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THE GRANGE

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WHAT IS THE GRANGE?

A Question That Should Need No Answer.

With 800,000 members in the United States, it would seem altogether unnecessary to ask or answer the above question. But this paper may come under the eye of some one who is not familiar with the aims and principles of our Order. It is an organization of farmers for their mutual welfare. Among the specific objects named in its declaration of purposes are these: To develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourselves; to enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes; to further co-operation; to buy less and produce more in order to make our farms self-sustaining; 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 together in every legitimate manner for their own protection and to enhance their mutual interests.

The Order is called the Patrons of Husbandry, and the head of the national grange is Hon. Aaron Jones of South Bend, Ind. Twenty-eight states have state organizations. Below them are the county organizations, called Pomona granges, and below these are the numerous subordinate granges. Meetings of these subordinate granges are held 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 to be: To uplift the farmer morally, socially, educationally and materially.

NATIONAL GRANGE MEETING

Many Portland Organizations Restructuring Themselves.

We learn from a Portland (Ore.) paper that several committees have already been named by the various organizations in Portland, Ore., to arrange for the next meeting of the national grange in that city. The organizations that are interesting themselves in the matter are the board of trade, chamber of commerce, the Manufacturers' association, the Commercial club and the state granges of Oregon and Washington. At a meeting of representatives from these several bodies committees on finance, entertainment, reception, transportation and an executive committee were appointed. It was decided to raise a fund of \$2,500 to defray the expenses of entertaining the national meeting. The Portland Oregonian says that one of the special features contemplated by the committee in case the meeting can be secured will be an excursion for the delegates to Corvallis, on the west side of the river, returning on the east side. The citizens of Corvallis have signified their willingness to assist in defraying the cost of such an

excursion and are enthusiastically in favor of securing the national meeting for Portland.

We are informed by the chairman of the executive committee of the national grange that he understands the conditions the committee named have been or will be met by the Portland people and the Oregon and Washington state granges. It is proposed to have all the delegates meet at the St. Louis exposition and go from there in special cars to Portland.

New York State Grange Scholarship.

At the last meeting of the New York state grange it was voted to apply \$200 per year to four scholarships at the Cornell Agricultural college for young members of the grange in New York state. The arrangement of the details of the plan has been left to State Lecturer Fred Shepard and State Secretary W. N. Giles. However, it is practically decided that the scholarships shall be awarded to the two boys or girls in the state, members of the grange, who stand highest in a competitive examination to be arranged by the college. It was thought first that the scholarships would be awarded to the counties making the greatest gains in membership, but this did not seem feasible.

Why Co-operation Pays.

Worthy Master Gaunt of the New Jersey state grange says that co-operation is a fundamental grange principle. In this state the value of co-operative effort has been thoroughly demonstrated, particularly in the matter of fire insurance. In the purchase of fertilizers the Patrons of some counties are saving thousands of dollars annually, and yet co-operation is not what it should be. If farm supplies could be ordered in several hundred ton lots, as in fertilizers, feed, etc., it would be much to the farmers' advantage.

Join the Grange.

Join the grange and grow up with it, says the New York Farmer. It is a social center, an intellectual awakener, a polisher of manners, an educational gathering, a business promoter, an idea expander, a harmony promoter, a developer of talents and an all round good thing for you.

After July 1 rural mail carriers will receive \$720 per year. They are not allowed to receive subscriptions for papers or to solicit business and can only carry merchandise for patrons along the routes.

SHIRE GRANGES.

Governor N. J. Bacheider Writes of the Work in That State.

Governor N. J. Bacheider, lecturer of national grange, says in an article in the New York Tribune Farmer of recent date that of all the men, women and children in the Granite State one in every fifteen is a granger. It is believed that this record cannot be duplicated by any other secret society in any state in the Union or in any other country in the world. It is also believed, by Patrons at any rate, that the grange is as important and beneficial in its influence in the Granite State as the size of the organization would indicate; that the quality of its membership is on a par with its quantity.

