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IMPRESSIONS OBTAINED AT
THE STATE GRANGE

Any convention on a statewide basis is an interesting assembly and the annual convention of the state grange is certainly no exception. More than 500 men, women and children usually assemble, the men not too comfortable in suits and the women, conversely, reveling in the opportunity to wear good clothes—as women universally do. These grange women are good looking specimens, not too fat and more than usually capable looking. They move well and are light on their feet and appear to be physically harder than their city sisters.

People come to a grange convention for what appears a multitude of reasons and being a delegate is not the greatest of these. They have the opportunity to see more of the state, take a partly paid vacation trip and listen to some speeches which they bear for upward to twelve hours a day. Their interest in the political procedures is more as observers than as partisans and only a few seem ready to do battle for or against a sales tax, or lieutenant-governor. A visit to the state grange convention solidifies the opinion that the grange is a social institution despite the actions of its officers. A discussion on how to make a better cake—if anyone can make a better cake than grange women—would draw more interest than a discussion of taxes.

The fringe of any convention is more expressive than the center. It is here that opinions are voiced; those who stay inside must be quiet until whatever fire engendered in them cools. At Pendleton the fringe was not impressed with the pious platitudes of the labor leaders about friendship between those who buy food and those who sell it. Grangers know that human nature will cause labor to buy as cheaply as possible. And they know they will

sell as high as possible. Oregon the grange is pretty much a captive organization whose policy-maker directs as he pleases. But even if he makes alliances to his liking and against that of the members it doesn't change a single vote or make the bi-monthly grange meetings a whit less enjoyable. One may boss a grange; no one can boss a granger.

Leadership is the ability to put into action the wishes of a group; dictatorship is the ability to get one's own desires despite those of a group.

Wiseest man at the convention was John Battles, executive assistant to National Master Newsom. He worked at a dozen things on the fringe of the meeting. He didn't ruffle a feather and we'll bet his report to national headquarters will be illuminating. Battles says that one of the hardest fights the national grange has to wage is to help retain rural legislative power. By which he means the opposition of the national grange to moves to give more representation to cities and take it away from rural peoples. His impressions of the converse action of the Oregon grange would be worth hearing.

There was a debate about the Federal Plan at Pendleton. Last year a majority of the grange favored the Federal Plan in opposition to the officers. This year

the officers were successful in passing a resolution declaring the grange neutral on the subject, an admission, in itself, that the majority favored the plan. Four speakers from the "organization" spoke for the neutralizing resolution; eight farmers spoke against neutralizing and in favor of the Federal Plan. There were enough who did not care much to neutralize the former action. Before long the young Turks are going to upset the old regime of the Oregon grange; the old regime that has kept its policies static for so many years. They are learning to talk, to organize, to think for themselves and before long, we believe, the grange in Oregon will be a new organization with fresh ideas, a more modern outlook and more representative of the membership.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F.&A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Dean Pinkerton, W. M. Clyde Gillmor, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Laura Grabenhorst, N.G.; Vada DeMoss, Secretary

Harry Kunsman went to Prineville Wednesday to help with some sagebrush spraying around Paulina for a few days.

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited. John Shipley, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Dorene Hall, W. M. Dorothy Heater, Secretary

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Synopsis of Annual Statement

For the year ended December 31, 1955

OF THE MUTUAL BOILER AND MACHINERY INSURANCE COMPANY of Waltham, in the State of Massachusetts, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

ADMITTED ASSETS	
Bonds	\$ 7,716,169.61
Stocks	4,661,860.00
Mortgage loans on real estate	637,000.00
Cash and bank deposits	554,979.03
Agents' balances or uncollected premiums	693,104.24
Other assets	78,856.09
Total admitted assets	\$14,342,968.97

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Losses	\$ 1,381,579.95
Loss adjustment expenses	25,195.00
Unearned premiums	5,212,049.20
All other liabilities	1,995,277.87
Total liabilities, except capital	\$ 8,554,102.02
Special surplus funds—\$ 250,000.00 (four-fifths)	1,415,555.11
Unassigned funds (surplus)	4,122,311.84
Surplus as regards policyholders	\$5,798,966.96
Total	\$14,342,968.97

STATEMENT OF INCOME	
Premiums earned	\$11,682,002.31
Losses incurred	2,290,831.52
Loss expenses incurred	322,560.60
Other underwriting expenses incurred	3,681,072.62
Total underwriting deductions	6,295,964.74
Net underwriting gain or loss	5,386,037.57
Investment income	369,755.49
Other income	405.93
Total, before federal income taxes	5,756,273.99
Federal income taxes incurred	236,000.00
Net income	5,520,273.99
Dividends to policyholders	5,542,908.40
Other items affecting surplus (net)	521,829.86
Total capital and surplus items (net)	5,321,078.54
Increase in surplus as regards policyholders	201,195.88

