

BARAGRAMS IS GRANGE WARNING

Extreme Reformers Not Wanted in Order, Declares Master J. J. Johnson.

TAX TRICKERY SCENTED

Beware of Pet Measures Is His Caution to Farmers—\$500 Exemption Advocated—Professional Politicians Are Slapped.

VIEWS OF EMINENT GRANGERS.

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Mortimer Whitehead, past National

lecturer and past state master of New Jersey Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, yesterday delivered two addresses to 250 grangers in Evening Star Hall, on the Section Line Road.

He reviewed the progress made within the past few years and declared that the order has been the most important factor in elevating the educational and social condition of the farmers in the United States than any other force and influence.

Whitehead spoke first. "While we have been witnessing the installation of the officers of this grange," he said, "thousands of other grangers from Maine to Oregon have been installing their officers, for the sun never sets in this country on the farmer's order. In Maine alone there are 50,000 members and more than \$1,000,000 is invested in halls and other property. In New York State alone there are 100,000 members and the grangers there own more than \$1,000,000 in property. And so in other states we find the order has spread and is keeping step with the march of progress."

Grange Has Advanced Farmer.

"I want to say that the grange is essentially educational order as well as social. It has educated the farmer and his family and placed them among the best-informed people we have. The farmer does not require a guardian to tell him the value of his products, for he knows the value himself."

Through the influence of the Patrons of Husbandry the farmers have become an educated class, and the farmer works with his brains as well as with his hands. A few years ago the farmer usually selected a favorite son and sent him to college and made a preacher, doctor or lawyer out of him, while the rest of the children remained on the farm to make the expense money. But all this has been changed. The entire family have facilities of obtaining an education and there is no favorite son.

"Seventeen years ago I had the honor of making the first argument before a committee from the House of Representatives in behalf of the rural free delivery. We got an appropriation of \$10,000 as an experiment. Next year we got a larger appropriation, and the last appropriation was \$20,000,000, the work of the Patrons of Husbandry. Every time you see a mail box along the country road you will know that it stands as a monument to the grange. We are going to have our roads so well improved that mail will be delivered at the doors of our farms by automobile mail carriers. And also very soon we shall have the parcels post in operation."

Patrons Block Railroads.

"The great railroad companies said a short time ago that they intended to take \$500,000,000 extra freight money from the farmers and people of this country, but they have not done so. The Patrons of Husbandry got busy and blocked this gigantic increase, and you people in the West have reaped the result of the work of the order."

J. J. Johnson submitted his annual report as master. He called attention to the reduction of the debt on the hall from \$1100 to \$500 during the year. In speaking of state affairs in which the members are interested, he said:

"We should keep in touch with matters of state legislation. The Legislative Assembly will convene in a few days. Many laws affecting the destiny of our people will be acted upon. Road legislation and taxation will be among the most important and far-reaching. No doubt, good roads leading from the market centers out through the farming communities are necessary and within reasonable expenditure should be encouraged."

"Automobile clubs and machinery houses are especially active in this campaign for good roads. The chief danger is that in our enthusiasm we will go beyond what our calm judgment dictates, and thus place a heavy burden upon many poor people for the benefit principally of those who delight in the use of the road, but who pay little if any toward the cost of maintenance. Few, if any, farmers, will oppose reasonable expenditure for necessary roads leading from the farm to the market or railroad station."

Johnson Sounds Warning.

After speaking of the needs of taxation reform, Mr. Johnson said: "The danger now is that under the plea of necessity some pet measure will be launched before the voters and you will be importuned to overturn the whole system of taxation upon which our financial fabric has been built, in order to cure or eliminate some defect in it. We should, therefore, be cautious in adopting any pet theory or measure proposed or supported principally by those who pay little or no tax."

"I am of the opinion that an exemption of \$500 or more should be allowed to each taxpayer, rich or poor alike. This would in a measure relieve the laboring man and woman who have small holdings and can least afford to pay a tax."

"The tax on moneys and notes is paid

largely by the man obliged to borrow, thus it comes from those who can least afford it. And again, if the note represents the unpaid purchase price of land (a farm, for example), the farmer pays the tax on his land and also on the note by higher interest, making a double taxation. The tax, therefore, on money and notes should be greatly reduced or entirely eliminated."