Its growth in New Hampshire is of just thirty years, Gilman grange, No. 1, having been organized with eighteen

charter members on Aug. 19, 1873, at Exeter, while the state grange was organized at Manchester, Dec. 23, 1873, with fifteen subordinate granges represented.

For a few years following its organization the grange in New Hampshire, as elsewhere, laid so much stress upon the principle of business co-operation as to make it perhaps the chief inducement in attracting members. After a time this policy met with reverses, and the growth of the Order was briefly at a standstill. Then a new start was taken upon social, educational and moral lines, and for more than two decades now the grange ship has fared prosperously forward on this course. Equal good fortune is likely to attend it so long as it continues to refuse all questions of partisan politics, sectarian religion and private business as part of its cargo.

The grange in the Granite State fully agrees with the national body in heartily supporting free rural mail delivery, postal savings banks, the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, the vesting in congress of power to regulate and control all corporations and combinations, the enlargement of the powers and duties of the Interstate commerce commission, pure food and antitrust laws, an extension of the markets for farm products equally with manufactured articles and a ship canal connecting the great lakes with the Mississippi river and with the Atlantic ocean.

Special objects to which the grange has lent its aid in New Hampshire have included the old home week movement, the equalization of school privileges and the placing of the State Agricultural college upon a proper basis, the improvement of highways, the kindly nurturing of the summer home and summer resort branches of the state's development and the equitable adjustment of state taxes and appropriations.

The fact that the last three governors of New Hampshire and both of its present United States senators are members of the grange and that a hundred Patrons can always be counted in the makeup of the state legislature gives an idea of the influence of the Order. It is the honest belief of the writer that in the past this influence has been wisely and usefully exerted, almost without exception, and he is just as firmly convinced that so long as this continues to be the rule so long will the influence of the Order remain undiminished.

Ohio Patrons of Husbandry.

A movement is on foot in Ohio to make Columbus the permanent meeting place of the state grange. Central location, ease of access and ample hotel accommodations are much in its favor. There would no doubt be a larger attendance of Patrons from all over the state if the state grange were located there permanently. The argument is made that so long as the state fair in that state was moved from place to place its success was meager, but when it found a permanent location it became one of the greatest expositions in the United States.

The Patrons of Ohio are also paying much attention to the work of the farmers' institutes, a very successful series having been held in Geauga county. Farmers throughout the state are finding out that the grange is one organization that helps the farmer, and they are flocking to its standard.

The Home Nest.

"Papa," asked his youngest, "what do you call these little places in your desk?"

"Pigeonholes."

"What's the reason you call 'em pigeonholes?"

"Because, puss," replied the literary person, with a dreamy, far-away look, "that's what they are—for homing pigeons, you know—little fliers in literature, as it were, that have come back to me."

But how was she to be expected to understand that?—Chicago Tribune.

No Clash in Creeds.

A Melvin man proposed marriage to one of the belles of that city the other day. Before accepting she said: "George, I love you and would not deceive you in anything for the world. So I will tell you beforehand that I am a somnambulist." George looked puzzled for awhile, then remarked: "Well, that will be all right. I'll go with you to your church and you can go with me to mine."—Roberts (Ill.) Herald.

Not Uncommon.

"I heard you were married yesterday," said the friend in the evening.

"Oh, I liked everything but the ending."

"What was the matter with it?"

"Nothing that I know of. The people in front of me were putting on their things, and all I could see were elbows and hats."—Detroit Free Press.

Mistaken.

"Sir," exclaimed the injured party, "you stuck your umbrella into my eye!" "Oh, no," replied the cheerful offender, "you are mistaken." "Mistaken!" demanded the irate man. "You idiot, I know when my eye is hurt, I guess." "Doubtless," replied the cheerful fellow, "but you don't know my umbrella. I borrowed this one from a friend today."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Convinced.

