

STATE MASTER SPENCE AT NATIONAL GRANGE

A copy of the National Grange Monthly has just been received at the Outlook office, containing a full report of the proceedings of the fifth annual session of the National Grange, held in Washington city last month.

Among the interesting things to be found is the report of State Master C. E. Spence, of Oregon. The full report follows:

The grange in Oregon continues to do its duty in whatever field opportunity offers in the interest of agriculture. The social and educational advantages are not neglected. Legislative work is made an important part of our program and co-operation is increasing each year. More field meetings and grange picnics were held this year than ever before, and a number of granges co-operated with county and district fairs and aided in making creditable exhibits. The grange was an important factor in legislative matters and has assisted this year in the enactment of some important legislation, including a rural credits amendment, which is simple and comparatively inexpensive, and can be put into immediate operation with little additional machinery than that now employed in loaning the state school fund. It will supply the requirements of many of our isolated settlers who will find it difficult to organize loan associations under the Federal law.

At the election two years ago the sale and manufacture of alcoholic liquors was prohibited and the saloon was voted out of Oregon, but the law enacted by the legislature permitted the importation of a limited amount by individuals.

The brewery interests this year initiated an amendment designed to give them the privilege of manufacture and sale of malt liquors within the state. This attempt to annul the action of the votes at the previous election, aroused the dry forces and an amendment was placed on the ballot which will prohibit the importation of all liquors for beverage purposes. The last reports show that the brewers' amendment was defeated. Thus the liquor forces lost ground where they hoped to gain a stronger footing.

The good roads question is a live issue with us and to show that Oregon has not been backward in road work, will say that in 1914 our state made the highest expenditure per capita for roads of any state in the Union and ranked 13th in total amount expended; in 1915 we ranked second in per capita expenditure and 16th in total amount; it ranks 11th in percentage of rural roads surfaced. We are steadily increasing our co-operative operations and each year shows some advance in that line of grange work. More of our granges have learned the advantage of the cash purchase of staple articles in large quantities. They have found that the greatest advantage is obtained by purchasing in car load lots because of the reduced price on such quantities, and because of freight rates on a car load being much lower than upon smaller amounts. One county has been very successful in co-operative marketing of live stock and wool. Some 50 car loads of stock and 40,000 pounds of wool were marketed in Lane county in the past year, and other counties are taking it up under the management of farm organizations and the county agents. We have found that as a rule co-operative stores are not a success, as so

much depends upon the honesty and ability of those in charge, and the loyalty of the members. After all, the co-operative store only adds another unit to the duplication of services and overhead expenses that must be eliminated if we succeed in reducing the cost of distribution.

For the past few years our membership has been sticking closely to the 19,000 mark. We regret this lack of progress and although we are increasing our usefulness, we little more than hold our own in membership. Much of our work has been equally beneficial to farmers outside of the order who did not contribute to its membership or maintenance. While this public work is not to be neglected, we have this year organized an extension program under the supervision of State Deputy C. J. Hurd, of Lane county, who with the county agent did much to promote the successful marketing operations in that county. His duties are to push the organization of new granges, to increase the membership of those we have and promote co-operative buying and selling.

BUSINESS HOUSES WILL ALL CLOSE FOR HOLIDAY

Practically all the business houses will close by ten o'clock or before noon in any event. The banks will close all day.

Monday being a legal holiday there will be no mail service on the rural routes. The postoffice will be open on Sunday schedule.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many neighbors and friends who so kindly helped us in our recent bereavement, for the beautiful flowers, for the use of automobiles and many other expressions of sympathy.

Mrs. T. H. Kennedy, Mr. James Spiers and family.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends who assisted us at the time of our bereavement, in the death of our beloved wife and mother, for the beautiful flowers and other expressions of sympathy.

S. H. Sheller, Mrs. J. H. Ide, Lee R. Sheller.

"The Texan."

A western military drama, in four thrilling acts, will be produced by local talent at Pleasant Valley grange hall, Saturday night, January 6. The cast of characters and synopsis will appear in the next Outlook.

Watch Night at Boring.

A watch night service will be held Sunday night in the Boring M. E. church. An excellent program has been prepared with refreshments. All are invited.

Hard Time Dance.

Given by Multnomah grange in the Multnomah grange hall at Orient, Saturday night, December 30, 1916. Music by Beers' orchestra. Good supper, 50c per couple. Tickets \$1.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Page and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth entertained last night at the Aylsworth home on South Roberts avenue. The party comprised sixteen couples. The evening was spent in games, music and conversation and a delightful time was reported. Dainty refreshments were served.

Nervous Women.

When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

GRESHAM PEOPLE AND HAPPENINGS

Miss Mildred and Chase E. St. Clair were the guests at dinner last night of Miss Hazel Fultz.

Miss Helen McCormick is entertaining this week an old schoolmate Miss Achsia Turpening of Eugene, Oregon.

School will be taken up in both the high and grade schools next Tuesday, January 2, following the Christmas vacation.

School Supervisor Floyd Moore, of Polk county, was the guest for a few days this week of Principal E. S. McCormick and family.

Rev. F. L. Burns, district elder, will preach at the Free Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock.

D. E. Towle, who has been looking after business interests for the past six weeks in North Dakota and Saskatchewan, Canada, returned home in time to spend Christmas with his family.

Rev. E. A. Leonard will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The congregation will join with that of the Methodist Episcopal church in a watch night service.

