operation. The resolution will be adopted unanimously. It follows:

Whereas, The workings of the Grout law have demonstrated that this is an eminently fair and wise measure in the interest of both the producers of butter and of the consumers, as well, and,

Whereas, The Oleo Trust threatens an attempt to repeal this law at the coming session of Congress; therefore be it

Resolved, That the National Grange, which was so instrumental in securing the passage of the Grout bill, directs its legislative committee to take such steps as may appear to be necessary—in all units of the Grange organization—for the preservation of this law in its present form.

Presentation of Gavel.

Just before the close of the afternoon session a pleasing incident took place. Hon. J. T. Apperson, of Oregon City, presented the National master a gavel of historical interest in the following words:

Worthy Master and Members of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry:

I desire to present to you and your successors in office this gavel. It is made of historic wood. The head of the gavel is made of wood taken from an apple tree. Alvin F. Waller, a Methodist minister and a missionary, came to this territory by way of Cape Horn, and arrived in Oregon in June, 1840.

The seed from which this tree was grown was planted by Mr. Waller after his arrival in Oregon. When this tree was less than a year old it was presented by Mr. Waller to Gustavus Hines, another Methodist minister and a missionary, who came to Oregon in the same ship with Mr. Waller. At the time this young tree was presented, Mr. Hines was living in the parsonage at Oregon City. This building was near the northwest corner of block 25, fronting on Main street, and just south of Seventh street. This tree was transplanted by Mr. Hines near the corner of this building, where it stood for over 60 years, and during that time it never failed annually to produce and mature an abundant crop of red apples, such as Oregon alone can produce. These apples were frequently, in an early day, sold for a dollar apiece.

Many, if not all of the leading men who took part in the early settlement and development of this state have been sheltered beneath the shade of this tree; and from time to time discussed the questions relative to the maintenance of themselves and those with whom they were associated in the settlement and development of this country. The first Protestant church erected on the Pacific Coast was at this place. Some years since, when making preparations for the construction of a new church at this point, this tree was dug up and destroyed. The old church buildin was turned half around, moved back to the east of the present church, where it now stands, fronting on Seventh street.

The handle of this gavel is made from the wood of a cherry tree that was brought growing in a wagon across the plains in the Summer of 1847. Mr. Henderson Luelling in this year crossed the plains, with his family, with ox teams. He also brought with him, growing in boxes of earth, the first grafted fruit trees that were introduced into this country. Mr. Luelling settled on the east bank of the Willamette River, just south of this city, near the site of the present village of Milwaukie. Some of the original trees are yet standing.

The band encircling the head of this gavel is made of gold produced and mined in Oregon. There is inscribed thereon, "Worthy Master, National Grange, P. of H., Portland, Or., 1904, by J. T. Apperson."

Now, sir, allow me to present to you this gavel, hoping that you will accept it as a token. May it remind you and the members of the National Grange of the esteem and high regard we have for you and your associates.

I thank you and the members of the National Grange for this privilege.

The worthy master was taken completely by surprise, and at the close of Mr. Apperson's address accepted the token in behalf of the National Grange. He referred to the gift as an emblem of confidence and esteem and promised that it would be treasured as a memento of the Patrons of the great Northwest. He will use it during the remainder of the session here.

Memorial Services Tomorrow.

Memorial services in honor of deceased officers of the National Grange will be held tomorrow afternoon at Armory Hall, commencing at 3 o'clock. The following programme has been arranged for the occasion:

Music by Sister Louise Bell.

Scripture reading and prayer by National chaplain.

Song by choir.

Remarks by Worthy Master Aaron Jones, followed by music.

Report of committee on death of Past National Pastmaster J. H. Brigham. Remarks by members, to be followed by laying of flowers on altar by members of the National executive comittee.

Music, followed by report upon death of Thomas Taylor. Remarks. Flowers laid upon altar by Sister S. W. Thompson, of South Carolina.

Music. Report upon death of S. H. Ellis followed by remarks and laying of flowers upon altar by Sister E. S. McDonnell.

