

The Gate Keeper

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

Grange Measures Subject to the Initiative—Traveling Libraries, Grange News and Good of the Order.

Conducted by E. L. Thorpe.

Traveling libraries have become a necessary concomitant of grange work. The following report from New Jersey has been sent to the Gate Keeper with request for publication. The request is complied with because the Oregon grange has endorsed this educational plan and is helping to further it along. Following is the report:

"During the year special attention has been given to the traveling libraries, as it is through them that the residents of small towns and rural districts that are without library facilities are reached and supplied with books. At this time one hundred and fourteen are in operation, and many applications are on file that cannot be filled because of a lack of books, cases and shipping boxes. The increased demand for the traveling libraries is largely due to the interest that has been taken in them by the local granges of the Patrons of Husbandry, which in many cases take charge of the books and distribute them from house to house, collect and exchange them, and send them by rural mail delivery to the residents in the neighborhood.

"Eighty per cent. of the libraries went to what are popularly known as 'rural districts' and the demand has been largely for books on history, household economics, agriculture and horticulture. One book on poultry raising was apparently consulted by every family in one district, as it came back with two charging cards filled with the names of borrowers.

"Some of the volumes of the traveling libraries are in almost constant circulation, and while it might be expected that they would receive hard usage, the fact that but comparatively few have been discarded after being seven years in circulation, is evidence that they are well cared for by borrowers. In the light of the facts and figures presented, there can no longer be a doubt that the libraries are not only popular but that they are productive of great good. One clergyman has written to the commission that 'the traveling libraries next to the Gospel, are doing more for rural communities than any one single agency;' a lady in one of the small towns says they are helping to solve the problem of keeping boys and girls off the streets in the evenings; and one of the farmers' granges has unanimously resolved that the Traveling Library law has worked more for the pleasure, culture and welfare of the farming district than any law passed in years."

Several measures will probably be subjected to the initiative or referendum by the Oregon State Grange at the next general election, or perhaps sooner. Notably among these measures may be named the State Printer's flat salary law, which was passed by the late legislature and vetoed by Governor Chamberlain. The grange is dissatisfied with the Governor's action, notwithstanding he may be in the right, and will probably attempt to have the people pass a law he cannot veto. It may be that the grange will demand a special election so as to get the law into effect by the first of next January.

There is another measure which a few of the grangers of Linn county are trying to have referred to the people on a referendum vote. This one refers to the appropriation for the State University. A few people are disgruntled because that appropriation was allowed to stand and that of two normal schools was cut off. This effort is not likely to receive the support of the State Grange and the Gate Keeper predicts that it will fail as did the referendum of two years ago against the normals. The people at large believe in education and believe in paying for it. The State Grange represents that idea and it is not likely that it will lend its aid to any effort to hamper the cause of knowledge.

The last State Grange instructed its legislative committee to attend the session of the legislature and demand legislation upon matters authorized by the grange. It was also resolved that if the grange requests were ignored the measures would be taken up by initiative. The State Grange legislative committee will report at the May session. Until that time it will not be known just what will be done, but it is almost certain that the splendid machinery of the Grange will be set to work on several important matters affecting the welfare of the people of Oregon. With the power the grange has and the influence it can bring to bear on others there is little doubt of the result of any movement it undertakes.

Multnomah county grange convention met in Gresham last Monday and elected five delegates to the State Grange which will meet at Hood River in May. The delegates are F. H. Crane and wife of Rockwood; A. F. Miller and wife of Lents and R. N. Gill of Russellville. Their respective alternates are E. L. Thorpe and wife, J. C. McGrew and wife and Miss Anna Anderson.

Reports were made of several measures which will come up for action by the State Grange. Among them the initiative will be invoked upon at least two proposed laws. One of them will be a measure to increase the revenues of the state by taxing incomes and inheritances. Another will give the several counties the right to regulate their own affairs independent of the legislature. The executive committee of the State Grange is now preparing petitions for a referendum upon two laws passed by the late legislature. One of them is to defeat the Militia bill which appropriates 100,000 for armories in about ten different cities. The grange considers this to be taxing the farms for extravagant display and will hold the appropriation up if possible. The other bill to be defeated is the compulsory pass law, the grange being opposed to free passes to anyone.

All the above measures were indorsed by the convention. A grange measure was also indorsed which would change the by-laws so as to elect delegates to the State Grange for two years instead of one, as at present.

Another matter which will be advocated at the State Grange was endorsed by the Convention. It proposes that the counties of Oregon shall be divided into senatorial and representative districts. The convention was very harmonious, 27 of the 30 delegates being present. Woodlawn Grange was not represented. Multnomah county should have had six delegates, but as one of the three men elected has no wife—Gill of Russellville—the county has lost one representative.

A long established precedent was broken when Multnomah Grange was turned down. It should have had the delegate given to Russellville and had a splendid candidate. The way has been opened for much contention and politics in future conventions.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

There are now 105 granges in Oregon—a gain of ten since last June. Several more will be organized before the year is up.

All grange families can now get the Grange Bulletin free by sending name and address to Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, state lecturer, Macleay, Oregon.

State Master Buxton was unable to meet with Multnomah grange last week as intended. He will arrange to meet with that grange on its regular day this month.

Gresham grange recently had a debt of \$300 on its hall. One-third of the amount was paid off last month and \$18

interest besides. The balance will be retired within two years, or maybe sooner.

The grange at Pleasant Valley evidently means business. About \$400. has been raised for a new hall and work on it will soon begin. This is the smallest and weakest grange in Multnomah County but it is doing things.