\$500 Exemption Is Asked.

"In my opinion, the conditions now demand that the next Legislature place before the people by referendum vote the right to classify properties in assessments for taxation, providing also for at least \$500 exemption to each taxpayer."

In speaking of the membership Mr. Johnson said: "We should be especially careful to avoid offering for membership any person who is an extreme agitator. I do not in any way desire to oppose the expression of new ideas, but we should be overly cautious not to permit our Grange, or the order at large, to be dominated by the element of extreme reform."

"We have at all times felt proud of the fact that the Grange has stood for conservative reform in all matters, and we hope and trust that it may continue to hold the high position and influence it has already attained."

"We should view with distrust the professional politician—such men are not confined to the city chaps, as some suppose—these men have no proper place in our order. We should at all times encourage all legitimate enterprises, and should neither seek nor favor any unjust restrictive burdens upon the wealthy or business interests; and yet, it is highly important that we carefully watch their actions, and be quick to resent with all our influence the granting either to corporate or private interests any special favor or any unjust discrimination in their favor."

Mrs. E. A. Niblin installed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Master, J. J. Johnson; overseer, L. D. Elliott; lecturer, Willa Buckman; steward, E. J. Spooner; assistant steward, J. E. Nelson; secretary, Mrs. M. M. Eaton; treasurer, Emma Spooner; chaplain, Mrs. E. A. Kelly; cerea, Ruth Niblin; Pomona, Hazel Paquet; Flora, Miss Odessa Uhm; lady assistant steward, Laura Beckner; executive committee, E. N. Emery, S. H. Covello, M. M. Eaton and Emma Spooner.

CITY MAY BRING ACTION

DEMAND MADE ON STREET RAILWAY FOR \$29,000.

Company, Having Removed Tracks, Contends It Owes Nothing for Bridge Across Gulch.

Another effort is being made by City Auditor Barbur to collect from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company \$29,000 due the city as the company's share of the cost of building the front-street bridge across Marquam Gulch in South Portland. The company removed its tracks from front street just before the bridge was to be reconstructed, and although the franchise never was revoked, the company holds that it does not owe the city anything.

In addition to the \$29,000 originally claimed for the construction of the bridge, the interest that has accrued on the debt is now said by Mr. Barbur to be approximately \$9000, and it is expected that suit will have to be instituted to determine the franchise never was revoked, the company holds that it does not owe the city anything.

The original franchise that included the track across the front-street bridge was obtained by the Transcontinental Street Railway Company, which later transferred it to the City & Suburban Railway Company. When the street railway companies of Portland were merged to form the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, the franchise became the property of that company.

With an eye to economy, the management of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, concluded that tracks across Marquam Gulch were unnecessary, and as the company had acquired by consolidation the tracks across the front-street bridge, it abandoned the gulch and refused to pay the money assessed against it for the construction of the bridge.

It is hoped that the company could be induced through peaceable methods to pay its share of the cost of the bridge, the city never has appealed to the courts.

A few days ago Mr. Barbur addressed a letter to President Joseph of the street railway company, asking him to settle the debt. Vice-president Fuller has replied, saying that he had referred the subject to the company's attorneys. Mr. Fuller says that the company does not feel that it is required to pay the claim, as the bridge is not being used by streetcars.

City Attorney Grant was authorized recently by the Council to begin action against the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to force it to pay for street improvements where it had abandoned portions of franchises without the consent of the city, and it is probable that a similar order will be made regarding the collection of money for the bridge.

OUSTER ACTION ENJOINED

Meat Company Gains Time in Suit Over Lease to Premises.

An order temporarily restraining the Hibernia Savings Bank from ousting the Frank L. Smith Meat Company from its shop at 225 Alder street, was issued out of the Circuit Court yesterday by Presiding Judge McGinn. The bank, as trustee for persons unnamed, recently cancelled the Smith Company's lease to the premises on the grounds that a door had been cut in one of the partitions without permission.

