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CENTENNIAL.

Mr. Editor: Permit me to again call the attention of such of our citizens and periodicals as take an interest in having Oregon fill a creditable position among her sister States at the coming exposition of 1876.

In five, a condensed statement of our social, religious, educational, civil and political progress since the first white settlements were made within our Territory.

CURRY COUNTY.

CHAMBER, Curry Co., February 17, 1875.

Mr. Editor: Perhaps some of your readers would be pleased to hear from this section of the State, Chetoo valley is in the extreme southwest portion of Oregon.

JOHN G. ARBUTT.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

Constitution and By-Laws as Amended—The Objects and Organization of the Order.

The Constitution of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, as amended by the National Grange lately in session, is as follows:

Preamble. Human happiness is the scene of earthly ambition. Individual happiness depends upon general prosperity.

ORGANIZATION. SUBORDINATE GRANGES. First Degree: Maid (woman), Laborer (man).

STATE GRANGE. SECTION 1. Fifth degree. Pomona—(Hope). Composed of the Masters of Subordinate Granges and their wives who are Matrons.

NATIONAL GRANGE. Sixth Degree: Flora (Charity). Composed of Masters of State Granges and their wives who have taken the degree of Pomona.

CONSTITUTION. ARTICLE I—OFFICERS. SEC. 1. The officers of a Grange, either National or State, or subordinate, consist of and rank as follows: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora and Lady Assistant Steward.

SEC. 2. No State Grange shall be entitled to representation in the National Grange whose dues are unpaid for more than one quarter.

ARTICLE VIII—CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS. SECTION 1. All charters and dispensations issue directly from the National Grange.

uties to organize Granges where no State Grange exists.

SEC. 4. There shall be an Executive Committee of the National Grange, consisting of five members, whose term of office shall be three years.

ARTICLE II—MEETINGS. SECTION 1. Subordinate Granges shall meet at least once each month, and may hold intermediate meetings.

SEC. 2. State Granges shall meet annually at such time and place as the Grange shall from year to year determine.

ARTICLE III—LAWS. The National Grange, at its annual session may frame, amend or repeal such laws as the Good of the Order may require.

ARTICLE IV—RITUAL. The Ritual adopted by the National Grange shall be used in all Subordinate Granges, and any desired alteration in the same must be submitted to, and receive the sanction of, the National Grange.

ARTICLE V—MEMBERSHIP. Any person engaged in agricultural pursuits and having no interest in conflict with our purposes, elected, and complying with the rules and regulations of the Order, is entitled to membership and the benefit of the degrees taken.

ARTICLE VI—FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP. The minimum fee for membership in a Subordinate Grange shall be, for men five dollars, and for women two dollars.

ARTICLE VII—DUES. SECTION 1. The minimum of regular monthly dues shall be ten cents from each member, and each Grange may otherwise regulate its own dues.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of each Subordinate Grange shall report quarterly to the State Grange the names of all persons initiated during the quarter, and pay to the Secretary of the State Grange one dollar for each man, and fifty cents for each woman.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the State Grange shall pay to the Treasurer of the State Grange all moneys coming into his hands, at least once every ten days, taking his receipt therefor; and shall report quarterly to the Secretary of the National Grange, the membership in the State.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer of each State Grange shall deposit to the credit of the National Grange of Patrons of Husbandry, with some Banking or Trust company, to be selected by the Executive Committee, in quarterly instalments, the annual due of five cents for each member in his State, and forward the receipts for the same to the Treasurer of the National Grange.

SEC. 5. All moneys deposited with said company shall be paid out only upon the drafts of the Treasurer, approved by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary.

SEC. 6. No State Grange shall be entitled to representation in the National Grange whose dues are unpaid for more than one quarter.

ARTICLE VIII—CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS. SECTION 1. All charters and dispensations issue directly from the National Grange.

SEC. 2. No man and four women having received the four Subordinate Degrees, may receive a dispensation to organize a Subordinate Grange.

SEC. 3. Application for dispensations or charters shall be made to the Secretary of the National Grange, and be signed by the persons applying for the same, and be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars.

SEC. 4. Charter members are those persons only whose names are upon the applications, and whose fees were paid at the time of organization. Their number shall not be less than nine men and four women, nor more than twenty men and twenty women.

than one degree on the same person at the same meeting.

ARTICLE IX—DUTIES OF OFFICERS. The duties of the officers of the National, State, and Subordinate Granges shall be prescribed by the laws of the same.

ARTICLE X—TREASURERS. SECTION 1. The Treasurers of the National, State, and Subordinate Granges shall give bonds, to be approved by the officers of their respective Granges.

SEC. 2. In all Granges bills must be approved by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary, before the Treasurer can pay the same.

ARTICLE XI—RESTRICTION. Religious or political questions will not be tolerated as subjects of discussion in the work of the Order, and no political or religious tests for membership shall be applied.

ARTICLE XII. The Master of the National Grange and the members of the Executive Committee shall be empowered to suspend from office any officer of the National Grange who may prove inefficient or derelict in the discharge of his duty, subject to appeal to the next session thereafter of the National Grange.

ARTICLE XIII—AMENDMENTS. This constitution can be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the National Grange at any annual meeting, and when such alterations or amendments shall have been ratified by three-fourths of the State Granges, and the same reported to the Secretary of the National Grange, it shall be of full force.

WASCO COUNTY.

OLEX P. O., Wasco Co., February 22, 1875.

Mr. Editor: As you have no regular correspondence from this place and thinking it would be of some interest to your numerous readers to hear from this country after the storm, I will say the snow was at no time over nine inches deep this winter and stock wintered without any feed, only the natural pastures.

It is thought by the sheep men of this vicinity that this is destined to be one of the best sheep growing countries on the Pacific slope. The sheep seem to be hardy and heavy coated with wool. Land is low on this creek (Rock Creek) selling at from ten to twenty dollars per acre improved, although some fifteen or twenty miles from here, next to the Blue Mountains there is good sheep ranches laying vacant, which is subject to being taken.

Yours respectfully, M. D. HARPOLE.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY.

WILLIAMS CREEK, Josephine Co., February 26th, 1875.

Mr. Editor: Your generous and gentlemanly treatment of correspondents has a tendency to recommend your valuable paper as the appropriate medium for the dissemination of information of practical interest to the general public and the farming community.

In this communication I wish—in as much as that considerable attention is drawn in the direction of Josephine county at present—to give you a brief outline of the resources and advantages of this portion of southern Oregon.

western part of the State, about 40 miles from the coast, among the mountains and without any navigable rivers or ready means of communication with the outer world, it has never been able to attain any prominence as an agricultural district.

As fine marble, no doubt, as is found in America is in Josephine county, and when once we have a railroad connecting us with the outside world, it will certainly be in great demand.

W. M. W. F.

LANE COUNTY.

WILLAMETTE FORKS, February 27, 1875.

Mr. Editor: Three great enterprises for developing the resources of Lane county, Willamette Forks in particular, are being discussed with some degree of seriousness.

With this canal and low-water boats running to the seaport from Albany, we will be independent of the railroad and can ship our produce at any season by water.

Charity Grange now occupies its new and commodious hall and is in flourishing condition. At last meeting three new members were initiated in the First Degree.

Yours Truly, GEO. M. MILLER.