Music. Report upon death of C. W. Emery, followed by remarks and laying of flowers upon altar by Sister L. T. Rapp.

Music, followed by report upon death of W. B. Harbaugh and bestowal of flowers by Sister P. S. Raine.

Music, followed by report on death of W. Churchill and laying of flowers by Sister Mary K. Powers.

Music, followed by report on death of Sister Edna Brigham and placing of flowers on altar by Sister C. M. Freeman.

Music, followed by report upon death of Sister Ruth Rhodes and placing of flowers by Sister E. W. Westgate.

Music and closing song by the Grange, to be followed by the benediction.

Convention Notes.

A register for names of all members of the National and State Granges and visiting members was opened yesterday. When filled it will show several thousand names.

Entertaining speeches were made yesterday by Judge R. P. Boise, President P. S. Campbell, of the Oregon State University; Dr. James Withycomb, president of the Agricultural College; Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, Mrs. L. Brasch, state secretary of California; Mrs. Mary L. Howard, state secretary of Oregon; F. C. Briggs, state secretary of Washington, and Brother Smith, state lecturer of Washington.

Ladies of the W. C. T. U. sent in a large bouquet of chrysanthemums which were placed upon the desk in front of the worthy National master.

Mrs. Verna Welch Royal favored the audience with two more songs yesterday, which were received with enthusiastic encores.

A telegram was read from State Master F. P. Wolcott and wife, of Kentucky, who are unable to be present. They sent words of cheer and encouragement.

THE WINNING OF THE WEST.

State Master Wing, of Washington, Pays Tribute to Explorers.

State Master J. O. Wing, of Washington, made the following excellent report, and also invited his hearers to return next year to visit the Lewis and Clark Fair:

Officers and members of the National Grange: The Patrons of Washington extend to you a hearty welcome to the Northwest Pacific Coast. For the past year we have looked forward with pleasant anticipation to this occasion. We expect that the influence of this meeting will be of lasting benefit to us; that the enthusiasm created by this gathering of Patrons from the North and South, the East and West, will permeate our entire state and result in a large increase in our membership.

You have heard from the various delegations that have attended the National Grange, from Oregon and Washington, something of the magnificent scenery of our country, of our fertile soil, of our productive orchards, and the wonderful wealth of our forests and mines. We hope to convince you before your return that we have not misrepresented these matters, and that you will return to your homes impressed that the trials and hardships endured by Lewis and Clark 100 years ago were not in vain; that the toil and privations endured by the hardy pioneers who followed in their steps are now bearing a rich reward. Little can we realize as we are whirled across the continent in luxurious Pullman cars what this journey meant back in the '40s and '50s, of the months of weary toil as their ox teams wended their way slowly across what was then known as the Great American Desert. It was through the efforts of these early pioneers that this great country was held for the United States, and too much honor cannot be given to these sturdy men and women who first broke the sod "where rolls the Oregon."

I am pleased to be able to report progress in Grange work during the past year. We have organized 15 new Granges and one Pomona, and made a net gain of 36 per cent in membership. The most of our Granges are in good working order, and an increased interest in Grange work is apparent in many portions of the state. Grange fairs, our fire and life insurance and Legislative work are receiving much more attention than formerly.

The Whitman County Fair Association paid $150 in premiums for Grange exhibits at its last annual fair, and the exhibit made by six Granges of this county was one of the principal attractions of the fair, first prize being won by Ewartsville Grange. This Grange has for several years held a three day's fair and picnic, at which nearly $1000 in premiums was offered by the business men of Pullman at their last fair.

During the year we have offered premiums of various kinds to stimulate our members to renewed efforts to increase the membership of their Granges. These have always been successful and have proved a paying investment for the State Grange, as well as strengthening the subordinate Granges.

Several Granges have inaugurated contests of various kinds which have afforded much amusement for the members as well as increasing their membership. Our people are giving more attention to picnics and field meetings, and I had the pleasure of addressing two very successful gatherings of this kind during the Summer.

