

THE GRANGE

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Grange

MATTERS IN MAINE.

State Master Favors Direct Primaries and Hits Caucuses.

In the 433 Granges in the Pine Tree State There Are 56,000 Members. One Grange Has a Membership of 1,000—Maine Favors Proportional Representation and Commends Its Master's Attitude in National Grange.

State Master Stetson opened the annual meeting of the Maine state grange with a notably important address in which he emphasized the need of "a fine, strong, abiding sense of personal responsibility of all members in order to achieve the highest success in grange work." He hit the present caucus methods of the political parties a hard rap. The people should take this matter of nominating candidates for public office into their own hands. "We may continue to ratify party nominations made by the bosses or we may control the elections," he said. "We will choose the latter alternative when we come to a realizing sense of our power and duty."

Resolutions were adopted on a variety of subjects, but those of wider importance were the following: Opposing the reduction of the import duty on sweet cream from 5 cents per pound to 5 cents per gallon; opposition was expressed to the repeal of the law which places a tax of 10 cents on oleo colored in imitation of butter; parcels post was favored; the price of 2 1/2 cents for corn sold to corn packing companies was demanded for the 1910 crop; it was recommended that the master's address and officers' reports be discussed in the various subordinate granges, and the Maine grange favored proportional representation in the national grange.

We quote from a Bangor paper on this point, which says: "The report of the committee on the good of the Order embodied in that report the principle which the largest of the state granges have endeavored unsuccessfully to get before the national grange—representation according to size or number of members. The attitude of the national grange in this matter and the disposition to retain in the offices the men who have held them for so long and who are accused of running affairs of that organization according to their own liking regardless of the consequences to the Order in general have been severely criticised, and a resolution was passed at this session upholding the attitude of C. S. Stetson when a delegate to the national grange. The officers of the national grange have a paper which supports their position in all matters and receives a large amount of money from the national grange treasury each year. In the state of Michigan, also in the insurgent list, there is published a paper which does not support those officers, and at the last day of the Maine state grange meeting this paper was adopted as the official organ of the Maine grange."

Secretary E. H. Libby reported for the year ended Oct. 1, 1909, that there were 433 granges in the state with 56,230 paid up members. Seventy-one granges have a membership of over 200 each, Houlton grange leading with 1,000. The receipts of the secretary's office were \$12,116.10, and the balance in the treasury is \$5,511.91.

THE KANSAS GRANGE.

Fire and Tornado Insurance an Important Feature in Kansas.

In various states different phases of grange activity are emphasized. In Kansas the patrons' fire and tornado insurance stands well to the front. On Dec. 1, 1909, the total risks carried amounted to \$9,404,705. The average cost of insurance per \$1,000 was \$2.41, the highest for many years. Among the things the Kansas state grange would like to see accomplished are these: Establishment of the office of state fire marshal, the teaching of the elements of agricultural training and domestic science in all consolidated rural schools, placing in state wide utilities, especially pipe lines and telephone and telegraph companies, under control of the railroad commissioners, the establishment of an experiment farm where seeds shall be grown and tested instead of issuing poor seeds to the people, as the government now does, and national aid for good roads.

This Paint Was Rubbed Off.

The paint manufacturers of the state of Ohio had the paint law requiring the formula of ingredients to appear upon the label of packages containing paint rubbed out during the closing hours of the last legislature. The grange has a work to do to have it put back at the coming session, says Mr. Strode.

Honey Creek grange, Indiana, still has the sheaf of wheat which O. H. Kelley, one of the founders of the Order, cut from a nearby field over forty years ago and which he used in teaching the lessons of the Order at its organization.

State Master Laylin of Ohio has been appointed a member of the Columbus centennial commission by Governor Harmon.

ONLY A BUSINESS MAN

If Peter Jones entertained a passion for pretty Edna Fletcher nobody knew it but himself, for he was one of those honest, retiring, soft hearted natures that never tell of their finer feelings.

Discouraged by his small chances of success, for Edna, like most pretty girls, was a bit of a flirt, Peter accepted a profitable offer to go to California and leave Port Raynor.

Peter was scarcely missed in the social gatherings that made the summer houses pleasant at Port Raynor, but Edna wondered what made them all so suddenly dull to her.

She had plenty of attention from her old friends and neighbors and from all the visitors who saw her pretty face and graceful movements. But her hero did not appear, and Peter Jones was in California.

He was growing rich in California, Mr. Fletcher said, being a good business man, with a fine opportunity made for him by the firm which had sent him out.

He would find some fair, gentle girl who was not petulant and would give the return he deserved for his love and devotion, and he would marry her, of course, and never come back to Port Raynor. And here the sigh would have its way.

Mrs. Fletcher was surprised that at twenty-one Edna, the most attractive girl at Port Raynor, was Edna Fletcher still. Tom and Will were both married and living in the city, where Edna spent the winters with them and had rejected several offers. She would not acknowledge to her own heart that all her love had been given to Peter.

Three years Peter Jones had been in California and had been placed at the head of the branch house there, working faithfully in the interest of his employers and slowly but surely making his own fortune.

It was dusk on a summer evening when the train drew up at the Port Raynor station and one gentleman stepped out upon the platform.

"No baggage," he said to the waiting porter, and he sauntered up the road toward the Jones farm.