Officers of the State Grange are making visits to every grange in Oregon except one. That exception is in Coos county and is too isolated to be visited this year. It is reported to be flourishing however, and has a representative every year at the State Grange.

Milwaukie's new grange hall was dedicated yesterday. Several State Grange officers were present. The new hall was first thought of about two months ago and at one meeting funds were raised, a committee appointed and a lot secured. The work went right on and the hall will be one of the best in the state.

Tuesday, March 5, was of unusual interest to Columbia grange No. 237, as it was honored by a visit of the State Master Austin T. Buxton and we hope to have the pleasure of another such meeting as it is bound to be of great benefit. Brother Buxton made a fine impression and many good things were learned for the good of the order.

Multnomah County Pomona Grange will meet at the Old Fellows' hall in Montavilla next Wednesday. The following new officers elect will be installed for the coming term of two years: Master, J. J. Johnson; overseer, H. W. Snashall; lecturer, Ida M. Thorpe; steward, W. H. Byars; assistant steward, E. C. Huffman; chaplain, Mary Shattuck; treasurer, J. W. Shattuck; secretary, Mrs. E. A. Niblin; gate keeper, A. J. Garnett; Pomona, Annie Craswell; ceres, Belle S. Beard; flora, Ada O. English; lady assistant steward, Anna Anderson.

The legislature appropriated \$6000 for the use of the State Library Commission, of which sum \$2400 will be spent at once for traveling libraries. Many applications have been sent in which will be filled as soon as the books arrive. We hope every grange, outside of Multnomah county, will secure one of these excellent selections of good books. Multnomah people look to the Portland Library Association for the traveling libraries. Our members should mention these libraries to rural citizens not in the grange. Every country community should have a library and that will lead to a grange later on.

A matter of considerable interest to all grangers is embodied in a resolution read at the last session of Multnomah County Pomona. It came from Columbia grange and was introduced by J. H. Rickert. He asked for a committee to take into consideration the advisability of establishing in the city of Portland a produce exchange that shall have for its object the direct benefit of producers and consumers. The committee was appointed, consisting of A. F. Miller, J. D. Lee, J. H. Rickert, H. W. Snashall and R. M. Gill. This committee will make a report upon the matter at the Pomona meeting next Wednesday.

Correspondence

CORBETT

Lenard Leader was a Portland visitor Thursday.

F. W. Reed returned Thursday from Cape Horn, Washington, where he has been running a gasoline launch the past four months for the Northern Pacific company.

Mrs. Sarah Kincaid was the guest of Mrs. Reed several days this week.

Mr. Thomas, superintendent at the tunnel, has moved into N. P. Gleason's house at Rooster Rock.

Ralph Kincaid went to Cape Horn, Washington, the first of the week to work for the Northern Pacific company.

Fred C. Reed has purchased a Sheffield marine engine to be placed in his launch for use in fishing.

Milton Saunders returned Saturday from Newberg.

Miss Zula Bell returned home from Portland Saturday where she has been the past few months in the employ of the Pacific States Telephone company. Miss Bell will take charge of the telephone here in about two weeks.

Mr. Speibrock and P. Kirkour are loading a car of potatoes this week.

Fred Benfield was in Portland Friday.

There will be no lack of work here this summer for the man who wants to work. Mr. Thomas informs us it will

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take four months to complete the tunnel, besides the work of straightening the road between here and Troutdale.

PLEASANT VALLEY.

Mr. Hall who has rented the Sager place is buying cows for dairy purposes. Pleasant Valley Grange held a special meeting at Sycamore hall on the 8th. State Master Buxton and Jacob Voorhees were present and discussed some matters of public interest.

Grandma Yott is somewhat improved from her serious illness. Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Washington were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb.

J. Z. Olson is hauling apples and potatoes also an occasional beef to market.

J. Donaldson has left these parts for Columbia river logging camps.

Noah Kesterson has rented the Erickson place.

ROCKWOOD

Will Herring is back from Missouri. He says Oregon is good enough for him.

J. Brown is making a number of improvements on his place, putting in cement walk, new windmill etc.

Mr. McManus has given his barn a new coat of paint and made other improvements on his place.

Mrs. D. McKeown is doing nicely at the Good Samaritan hospital since she was operated on for kidney trouble.

Albert Smith having undergone an operation at the North Pacific sanitarium for lung trouble, is doing fine.

Rockwood Grange was well attended at the last meeting and all were greatly interested in the talk of State Master Austin T. Buxton.

SECTION LINE

J. Cassidy and wife of Portland have been burning the brush on the site soon to be occupied by a handsome bungalow on their newly acquired property on our road adjoining the Ruhl place.

Mrs. Wm Ketchum of The Dalles is a guest at Hazelwood farm this week. The Edwards place on our side road was recently sold for two thousand dollars. It contains twelve acres.

The sound of wedding bells will soon be heard to judge from authentic report. George Hutchinson of the reservoir will in June lead to the altar Miss Garner of Mt. Tabor at which time the handsome residence he is erecting will be finished for occupancy. Also in the neighbor-

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 William—How did she come to accept you the second time you proposed? Lawrence—Well, you see, her refusal the first time I proposed made me feel so awfully cheap that she, womanlike, could not resist the opportunity to secure a bargain.—The Woman's Magazine.
 Read the want ads on page 8.

BOOKS FREE, BOYS
 Following are a few selections, read them:
 The Gold Bug, Edgar Allen Poe; The Green Mountain Boys, Judge J. P. Thompson; Last of the Barons, Edward Bulwer Lytton; Michael Strogoff, Jules Verne; Last of the Mohicans, James Fenimore Cooper; Grimms' Fairy Tales, Grimms Brothers.
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