"There's one thing that I can say about my daughter," said Mr. Cumrox. "She has a fine disposition." "Have you known her to meet any severe tests?"

"Yes. The way she can sit and listen to herself playing the piano shows that she must have extraordinary patience."—Washington Star.

Evidence to the Contrary.

"I don't believe the papers want good poetry," commented the disgusted writer.

"Oh, I guess they do," returned his friend.

"Well, they won't take any of mine."

"Now I know they do," asserted the friend.—Brooklyn Eagle.

WORST ON RECORD.

Worlds Fair Train Went Through Bridge Into Raging Stream Drowning Nearly 100 People.

The wreck of the Worlds Fair Flyer on the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad near Pueblo, Col., Sunday is one of the worst railroad disasters in the history of the country.

Two crowded passenger cars and a baggage car were engulfed in the torrent that tore out a span of a bridge across Dry Gulch. Only three of the occupants are known to have escaped. Two sleepers and a diner completing the train, fortunately remained on the edge of the abyss and none of their occupants were hurt.

Two trains preceded the Worlds Flyer and passed over the bridge safely. The water in the creek was 25 feet deep and running like a mill race. When the baggage, smoker and chair cars left the track they plunged into the stream and were swept down four miles before they ran ashore. On the first coach the passengers were standing in the aisles for lack of seats. It is estimated that 100 were in this car alone, mostly from Denver and Colorado Springs for Pueblo. The Pullmans and the diner on the rear of the train remained on the track through the quick action of the Colored Porter Sales, who feeling the first shock of the engine strike the casm reached up and pulled the air cord. The car wheels locked and the forward sleeper stopped with its trucks in the air, suspended above the roaring waters. A score of people were thus saved. Fireman Mayfield jumped in time to save his life but the engineer Hinman went down with his engine.

Sumpter Bank Closed

The bank of Sumpter closed its doors on Monday. It was a private bank, opened about five years ago by A. P. Goss and associates. Soon after the first of the year, Roy H. Miller, cashier of the First National Bank of Sumpter, bought the controlling interest in the Bank of Sumpter and became its president. Miller left Sumpter about a month ago. He continued as cashier of the First National Bank until Saturday last, when he was succeeded by Guy L. Lindsay.

President Miller, of the Bank of Sumpter, has assigned all the assets of the bank to Mayor C. H. McCulloch for the benefit of its creditors. The exact condition of the suspended bank is not known. Bad loans and general depression of business is given as the reason for suspension. Neither the First National Bank of Sumpter nor either of the banks of Baker City are in any way affected by the suspension, nor is any of the shortage charged to President Miller.

What Headlight Thinks

From what we can see of the direct nominating primary bill, it will necessitate two elections, one to get the nomination, and the other to get elected. We pity the sorrows of the poor office seekers in the future, for they will no sooner get through one expensive campaign than they will have to go down in their jeans for free cigars, free drinks and the free "grafts" that candidates are worked for during a campaign. So it looks as though office seekers will have no bed of roses, for the way is made more difficult to secure a nomination.—Tillamook Headlight.

ANTIOCH

Tommy Sumpter caught two raccoons last week.

Mr. Grooms, Mrs. Grooms and daughter Flossie, Mrs. Wunder and daughter Minnie left Sunday for a two weeks outing at Newport.

F. A. Douty of Portland was in this vicinity the first of the week.

Orpha and Nellie Shipley returned from Benton county Tuesday.

Ralph Dodson of Calvary was in these parts Friday hunting hop pickers.

Leonora Daniele daughter of S. M. Daniels of Monmouth was the guest of Erma Wheelock Sunday.

Mr. Johnson and sons Roy and Jessie are rustivating at Yaquina Bay.

Wash Gibson and family are back from the St. Louis fair.

Rev. S. A. Seivert preached here last Sunday.

Don't overlook hop tickets. You have to have and this office is ready to supply them.