

# The Gate Keeper

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

What is the Grange?—About Free Alcohol—Juvenile Granges—Good of the Order.

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With 900,000 members in the United States, it would seem altogether unnecessary to ask or answer the question, but this paper may come under the eye of some one who is not familiar with its aims and principles. The grange is an organization of farmers for their mutual welfare. Among the specific objects named in its declaration of purposes are these: To enhance the comforts and attractions of home; to develop a higher and better manhood and womanhood among ourselves; to further co-operation; to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers, into the most direct and friendly relations possible. The grange is nonpartisan, yet its principles underlie all true politics and statesmanship. It believes in co-operating in every legitimate manner for its own protection and to enhance its interests.

The Order is called Patrons of Husbandry, and the head of the national grange is Hon. N. J. Bacheider of Concord, N. H. Twenty-eight states have state organizations. Below them are the county organizations, called Pomona granges, and below these are the 8,000 or 9,000 subordinate granges. Meetings are held of these subordinate granges once a month or oftener, where subjects pertaining to the farmers' interests, social, educational and agricultural, are discussed. Women are on an equality with men in the grange, and to them not a little of the wonderful success of the organization is due. Its purpose may be stated in a word or two—to uplift the farmer morally, socially, educationally and materially.

So slowly have applications come to the agricultural department at Washington for the right to erect distilleries for free alcohol that many have been led to think that the grange was "bunkoed" into giving its support to the denatured alcohol bill. Not so. The law is all right, and it will work out in time, and the farmer will realize the benefits it will confer, but not suddenly, not immediately.

Already various movements are in progress to amend the regulations, says a western grange journal, and Senator Hansbrough has introduced a bill to amend the law and make farm distilleries possible. New inventions are sure to come, and it won't be many years before free alcohol will be pointed to as the grange's greatest achievement. Meanwhile we must be vigilant and see that the farmer has a square deal and not get impatient, for it will take time to get the capitalist to invest in a new thing, but in a few years the alcohol distillery will be as much in evidence as the creamery or cider mill in rural communities.

Even this year the increased demand for corn by the big distilleries to manufacture alcohol will steady the price of last year's bumper crop.

There are doubtless two opinions as to the practical value of juvenile granges, says an exchange, and not all have been successful that have been organized. Success depends very largely on the person who is appointed to have charge of the juveniles. Not only must they be started right, but they must be kept right under the wise direction of a faithful matron. There is no reason why they should fail. This is true of the juvenile work. It does fit the young people for intelligent and helpful membership in the subordinate grange. It gives them something to do which will broaden their interests, it trains them in the conduct of public meetings and in parliamentary usage, and socially it may be made instructive as well as enjoyable. Times and places for meetings, whether at the same time as the subordinate grange in an adjoining room or at some other place and time, are matters that give considerable trouble. If such problems can be satisfactorily solved, one serious objection to the young people's organization is overcome. At any rate, the subject is worthy of careful consideration.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER.

The State Grange now numbers 107 subordinates with a total membership of 6500. These granges will all be represented at Hood River.

There is one grange in Oregon without an American in it. State Master Buxton says its members are intelligent and anxious to acquire information concerning our institutions.

The granges of Multnomah county could do an interesting work for the community and its successors by appointing a committee to locate the first cabin, schoolhouse, church and the scene of any pioneer event. There are several such places in this county and the work would be appreciated by the Oregon Historical Society.

Milwaukie Grange dedicated its new hall last Friday night in the presence of 200 members. The State Grange was represented by State Secretary, Mrs. Mrs. Howard, and Chaplain Eaton. The ceremonies were presided over by Mrs. Julia Castro, Master, assisted by the Lecturer, Mary Getchell. Addresses were made by W. S. U'Ren, Dr. A. M. Webster and R. A. Miller. The hall cost \$1500, including the work, which was mostly donated. The building committee was composed of Richard Scott, Thomas Sellwood and J. M. Nye, and they rushed the work through in six weeks. The hall is a splendid monument to the zeal and industry of the grangers of Milwaukie and vicinity.

In February State Organizer Voorhees organized Barlow's Gate grange, No. 157 at Wamic, Wasco county, with 89 members. At Tygh Valley, he organized a grange with 48 members. He secured an organization in Hood River valley with 82 members. He organized two other granges in the same valley, one of which had 32 members at a preliminary meeting. This makes nine granges in Wasco county with a total of nearly 600 members.

W. B. Hawley of Lorane, Lane county, organized Spencer Creek grange on Spencer creek about ten miles from Eugene, with 21 members on February 16th.

February 13, J. H. Scott of Linn organized Ash Swale grange in that county with 61 members.

A grange was recently organized at North Powder, Union county.

Jacob Voorhees has gone to Southern Oregon to organize granges.

State Deputy F. M. Gill is in Lane county assisting granges there.

## Correspondence

### SECTION LINE

Our heartiest congratulations are tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grant on the birth of a little daughter Thursday, March 14th.

L. H. Martin of Seattle is on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Mary Shaffer.

W. Sorenson the new owner, of the Bowen place, is preparing for spring planting.

Mrs. Wm Ream has been very ill for the past two weeks.

The Frank Grass place was sold recently. The tract comprises 30 acres and went for \$175 per acre.

Freddie Ream nearly lost an eye last week. While playing ball at school the flying ball striking the organ full front caused a very severe swelling and pain.