In a formal application for an injunction the meat concern sets out that in 1906 it acquired from G. F. Handley a lease to the property with permission to make such alterations and improvements as might be necessary. The permission to make changes was orally given and was not written into the lease, it is set up. Shortly after the

A Food for Thinkers—

Grape-Nuts

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"There's a Reason"

Thought Everybody Saw Double



A remarkable case came under my notice several months ago. In one of the counties of Eastern Oregon is a cattleman who has grown wealthy. His wife, a charming woman of 40 years, recently began to have severe headaches. A local physician decided that the trouble was with her eyes. The family could not believe it, as she had never been near an eye doctor. However, the husband brought her to me for expert examination. In the course of the examination I held up a candle and asked her what she saw. "I see two lights," she answered calmly. "Two?" exclaimed the surprised husband. "Have you always seen two?" "Why, certainly, dear," was the answer. "Don't you always see two of me?"

And then came the revelation that this 40-year-old, intelligent woman had never known in all her 40 years of life that everybody didn't see double. She had accepted her own condition as a matter of course. It instantly accounted to the husband for little frequent movements which he had frequently observed in his wife when she was reaching for an object, and it was a matter of great astonishment to the woman when, by an adjustment of proper glasses, she began to see as other people do.

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lease was signed Hadley sold it and the Hibernia Savings Bank became trustee, but never has disclosed the name of the person for which it is agent.

The sum of \$3000 has been spent in improvements, the Smith interests assert. It is further charged that the prime object of the present efforts to break the lease and oust the company is to harass and injure. The restraining order is of five days' duration. The case is to be heard in court next Thursday unless delay is secured by one of those interested.

Bond Pamphlet Is Issued.

Questions usually asked by bond-buyers before they purchase city bonds are all answered in a pamphlet that City Auditor Barbur has just issued. He is sending it to a number of the big bond-holding firms of the country. The pamphlet tells all about the financial condition of the city; the assessed valuation of all property contained within its limits, the amount of outstanding bonds and everything that a bond-buyer might be interested in. The purpose of the pamphlet is to secure bidders for the sale of \$1,000,000 worth of city bonds on January 24, when bids will be opened for \$500,000 worth of water bonds and \$500,000 worth of Broadway bridge bonds.

Webb Farm Is Divided.

The well-known Webb Farm, on the Base Line Road, 12 miles east of Portland, has recently been divided. It was the property of the late A. T. Webb, and in the division of his estate fell to

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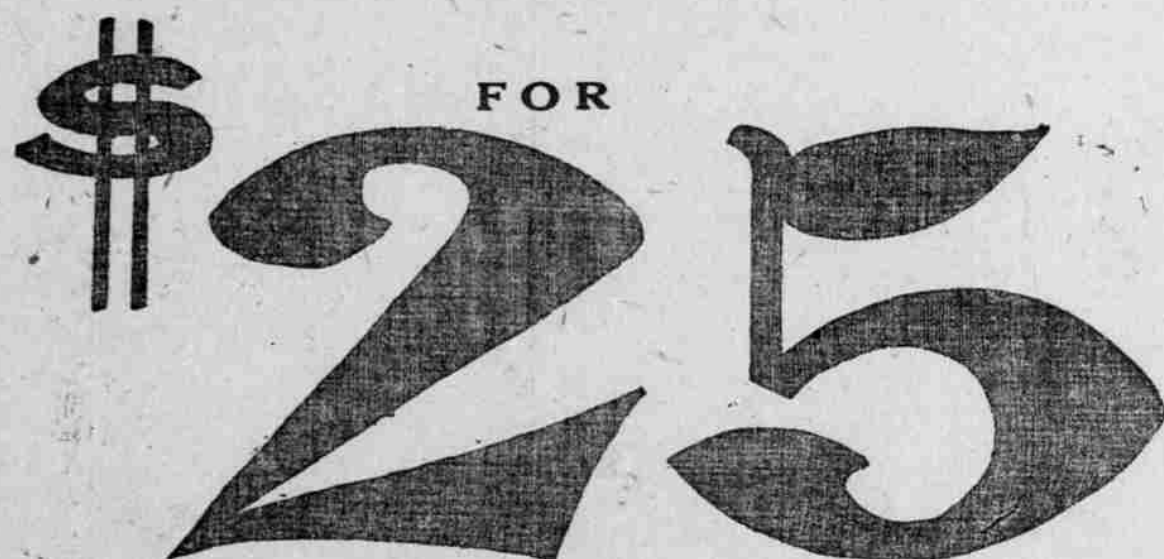
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