

GRANGE ACTS ON CO-CITIZENSHIP MATTERS

Eugene Session Goes on Record in Favor of Statement No. 1, Parcels Post and Postal Savings Banks, and Takes Up Fight Against Billboards.

Cleone, Or., May 23.—Probably the most successful session of the state grange ever held was the one just concluded at Eugene, both in point of work, pleasure and interest. At no time during the history of the order has the grange made such a splendid showing as it does today, and its influence for education in all that tends toward better citizenship is growing stronger every day.

The secretary's report shows 123 granges with nearly 8,000 members of the grange in this state, and \$2,500 was voted for extension work during the coming year.

Master A. T. Buxton will continue another term of two years as state master; Clara H. Waldo is going abroad soon, so declined to accept the office of lecturer again, and J. J. Johnson was elected to this office. Mrs. Mary Howard was re-elected secretary.

The following is a brief summary of the proceedings of the session at Eugene:

A resolution by Thomas Paulson providing \$500 to defend the initiative and referendum in the courts, was adopted.

The adoption of a resolution favoring the preservation of the local option law and the Reddy bill giving cities the right to regulate their own charters.

The passage of a strong resolution from Russellville grange indorsing the recall amendments forming the parcels post and postal savings banks.

The state grange went on record in favor of Statement No. 1 through the adoption of a resolution from Yamhill grange indorsing the proposed amendment. It also adopted a resolution from the same granges opposing the single tax.

A resolution from Blue Mountain grange providing that a 50 per cent vote be necessary to change the constitution with the initiative was tabled.

Passed a resolution favoring the parcels post and postal savings banks.

Adopted resolution presented by F. M. Gill opposing proportional representation and one favoring the single district plan for the election of state senators and representatives.

Adopted a resolution asking the executive committee to frame a bill prohibiting advertisements and billboards on public highways and have same introduced at the next session of the legislature.

Adopted resolution by F. M. Gill for a grange commission to study banking

laws of Oklahoma and New Zealand and report at the next session of the state grange.

The report of the committee on education was adopted, favoring distribution of school funds according to the number of pupils; that the county treasurer receive and pay all school warrants, favoring manual training and requesting A. T. Buxton and Clara Waldo to act as a committee with two appointed by the state teachers' institute to frame bill for same for the legislature.

Recommending each grange to appoint a reporter for local papers.

Gave the fifth degree to 64 members and the sixth degree to 78 members.

Opposed consolidation of Oregon and Washington state granges papers.

Carried a resolution favoring public accounting system, which would compel all public officials to make public accounts of all moneys passing through their hands.

The committee on good roads reported in favor of better control of county roads so as to compel private parties who, through excessive use destroy roads, to reimburse the county, and opposing a return to the district road supervision system. The report was adopted.

The report of the special tax commission appointed at the last session contained the following recommendations: The enforcement of the law so that all property shall be assessed at its true cash value, favoring classified taxation so that each class will be by itself and can be raised or lowered without affecting the other classes; that the committee was continued for another year.

Passed a resolution favoring the truancy law, also favoring the creation in each county by the State Horticultural society a board of examiners to examine county fruit inspectors.

A resolution declaring against any change in the initiative and referendum laws while they are being tested in the courts. Would not declare in favor of either fish bill, but favored the removal of all fish wheels and traps and for the protection of the fish industry.

Speakers who addressed the state grange were J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction; John Lewis, state engineer; Superintendent Alderman of Eugene; Edward Rosenberg, secretary of Lower Columbia River Fishermen's association; Thomas Mill, and President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college.

MOJAVE DESERT HAS OWN TRAMPS

Type a Distinct One, Land of Heat and Death Having Fascination for Them.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 23.—Mojave Desert, that land of myths and mirages, a part of which, Death Valley, believed by many to be the hottest place on earth, is not without its tramps, even in summer, when the thermometer reaches 137.

Notwithstanding the burning wastes, scarcity of water, and dangers from animals, they are found in all parts of the desert. Mining camps and ranches are far distant from each other, and the country produces little food, but these tramps find no difficulty in getting a living, either by begging or stealing. They will not work, yet manage to live.

The Mojave desert has evolved a curious type of tramp seen nowhere else in the world. His clothes are usually cast-off garments that he has found, begged or stolen—faded, frayed and full of holes—and his broken shoes are usually wrapped in cloth so as to protect his feet from the burning sands. He carries a bundle consisting of provisions and a few empty beer bottles.

On reaching a ranch he will make for the spring and, after drinking his fill, lie down on the shady side of the house and sleep for hours, or until he smells the odor of a meal. Then he patiently waits for a "hand out" and is off to the next ranch.

