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### LAST DAY'S SESSION OF STATE GRANGE

THIS MORNING'S MEETING DEVOTED PRINCIPALLY TO DISCUSSING TAXATION—LARGE CLASS OF CANDIDATES GIVEN DEGREE WORK AT ARMORY LAST NIGHT

Most of this forenoon's session of the state grange was taken up with the discussion of matters pertaining to taxation. A tax committee appointed at last year's session to investigate the various systems of assessments and taxation in the state reported, and the report was adopted. The report was a most interesting and instructive one. The regular tax committee reported in favor of a state tax commission and also in favor of classified assessments. A resolution in favor of the public accounting system for all public

officers was adopted. Under that system each officer is required to make public his accounts.

Following are the resolutions in full on the right of recall and on the district representation system:

**Recall Resolution.**  
Whereas, Since the beginning of civilization it has been one of the fundamental principles of business that an employer had the right to discharge an incompetent or unfaithful employee; and  
Whereas, The voters of Oregon have for years gone to the ballot box on election day to employ their public officials, and are not given the power to discharge them should they prove unfaithful to their trust; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Oregon State Grange in session assembled, That we approve and endorse the proposed amendment to the constitution of Oregon known as the recall amendment, and such as is now submitted to the voters of this state for the coming June election.  
(From Russellville Grange, by R. W. Gill.)

**Single District System**  
Whereas, The Oregon State Grange—Together with other granges and conventions—has gone on record favoring the election of our state senators and representatives by the single district system; and  
Whereas, This system would divide the state into 60 representative and 30 senatorial districts, and thus by creating smaller districts would bring the choice of a legislative member nearer home to the people and place their actions under a more careful scrutiny; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Oregon State Grange in session assembled, That we reaffirm our stand for this system, and that a committee of seven (7) members be created by the state master to give the subject a thorough study and frame an amendment providing for the same, to be introduced at the next session of the legislature, such bill to contain in part the following provisions:  
1. Each district to contain only one member.  
2. Cities to be divided separately from the balance of the county where such cities contain a sufficient population for one or more members.  
3. The distribution of the members of both houses to be made according to counties approximately at the same ratio as now.  
(Presented by R. W. Gill.)

**Degree Work Last Night**  
Last night at the armory a large class of candidates was given the higher degrees of the order, 54 receiving the fifth and 78 the sixth. The work was put on well and was very impressive. It lasted till about midnight.

Yesterday afternoon, after The Guard's report of the day's work had been handed in, the following business was transacted:  
A resolution was adopted favoring a law to be passed at the next session of the legislature restricting bill board advertising along the public highways.  
The committee on education recommended that the school money be distributed to the districts according to the number of teachers and not the number of pupils. It also recommended manual training in the public schools and that Master Huxton and Lecturer Waldo be appointed as a committee to act in conjunction with a like committee from the legislature embodying these principles. It was recommended that the county treasurers receive and pay all warrants to school teachers. The report was adopted.

Memorial services were held during the latter part of the afternoon in memory of John R. Waldo, of Macleay grange; Mrs. W. D. Hare, of Washington county; W. P. Anderson, of Linn county, and J. B. McPherson, of Washington county.

**QUAKE RECORDED AT WASHINGTON**  
Washington, May 15.—An earthquake which lasted an hour and was of considerable intensity was recorded by the weather bureau today. It is estimated that the disturbance was 2000 miles from Washington.

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The Democrats of Minnesota have declared for Johnson for president, with no second choice.

Washington Republicans in the state platform declare for local option.

S. M. Moran was selected for Republican state committee man for Lane county at the state convention.

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### The Red Headed Policeman

One day as the red headed policeman was pacing his beat in a certain American city of 100,000 inhabitants a woman called to him from the steps of a house and reported that some after daylight that morning, just as she had awoke and was making ready to get up, she had been frightened half to death by the sight of a large monkey at the open window. She had screamed out, and the animal had fled. Later in the day she had seen the monkey frisking about on the roof of the shed attached to the house next door, into which a stranger, who was evidently a foreigner, had moved three or four days before. He was a man of middle age, and there was an old woman with him, probably to act as housekeeper.

"And I'm asking you, sir," continued the woman as she raised her hand and waved it to and fro, "if it's the law in America that a foreigner and an old woman and a rascally monkey can move in next door to a respectable widow woman, who has paid taxes for the last fifteen years, leaving the monkey to run at large and scare people out of their seven senses?"

"It's an Italian, ma'am, who is your new neighbor," answered the policeman. "I was jabbering with him the day he rented the house."  
"Then he's in the hand organ business?"  
"Then he's not, ma'am. He's in the count business. He's had to fly from his own sunny skies to save his life. You ought to be proud that you have a live count living next door."

Three or four days later the police board at the station to which he was attached of a bold burglary in the neighborhood. A burglar had entered by a second story window and made a haul of money and jewelry, and no clew had been left behind. This burglary was followed by another within twenty-four hours, and then came what the police and press called a "wave" of crime, though it was strictly confined to despoiling private residences. In some cases it was impossible to tell how entrance had been effected. In others it was plain that an open window was the route.