In a business way we are not doing as much as we ought, and I would like to hear of the experience of others along this line, the most successful of these ventures being where Granges elect a business agent and buy direct from a wholesale house.

The Grange is co-operating with our Agricultural College in every way possible for the upbuilding of both, and assisting as much as we can in farmers' institute work.

And now, sisters and brothers, as you will soon separate and go to your various homes, we trust that you will carry with you pleasant recollections of your visit, and, while we realize that we are the greatest gainers by this meeting, still we believe that the large expense of bringing you here will be justified by reason of the fact that you will have a much better conception of our country, of how large it is and of the needs of our people, and be in a better position to legislate in the interest of agriculture as a whole. Again, we say welcome and we assure you that anything that may be overlooked that would contribute to your comfort or enjoyment is the fault of our heads and not of our hearts.

We hope that many of you will come back next Summer when the weather is more favorable and our country will appear to better advantage and visit the Lewis and Clark Fair.

NEW YORK GRANGE FLOURISHES

Master E. B. Norris Reviews a Year of Progress.

L. B. Norris, state master of New York, reviewed the Grange's work in the Empire State as follows:

Worthy Master: We have journeyed across the continent to meet again in annual session with delegates and friends in the beautiful city of the West—Portland. We bring to the Patrons of the empire west the greetings of the 60,000 members of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry of the Empire State of New York.

The year just closed has been a prosperous one for the order in our state. We have organized since November 1, 1903, 22 new Granges, 3 new Pomona Granges and dedicated 7 new halls and nearly as many more are nearing completion. Several new fire relief insurance associations have been organized in the 47 counties that represent the Grange in the state. The best risks of farm insurance are now pretty much placed with the Grange. The strong safeguard for the permanency of the order in our state is in the fact that our mutual form of insurance has proved to be safe, economical and advantageous.

Our subordinate Granges, as a rule, are harmonious and prosperous. The last county council in our state has been organized in a strong Pomona Grange, with a charter membership of 621, which we are informed is the largest charter membership of any Pomona Grange ever organized. Worthy Lecturer Brother Bachelder was present and gave a stirring and convincing address. His able arguments undoubtedly helped to increase the large membership.

We believe the Pomona Grange the strongest factor in developing and controlling the work of the subordinate Granges. Its efficiency is due entirely to the progressive advancement it takes, and the mutual solicitude it has in the membership of the subordinate Granges.

We have organized one juvenile Grange in the County of Wayne, with a charter membership of about 30. We believe juvenile Granges in many localities are necessary, and that it is a good school for the young, and that they should be fostered and encouraged. We have reorganized three dormant Granges that now are doing valiant work for the order. The gross gain by organizing and initiation will be between 5000 and 6000. We have paid in National Grange dues for the fiscal year $2748.70, and the treasurer, Sister McDowell, informed me by letter a few weeks since that New York was entitled to a seat for her two delegates in the National Grange.

Each year brings an increased call for speakers and organizers. We have held several of the largest meetings in the history of the state. Worthy National Lecturer, Brother Bachelder, attended five large gatherings. Great enthusiasm followed the holding of these meetings. Brother Ladd attended our last state meeting held at Cortland, and the Patrons of New York held conferences in knots about the corridors of our headquarters, and remarked, "Well, he is Ladd by name, but when it comes to making a speech he is no lad." He was with us again at Thousand Island Park meeting, and delivered a fine address. Grange day at our State Fair was a great success. Professor Bailey, of Cornell University, gave us an excellent address, and also Sister Lord, past lecturer of our State Grange. We inaugurated a new feature, the sisters of the order holding Grange day at the Woman's building. The addresses were fine as well as the music, and all pronounced Grange day at the Woman's building a grand success. The attendance at the fair Grange day is much larger than any other, and the receipts at the last Grange day were the largest in the history of New York State.

A large proportion of the county agricultural societies are establishing a Grange day, and find that they have on those days the largest attendance.

