

The Gate Keeper

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

The Imperative Mandate—More Complete Uniformity in the Work—For Good of the Order.

Conducted by E. L. Thorpe.

An adjunct of the initiative and referendum is the imperative mandate, or recall. The two former measures having been brought into existence in Oregon, principally by the grange, it follows that the grange will probably be the most active participant in the proposed movement to recall or suspend obnoxious officials who may be in power for their several terms. Such a measure was advocated at the State Grange last year, but no action was taken. It is more than probable, however, that an attempt will be made to initiate a constitutional amendment at the next general election, which will have the full effect of placing an official's term of office at the pleasure of those who elected him, provided he fails to perform his duty in a satisfactory manner. The imperative mandate is a recall. Who would be so foolish as to employ a lawyer or doctor or clerk or farmhand under such conditions that he could not be discharged? Why then should the people elect an official whom they cannot discharge?

The Michigan State Grange has taken the first step in this movement, although there are other state granges which are considering the matter, even as the Oregon State Grange is doing.

The "recall" system consists in the right of the people to recall or suspend from office any public officer or representative immediately upon the election of his successor, which election must take place thirty or sixty days after the filing of a petition signed by a given percentage of the voters of the district from which he was elected. The filing of a petition would be an imperative demand or recall for such an election. The suspended official would have the right to appeal to the voters at the same election for a vindication and re-election.

There are many persons in the Oregon grange who believe such a constitutional amendment should be had, and if the next state grange takes the matter up it will be almost a certainty that it will carry. It is pertinent, however, to inquire what good it would do to deprive a man of his office after he had done all the damage he was capable of doing.

State Master Buxton's tour of inspection through Multnomah county has not only been an ovation to a popular officer, but his visits to the subordinate granges have been highly beneficial to the membership and will prove to be of lasting good to them and the order.

There has never been complete uniformity in the work of the different granges, which fact was noticeable to the state master and he set about instructing the grange officers all alike. Some officers are better adapted to their parts than others and some are more enthusiastic; some have more time to devote to the work and consequently do it better than those who have much other work to do. Sometimes a grange fails to give its officers proper support hence there is less discipline and much laxity. All these abuses the state master is endeavoring to correct. The work is always exemplified at the sessions of the state grange and every granger should make an effort to be in attendance at its meetings. With a desire to do their parts well and with a thorough understanding of the ritual and digest the grange work is the most beautiful of any order in existence. If it is bungled the beginner receives a bad impression which is hard to overcome until he has seen the work done properly by competent officers. It is to be hoped that the state master's visits will promote more uniformity in the work and create a zeal among all the officers to do their parts promptly and thoroughly, and that the members will all take a more active interest in everything that pertains to all ceremonies.

Granges as well as other people are counting on a vacation the coming summer and why not take it early. Perhaps the time when farmers can get away best is in May and the state grange meeting comes in that month. Several efforts have been made to change the time of meeting to late in the fall, but it has been shown that work on the farm is slackest in the month of flowers, and why not save up your pennies now and plan to spend a few days at Hood River with the apple growers and all the others who will be there. Of course it will be a busy week for the officers and delegates, but the meeting is open to all fourth degree members in good standing, and patrons who save their spare change, waiting until May, will find Hood River an interesting and profitable place to visit. It is none too early to make plans. A fine session of the state grange is already assured.

Probably the best grange work ever given on the Pacific coast was the exemplification of the fifth degree by Multnomah Pomona team before the National grange and 2000 patrons at the Empire theatre in November, 1894. So

thorough was it that the national officers complimented it as the best they ever saw. The team was rewarded later on by being elected officers of Pomona for the next term of two years and at each meeting since has conferred the degree upon all candidates. These officers will go out at the next session, one week from next Wednesday, and their places will be filled by others. The new officers however, are competent and will doubtless take up the work in good form. But it will take much training for them to come up to the standard set by their predecessors.