Of course the detectives investigated, and of course when no arrests followed they got a roasting in the newspapers. It reached the point where the chief of police was asked to resign as a man utterly unfit for the place. In return he bounced two of his detectives because they could not pick up clews where no clews had been left. Then the red headed policeman sat down to do some thinking. He thought of many a thing before he followed the line down to the widow who had told him about the monkey.

Then he began to scratch that red hair and think the harder and finally decided to take a walk around on Sands street and see if the count still occupied the house. He reached the house of the widow first. Again she was standing on the steps. At sight of him she descended to the walk and said:

"So it's you, is it? I've been waiting a whole week to ask you if it's the habits of monkeys to go to bed like honest folks at night and get up at a reasonable hour in the morning or whether they are phillandering all over town after midnight and coming home any time before daylight."

"In the wilds of Africa, ma'am," began the officer, but was interrupted with:

"But these are not the wilds of Africa. I've been doing some watching for these last few moonlight nights. I didn't know but the Black Hand would be coming for the count next door. I've seen the monkey come and go half a dozen times. He comes and goes by way of the shed roof."

"And what of it, ma'am—what of it?" asked the officer.  
"I can't say, sir, but it's a matter that bothers me. I thought I'd speak of it and let it bother you."

It did bother the red headed policeman for the next hour. Then he consulted with his superiors, and as a result two detectives were sent to interview the count. They didn't succeed in their purpose. He and the old woman had skipped out in a hurry an hour before their arrival. People who had seen them go said that they had no monkey along with them. In fact, the animal was discovered on the roof in the sunshine and fast asleep, but escaped capture. It was felt certain that he was the mysterious burglar, and a watch was set on the premises. He came not back, while during the next ten nights there was a burglary every night to mix things up again. Then a boy solved the whole case.

Two blocks distant from where the count had lived an old tomcat had retired to a stable to die in peace. In his wanderings the monkey had seen a mouse, and, being full of sentiment, had sought to make the feline's last hours pleasant ones. He had continued to rob and plunder as before, but had deposited everything beside old Tom and was a mourner here when discovered and shot by the red headed officer. More than \$3,000 worth of stuff was found right there, and leaving the respectable widow entirely out of it, the officer took on a new and prouder look as he said to himself:

"It pays for a policeman to have thoughts. If I hadn't had 'em this thing would never have happened, and I might have been twenty years before they made me a round man."  
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# The Man of the Hour

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### FULTON MEN RIDE ROUGH SHOD

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national delegate and to force Bourne on the delegation.

In the Taft instructions they tried to substitute the name of Roosevelt.

The Fulton forces made war on B. E. Kennedy, a Baker City editor, one of Bourne's favorites, who waged a bitter fight on Fulton in the primaries, and wanted to be a national delegate.

In the convention of the second congressional district the Fulton men tried to force W. E. Williamson, a Bourne man, out of the chairmanship of the district central committee, and later tried ineffectually to reorganize the committee.

One of Bourne's friends, Dr. H. W. Coe, they compelled to renounce Bourne and accept Taft in order to secure a place as national delegate.

Bourne's pet reforms, proportional representation and recall, were denounced in the platform, the platform committee refusing to commend them.

**Davey is Buffeted About**  
Frank Davey, ex-speaker of the legislature, now a resident of Harney county, was used as a buffer between the contending elements. Davey was named by H. S. Rowe, of Multnomah, for chairman of the state convention, although A. J. Johnson, of Benton, state senator, was the "program" man, and the caucus choice for the

place. Davey humorously declined the honor by saying that it was "contrary to program." Later, when it came time to appoint a committee on resolutions, Davey was on his feet with a motion of his own for such a committee. Although Dr. Paine, of Lane, rose after Davey, Paine was recognized first pursuant to a memorandum on the "program," which Chairman Johnson held in his hand. The "program" called for a committee consisting of one member from each county. Davey proposed an amendment for one member from each judicial district, saying that the larger committee would be too unwieldy. Davey's amendment was voted down, whereupon he exclaimed:

"I was perfectly aware, Mr. Chairman, that I was butting into the program, but go ahead, I will put up for anything that is done."

Late in the afternoon, after the convention had passed a resolution instructing for Taft, Bourne wired from Washington urging that the delegation be instructed for Roosevelt, and stated that if otherwise instructed he did not wish to be a delegate. The delegates elected by the state convention were Senator Fulton, Geo. H. Williams, of Portland; A. N. Gilbert, of Salem, and C. A. Huntley, of Oregon City.

Flat congressional district: W. E. Williams, of Polk county, and C. E. Schibredo, of Coos county.

Second district—H. W. Coe, of Portland, and Asa Thompson, of Umatilla county.

For presidential electors the following were nominated: R. R. Butler, of Gilliam county; Frank J. Miller, of Linn county, and A. C. Marsman, of Douglas county.

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