At the last session of the New York State Grange an appropriation of $200 was made to establish four scholarships at the Cornell University College of Agriculture. Four applications for the scholarship were made, two of the applicants passing the examination. We believe this scholarship will prove advantageous to the order in our state.

The contest in the Legislature against the combined efforts of 18 colleges for the appropriation of $250,000 for a new agricultural building at Cornell was fought out by the Grange winning a signal victory. The order occupies a strong position with the Legislators of our state. Its strength lies in the fact that it occupies a nonpartisan position. Therefore, political partisanship is at no time taken into account, only "How can the best interests of the Grange be subserved?" What the future of the farmer and the Grange is to be must be worked out through themselves. If this country is to enjoy continual progress, the people of the rural districts must make themselves felt. If they fail to measure up to this responsibility and do not organize to protect their interests, history will not warrant a hopeful view for the future. We must either become a necessary cog in the great machine of state, or be cast aside, and others take our places.

The press correspondence, under the able management of J. W. Darrow has proved of great value in disseminating Grange information to the Patrons of our state. The details of his work have been presented in his report to this body.

Since the last meeting of the National Grange Brother H. H. Goff has gone to his eternal home. He was for 29 years an able, prominent and courteous secretary of the New York State Grange, beloved by all Patrons of the state. He was the first secretary of the Monroe Fire Relief Insurance Association, which position he held until his death. Through his efforts the co-operative insurance law of our state was secured. He will be greatly missed in the councils of the Grange.

Grange day at Chautauqua Park was as usual, well attended. Hundreds of Patrons came from far and near to shake hands with the two venerable founders of the order—Brother O. H. Kelley, and Sister Carrie E. Hall. After the public programme was completed at the auditorium, a public reception was held at the new Grange headquarters. Brother Kelley gave a historical address of the organization from its inception. Sister Hall acknowledged in a few well-chosen words her pleasure at meeting with the county patrons, where the first Grange was organized in the State of New York and the first in the world. All expressed themselves delighted in meeting with the only two living founders of our great order. Fraternally submitted, E. B. NORRIS.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	$ .06	Julia	$ .05
Alpha Con.	.13	Justice	.05
Andes	.25	Mexican	1.15
Belcher	.21	Occidental Con.	.77
Best & Belcher	1.10	Ophir	2.25
Bullion	.24	Overman	.12
Caledonia	.50	Potosi	.10
Challenge Con.	.14	Savage	.25
Chollar	.16	Seg. Belcher	.06
Confidence	.85	Sierra Nevada	.04
Con. Cal. & Va.	2.10	Silver Hill	.52
Crown Point	.17	Union Con.	.56
Exchequer	.43	Utah Con.	.09
Gould & Curry	.12	Yellow Jacket	.18
Hale & Norcross	.66		

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con.	$ .20	Leadville Con.	$ .03
Alice	.90	Little Chief	.05
Breece	.12	Ontario	3.15
Brunswick Con.	.15	Ophir	2.15
Comstock Tun.	.08	Phoenix	.13
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.95	Sierra Nevada	.40
Horn Silver	1.55	Small Hopes	.25
Iron Silver	2.25	Standard	1.90

BOSTON, Nov. 18.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 6.50	Mohawk	$ 56.00
Allouez	18.00	Old Dominion	27.50
Amalgamated	79.75	Osceola	95.00
Am. Zinc	13.50	Parrot	32.75
Atlantic	20.00	Quincy	130.00
Bingham	37.63	Shannon	7.75
Centennial	29.50	Tamarack	136.00
Copper Range	72.00	Trinity	15.88
Daly West	13.50	U. S. Mining	24.25
Dominion Coal	62.50	U. S. Oil	13.38
Franklin	13.00	Utah	45.75
Granby	5.38	Victoria	5.63
Isle Royale	30.50	Winona	11.25
Mass. Mining	7.00	Wolverine	108.00
Michigan	9.50		

The Denver & Rio Grande scenery is even more beautiful in Winter than Summer. Travel East via that line and spend a day in Salt Lake City.

WAR MINISTER QUITS

General Heurtas, of Panama, Hands In Resignation.