The following resolutions were introduced at Evening Star grange, March 2, by Hon. B. Lee, Paget:

Whereas, The grange in the state of Oregon have repeatedly expressed themselves in strong terms favoring the placing of the state printer's office upon a flat salary, and

Whereas, our late legislature recognized the popular demand by enacting a measure containing such a provision to take effect at a somewhat remote future date, and

Whereas, Governor Chamberlain has vetoed this bill and recommends legislation along this line be taken by the legislature of 1908, and

Whereas, Necessity for more prompt action is apparent, and experience has taught us that positive action in this matter by the next legislature is not assured, be it

Resolved, that it is the profound sense of the members of Evening Star Grange Patrons of Husbandry, that a bill for this purpose should be initiated by the people and submitted to the voters for adoption at the state election in 1908, which bill should become effective on January 1, 1908, or as much sooner as may be practicable, and be it

Resolved, that we urge earnest action in this direction on the part of our granges generally, as well as by other organizations which have the best interests of our state at heart, and be it further

Resolved, that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to our state master and state lecturer; to the master of Multnomah Pomona grange and to the press generally.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Russellville's new hall fund now amounts to about \$300. Watch it grow.

County Deputy W. B. Hawley of Lane county, has organized a grange on Spencer Creek. The organization was effected February 16.

Jacob Voorhees reports from Wasco county that the outlook is bright for the organization of four new granges and reorganization of two dormant granges.

The Gate Keeper prophesies that the 1908 session of the Oregon State Grange will be held at Salem. The place for it will be chosen at Hood River next May. Remember this and see if the guess is right.

F. M. Gill, state deputy, is in Lane county for the purpose of visiting and assisting the existing granges of which there are now five. He will investigate localities for new granges and do some organization work.

Hillsboro grange, No. 73, is trying to become again the largest in the state. For several years it held that honor but was outstripped by Evening Star which now holds the record with nearly 300 members. Hillsboro has awakened and has several initiations every meeting. Evening Star will "better look a little out."

The county convention for the election of delegates to the state Grange will be held in the several counties on or about March 10. The Multnomah convention will be held in Gresham next Monday at 1:30 p. m. Washington county will meet at Hillsboro, March 9, and Lane county at Eugene, March 6. Clackamas county will meet at Oregon City.

"Organization has become necessary in the business world, and it has accomplished much for good in the world of labor. It is no less a necessity for farmers. Such a movement as the grange movement is good in itself and is capable of a well-nigh infinite further extension for good so long as it is kept to its own legitimate business."—President Roosevelt.

The 36,000 rural letters carriers now employed in the United States cover 870,000 miles of county roads daily. This child of the grange grows and the grange is proud of it. The national grange at its last session asked for equal pay for the rural and city carrier, and the request has been partially granted. Hereafter the maximum pay of rural carriers will be \$900 per annum.

Multnomah County Pomona grange has an enrolled membership of 600, divided among the ten granges of the

county as follows: Evening Star, 190; Columbia, 79; Multnomah, 62; Gresham, 81; Rockwood, 75; Fairview, 61; Pleasant Valley, 14; Woodlawn, 24; Lents, 15; Russellville, 59. Russellville, the youngest grange in the county, has the largest membership in Pomona in proportion to its numbers, and will come pretty near making it unanimous when Pomona meets with it on the 20th.

State Master Buxton has been visiting the Multnomah county granges during the past week and will close his tour tomorrow at Gresham. He has been enthusiastically received at every grange and all have profited by his counsels. He found the granges of this county the equals of any in the state, although there was a wide divergence between some of them. Though some of the granges may be crude and careless, yet the state master found loyalty to the order and enthusiasm in the great work being done. There is a good prospect that Mr. Buxton's visits will spur the members on to renewed vigor and that one result will be many new members in every grange.

State Master A. T. Buxton visited Russellville Grange P. of H., Monday night, March 4th, and the meeting was well attended. After the inspection work of the first degree Mr. Buxton talked of the ways to better the grange financially and socially and how to have a good attendance of young people at every meeting. He stated also that he thought that the percentage would be even doubled as soon as the new hall was begun. A fine literary program was given, after which a banquet of fruits was partaken of. Mr. Buxton made a few closing remarks, saying that he had enjoyed himself very much and that he would like to see them all at the state grange in May.

Make Them Partners.