Keeps Up His Rounds.

Thus he keeps up his rounds from one end of the desert to the other, with no object in view, no hope for the future—only that he may live from day to day. At night he will sleep in an alfalfa field, or in a shallow brook, with his head resting upon a rock for a pillow.

Arising from his cool bed he fills his beer bottles with water, eats his breakfast and again begins his long tramp, which is never to end. He follows the trail, having no compass, and knowing little or nothing of the country beyond.

W. J. BRYAN'S DAUGHTER



This picture is from a recent photograph of Mrs. William H. Leavitt, daughter of William J. Bryan, whose husband was recently attacked by an artist model whom he had offended.

yond, except that it is 30 miles to the next spring and twice that distance to the next ranch. He may reach his destination and he may not.

Frequently he falls a victim to heat thirst, for many have died of thirst, though having jars of water in their possession. The heat has burned out the spark of life or literally burst the head open. Skeletons are found in the sands and among the rocks, some victims of thirst, others of the thieving tramps in quest of provisions. The desert tramp is more desperate than his brother of civilization. The fierce climate has brought out his brutal nature and his hand is against any who he meets in this desolate country, where everything in nature is at war, even the elements.

According to the experience of mining prospectors who have traversed the worst part of Death Valley, the desert has a peculiar influence upon its dwellers. It turns the brain of many, and those who have once journeyed across it become fascinated and return. It is said to exert an influence that never can be overcome.

The prospector is another desert type—half mining prospector and half tramp. His means of civilization is his "grub stake" is exhausted, when he returns for another supply. These grub stake eaters are a curious study in human nature; more so than the ordinary desert tramp, for they are shrewd, possess some business capacity, and talk intelligently or persuasively.

The prospector expects to unearth a rich mine and lives in expectancy and hope.

Unless he finds a mine his only reward is bacon, flour, beans and coffee, his grub stake. His home is on the desert—where night overtakes him. When he visits civilization it is to get another bucket—a grub stake or provisions sufficient to last him two or three months, and perhaps another burro. This costs about \$50.

SPEEDY MEN IN ARMY.

Published Records of Enlisted Men Put Amateurs in Shade.

By command of Major General Grant the best athletic records for the different army posts have been made known and sent around for general information. The top notch marks in all the leading branches of track and field sport as well as military contests are included to the number of about 18. It is presumed that the records are correct, as they are issued from headquarters, department of the east, Governors island, and the figures reveal the fact that the army has within its ranks some men who would make the star athletes look like selling plaster were they to meet.

For instance, the record for the 100 yard run is given as 9 3/4 seconds by Sergeant Williams of Fort Greble in 1908. There is no mention of the conditions that prevailed when the "sarge" strode over the "century," whether a breeze blew with him or against him, and only the bare figures are left for the guidance of the civilian. At any rate there is but one amateur record in the outside world today who on form could give Sergeant Williams an argument. He is Dan Kelly, who holds the world's mark for the hundred and he would have to be in his best fettle at that. The best record last year was 10 seconds by Corporal J. P. Holt of Fort Warren and F. Winters of Fort Washington. The record for 220 yards is 22 1/2 seconds, and was made by Private R. E. Matthews of Fort Monroe in 1908.

The 440 yard record completely dwarfs anything to the credit of the amateurs, no matter where. It is 46 2/5 seconds, and the soldier down for the honor of having sped the quarter last year at this remarkably fast clip it stands in Sergeant of Fort E. G. Wright. On a straightaway track, at the old Guttenberg race-track on October 1906, Mack, a member of the New York A. C. ran 440 yards in 47 seconds, and this is now the fastest record, and is now the fastest in the world. The fastest quarter of a century is 48 1/2 seconds by J. B. Taylor of the University of Pennsylvania at last year's intercollegiate meet. According to calculation Holt could give Taylor yards and a beating. Once in England the late Sir Myers came inside 47 seconds, but the record was never accepted, as it was found something went wrong with the timing watches.

But by far the most marvelous record of the army list is that for the 120 yard hurdle race. It is 14 seconds, and the man to whose credit it stands is Sergeant F. B. Jones of Fort Greble. It is not stated what height the hurdles were nor how many hurdles were on the course, but it is taken for granted that there were 10 of them and that they were each 2 feet 6 inches high. The world's amateur record is 15 seconds by A. C. Kraenzlein, and to calculate the difference of time Sergeant Jones could give Kraenzlein several yards and catch him as he hit the finish line. The best record for the mile run is 4 minutes 20 seconds by Sergeant Merrill of Fort Greble, and this is a smashing good time for the distance. In all probability there is not an amateur in America who could beat these figures, and perhaps only a couple could be found who could approach them.

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