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GRANGE FAVORS LAW

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY PASS STRONG RESOLUTIONS.

Want the Initiative and Referendum Amendment Sustained—Call a Constitutional Convention to Revise Oregon's Antiquated Constitution.

Oregon City, July 11.—By resolutions Pomona Grange, Patrons of Husbandry of Clackamas county, during its session yesterday in Milwaukie, took steps to save the "initiative and referendum" and indorsed the calling of a convention to revise the constitution, if necessary to save the law from destruction. It was by far the most important measure brought before the grange and speeches were made by men and women in favor of vigorous action on the part of the granges throughout the state along the lines suggested in the preamble and resolutions adopted, which appear below.

There was a large attendance. Edwin Bates, of Springwater, presided. State Master B. G. Leedy and State Secretary Mary S. Howard were present, besides other prominent members from outside the county.

In the forenoon reports were received and read by Miss Anna Holmes from each grange, all of which showed growth and prosperity. Mollalla No. 212, reported the erection of its new hall as being under way. State Secretary Mary S. Howard reported that in Clackamas county there were 17 granges in good standing with a total membership of 1175. Butte grange will surrender its charter leaving 17 granges.

Dinner was served by members of Milwaukie Grange, the tables being filled three times. In the afternoon, after the grange had been called to order by Mr. Bates, Dr. J. S. Casto read the following preamble and resolutions:

"Whereas, The people of the state of Oregon for three years expended money to secure an amendment to the constitution of th state known as the initiative and referendum; and

"Whereas, Two sessions of the legislative assembly made it possible for people to express their approval or disapproval of said amendment; and

"Whereas, At the last general election the people did indorse said measure by a majority of nearly 11 to 1; and

"Whereas, In a test case in Portland the circuit court decided that said amendment was invalid and of no effect; and

"Whereas, Many politicians express the opinion that the supreme court will coincide with said circuit court, and hence the will of the people will be set aside in the interest of wire pullers; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That Clackamas County Pomona Grange, in regular session assembled, do recommend that the proper steps be taken to call a constitutional convention to revise the constitution; and be it further

"Resolved, That this Pomona Grange recommend to all Pomona granges, councils and subordinate granges in the state, to bring the question up for discussion, and after thorough discussion, if thought best, indorse the above resolution.

"J. S. CASTO,
"A. LUELLING,
"C. E. SPENCE,
"Committee."

Proposals for Wood.

Sealed bids will be received by me at my office in room 16 Judd building, until 5 o'clock p. m., of Monday, July 20th, 1903, for furnishing School District No. 16 with one hundred and twenty-five cords of four-foot wood, to be cut from live timber and thoroughly seasoned. To be delivered at the different school houses in the District in such quantities as the board directs. Payment to be made in school warrants of School District No. 16. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

JOHN HAILEY, JR.
Clerk.

Pendleton, Oregon, July 10th, 1903.

Notice to the Public.

On July 18 I leave for the mountains, to be gone till Sept. 1st. Those wishing photographic work are requested to await my return, when I will be prepared to do better work than ever before.

C. S. WHEELER.

The Franco-American revolver shooting match at Paris was won by the American team on a score of 7,805 points to 7,640 points.

ILLEGAL FENCING

RICH CATTLEMEN ENCLOSE SETTLERS' HOMESTEADS.

Recent Tragedy in Northwestern Kansas Has Precipitated an Issue in the Interior Department That Must Be Squarely Met—Nephew of Admiral Dewey is Charged With Trespass.

Washington, July 11.—The report of the special agent to investigate the conditions which have surrounded the fencing of lands, which resulted in the recent tragedy, involving the Dewey Cattle Company in Kansas, has been sent to the department of justice for whatever action the law officers of the government believe should be taken.

Although access has been refused to this report, it is understood that it is directly against the Dewey Cattle Company, and urges that action should be taken to prevent further violation of law and the continued existence of unlawful fences, which promise to result in further tragedies in the inevitable clashes between the cattlemen and homesteaders.

It is understood that the agent found that the cattle company did not have a semblance of title to the land and that in carrying out its fencing schemes it completely inclosed a number of homestead tracts of land.

No action will be taken by the government until the present intense ill feeling subsides somewhat, and until the result of the criminal cases becomes known. Then the government will take a hand, no matter what the outcome may be. It will insist that if there are illegal fences in existence at the time they must come down. The rights of the homesteaders will be carefully established and they will be strictly enforced if the whole power of the federal government has to be invoked to do it.

For Sale.

A handsome team for driving or light work; a Studebaker buckboard and top, nearly new; double and single harness; roll top desk and stove. Write or call at 315 Garden street. N. T. Conklin.