

The IONE INDEPENDENT

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POMONA GRANGE MEETING HELD

BANNER WON BY GREENFIELD GRANGE MEETING ADDRESSED BY BONE AND JOSEPH

Morrow County Pomona Grange met with Rhea Creek Grange as hosts on Oct. 4th; at their hall on Rhea Creek. This is the only Grange in the County owning their own hall. More than 200

guests were comfortably accommodated.

The Morning session was given to Pomona business, at which time most of the Granges made encouraging quarterly reports.

The following program prepared by the lecturer was greatly appreciated by the large gathering, there being about 300 persons present.

Musical numbers by Willows Orchestra, vocal solos by Donald Heliker and Laurel Beach; readings by Sister Beckett and Marie

Shane; piano recitation by Mesdames Lee, Mead and Charles Wicklander; also Miss Velma Houston.

Hon. S. E. Notson, introduced by the Lecturer, in a few well chosen words, introduced George Joseph Jr. representative for Julius L. Meier, who could not be present. Mr. Joseph mentioned the three outstanding principles of his father's platform, now being carried on by his old time friend and successor Mr. Meier.

1st. Freedom of speech and Justice;

2nd. Public development and ownership of Water Power;

3rd. Abolishment of public service Commission.

Meier considers his candidacy for Governorship of Oregon as an application as business manager for the State, and if elected would serve in that capacity.

Hon. Homer Bone, of Tacoma Wash. specialist on power conservation, was then introduced by Bro. Notson and addressed the gathering presenting in forceful language and timely illustrations the sharp contrasts should we use our natural power resources, or should we sell our birth right for a few paltry dollars.

Pastmaster of the State Grange Geo. A. Palmiter, was then introduced and in his well known earnest manner, discussed briefly, the "Lieutenant Governor"

and "Income Tax" Bills urging all legal voters to not fail in their duties as citizens at the polls in November.

Greenfield Grange, having had the largest attendance at three consecutive meetings took home the Pomona Banner to become their grange property. A new score card was made and submitted by which the next year and a quarter the Grange having the greatest number of points, out of a possible 1000 or more points, will be presented with a beautiful National flag for their hall.

Resolutions thanking the Church, I. O. O. F. lodge, school dist. and Rhea Creek Grange for

their chairs, dishes etc. and Royal entertainment and bounteous meals were approved; Also a resolution to the County Court by the membership present, recommending the present policy of supporting a County Nurse.

The 5th degree was beautifully exemplified by the Rhea Creek Degree team to a class of twenty eight.

The next meeting of Morrow County Pomona will be with Greenfield Grange at Boardman January 3, 1931.

R. M. Akers and son Kenneth drove to Dufur Sunday for a visit with Mr. Akers' cousin, Theo. Benton whom he had not seen for many years.

A Neighbor's Warning AGAINST Power Districts Amendment

"You can't get something for nothing"

"An Impossible Promise"

Says a leading Seattle Newspaper in referring to current propaganda for so called "public ownership" and to the promises of many a candidate now seeking political office. It gives this warning to the people of Oregon.

"His program restates the promise that has been made in many other campaigns and in many parts of the country. He promises a vast public power and electrical development without cost to the taxpayers."

"This is a promise that has never yet been fulfilled.

Where the people have been beguiled into permitting the experiment it has proved a failure and a disappointment and has imposed heavy additional burdens upon taxpayers. It is a promise that only the fanatical few nowadays venture to voice anywhere within hailing distance of a city or a section wherein the experiment has been tried.

"Nothing of the kind can be done without cost to the taxpayers. Bonds may be sold and debt incurred to get such a development under way, and for a time everything may seem to be moving serenely. But the day of reckoning comes around and the sad results are apparent both in the

evidences of waste and mismanagement, and still more palpably in the recurrent upward leaps and bounds of the general tax rate.

"The people of Oregon have only to cast their eyes in the direction of Seattle and Tacoma to learn much on this score; they have only to cock their ears to catch the loud complaint that arises against these two cities from all the rest of the State of Washington. Seattle and Tacoma launched heavily upon power development schemes to be perfected 'without cost to the taxpayers.' The tax rate in Tacoma has gone up to 81 mills, the highest in the Northwest, and the Seattle rate of 76.85 mills claims second place.

Tax Rates 1929

Tacoma, 81.89 mills.

Seattle, 76.85 mills.

Portland, 48.60 mills.

Whole State Suffers Tax Losses

"Existing publicly owned utilities of King and Pierce counties have increased taxes in every other city and community in the State of Washington." — Taxpayers' Economy League of Spokane.

"Both Seattle and Tacoma have stripped the tax rolls of millions of dollars' worth of taxable property for their power projects. They have taken this property not only within their own corporate limits and the limits of the counties in which they are located, but they have invaded numerous other counties and helped themselves freely. All this has added immeasurably to the taxes of property remaining on the rolls. That is why the rest of this state so bitterly complains and so earnestly demands that these city utility projects be compelled to resume a share of the tax load. Should that be done, the city taxpayers again must suffer, by increase in the direct tax levy, by increase in utility rates or by both.

"Seattle and Tacoma have gained nothing by these ventures. On the contrary they have lost much and stand to lose still more. The people of Oregon will be well advised to turn away from the foolish thought of getting something for nothing. On a state wide scale, as promised in Oregon and as proposed in the so called 'district power bill' initiated for vote in Washington, the results would be so much the more disastrous.

Editorial Seattle Sunday Times, Aug. 31, 1930

VOTE 325 X NO

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PEOPLE OF OREGON

Heed this Warning Against Confiscatory Debts and Taxes

by Voting 325 X No

Against Power Districts Constitutional Amendment