

The PILLAR OF LIGHT

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—At daybreak an assistant keeper of the lighthouse, discovers in the distance a ship in distress. Stephen Brand agrees to swim out to it. In so doing he comes in contact with a shark which he kills and boards the ship. He finds on board the body of a dead man and a strange bundle under a sail. Jones the lighthouse keeper lowers a basket and hauls Brand and his strange bundle safely up. II.—The bundle contains a live baby of which which Jones assumes charge. Letters "E. T." are found on child's clothing. Baby is placed in charge of nurse who has charge also of Stephen Brand's children. Child is named "Enid Trevillion." III.—Eighteen years later, Constance, daughter of Brand, and Enid go to the lighthouse with an old fisherman named Ben. They are caught in a storm and as they near the lighthouse hear the danger signal from the rock. They land safely and find that two men have been hurt. Brand sends the injured men back with Ben. IV.—Jackson and Bates are lowered into the boat and Ben takes them back to Penzance. The Daisy is met by Lieutenant Stanhope who is devotedly in love with Enid. He assists in caring for the wounded men. V.—Enid spies a boat approaching the rock. It is the Lapwing. Brand discovers that it is sailed by Stanhope. He signals for them not to land, and Stanhope returns to Penzance. The girls spend the night at the rock. VI.—During the night a furious storm renders sleep impossible. At dawn Brand makes out a ship in distress. VII.—A young American named Pyne throws a rope to Brand who makes fast to the lighthouse and by means of a pulley arrangement seventy-eight are saved before the ship goes down. VIII.—Mrs. Vansittart, Pyne's aunt, is strangely moved at sight of Constance. IX.—Mrs. Vansittart seeks to meet Brand. X.—Stanhope in the Falcon appears near the lighthouse at daybreak and tries to rescue the girls. XI.—The Falcon returns the next day, bringing Mr. Traill, whom Mrs. Vansittart is to marry. He sends messages to Mrs. Vansittart and to Pyne his nephew.

As opportunity offered Brand transferred the tins to the lockers of the service room. Pyne, who missed nothing, shook his head when it became evident that the last consignment was safely stored away.

"Not much there," he commented.

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The Gate Keeper

"In Faith, In Hope, In Charity, and with Fidelity."

Growth and Influence of the Grange—The State Master's Tour of Inspection—Notes and News, National and Local.

[With this issue of the Beaver State Herald the undersigned begins the work of personally conducting a department devoted exclusively to the Grange. The matter to be published will be of wide range, running all the way from local to national affairs in so far as they pertain to the order, and it is to be hoped that the assistance of all grangers will be freely given to make this department interesting alike to every Patron of Husbandry and the general public. All questions and communications will receive prompt attention. Address care of Beaver State Herald.—E. L. Thorp.]

With a constantly growing membership the Grange of Oregon is rapidly becoming a factor in the affairs of the state which politicians are beginning to reckon as an unknown quantity. Two years ago the influence of the grange was scarcely felt; a year ago that influence awoke the voters of Oregon to a realization of what the grange could do, and in the short time of eighteen months the State Grange of Oregon has established a power second only to that of the legislature.

It will not be two years until next May since the State Grange at Forest Grove, put before the people the two license bills which were adopted by the voters of Oregon at the general election last June. Within its own members the Grange of Oregon was able to initiate the two measures which proved so popular and so quietly was the work accomplished in the lodge rooms that even the greatest newspapers of the state were ignorant of the movement until the requisite percentage of legal voters was obtained to place the measures upon the official ballot. The result was overwhelming and at once established the grange as an influence which hereafter must be reckoned with by the dominant interests which have heretofore controlled the destinies of the state.

As a deliberative body the grange is the equal of any. It is made up of the intelligence of every community, concentrated in a powerful organization which is capable of doing great things for the benefit of the people. It now has several important matters under consideration which will be developed at the next State session, to be held in Hood River next May—matters which will have great bearing on the future

destinies of Oregon and which, like all other measures promulgated by the State Grange will be far-reaching and beneficial.

The forthcoming visit of Austin T. Buxton, Master of the Oregon State Grange, should prove of inestimable value to the granges of Multnomah county. He will visit every grange in the county within a period of eight days, beginning at Evening Star and closing with Gresham. These visits will be for inspection of the work and instruction of the members. Mr. Buxton has been identified with the grange for many years and is widely known as a progressive farmer but was never a politician nor political office holder. His interests have always been with and for the agricultural development of the state, his preferences having been developed, on a farm and as a student and graduate of the Agriculture College at Corvallis. He and his charming wife are the State's only representatives in the national grange, a body of such dignity and respect that it commands the attention of all in every state of the union. In his last annual message the President spoke of the grange by name, showing that it has become a factor in national affairs. In its ranks are men and women prominent in every state. Mighty men of affairs are to be found in the national grange, and everyone is a farmer. While our Oregon representative is comparatively unknown as a man of great importance, yet he is making upward strides and who knows but what his stepping stone to future greatness will be found to be the grange. He, at least, commands the respect and confidence of the patrons of Oregon and his destiny will be what he does for the order and what it does for him.

The Ohio Farmer says that each state must have the initiative and referendum. The Oregon State Grange went on record several years ago for this reform and helped to bring it about. This paper believes that the welfare of the country ought to be in the hands of the people as originally intended. Let us have a government of, for and by the people. The sentiment in Oregon was

crystallized with the present law several years ago and that sentiment is growing in other states. The bosses feel and fear it and it gives the grange a power for offensive warfare unequalled by any other measure ever invented.

