

# THE GRANGE JOINS FULTON MEN

## McMinnville Organization Passes Ringing Resolutions Condemning Attempt of Political Bosses to Regain Control in Oregon—Weakness of Their Argument Is Exposed

In ringing resolutions, still another Oregon grange has arrayed itself against the present attempt of politicians to establish the old political regime in Oregon. It is McMinnville grange, and it is the fourth grange organization that has come out in an open protest against the attempts to break down the initiative and referendum, the primary law and statement No. 1. In its resolutions the grange declares its unalterable loyalty to all these measures and insists upon the right of the people to choose senators through Statement No. 1. It insists that the pledging of members of the legislature to vote for the people's choice of senator is no more at variance with the constitution and laws than is the pledging of electors to vote for president and vice president.

### Text of Resolutions.

"Whereas the validity of the amendment to the constitution of the state of Oregon, granting to the people of this state the right and privilege of the initiative and referendum, has been attacked in the federal courts and a court of the United States asking the supreme court to declare said amendment null and void on the ground that it is in conflict with the spirit of our institutions and the supreme law of the land; and

"Whereas the grange of this state took a leading and active part in securing this amendment to the state constitution and has many times by resolutions and otherwise approved and upheld the same; and as the present time seems to be a crisis in the life of this much cherished and desired principle in our organic law of our state; we deem it proper for the grange to reaffirm its adherence to it and hold that the people of this state and the people of any state in the union are entitled to this privilege as long as they are part of this one great nation whose people are the people; and this is the government of the people, by the people and for the people; so now therefore be it

"Resolved, By McMinnville grange that we reaffirm our adhesion to the principle of the initiative and referendum; that we hold it to be just and right that the people of any state should have the legal right to exercise this privilege if they so desire, in matters of legislation; that it is no violation of the principles of American liberty; that it is only putting into practical effect the foremost rights of the citizens guaranteed to them by the Declaration of Independence and the founders of the government of the United States; and be it further

"Resolved, That we uphold and approve the direct primary law enacted by the people through the use of the initiative, and we also approve the provision in the direct primary law known as Statement No. 1, which secures to the people the right to select the United States senators from this state; and be it further

"Resolved, That we hold that to pledge the members of the legislature to support for United States senators the choice made by the people is no more at variance with the laws of the United States than pledging the members of the electoral college to vote for certain selected persons for president and vice president; and be it further

"Resolved, That McMinnville grange hereby pledges the sum of \$10 to the fund being raised by the various granges in the state for defending the initiative and referendum before the supreme court of the United States.

"MOLT RICHARDSON, Master.  
"BERTHA HIBBS, Secretary.

**People Know Mind.**  
In his letter to The Journal accompanying the resolutions, Mr. Richardson, master of McMinnville grange, says of the grange, with reference to the senatorship: "They favor the one and will stand by the one that the people selected, let his party affiliations be what they may." He writes:

"One of the principles laid down in the Declaration of Independence, was that when government of the people is destructive of certain rights and liberties of the people, it then became the right and duty of the people to change that form of government and establish a form of government that would secure them the right and privileges which were denied to them. Principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence are the principles for which our fathers fought and died. It is true that when this government was established it was made representative in form. But the right of the people to change this form was never surrendered. The right of the people to take the making and unmaking of the laws out of the hands of our representative bodies and pass upon them themselves, has only laid dormant; it never has been dead. As long as our representative government obeyed the wishes of the people and legislated in the interest and for the good of the whole people, this form of government was the best, as it was less cumbersome to handle. But by degrees it has drifted entirely away from its original intentions. It first drifted from a representative government into a partisan government, and from a partisan government into a government controlled and run in the interests of corporate greed. The representatives in our legislatures, as well as a great many of our civil officers, are nothing more nor nothing less than plant tools of corporate interests.

**Right Well Balance.**  
To counteract this growing evil of corporate influence the people have availed themselves of the right and privilege of the initiative and referendum. The establishment of this principle in our state government does not overthrow the representative system, but only acts as a check upon it. It is our representative body when it refuses such laws as the people demand or passes laws that are oppressive, for the purpose of securing selfish ends. The grange has always favored the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people. Through a provision in the direct primary law, passed by the people by virtue of the initiative, this right has been virtually secured to the people. The grange has no partisan or personal ends to serve in urging the legislature to elect Chamberlain. He nor any other man is the

choice of the grange. They favor the one, and will stand by the one that the people selected, let his party affiliations be what they may. The reasons given why the legislature should turn down Chamberlain, are so flimsy they hardly deserve notice.

### Contention Is Bosh.

"One reason given is that the federal law governing the election of senator is violated, as it requires the legislature to vote for senator at a certain specified time, and that Chamberlain was elected previous to this time. If Chamberlain is refused a seat in the senate on this ground, so should Taft be refused the president's seat. There is a federal law requiring the electoral college to meet at a certain time and elect a president and vice president. These same electors were pledged before their election to support a certain man when they met. That person was elected long before their meeting, and his name is William H. Taft.

"It is urged that as the Republican candidate for president carried the state by 25,000 majority, it releases the legislature from electing Chamberlain. If this is sound doctrine a great many persons elected to office would have to walk down and out. Last June in this county a candidate on the Democratic ticket was elected recorder. Taft carried the county this fall by 700 majority. Ought he to be kicked out of office? The states of Minnesota, Indiana and Ohio were carried by large majorities, while at the same election they all elected Democratic governors. If Chamberlain is to be kept out of the senate because a Republican carried the state for president all the Democratic governors should be debarred from holding the office the people elected them to fill.

### Fulton Not Wanted.

"But of all the absurdities asked of the legislature is the reelection of Senator Fulton. Mr. Fulton stood as a candidate on the Republican ticket before the primaries, in that election none but the usual party names were on the ballot, and they turned him down. His party told him they had no use for him for United States senator. The people later on at the general election said they preferred Chamberlain to even a better and more popular Republican than Fulton.

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