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EDITORIAL COMMENT

We read with interest Mr. Thorpe's letter on the Labor Union and the Grange. If there can be any good in a union of the Grange and other organizations, it must come, but it is a question of doubtful propriety. The trouble is the labor unions seem to contain a lot of extremists. The employers' liability law alluded to might be a good one if originated by rational, honest men, representing both the employer and the employee, but no law that makes an employer wholly responsible for the accidents that may befall the people that depend upon him through their services would be just. A properly equipped work shop should not be dangerous for skilled workmen, and an employer who accepts a position, knowing it is risky, has no one to blame but himself. The principal danger lies in placing a workman in a position where there are dangers of which he is ignorant, but an honest employer will not do that. That, however, may yet be the workman's fault, for he may have represented himself as being informed when he was not. The employer cannot, at least should not, be held for resulting accidents.

Now our grangers are largely farmers and employers of farm help. Will you feel like supporting a law that makes you liable for damages when thru accident, ignorance, carelessness or indisposition due to irregular habits, your hired man gets a tumble, a bruise, a wound or broken bone? We think not. Those are risks incidental to the business just as your financial risk is. The workman doesn't concern himself with your financial risks, unless he is a very extraordinary one. Really your interests are mutual, you should protect each other and then take responsibilities or risks as they come. Now the grange may be able to work harmoniously with labor unions but it should avoid any relationship that will tie it up with the extreme labor element.

A friend of ours recently sent us the following clipping relative to our duties to dumb animals. However it is not necessary that we go to Oklahoma or Texas to find abuses of our duties to these helpless creatures. Even here in Oregon we find poorly fed, unsheltered cattle, horses and sheep, fighting for life against starvation, wind and cold. Especially pitiful that the young animals born in the wintry season are left to suffer and die at the mere convenience of the stockman who gambles with the weather on the possible profits of the business. The fact is we need laws to prevent any man's owning more stock than he can keep comfortably, with sufficient penalty to prevent the infraction of those laws. Such regulations would result not only in humane treatment of our animals

but also in more healthful food supplies. The ordinary idea used to be that cattle and horses were not subject to disease to the degree that human beings are. Not so at all. They have all the pulmonary troubles, are subject to indigestion, blood poison and tuberculosis as we are. Exposure or insufficient food supplies produce or aggravate the disease.

Cattle Starvation and Suffering in the West

"Verily the half is not told you! Have you an idea of the awfulness of the hunger and thirst endured? Our laws compel 'feeding of cattle in winter' since Oklahoma became a state, but have any of you an idea of the kind and quantity of food provided? Last winter I witnessed a 'feeding.' For thousands of cattle, a small load, not sufficient to give each one a taste, and the hay was over ripe, rotten, and as black as tar, smelling so musty that we could scarcely endure to stand there. Yet it would have caused you to weep had you seen those poor, starved cattle fight for it, and cry after the empty wagon, their hunger in no way satisfied. In this way the millionaire stockraiser defies the law.

"Another hint. When the 'veal calves' are sent away, have any Eastern people any idea what the nursing mothers suffer? Do you know that the poor creatures endure agonies, and sometimes die, with the undrawn milk which cakes and sometimes causes the loss of the organ by sloughing off? Did you think the cowboy milked the thousands of cows? Indeed you could not worse insult a cowboy than to ask him to milk one cow. 'Cowmilk' is his favorite term of reproach for the settler. He would do without milk always but never milk. You have not lain, as I have, awake for hours at night listening to the poor mothers whose agony will not let them rest, or in winter, when the entire herd wanders backward and forward, crying so they can be heard for miles, night after night, from hunger. And yet this is only a hint of a condition which cannot be imagined by those who do not see."

Member of State Grange Legislative Committee.

F. M. Gill Replies to Thorpe.

ESTACADA, ORE., Dec. 7, 1908.
To the Editor:—

I have just read Brother E. L. Thorpe's article on Labor Unions and the Grange. Brother Thorpe can only speak for himself and those whom he has heard express their views, which are necessarily limited in number. Likewise, I must speak from the same standpoint. But the members with whom I have conversed have not resented the efforts of the granges and the unions to get together. Does not Brother Thorpe remember that Brother Paulsen stated at Eugene that if the State Grange would vote \$500 that he knew where \$500 more could be secured? Brother Paulsen evidently had the Federated Trades in mind. The State Grange voted the money with the understanding that more money would be secured from other sources. I read the statements in the Labor Press and saw nothing in them in any way derogatory to the dignity of the Grange.

