

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SUPREME INTEREST

The Order of Fraternal Home Builders Make a Great Showing—A Healthy Concern in a Most Healthy Condition.

TO THE PUBLIC:

We, the undersigned committee, upon invitation of the secretary of the Order of Fraternal Home Builders, have this day made a careful and impartial examination of the books and accounts of the said order. We find cash as follows:

On deposit home fund	\$179.81
On deposit reserve fund	125.00
On deposit building fund	202.50
In drawer expense fund	45.80
On deposit expense fund	409.99
Total	\$1,163.10

SUMMARY OF ASSETS

Notes due the expense fund now in hand and in process of collection	\$ 1,220.36
November and December dues in process of collection	6,432.00
Office furniture and fixtures (approximated)	600.00
Home fund, received in cash and notes	\$2,999.10
Home fund, paid out on mortgages	2,000.00
Balance on hand	993.70
Balance due on mortgages to the order from members	2,952.10
Reserve fund, received in cash and notes	248.20
Reserve fund, paid out	000.00
Balance on hand	248.20
Building fund, received in cash	202.50
Building fund, paid out	000.00
Balance on hand	202.50
Expense fund, cash not accounted for above	455.79
Grand total	\$14,109.95

LIABILITIES

Capital stock of the company, paid up	\$ 4,140.00
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We find mortgages to the amount of \$3,000 held by the Merchants' National bank as trustee, in lieu of the \$3,000 cash paid out of your home fund.

We find that the conditions under which the Merchants' National bank acts as your trustee are as follows: That any moneys deposited by the said The Order of Fraternal Home Builders to the credit of the home and reserve funds are to be held by the bank as trustee, and that no funds can be withdrawn from their hands as trustee except by a check upon said bank signed by both the president and secretary of the order, said check to be accompanied by a mortgage equal to the amount of the check, which mortgage shall be held in the place of the money so drawn.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE T. MURTON, Chairman
A. H. EILERS,
O. B. TOUT,
J. L. MITCHELL,
H. S. HARCOURT,
Auditing Committee.

POSTMASTER HAVING ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE

(Journal Special Service.)
Oregon City, Dec. 5.—Since the removal of the Oregon City postoffice to its new quarters and the substitution of combination boxes for the old lock boxes, Postmaster Tom P. Randall is meeting with all kinds of trouble. It has been the practice up to within a very recent date to require a deposit of 50 cents from

each owner of a lock box, the deposit being for keys and the agreement being that when the keys were turned in to the postoffice the holder should get back his 50 cents. Since the establishment of the combination boxes a great many of the patrons of the office have been turning over their keys and demanding the return of their deposit. Randall has only been in office a short time and has no funds with which to meet the demands and is in a quandary as to what to do about the matter. He has charged no one a deposit on the few keys that have been given out since his installation and does not feel like going into his own pocket to pay out money that he does not consider himself in any way responsible for.

Another Rural Mail Route.
Another rural mail route has been established in Clackamas county. The new route leaves Aurora and traverses the Wilsonville country. This is the third route beginning at the city of Aurora and is known as Route No. 3. Some of the rural mail carriers in Clackamas county do not like their job any too well. For example the carrier over route No. 2, which leaves this city and traverses the Logan, Stone, Viola and Redland countries, requires nearly 10 hours of continuous work for the carriers to deliver all the mail.

Very Tame Politics.
The election of municipal officers in this city next Monday promises to be a very tame affair. There is but one candidate for mayor in the field and scarcely a contest for the office of councilman in the city. In the second ward there is a mild contest on between A. Knapp and H. Miley. In the first ward the only contest is between Walter Little and H. G. Straight.

Oregon City Notes.
George K. Rogers, state organizer for the W. O. W., will be in Oregon City Wednesday next, at which time the local lodge will give a smoker. The Gladstone Improvement club met last evening and effected a permanent organization. The club is organized for the purpose of pushing the interests of the village.

STOCKMEN SUMMONED

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Resolved, That the forests and all vegetation upon the public lands of the United States, including the forest reserves, shall be placed under the direction and control of the secretary of agriculture, and that the secretary of the department of the interior shall have control only of such matters as relate to the title of such lands.

Packery Combination.
Resolved, That the concentration of packing facilities on modern lines into the hands of a few great capitalists and into a few market centers has resulted in almost eliminating competition, and has widened the margin between the price of crops for the producer and the dressed meat to the consumer to a point that is manifestly unfair to the producer, and the only remedy is for the stockman to combine and provide competition by building independent packing plants and encouraging new markets.

Transportation.
Resolved, That legislation shall be enacted by the national congress compelling the movement of stock trains at a minimum speed of 20 miles per hour from loading point to destination, exclusive of stops for feed and water, and that such trains shall have the right of way over trains loaded with dead freight.

Resolved, That the National Livestock association hereby respectfully memorializes the Fifty-eighth congress to enact legislation curtailing upon the interstate commerce commission authority to determine upon full hearing under the provisions of the "act to regulate commerce," what change shall be made in rate or practice found to be discriminatory or unreasonable. Such determination to be immediately operative, and so to continue until overruled by the court.

Arid Lands.
Resolved, That in the opinion of the members of the National Livestock association, congress should immediately appoint a commission of five, consisting of one cattle-grower, one sheep-grower, one expert irrigator and two government officials, for the purpose of investigating the arid and semi-arid grazing lands west of the one hundredth meridian, to make a speedy report to congress with a view of amicably settling the conditions now existing over this matter in the territory named.

Resolved, That the national congress should so amend the act relating to the public lands as to repeal the stone desert land and lieu land acts, and the commutation clause of the homestead act, and that the latter should be so amended as to allow a citizen to take up at least one section of arid or non-irrigated land as a homestead.

To Produce Meat Without Corn.
Resolved, That between the irrigated farms and the non-irrigated grazing lands of the West there is produced all the material for making the choicest of commercial food meat. All that is lacking is an accurate knowledge as to the proper methods and proportions in which to combine these existing elements, and the national government is urged to assist in conducting the necessary experiments to show the western stockmen how to make the best products of the western ranch and range.

It is not to be understood that the above resolutions will be adopted as they stand, their appearance here being only an indication of the subjects to be discussed. In addition to this, congress should be asked to immediately pass the Grosvenor anti-shoddy bill and enact a law providing for a classified census of livestock. Any member of the association interested in any subject of a general nature is respectfully requested to place it in the form of a resolution and send it to the secretary at once, so it may be brought before the first meeting of the executive committee, and thus receive early consideration by the convention.

Organization.
For mutual protection it has become the policy of all industries to organize. It must be conceded that in a national organization the live stock industry of the nation can accomplish more than by individual efforts. The history of this organization will demonstrate this fact. The work is in your hands, and upon your determination and successful efforts, to a great extent, depends the future of the live stock industry. Unless the association receives this support, it will be impossible for it to attain the measure of success desired. The cost of maintaining a national organization is insignificant, the assessments being but one-twentieth of one cent per head. If you or your local association are not members of the national association you are earnestly requested to make application immediately in order

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