

## MANY RESOLUTIONS AT THE CONVENTION

The Government Asked to Lend Postal Savings Money to Farmers on Real Estate.

PRESENT COUNTY SCHOOL PLAN RECEIVES A JOLT

Resolution Asked for Abolishment of Supervisors; To Do Away with Senate.

Continued from Wednesday, May 14

Yesterday afternoon's session of the Oregon State Grange convention was consumed in the receiving of the reports of officers and the introduction of important resolutions that will be agitated and passed upon during the present session.

Resolutions proposing to abolish the present system of county school supervisors, recommending that the government lend its postal savings fund to the farmers at 4 per cent interest secured by real estate, the amount of the loan not to exceed one-half of the value of the land, the abolition of the state senate and another proposing that a bill should go through the initiative, providing that the salaries that have been increased by the state legislature should not be received by the office holders at the time of the passage of the bill, were introduced.

In favor of this latter resolution, Hon. E. E. Blanchard, a representative of the last legislature from Josephine county, spoke in its favor, by stating that he would endeavor to amend it so that the power of raising the salaries of county officers away from the legislature and place it with the county courts, with power to refer it to the people.

Several other resolutions were introduced but many were referred to committees. The majority proposed changes in the by-laws of the grange, one of special note asking for the appointment of a committee of the grange for the State university and another for the normal school, to op-



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erate similarly to the committee for the Agricultural College.

This is the first session in its 40 years of existence that the State Grange has been honored with a visit of the master of the national order, who is here in the person of Master Oliver Wilson. He will be here during the rest of the convention. H. G. Parsons and T. A. Logsdon, of Portland and Corvallis respectively, were other speakers of the afternoon session. Mr. Parsons is a fraternal delegate from the Federation of Labor and Mr. Logsdon represents the Farmers' Co-Operative Union.

According to the report of the credentials committee there are 103 accredited delegates present. Added to this number the members of the order

who are here attending the sessions to enjoy the discussions and the views of the delegates including the officers, the attendance will probably be in excess of 250.

According to the secretary's report, Mrs. Mary S. Howard, of Mullino, 11 new granges were organized last year and the total receipts on hand were \$6960.01.

Miss Helen Solomon, who has been attending high school the past year, residing with her cousin, Mrs. Adolph Sanders, left for her home at North Cove, Wash., this morning. She expects to return next fall and enter Albany College.

Uncle Charles Adams, of Jefferson, was in the city this afternoon.

## DELEGATES WERE GLADLY WELCOMED

"Latch Key Hangs on Out Side" Says Mayor Gilbert to Grangers.

OVER 350 ATTEND BIG RECEPTION AT ARMORY

Oliver Wilson Makes Splendid Address; Visitors Will Be Tendered Banquet Tonight.

"The latch key hangs on the outside and you are as welcome as the air you breathe," is about the way Mayor Gilbert extended a welcome in a brief and appropriate address to about 250 delegates, officers and visitors to the Grange Convention and to nearly 200 citizens of Albany last night at the Armory.

Prior to the assemblage, the big high school band rendered several selections at the corner of Lyon and Second streets, as a serenade concert to the delegates and then it proceeded to the corner of Fourth and Lyon streets, where it again played as the guests and local people assembled in the building.

Members of the Albany Commercial club were the host of the occasion and President J. S. Van Winkle presided over the meeting. After a few remarks he introduced Mayor Gilbert who made the address of welcome. The response was briefly made by State Master C. E. Spence, of Oregon City.

Mr. Spence was followed on the program by Master Oliver Wilson, of the National Grange, who delivered a splendid address, which was intensely interesting and entertaining. Mr. Wilson spoke along the lines of what the Grange had accomplished since its organization. He frequently referred to things of a national character to bear out his statements and rendered a general history of the Grange. Interesting features of the address were the history of the perpetuation of the parcels post system and the postal savings banks, and Mr. Wilson graphically recited the great good and the many substantial re-



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sults which have attended the inauguration of these systems. He often referred to one thing with its relation to the farmer, bringing in facts to substantiate his statements.

At the conclusion of Mr. Wilson's address, a general reception was held, when strangers and hosts intermingled among a host of rubbed elbows, met and parted formally.

Tonight at 8 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church, the Commercial club will tender a banquet to the visiting delegates and their wives. The committee in charge of this event has provided 250 plates.

### Harrisburg Again

County Clerk Mar's this afternoon issued a marriage license to another Harrisburg couple, this making the 14th license to be issued to Harrisburg people. Thomas J. George and Ada E. Cook were the recipients of the license.

Mrs. Knott, Mrs. D. D. Hackleman and Mrs. Watrous, of this city, and Mrs. Edna Knott Butterfield, of Ashland, who is visiting here, went out to Fry this morning to spend the day with the fellow members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Grace Presbyterian church, Mrs. Merritt and family.

Bert Palkington, of Corvallis, a member of the O. A. C. faculty, was in the city this noon on his way home from Portland.

B. T. Suttle, the stock auctioneer, of Halsey, passed through the city this morning for Hillsboro, to conduct a big Jersey sale.

M. V. Weatherford went to Salem this morning on legal business.

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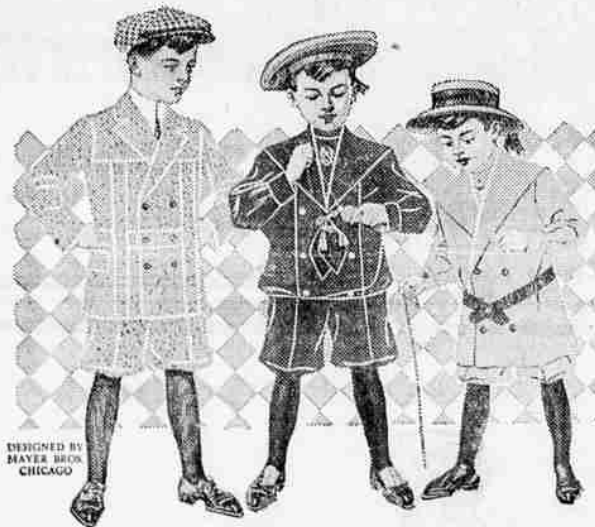
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