When the State Grange was circulating the petitions for the initiation of the Gross Earning Tax Bill, 85 copies of the petitions were placed in the hands of the Federated Trades for circulation. I was in Brother J. J. Johnson's office when the Federated Trades officials telephoned him that they could use 35 copies more than the 50 they then had. I went with Brother Johnson when they were delivered. We sought the aid of the labor organizations then and I do not see that we should be ashamed of the fraternal assistance of that organization now. It is the old adage, "United we stand, divided we fall," or "In Union there is strength." The labor organization is seeking the friendship of the Grange and is trying to win this by material beneficent acts. At the suggestion of the labor organization, a conference was held in Portland

September 26th between the executive committee of the State Grange and the like committee of the Federated Trades. At that meeting it was suggested that the legislative committees of the two organizations get together and get acquainted and talk over the winter's work. The two committees met Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bro. A. I. Mason, Brother Palmer and myself representing the grange, and H. M. Larntsen of Astoria and C. H. Gram of Portland, the Oregon State Federation of Labor. We learned that there were two pieces of legislation that the Federation wished enacted this winter; one to have convicts employed upon the roads, and an employer's liability law. The Grange has no objection to these measures. Larntsen told me that the legislation we desired was suitable to him. The Oregon State Federation and the grange will present a united front to the enemies of the producer at Salem in January.

The executive committee of the State Grange has the good of the Order at heart and would not do anything that would injure the Order or make it secondary to any other organization. But I believe they desire the friendship and goodwill of the Oregon State Federated Trades and that they would not be so foolish as to refuse the assistance of their brother organization.

It was suggested November 21st that the grange and labor unions establish a market in Portland where the farmer could place his products on sale and where the laborer could purchase them. The farmer and laborer would divide the middleman's profit between them, the farmer getting more for his produce and the laboring man paying less than he would have to pay at the grocery. This is entirely feasible. The trouble heretofore has been that the farmer had to go to market and seek a customer. Under this plan the customer co-operates with him. Think about it, patrons.

Let me illustrate the injustice of the present system. A member of Gardfield Grange sold a groceryman in Estacada potatoes at one cent per pound. Within two weeks the groceryman had retailed them at one and a half cents a pound. He made as much in two weeks as the farmer had in four months and with one fiftieth of the labor. There is something wrong here.

This get-together policy of the State Grange executive committee is a most excellent thing and I think every granger ought to support them in it.

Let me suggest that all grangers reading this give special attention to the co-operative proposition outlined in it. It is a good thing to think about.

F. M. GILL,
Member of State Grange Legislative Committee.

Ordinance No. 41.

AN ORDINANCE granting to Grange Fair Association, its successors and assigns, the right and privilege to have the use of those certain grounds owned by the Town of Gresham, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: A certain tract of land containing nine acres more or less, conveyed to the Town of Gresham by deed on November 19, 1908, by N. L. Smith and Clara I. Smith, and being a part of the J. P. Powell and Samuel Brown D. L. C., in section 10, T. 1 S., R. 3 E. of W. M., for a period of 25 years, to prepare and use said grounds for the purpose of holding an annual Industrial Fair thereon for that purpose.

Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Gresham:

Section 1. That there be and is hereby granted, subject to the terms, restrictions and provisions in this ordinance contained, to the Grange Fair Association, a corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Oregon, and having its principal office at Gresham, Multnomah County, State of Oregon, and its successors and assigns, the franchise, right and privilege to use and occupy for a period of 25 years, those certain premises more particularly described as follows, to-wit: A certain tract of land containing nine acres more or less, conveyed to the Town of Gresham by deed on November 19, 1908, by N. L. Smith and Clara I. Smith, and being a part of the J. P. Powell and Samuel Brown D. L. C., in Sec. 10, T. 1 S., R. 3 E. of W. M., for a fair site and to erect and maintain buildings thereon, and to conduct thereon on the dates of each year hereinafter set forth an annual industrial fair.

Section 2. That the said Grange Fair Association, its successors and assigns, shall have the sole and exclusive use of said grounds for a period of twenty days of each year, to be by them selected, between the 15th day of August and the 1st day of November of each year.

Section 3. That the said Grange Fair Association, its successors and assigns, shall have the right at any time during the term of this franchise to enter upon said grounds for the purpose of erecting, installing, repairing, reconstructing and maintaining any building, electric lighting line or plant, telephone line or other structure necessary or convenient to the conduct of an annual industrial fair, and at the termination of this franchise, remove from said grounds all buildings and other

Grange Contest Work for October and November

NAME OF GRANGER	Month	Opening	Officers	Members Attendance	Program	Taken from Bulletin	Total
Gresham	Oct.	100	35	20	210	50	421
	Nov.	75	35	30	240	80	460
Lents	Oct.	100	50	27	180	60	417
	Nov.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Evening Star	Oct.	100	55	45	225	25	460
	Nov.	100	60	52	240	75	527
Damascus	Oct.	87	30	37	240	20	414
	Nov.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Woodlawn	Oct.	100	60	43	240	80	523
	Nov.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Valley	Oct.	100	60	43	240	50	493
	Nov.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Russellville	Oct.	100	43	30	240	10	423
	Nov.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rockwood	Oct.	100	63	28	240	60	483
	Nov.	...	...	...	...	...	...