B. Dahlhammer sprung quite a surprise on his wife Saturday evening when he invited a houseful of guests to his home from among his friends and neigh-

bors and also a number of Portland folk who came with goodies enough to feed a regiment. Music and games and conversation made the affair one of the most noted of the new year.

A petition is in circulation praying the county court to grade and gravel the road known as Taylorville avenue. The road in question is greatly in need of work and the prayers of the signers should receive recognition from the county board.

### CORBETT.

Captain Kincaid came down Monday from Cape Horn for repairs and gasoline for his launch.

An immense slide near Rooster Rock delayed trains several hours Monday.

Horace Reed has moved back to Rooster Rock after having spent the winter in Portland.

R. Wilkie, Mrs. Ketchum and Miss Myrtle Dunn of Portland spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives here.

The St. Patrick's dance at Columbia hall was well attended.

Miss Bertha Henry was in the city recently.

### ROCKWOOD

The Rockwood Grange is planning to give a masquerade ball in the near future for the benefit of the hall fund.

Mrs. R. L. Robertson of Barton has been visiting friends at Rockwood and Fairview recently.

Mrs. Lewis Sedgast of Portland paid her mother, Mrs. G. Prettyman, a short visit last week.

Mrs. E. Camp, who has been ill, is improving.

Mrs. J. Quinn has moved to Portland.

The friends of Mrs. Dahlhammer gave her a pleasant surprise party last Saturday night.

### LUSTEDS

Mrs. G. Moulton is visiting Mrs. Shumway at Bull Run for a few days.

Miss Nettie Brown and Lawrence Craswell visited the skating rink at Powell Valley Saturday evening.

Dick Radford has sold his farm to E. Endie.

Inez Lusted returned home after visiting her brother and family for the past week.

Mrs. E. Sester, who has been quite ill, is better. Mrs. Coss has been taking care of her.

George Moulton took a load of hogs to Troutdale for his mother, Mrs. Shumway, last Monday.

Ed. Sester has purchased a new spring wagon.

G. Herron was in these parts recently.

### HURLBURT.

Roy Emily came down from Wardner last Sunday morning.

E. G. Rickert and George Knieriem went to Gresham last Saturday to attend a G. A. R. meeting.

M. Rickert and Ed. Woolridge were in Egypt the 17th to organize a new telephone company to connect with the switch at Corbett. They report a success.

S. Davis and H. Perkins are loading potatoes at Corbett.

Roy Rickert was here looking for a house to live in.

It is reported that Joe Neely will start a new sawmill up in Coon Creek canyon and will establish a telephone line between his residence and the mill.

### UPPER LATOURELL.

Columbia Grange No. 267, wishes to extend their most sincere congratulations to two of their young members, who were made man and wife last Sunday, Miss Rae Perkins and Ward Evans, both of whom are highly respected in this community.

We cannot help admiring the work of that young grange at Russellville. It seems like a little bee that is always making honey. The last resolution adopted by that body concerning the old crippled orchards, which ought to be destroyed all over the country, and should be looked after at once.

A. Floss, an old neighbor, is up here looking after his property.

Fritz Salzman, the young engineer, is at home, having injured his hand in the factory at Camas where he has been employed.

Chester Knieriem has just finished his new launch and it is said to be the swiftest boat on the river.

Mrs. Lottie Benfield is in Hillsboro visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. Crowston.

Lewis Beaver met with a painful accident recently while harrowing. In some way a tooth of the harrow fell so as to penetrate his foot. We hope he will soon be out again.

J. Ross returned from Portland on Saturday where he has been on the jury for two weeks. The judge excused him for the balance of the term.

Don't save old trash, thinking that it may be used some day. The time and patience consumed in handling it can not be compensated for by it.—Woman's Magazine.

Consult "Want Column" for bargains.



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### JINGLES AND JESTS.

#### Papa Was Wise.

Pretty Daughter—But I'm sure you misjudge Reginald, papa. He is very ambitious.  
Her Father—How do you know he is?  
Pretty Daughter—Oh, I've often heard him talk of the things he was going to do!  
Her Father—Huh! Did he mention my name?—Cincinnati Enquirer.

#### A New Version.

"How did you get Mr. Cumrox to provide money for that project of yours?" asked Miss Cayenne.  
"I invited him to a very select dinner party."  
"I understand. It was one of the cases where invitation was the sincerest form of flattery."—Washington Star.

#### Where He Got It.



Mr. Hogan—Where did Ol get th' black eye? Oh, Ol'm just after bein' initiated.

Mr. Kelly—Into what society?  
Mr. Hogan—Into th' society av me mother-in-law.—Leslie's Weekly.

#### The Secret of It.

"Yes, Willie Everdye admits that his uncle can make him do anything he wants him to do."

"Really? His uncle must be a man of great will power."  
"Oh, yes! He can will half a million dollars at least."—Catholic Standard and Times.



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### Notice for Publication.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878. United States Land Office, Portland, Oregon, October 26, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Joseph R. Coopey, of Portland county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1097, for the purchase of the S. 12 of N. W. 14 of Section No. 13, in Township No. 1 North Range No. 3 East and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on Wednesday the 17th day of April, 1907.

He names as witnesses: Charles Coopey of Portland, Oregon, Edward Trickey of Palmer, Oregon, C. O. Gullander of Portland, Oregon, J. T. Bagley of Hood River, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 17th day of April, 1907.

ALGERNON DRESSER, Register.

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All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same with vouchers, duly verified, at the law office of Mendenhall & Mendenhall in the Commercial block, city of Portland, Oregon, within six months from this date.

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