IT IS PROMPTLY ACCEPTED

President Amador Appoints General Guardia to Command of Troops—Heurtas Denies Charges of Disloyalty.

PANAMA, Nov. 18.—General Huertas, the War Minister, resigned today and President Amador, by a decree, accepted his resignation, leaving Huertas the rank of General, unattached, but with a salary which is equivalent to a pension. The army will not be disbanded just now.

General Guardia, Secretary of the War Office, and an old veteran, has been appointed to the supreme command of the troops. Everything is quiet. The censorship on telegraphic messages has just been suspended.

General Huertas in the letter tendering his resignation protests against the charges brought against him, saying that he and the troops have been loyal, but that under the circumstances (referring to American intervention), and though they would dearly like to fight, in order to prevent bloodshed and to prove his love for Panama he resigns his office. The Isthmians deplore the event. General Huertas was very popular.

A private note from President Amador to General Huertas regarding the latter's retirement assures Huertas that the President has no desire to humiliate him, but he has been forced to take the step by the menace of American occupation if Huertas remained in command.

Admiral Goodrich is authority for the assertion that Panama needs but 300 police to maintain order outside of the canal zone. General Huertas was allowed to resign.

Every private and officer in the army, 1800 in all, also resigned and the resignations were accepted. General Huertas states that he will retire to his estates at Aguadulce, on the south coast of the republic, and engage in coffee culture.

General Davis, American Governor of the canal zone, has offered the ex-Panaman soldiers jobs as policemen in the zone or on the canal, whichever they may elect. President Amador offered transportation to those wishing to leave the Isthmus. The government has given Nicaragua an option on the munitions of war in its possession.

Canal Commission Not Alarmed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—No alarm is felt at the offices of the Panama Canal Commission on account of the recent disturbances on the Isthmus, followed by the landing of marines. The members of the commission have been advised fully concerning the trouble and today received a cablegram from General Davis, commander of the canal zone, saying that everything is now quiet.

THEY MIXED THINGS.

Popular Musician and Messenger Boy Clash on King's Heights.

A messenger boy riding his wheel on the sidewalk ran down Ralph W. Hoyt on King's Heights yesterday evening and in his hurry to get away dropped the bundle he was on the way to deliver. Mr. Hoyt picked up the bundle, read to whom it was addressed and delivered it himself, half a block away. Then he began to get angry, and ended by taking a car down to the office of the messenger company for which the boy worked.

Mr. Hoyt had finished telling about the boy riding on the sidewalk and running into him, when the boy himself returned.

"Gee! I was held up on King's Heights and a fellow took my package away from me and I came near getting—"

Then the boy recognized Mr. Hoyt.

Trying to Settle Strike.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 18.—The grievance committee of the Santa Fe engineers, in session here, is trying to secure a settlement of the machinists' strike. They allege the equipment of the road as kept up by the nonunion machinists is not satisfactory. The officials of the road deny this, and say they will not resume negotiations with the strikers.

STEAM LOGGING OUTFITS, ETC.

Mr. Ben Holt, manager of the Holt Manufacturing Company, Walla Walla, Wash., manufacturers of steam freighting and logging outfits, steam plowing outfits and combined harvesters of all kinds, will be at the Hotel Portland on November 23 and would be pleased to meet any one interested in this class of machinery.

This company has met with great success in the lumbering regions of the Northwest, and solved a great problem of transportation which has heretofore been done with horses when railroads are impracticable.

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A YEAR'S WORK OF THE GRANGE

Executive Committee Reports on Finances—Members Favor New Interstate Commerce Laws and the Parcels-Post.

THE report of the executive committee, the most important of the Grange committees, ably handles many of the questions that confront the Grange:

Your committee met at Rochester, N. Y., at the close of the 37th annual session, and organized as follows: Chairman, E. B. Norris, New York; secretary, C. J. Bell, Vermont; subcommittee on loans, Aaron Jones, Indiana, and F. A. Derthick, Ohio.

