

## GRANGE FAVORS MORE DIVISIONS

Would Divide State Into Sixty Representative and Thirty Senatorial Districts.

### ORGANIZATIONS MEET IN HOOD RIVER SOON

Strong Effort Will Be Made to Introduce Bill for Next General Election—Large Attendance Expected at Meeting This Month.

A new division of the state into senatorial and representative districts through the initiative, new tax reform laws, normal school adjustment, good roads, test book changes and a multitude of other public questions will make the annual session of the state grange a memorable and lively meeting this year. The session will convene at Hood River Tuesday, May 22, at 10 o'clock a. m. There will be about 50 delegates in attendance. As all members of the order are entitled to attend the sessions of the state grange and are extended the courtesy of the floor, it is estimated that there will be from 2,000 to 3,000 in attendance.

The delegates from Multnomah county are: Fred Crane and wife, Rockwood grange; A. F. Miller and wife, Lentz grange; and R. W. Gill, Russellville grange.

Evening Star grange from this county will send a degree team of 53 members. It will put on the first, third and fourth degree Wednesday evening of the second day's session. J. J. Johnson, the master, has charge of the team.

Committees are now at work upon the various reform measures. It is probable that one or two bills will be introduced through the recommendation of the grange. R. W. Gill has prepared a resolution which will be introduced early in the session. It reads as follows:

"Whereas, A large proportion of the membership of our recent legislatures have shown an utter disregard and contempt for the rights and interests of the people, letting corporate interests and private gain weigh against public good and thus breaking their pledges made before election;

"Whereas, Such lack of fidelity in our law-making body is not only endangering and destroying our commercial and social progress, but is opening the way for the dollar-grabbing, grafting operations of pernicious corporations from the east that are turning their attention to Oregon;

"Whereas, We believe that the malfeasance shown in our legislature is due in a large degree to a wrong system in the manner of their election, which has given to a combination of bosses and ring politicians situated throughout all the large cities and towns of the state a balance of power in our legislature;

"Whereas, We believe a new system for their election such as would divide the state into 60 representative and 30 senatorial single member districts would for the following reasons be a lasting reform for the people of Oregon:

"First—By creating smaller districts

would bring the choice of senators and representatives nearer home to the people so that in primary and general elections the voter would be better acquainted and informed as to the qualification of candidates.

"Second—The people of a small district taking a greater interest in their member would watch him more closely and thus cause him to have a better regard for the voter's interests.

"Third—Each section of the country would have its just representation and no political ring in the city could keep the balance of the county from its just representation.

"Fourth—The expense to become a candidate would be lessened and a better class of men could be induced to run.

"Fifth—Under the present system the more thickly populated counties of the state have long lists of candidates and the average voter not knowing them marks the first names on the ballot and the ballot being arranged alphabetically gives the ones heading the list an undue advantage. Small districts would remove this evil of the present system.

"Sixth—Wisconsin and Kansas have this plan and the reform legislation in these states is due in a large part to this system.

**Requests Now Bill.**  
"Whereas, It is self-evident that if our own legislature represented the people's will there would be no need to resort to the expenses of the initiative and referendum.

"Resolved, By the Oregon state grange in session assembled, that we reaffirm our stand for this measure and that we hereby request and empower the executive committee of the Oregon state grange to frame and initiate a bill for the general election of 1908, such a bill to contain in part the following provisions:

"First—The state to be divided into 60 representative and 30 senatorial dis-

tricts based proportionately upon the vote cast at the election of 1903.  
"Second—Cities to be divided separately from balance of the county where such cities are entitled to more than one member.  
"Third—No district to have more than one senator or representative."

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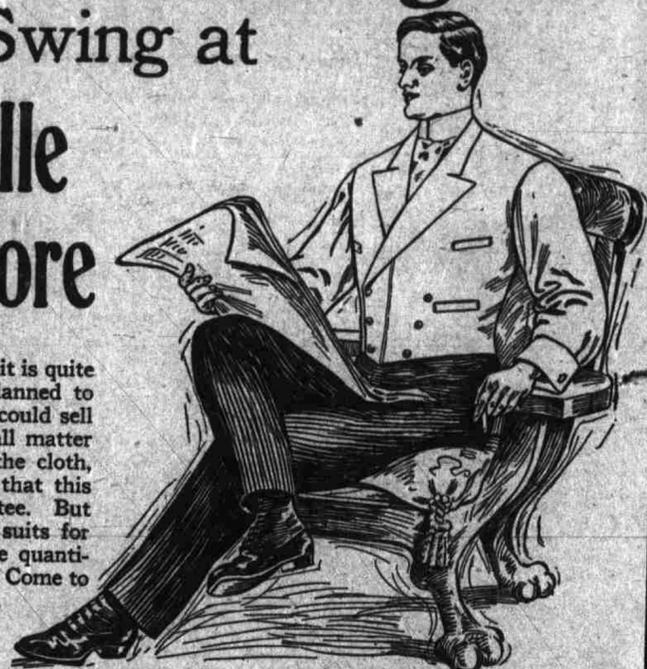
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