Many a man who owns a farm will talk for an hour on the benefits of cooperation and denounce his neighbors for not falling in with his advanced ideas, when, at the same time, he is neglecting to put into practise his own teachings. He utterly forgets, or perhaps has never recognized the fact, that he has the best chance in the world to prove the benefits of cooperative labor, by associating with himself as partners his boys, who have grown up on the farm and have all their lives assisted in the work yet have no more financial interest in the place than has the hired man. They may be allowed their board and a certain sum a month after arriving at legal age, but most of them are only waiting for a convenient opportunity to cut loose from the routine of farm life and flee to that place of fascinating, bewildering, yet elusive, charms, the city. That great, noisy whirlpool yearly claims its thousands of victims from the clean, strong limbed and hopeful boys and girls from the country. They struggle for awhile in its giddy whirl, then disappear under the foaming waters.

Nor are they the only ones who suffer by this exodus from the farm home. What of the mother who has hoped in the decline of life to transfer the most of her cares onto the shoulders of her daughters whom she has trained in household duties? What of the father who looked forward to the time when his boys would run the farm and allow him to smoke his pipe in peace and add to his income without doing the work himself?

They accuse the children of ingratitude. So it seems, in a way, to be. But the parents forget to make it an object for the young, ambitious and progressive boys and girls, who have learned from reading and observation that they must have interests of their own if they would succeed in life, to stay on the farm where they had no more to say about its management or to share in its profits than the hired man, or the maid in the kitchen. If the children are weaned from home and come to grief among strangers are not the parents largely responsible for such a condition? Think of this fathers and mothers while your children are young and under your control.

Occasionally the country-bred youth is wise enough or fortunate enough to escape the perils of the city and to make a way for himself to wealth and fame. But how few are these compared to the great crowd of the plodders whose ambition, energy, health, morals, happiness and even life itself perish beneath the strain of excitement, deprivation, unhealthy surroundings, overwork and disappointed hopes. Do you, fathers and mothers, desire this lot for your sons and daughters? If not, take the remedy in time. Give them an interest in the farm. Make them partners in your business. Give them their portion of ground, their share of the stock, their profits on the butter, eggs and chickens. Let them feel the joys of proprietorship, and the independence of making their own living while at the same time they are adding to the value of the place and helping you. Even your boy of ten will show what he can do if you will give him a chance. He dearly loves to own something, and he will take good care of his property. An instance of this recently came under the writer's notice. A boy of twelve came running in to his mother one day with the announcement that a neighbor had offered him a new born pig, a weakly, di-

minutive little creature for a penny. "May I have it for my own?" he asked excitedly. The wise mother replied, "If you will take all the care of it yourself," and gave him the penny. That pig was well looked after, and it grew daily in size and flesh. By the next spring it was round and slick and ready for the block. Now Master Claude wanted a new spring suit, and said as much to his father. The father, also a wise man, reminded him that he now had money of his own in the shape of the pig and could buy his clothes to suit himself. The boy thought it over and the result was that Mr. Butcher was called in and soon after departed with the pig, leaving Master Claude the proud possessor of \$8.25, with which he purchased the coveted suit. This was the boy's first business transaction, but he has proved himself to be a good financier and has turned many an honest penny since. His father has impressed one lesson on his mind—never to go in debt for anything unless he sees where the money to pay is coming from, and to pay up the moment he gets the money.

Give your boy who is too young to do manual labor on the farm, a colt, a calf, a sheep or pig that he can feed and care for himself and let him have the proceeds of its sale. Get him to start an account in a savings bank; show him the value of money, not for hoarding, but as the means to an end, and you have started him on the highway to success. Give the girls a chance also. Don't let them grow up without a penny except what they have to beg you for. It humiliates a woman, who knows she earns every cent she spends, to be dependent on her father for what she needs and to give an account of every dime begrudgingly bestowed. Half the girls who marry do so because they think they will have some money of their own to spend afterwards. Sad to say, this hope is often destroyed soon after marriage—but of this we will speak again. The girls will willingly work in the vegetable garden or with bees or chickens or take charge of the dairy if they know what they will share in the profits. If you have ever worked for wages for some one else and later came to be the owner of a farm of your own, do you not remember the joyful feeling of independence and the eagerness and will with which you attacked the most difficult jobs, because you knew that whatever you accomplished was for your own advantage. Your children will have the same ambition if you will take them in as partners. Try it for a year and see if we are not correct.—Sallie M. Moses in Northwestern Agriculturist.

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