But the same road led him first to the gate of Mr. Fletcher's large, handsome house. There was no group upon the porch, as there had been always in the old times. "Of course not," the newcomer thought impatiently. "All the young folks are married and away."

He had hesitated at the gate, and he thought he could spare time for a short call, only to inquire for Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, old friends, who demanded some courtesy from a neighbor so long absent.

He went across the grass to the low French window. This had been always his path to the house, and he smiled as he found himself on the spot where he had left Edna three years before.

"I'll go to the front door and ring," he thought, but going a moment to glance through the half closed blinds. Two figures, dim in the gathering darkness, were on the sofa. Both wore light dresses, and they were close together, as if talking confidentially. Peter did not think that he was being an eavesdropper. He only lingered because he recognized a voice whose tones had always been the sweetest music in his ears.

"But why need I marry anybody?" That was what Edna said. Not married—not married!

Peter did long to shout the words, but a quiet, low voice answered: "You need not, Edna. But papa and I wonder sometimes if our little girl's heart is really so set against marriage or if she is hiding some secret from us."

"Secret! I never had a secret!" "You are not engaged, then, without our knowledge?"

"No. How could you think such a thing?"

"And you really have never loved any of your suitors?"

Silence. Peter Jones knew that he was playing a very mean part, that he had no right to wait for the unveiling of a maiden's heart in this sly fashion, and yet he could not stir.

"Was there any one, Edna," Mrs. Fletcher said very gently, "who won my daughter's heart and did not know the treasure was his?"

A choking voice answered: "Yes, mamma, but don't ask me who it was. He—he was—nobody in particular."

Peter Jones walked around to the front door and rang the bell. Nobody would have guessed by his quiet manner that his heart was throbbing to suffocation, his hands cold, his head dizzy with the sudden rush of great hope.

There was light in the wide drawing room where presently Mrs. Fletcher and Edna came to greet him, and Edna, prepared by his card, was self possessed and gracious. She had changed in those three years and lost her petulance, was more womanly and yet as pretty as ever. And Peter Jones knew that the love in his heart was not conquered, but strong as death there still.

"Well, just to think of it!" Mrs. Jones said when she came home from the wedding. "That Edna should refuse such splendid offers as she has and marry our Peter! She was always talking about grand, heroic men, and he has not even a name—only the one we gave him. Dear, dear!"

"You'll be contented, Edna?" Peter said when they stood on the steamer's deck, bound for California. "You know, dear, I'm only a business man there as here—nobody in particular."—New York News.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given, that by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Coos, Mollie Patterson was duly appointed administratrix of the estate of W. H. Sullivan, deceased and that letters testamentary were fully issued to the said Mollie Patterson on the 7th day of February 1910; that she is now qualified and acting, therefore all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers to the said administratrix at Bandon, Oregon, within six months from the 10th day of March 1910, the date of the final publication of this notice.

MOLLIE PATTERSON,
Administratrix of the estate of W. H. Sullivan, deceased.
GEO. P. TOPPING, Attorney for the Estate.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon,
January 24, 1910.
Notice is hereby given that George Moland, whose postoffice address is Bandon, Oregon, did on the 22d day of April, 1909, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 04914, to purchase the sec 1-4 of the 1-4, section 9, Township 29 S., Range 14 West, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law" at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, \$100 the timber estimated 250,000 board feet at \$40 per M, and the land \$ nothing; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 12th day of April, 1910 before A. D. Morse, U. S. Commissioner at his office, at Bandon, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or institute a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.
BENJAMIN F. JONES,
Register.

Sheriff's Sale Under Execution

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution issued out of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Coos, on the 21st day of January, 1910, in a certain action wherein Elbert Dyer is plaintiff and William Howell is defendant, being case number 1853, by which said execution I am commanded to make the sum of one thousand, for three and 00-100 dollars, costs taxed at seventeen dollars and an attorney fee of seventy-five dollars, less the sum of sixty dollars paid herebefore, together with costs and expenses upon said execution, I have levied upon and will, on

Saturday, the 26th day of March, 1910, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the front door of the county court house, in the city of Coquille, Coos county, Oregon, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand all of the right, title and interest of said defendant, William Howell, in and to the following described real property to-wit:

Southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section thirty-five, township twenty-eight south, of range fourteen west of the Willamette meridian a Coos county, Oregon.

Dated this 23d day of February, 1910.
W. W. GAGE,
7-5t Sheriff of Coos county, Oregon,
By C. A. Gage, Deputy.

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Anna May Wilcox by an order of the county court of Coos county Oregon, has been appointed as administratrix of the estate of Henry G. Wilcox, deceased. All persons having claims against such estate are required to present them within six months from the date of this notice, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of G. T. Treadgold, in Bandon, Coos county, Oregon.

Dated this 15th day of February 1910.
ANNA MAY WILCOX,
Administratrix.
G. T. Treadgold, Attorney for Estate.
6-5t

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned A. J. Counts, by an order of the County Court of Coos county, Oregon, has been appointed as Administrator of the estate of Linnie P. Counts, deceased. All persons having claims against such estate are required to present them within six months from the date of this notice, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of G. T. Treadgold, in Bandon, Coos county, Oregon.

Dated this 15th day of February 1910.
A. J. COUNTS,
Administrator.
G. T. TREADGOLD, Attorney for Estate.
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