The National master was directed to have charge of the lecture fund. The unsettled business following the 37th session was closed and directions given for the 8000 copies of proceedings to be printed by the New Era Company, Springfield, O. This closed the business immediately following the National Grange in Rochester, N. Y.

The committee next met in St. Louis March 11-13, to consider the resolution of instructions to procure headquarters at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held in St. Louis, Mo., from May 1, 1904, to December 1, 1904.

Brother C. O. Raine, worthy master of the Missouri State Grange, met with the committee to confer with and assist them if possible, as advised by his state Grange, in carrying out the arrangements.

After looking about the grounds and buildings to quite an extent, rooms in the Washington College building were agreed upon for our use. The exact rooms were to be named to us early in June and to be ready for our use before September 1, which was the date the committee thought best to open headquarters. In the meanwhile the committee could be advertising the location of headquarters and arranging for keeping the same. Brother Jones and Brother Raine were made a subcommittee to arrange in detail and make the rooms ready. Brother Raine stated before the committee that the Missouri State Grange would superintend the furnishing and decorating of the Grange headquarters.

Monument to Founders.

Your committee, acting under instructions of the National Grange, considered the matter of the erection of a monument to the memory of the seven founders of the order. On motion of Brother Jones it was determined that the emblem or marker be a sheaf of wheat with the shepherd's crook and key and the letters P. of H. The monument to have this inscription:

"Erected in honor and to the memory of the several founders of the order: William Saunders, John Trimble, O. H. Kelley, F. M. McDowell, W. A. Thompson, W. M. Ireland, A. B. Grosch, assisted by Miss Carrie Hall."

The cost of the monument, including markers for the graves of the founders, is not to exceed $22,000, and the committee recommend that all subordinate and Pomona Granges in the United States be requested to contribute a sum not less than $2 each, and that all State Granges be requested to contribute not less than $50 each, and that the same be forwarded to the secretary of the National Grange and his receipt taken therefor and that the National Grange contribute such sum as their wisdom may think proper.

Your committee recommends that the several sums contributed be monthly turned over to the treasurer of the National Grange and the treasurer's receipt taken therefor and that said funds be held as a special fund until $25,000 be raised, then and not till then steps be taken to erect the said monument.

At this meeting partial arrangements for the 38th session to be held in Portland, Or., were made and a contract was drawn and forwarded to Oregon for approval:

Contract With the Oregon State Grange.

Contract entered into by B. G. Leedy, worthy master of Oregon State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, together with the executive committee of the Oregon State Grange, B. G. Leedy, G. R. Stephenson and Austin T. Buxton, party of the first part; with the National Grange, by E. B. Norris, F. A. Derthick, Aaron Jones and C. J. Bell, executive committee of the National Grange Patrons of Husbandry, party of the second part.

The party of the first part desiring the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, to hold its next, the 38th annual session in the City of Portland, Or., the party of the second part were instructed by the National Grange to so provide for the session if satisfactory arrangements could be made.

The party of the first part agrees to provide suitable hotel accommodations at a rate not to exceed $2.00 per day, suitable free halls both for the session and the seventh degree, and a seventh-degree fee of $2000 paid into the treasury of the National Grange on or before June 15, 1904.

On July 2, 1904, your committee met in Delta, O. Not having heard anything definite from the management at the St. Louis Exposition regarding headquarters, although repeated communications had been sent there, the applictaion for headquarters was withdrawn.

The contract sent Oregon in March having been properly signed and its requirements carried out in full, Brothers Jones and Norris were made a committee to arrange for railroad rates via St. Louis to Portland for those attending the National Grange.

J. H. Brigham's Funeral.

The call for the meeting of the committee in Delta at this date was occasioned by the death of Brother J. H. Brigham, past master of the National Grange, and at the time of his death he was Assistant Secretary of the Department of Agriculture. He was stopping over night at his home in Delta on his way from Washington, D. C., to St. Louis, where he had charge of the United States Agricultural Department of the Exposition.