That State Master Kegley's contention has a substantial basis is evidenced by the following facts, which, applied to counties only, indicate that the different states are not equally represented. The greatest difference exists between Delaware with only 1507 members, and New York with over 70,000. Following is the basis of Mr. Kegley's efforts for equalization of the National Grange vote:

The two counties with the largest membership in the United States are Jefferson and St. Lawrence, in New York state. Jefferson has 6,859 members, and St. Lawrence has over 5,000. The largest single grange is Walcott, in New York state, with over 500 members. In Jefferson county there are twelve granges with over 200 members each and less than 200, there are five with over 200 and less than 400, and there is one with 407 members. Out of thirty-three granges in the county twenty-three own their own halls. Either one of these two counties has a much larger membership than several of the smaller grange states, and Jefferson has a larger membership than California, Minnesota, Delaware and Rhode Island combined. There are 5,982 farmers in Jefferson county, so that there is an average of one and a sixth members to every farm in the county. There has been a gain of 6,000 in membership in the past year in New York state.

Oregon patrons who attended the National Grange in Portland will remember Hon. Joseph B. Ager, Master of the Maryland State Grange. He died recently of heart disease, aged 70 years. He was chosen master for the fourth term only last December. For many years he had been a progressive dairyman and supplied the city of Washington with its best milk. In this business he had become quite wealthy and was popular wherever known.

IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Glowing Reports From a Few of the Granges There.

Beaverton grange, Washington county, has 115 members and is initiating members at every meeting. It does good ritualistic work. B. K. Denny is master. Leedy grange, No. 339, has 46 mem-

bers and will increase in membership still more this year. A. B. Findley, an Oregon pioneer, is master.

Sherwood grange meets in the town of Sherwood, a place the size of Gresham. There are 52 members. Three applications have been presented for the next meeting. Ferdinand Langer, a young man of much promise, is master.

Winoona grange meets at Tualatin station and has a large membership. J. N. Henry is master, Ollie Duley lecturer and Josie Cimino, secretary. This grange is noted for its good lecturer work and the loyalty of its members to its officers.

Butte grange, No. 148, was organized April 22, 1874, and has missed but two meetings since that time. Five of its charter members still belong. It is making a determined effort to win one of the prizes offered by the state grange. It has 115 members and is a model grange. Mrs. Hannah Christensen is master and Ida Gustin, lecturer.

Scholls grange, No. 338, is the next to the youngest grange in the county, but it is doing some excellent work. It has 80 members, and initiated six candidates February 19. J. H. Collier and wife are master and lecturer, respectively.

As a whole the grange work in Washington county is in excellent condition. Each grange is growing and there is a desire on the part of each one to do better work.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

When you attend a Farmer's Institute or other public gatherings take one or two application blanks along. Nail the farmer who is not a granger.

The Gresham grange tea held at the home of Mrs. George Leslie last Friday afternoon, was a decided success. \$5.50 was the financial results of the day.

Multnomah county Pomona Grange will meet at Montavilla on March 20, the guests of Russellville Grange. The new officers will be installed for the coming two years and much other interesting work will come up. Besides, Russellville knows how to entertain.

There is a splendid and rapidly growing colony of Swedes in the vicinity of Gresham, and they are among our best citizens. Why doesn't the grange make a special effort to interest them in the work? They would make grangers and the order would help them wonderfully.

A. I. Mason, Master of Pine Grove grange at Hood River, is doing good work in the Willamette Valley traveling with Dr. Withycombe in the interest of horticulture and fruit marketing. They will be at Mt. Hood today and to-

morrow. They should be invited to Gresham.

State Organizer Vorhees is in Eastern Oregon and organized two granges this week, one at Odell on Monday night and one at Mt. Hood on Wednesday night. Previous to this he organized a grange at Crapper schoolhouse and another at East Barrett. All these granges are in Wasco county, where such grange enthusiasm prevails just now, owing to the fact that the state grange will meet at Hood River in May and they are all preparing for the fifth and sixth degrees.

The Multnomah county grange convention will be called by Deputy Johnson sometime during next week. It will probably be held at Gresham. Thirty delegates have been elected, their duty being to choose representatives to the State Grange which meets at Hood River in May. This county will have six representatives, and following former precedents, they should be chosen from Rockwood, Multnomah and Lents. It has been the custom to pass the choice around, which custom will probably be adhered to this year, as usual.

The people of Russellville were entertained by a dramatic troupe composed of members of the grange, last Friday evening. The drama, "Among the Breakers" was given in superb style. The audience was the largest ever assembled in Russellville and the receipts were \$115, which will go into the grange hall fund. A special feature of the evening, after the drama, was a voting contest for the laziest man and the most popular young lady. W. H. Addis was the winner of a handsome cane to inspire energy, while Miss Alice Mickelson was presented with a souvenir spoon for being the most popular. Both presents were suitably engraved.

Multnomah grange held its regular monthly meeting on Saturday afternoon last, with fifteen members in attendance. Three members were given the third and fourth degrees. They were I. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Cook. Mrs. Kate Anderson was elected secretary in place of Carl Timmerman, who resigned. A. B. Wood and wife and Margaret Dolan were elected delegates to the county convention to be held next week. The grange voted to move into Campbell's hall. The lecturer's hour was taken up with a discussion on the influence of a hopyard in a neighborhood from a moral standpoint. All who spoke expressed the opinion that the influence is bad.

Have you asked your new neighbor to join the grange? Better. Maybe he would be glad to feel that the grange wanted him in. Try it.

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