The table herewith shows the contest work for the granges that are in The Herald's field. There is no poor work indicated in any of the reports of these granges. No report has been received from Fairview Grange as yet.

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F. M. GILL, Contest Superintendent.

structures of whatsoever kind or nature erected thereon by the said Grange Fair Association, its successors or assigns, said removal to be complete within three months from the termination of this franchise from any cause.

Section 4. That the said Grange Fair Association, its successors and assigns, shall have the right during the time of the exclusive use of the grounds herein heretofore granted, to establish and maintain within said grounds, shows, entertainments and other enterprises, commonly known as "concessions," and charge admission fees for said inside concessions, as well as to establish and charge a general admission or entrance fee to the general grounds, without being required to pay any license or other fee to the Town of Gresham for said privilege.

Section 5. The Town of Gresham reserves to itself, and the said Grange Fair Association consents to said reservation, the use of all the buildings and other structures or paraphernalia erected upon said grounds by the said Grange Fair Association, for public and municipal purposes any time during each year, excepting the twenty days heretofore exclusively granted to the Grange Fair Association.

Section 6. All of said grounds and all buildings and other construction in and upon the same, when not actually used or occupied by the said Grange Fair Association, for any of the purposes herein heretofore set forth, shall be in the care and custody and under the control of the Town of Gresham.

Section 7. Any failure on the part of the Grange Fair Association to operate said annual industrial fair for any one year during the existence of this franchise, unless prevented by some act of God or by some circumstances not under control of said Grange Fair Association, shall render void the franchise and all conditions and obligations hereunder.

Section 8. The said Grange Fair Association, its successors and assigns, in exercising the privileges herein granted, shall not commit any strip or waste in or upon the land, the use of which is herein granted, but shall protect and leave intact all growing trees now upon said land, and shall remove from the said premises during the twenty days herein heretofore exclusively granted, all temporary buildings, structures, debris and other obstructions from said grounds, leaving only upon said grounds after the termination of the aforesaid twenty days use permanent buildings and structures.

Section 9. There is hereby granted to the said Grange Fair Association the right and option to purchase from the Town of Gresham, for the sum of

thirty-three hundred dollars, the real property herein heretofore described within the time of two years from the passage and approval of this ordinance, said thirty-three hundred dollars to be paid as follows, to-wit: One hundred dollars upon the acceptance by the Grange Fair Association of this franchise, and the balance of thirty-two hundred dollars on or before two years from the approval of this ordinance; Provided, and the above option of sale, and sale, is conditional, that should the said Grange Fair Association, its successors or assigns, fail to operate a fair or exhibition as above set forth, each and every year for the next ten succeeding years, the real property hereby bound shall revert to the Town of Gresham, upon the payment by the Town of Gresham to the Grange Fair Association, its successors or assigns, of the purchase price of thirty-three hundred dollars; provided further, that all the rights, privileges and concessions herein granted to the said Grange Fair Association, its successors or assigns, shall remain as herein heretofore provided during the existence of this franchise whether the real property herein granted is held by said Grange Fair Association, its successors or assigns, as tenants of the Town of Gresham, or as owners in fee; provided, further, that the said Grange Fair Association, its successors and assigns, upon the acquiring title to the real property herein heretofore described, and while said property is used for public and fair purposes, and while this franchise is in force, shall be exempt from all and every town tax levied by the Town of Gresham for municipal purposes against the real property above described.

Section 10. The said Grange Fair Association, shall within thirty days after the final approval of this ordinance, file with the Recorder of the Town of Gresham its written acceptance of the terms of this ordinance and the franchise, rights and privileges granted to and conferred upon it, its successors and assigns; failure of said Grange Fair Association to so file its acceptance of this ordinance within the said period of thirty days from the final approval thereof, shall be deemed and held to be a rejection by it of the same, and, upon the expiration of such time without such acceptance, this ordinance shall become and be void. It is further agreed that the Grange Fair Association may terminate this franchise at the end of ten years if they so desire.

Adopted this 1st day of December, 1908.
Approved this 5th day of December, 1908.
J. M. SMITH, Mayor.

Attested:
D. M. ROBERTS, Recorder.

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8 25	Gates	7 45
8 45	Linnemann	8 05
9 05	Gresham	8 25
9 25	Hogan	8 45
9 45	Anderson	9 05
10 05	Boring	9 25
10 25	Sieffer	9 45
10 45	Barton	10 05
11 05	Eagle Creek	10 25
11 25	Currinsville	10 45
11 45	Soracada	11 05
12 05	Casadero	11 25

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