Brother Brigham had all his life been in the service of agriculture, and had done much to build up the department in his work as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. The expressions of sorrow on all sides proved how valuable a man Brother Brigham had been in all that pertained to the City of Delta, both social and industrial.

Several thousand viewed the remains that were in a large tent on the lawn, in charge of the G. A. R. post, of which he was a member, near the church which was inadequate to accommodate his sorrowing friends.

Your committee attended in a body accompanied by hundreds of others of his sorrowing fraternal friends. At the close of the service a procession was formed in charge of C. J. Bell, chief marshal, and the remains escorted to the cemetery, where the Grange burial service was performd.

The procession was led by the Relief Corps, followed by the G. A. R., the Masons, the I. O. O. F., the active pall-bearers, the casket with honorary pall-bearers by the side, the relatives, then Brothers Jones and Derthick—master and chaplain, respectively—followed by the sisters of the Grange, then the brothers of the Grange, and last many hundreds of friends and neighbors.

On July 30 the committee met in Washington to arrange further regarding the trip to Portland, Or. Satisfactory railroad rates had not yet been obtained, the subcommittee was instructed to continue its work until reasonable rates were obtained, and all be instructed to meet in St. Louis not later than November 10, when all should be ready to start westward.

Expenses of the Year.

Requisitions have been drawn during the fiscal year as follows:

Salaries	$ 2,499.84
Miscellaneous	3,899.93
On account of loans	13,853.00
Executive committee	739.64
Extension fund	4,475.91
National Grange session, sundry expenses	604.74
Supplies for secretary's office	1,270.69
Contingent fund	85.00
Total amount requisitions drawn	$27,428.75

Requisitions drawn on account of lecture and extension fund as follows:

To Times Printing Co., circulars	$ 8.00
To Ansel Holway, work in Kentucky, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin	475.00
To N. J. Bachelder, services as lecturer and expenses	314.65
To Pest Express Printing Company, papers and printing	124.00
To Aaron Jones, lecture work and expenses	465.59
To W. K. Thompson, lecture work and expenses in South Carolina	41.74
T. J. A. Newcomb, work in Colorado	10.00
To Tribune Printing Company, office supplies	108.30
To Rumford Printing Company, printing	1115.94
To Samuel McGuire, work in Kentucky	3.50
To J. B. Ager, work in Maryland	209.10
To C. M. Freeman, deputy fee fund	1600.00
Total	$4475.91

Other accounts against this fund are still outstanding.

Stock of supplies on hand in the National Secretary's office September 30, 1904:

Digests	84
Grange melodies	410
Fourth degree manuals	2529
Fifth degree manuals, sets	35
Sixth degree manuals, sets	12
Juvenile degree manuals, sets	31
Dues account books	20
Dues receipt books	296
Treasurers' receipt books	509
Order books	632
Roll books	609
Secretary's record books	469
Treasurers' account books	414
Ceremonies for dedicating Grange Halls	1000
Ceremonies for laying corner-stones of Grange halls	500
German manuals	132
Gavels	240
Kelley's History	160
Sixth degree certificates National Grange	2000
Sixth degree certificates State Grange	4800
Blank charters	1600
Padlocks	230
Tin boxes	279

Also the lithographic stones for the sixth and seventh degree certificates, seal for certificates for seventh degree and treasurer's drafts are in the secretary's office.

Stock on hand in the publishing-house of George S. Ferguson Company, Philadelphia, Pa., September 30, 1904:

Digests	1070
Grange melodies	3050
Fourth degree manuals	7400

They also have in their vaults the plates of Grange melodies, digests, fifth degree manuals, fourth degree manuals, new and old German manuals.

The property of the National Grange consists of:

29 farm mortgages amounting to	$46,306.25
Deposits in savings banks	12,712.83
Total investments, October 1, 1904	60,196.08
Amount in fiscal agency	20,490.92
Total	$80,690.00

Showing an increase during the fiscal year of $9293.57.