Mrs. T. R. Howitt and son Frederick and her brother, Harvey Raney, left yesterday for Los Angeles, California, where they expect to spend the winter. They shipped Mr. Raney's automobile for use while there.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McLain are entertaining for the holidays Mrs. Phoebe Thompson and daughters, Edith and Elizabeth of Salem, Mrs. Ethel Miller of Lakeside, Coos county, Mrs. Inez Miller and son Ralph of Wilbur, Oregon.

About twenty-five young people of the high school enjoyed a party at Metzger's hall last night, which was planned by a group of sophomore girls. It was a backwards and hard times party, both ideas being carried out in the costumes of the young people. The evening was passed in playing games, after which refreshments were served. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Ella Fieldhouse, Mrs. P. Michel and Mrs. H. L. St. Clair.

Union watch night services will be held at the Methodist church next Sunday, in which Baptist, Free Methodist and Methodist churches will take part. They will begin with the regular Epworth League meeting at 6:30, which will be led by Harold Lyman. Following the League meeting will be addresses by Rev. A. C. Brackenbury, Rev. E. A. Leonard and Rev. D. M. Cathey. The hour from 9 to 10 will be in charge of the young people. A social hour and lunch will be a part of the program. Special music is being prepared for the evening.

MULTNOMAH GRANGE ELECTS OFFICERS

Multnomah grange met at its hall at Orient last Saturday, December 23, and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Master, M. H. Wheeler; overseer, J. S. Aibel; lecturer, Mrs. G. W. Alder; steward, Helmer Johnson; assistant steward, Vivian Hillyard; chaplain, Bertha Ault; treasurer, Katie Anderson; secretary, Myrtle Anderson; gate keeper, Alex. Thompson; Ceres, Agnes Larson; Flora, Volberg Hillyard; lady assistant steward, Mary G. Fritz.

To Elect New Directors.

Secretary Elkington has sent out notices, calling for the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gresham Fruit Growers' association, to be held at the Grange hall on Monday, January 8, at 10 a. m. A new board of directors will be elected and other business coming before the meeting will be transacted.

Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring would to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an you run and stop it or go and help attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

SUNSHINE CHANGED TO SNOW AND STORM

It was a startling thing to waken on Wednesday morning after a few sunny days to a winter morning with a cloudy sky and the world white beneath it. The trees on the hill across the field were white and the fields themselves, reaching in quiet slopes to the creek and beyond, were white. Just a day or so ago all had been warm in the sunshine, warm red and gold, and the sky had been wrapped in a haze that was soft and seemed warm, suggestive, perhaps, of smoking fires. You remembered that there were leaves on the ash tree. You could see the ash tree without raising your head from the pillow. The branches seemed laden with snow and were very still. You remembered that there had been a rose or two left in the garden. You went to the window and could see that the garden was as white as the fields. The pile of leaves under the sycamore tree was a snow drift, and the creek was so quiet and dark that you wondered if it were frozen.

Impressions are realities at night. The step you fancy you hear on the stairs, the opening of your bedroom door, the sound of some one breathing near you, the warmth of the breath on your forehead—these things are realities in the dark. No reason of thought can make them seem less real. And so it was with the winter night. There is something within us that responds differently to every different phase of the world and sky and air about us, if it so happens that we have the time or inclination to notice it. It was, no doubt, the sensation within you that made the winter night a reality. There is something about a still white winter night that robs the world and us of every sort of disturbance. It is a calm of great distances and of deep silences. It is a calm, however, of clearest light, wherein shadows are seen plainly as shadows, with no confusion of perspective or of color and shade. There is, in the response of something within us to this great perfection, a like calm, a like certainty of perspective, a like sensation of reaching into the farthest distances and into the depths depths and of finding no disturbing or easily misunderstood sound or shadow. This winter night, the night that came after a temperamental autumn day which blew its rough winds about you and clouded your eyes with mist and wrapped itself in fog—on this particular winter night you stood at your window and the day became an illusion and the winter night a reality, with snow covering the places where the green grass had been only yesterday.

Leap Year Dance.

A big Leap Year dance at Bridal Veil, Oregon, December 30. Good music, good supper and good time for all. Dance and supper \$1.50. Ladies free. Mrs. J. L. Stafford, president.

BIG DANCE

Degree Teams of Arleta Camp No. 805 and Portland Camp No. 107, W. O. W.

AT COGSWELL'S HALL
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Saturday Evening, Dec. 30

Fancy Drill by
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Just Arrived, A LOT OF SWISS CHEESE, Very Fine

Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of Gresham Fruit Growers' Association will be held at the Grange hall, on Monday, January 8, 1917, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 1917, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

If unable to be present please designate some other stockholder as your proxy, in order that there may be a majority of stock represented. Gresham, Ore., Dec. 29, 1916.
JAMES ELKINGTON, Sec'y.

Cough Medicine for Children.

Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbutt, N. Y., I doctored two of my children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as represented in every way. It promptly checked their coughing and cured their colds quicker than anything I ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

J. T. Wilson

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Does it mean happy plans to make the children joyful?—Or does it mean a heart-ache that the pleasures of the season must be denied them? Would not a check for, say, \$12.75 next Xmas free you of many heart-aches and regrets? Our—

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Save a few pennies weekly (or larger sums if you like) and reap a harvest of dollars and joy for your next Christmas.

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