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums received	\$ 111,147.44
Net losses paid	10,003.25
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	82,518.24
Principal office in Oregon	None

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For the year ended December 31, 1955

OF THE MERCHANTS FIRE ASSURANCE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK, in the State of New York, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

ADMITTED ASSETS	
Bonds	\$22,403,135.00
Stocks	40,509,286.00
Cash and bank deposits	1,817,694.72
Agents' balances or uncollected premiums	1,645,921.69
Income due and accrued	112,615.61
Other assets	221,200.57
Total admitted assets	\$67,310,513.59

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Losses	\$ 4,391,050.82
Loss adjustment expenses	1,230,160.00
Unearned premiums	15,286,978.32
All other liabilities	3,220,547.61
Total liabilities, except capital	\$24,128,816.75
Capital paid up—\$ 3,000,000.00 (surplus)	40,171,096.84
Surplus as regards policyholders	\$45,171,694.64
Total	\$67,310,513.59

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Premiums earned	\$11,717,052.03
Losses incurred	2,228,139.92
Loss expenses incurred	1,461,200.87
Other underwriting expenses incurred	7,099,572.42
Total underwriting deductions	16,788,953.21
Net underwriting gain or loss	1,648,831.12
Investment income	47,983.59
Other income	2,373.18
Total, before federal income taxes	1,749,187.89
Federal income taxes incurred	948,040.18
Net income	1,174,310.90
Dividends to stockholders	1,170,506.00
Dividends to policyholders	1,183.75
Other items affecting surplus (net)	5,582,243.96
Total capital and surplus items (net)	4,471,000.21
Increase in surplus as regards policyholders	6,195,371.11

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums received	\$ 122,262.40
Net losses paid	\$ 1,963.00

NOTICE OF ELECTION

For Members of the Sherman County Rural School Board.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School Districts No. 9CJ and No. 23, Sherman County, Oregon, that an election will be held at the schoolhouses in said districts on the 18th day of June, 1956, between the hours of 2:00 P. M. and 8:00 P. M., Oregon Standard Time, for the purpose of electing members of the Sherman County Rural School Board for a three year term from Zones 4 and 5.

Dated this 5th day of June, 1956.

Charles Burnet
Chairman Rural School Board
Wily W. Knighten
Secretary Rural School Board
32-33c

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the Sherman County High School District on Monday, the 18th day of June, 1956, from 2:00 o'clock P. M. to 8:00 o'clock P. M., Oregon Standard Time, in the zones and at the schoolhouses hereinafter setforth, at which election the school voters of Sherman County, Oregon, shall vote for a director from Zone 3, Moro, for a five year term.

Nominations for director for said high school board shall be made in compliance to ORS 331.330 as amended by Chapter 386, as follows:

"The name of any qualified elector shall be placed on the ballot as a candidate for the office of school director of a first, second or third class district upon filing with the district clerk, at least seven days prior to the date of the election, a certificate of nomination signed by not less than three percent of the number, and in no case by less than 10 persons, of the qualified electors voting for the office of school director at the last annual school election in the district. However, unless an acceptance of nomination by the nominee is filed with the district clerk at least five days prior to the date of such election, such nomination shall be void."

RUFUS ZONE No. 1 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present district boundaries of School District No. 3, Rufus, and School District No. 1, Biglow. The polling place in Zone 1 shall be at the schoolhouse in Rufus, Oregon.

WASCO ZONE No. 2 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school boundaries of School District No. 7, Wasco, and School District No. 4, Emigrant Springs. The polling place in Zone No 2 shall be in the schoolhouse in Wasco, Oregon.

MORO ZONE No. 3 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school boundaries of School District No. 17, Moro. The polling place in Zone 3 shall be at the schoolhouse in Moro, Oregon.

GRASS VALLEY ZONE No. 4 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school district boundaries of School District No. 23, Grass Valley. The polling place in Zone No. 4 shall be at the schoolhouse in Grass Valley, Oregon.

KENT ZONE No. 5 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school district boundaries of School District No. 9, Kent. The polling place for Zone No. 5 shall be at the schoolhouse in Kent, Oregon.

This election is called by the County High School Board, Sherman County, Oregon, in pursuance of the provisions of ORS 335.755.

Charles Burnet
Chairman Sherman County High School Board
Wily W. Knighten
Ex-officio Clerk Sherman County High School Board
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