The financial condition of the order is satisfactory; the funds are all securely and safely invested. Your committee has examined the vouchers of the secretary and treasurer and find them correct. We shall enter the new year with increased enthusiasm, and we trust our visit to the Pacific Slope will advance the numerical strength of the order, and press forward its grand declaration of purposes. The Grange stands today at the head of all other organizations in meeting the requirements of agriculture, and standing as a sponsor in legislation to advance its interests.

Commerce Laws Defective.

The interstate commerce laws are defective, and the former action of the Grange on this question should be reaffirmed. The Interstate Commerce Commission should have additional power to regulate interstate commerce. The matter of freight rate and rebate transcends all other questions, and the right settlement will restore free competition at a controlling point. Freight rate enters into the cost of any commodity at its destination as it is produced to the consumer. Prosperity depends not merely on the amount produced, but on an equitable distribution. He who produces most, whether his productive powers be mental, or physical, or both, should share accordingly. This system rests wholly on individual competition, without Government favor to any. Competition is the mother of excellence in agriculture, commerce and the industrial arts.

Parcels Post Needed.

The National Grange has placed itself squarely on record as favoring the establishment of parcels posts. It would seem that this reform should be pressed forward with increased vigor, in securing the passage of House bill 7874 to establish parcels posts, the twin sister of free rural mail.

We noticed a short time since that the oleomargarine manufacturers were going to make an effort to repeal the tax on oleomargarine. The Grange through its Legislative committee should watch closely the advance guard of this movement, and prepare at once to circumvent it. The price of liberty against fraud is eternal vigilance.

The Grange stands in favor of the election of United States Senators by the popular vote of the people. Why not this National Grange session adopt resolutions requesting Legislatures that are to elect United States Senators to demand that all candidates declare their attitude on this question. This can only be accomplished by a tidal wave of public opinion favoring the proposition.

Grange Good Roads Bill.

The bill introduced by Congressman Currie, of New Hampshire, for Federal aid for highways, and generally known as the Grange good road bill, is now before Congress. It has brought the Grange more prominently before Congress perhaps than ever before, and we trust active measures of indorsement will be formulated at this session. If the same public interest that has been manifested in the waterways could be advantageously carried forward to the improvement of the highways and public roads, it would be of inestimable value to the farmer and business interests of the country.

Cromwell bluntly said that "if there be anyone that makes many poor to make a few rich, that suits not a commonwealth." Society is organized at all only for the common good. The prime object of government is to promote distributive justice to all. The government which by favoritism of the laws helps the few to build themselves up, out of the toil and product of the many is on the high road to disaster and ruin.

Trusts Need Regulation.

What is a trust? Professor Clark, of Columbia University, says that "according to the use of the term in popular thought and speech, it is any corporation that is big enough to be menacing." The most sacred duty of the Government is to take care to pass no statute and to do nothing to restrict production, or to promote or make possible an unjust distribution of the aggregate wealth created by industry. The evil that we most dread from the trusts is that it corrupts Legislatures and officials by the use of money, and in that way becomes too powerful for the public welfare. In some of them their finances compare with those of the United State Government. We mention only one of several—the steel trust; their stock and bond issue amounts to nearly $1,434,722,133. This great combination paid out last year $58,748,392. Its gross earnings were $538,572,871; its operating expenses were $409,268,599; its surplus was $12,304,916. Such colossal combines rank well up with the receipts and expenditures of the Government and usurp power, through its possibility to control legislation. Do we need more statute laws, or limitations or repeals of some of our statute laws that give them creation? These are the great questions of the hour. We believe the Federal Government should be divorced from obligations to, or contaminations with trusts of any character. The law controlling illegal combinations should be enforced, and if necessary additional legislation should be enacted for the benefit of the people. The Grange is a powerful factor in solving these great problems.

Our organization is recognized today as one of the leading forces in advancing the interests of the agricultural class. It is developing an education, social and fraternal feeling in the country and adding a new beauty to the occupation of the farmer. Fraternally submitted.

E. B. NORRIS,
C. J. BELL,
F. A. DERTHICK,
AARON JONES,
Executive Committee.