

Journal of Proceedings

Thirty-Eighth Annual Session

1910

CALIFORNIA
STATE GRANGE
PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

SOCIAL FEATURES OF THE SESSION

1. Program of Reception, tendered by Citizens and Patrons of Napa County, to all Patrons. Tuesday evening.
Piano Duet Mrs. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Grace Chapman
Address of Welcome on behalf of Napa Grange
..... F. L. Hunt, Master of Napa Grange
Address of Welcome on behalf of Citizens of Napa
..... District Attorney Frank Silva
Response to Address of Welcome
..... E. T. Pettit, Master California State Grange
Recitation Miss Cowley
Napa County, Illustrated S. H. Wyckoff
What the Farmers' Institute Has Done for the People
..... Geo. C. Husmann
Mandolin Club
..... Professor Sanxay, Mrs and Miss Parker and Etta Bennett
Recitation Miss Cowley
What the Grange Has Done for the People
..... State Lecturer F. H. Babb
2. Friday—Excursion to St. Helena and Veteran's Home from 8 to 12 a. m.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

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CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

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HELD IN

FLANNAGAN HALL, NAPA

OCTOBER 3 TO 8, 1910

ORGANIZED JULY 15, 1873

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD IN VISALIA

FIRST TUESDAY IN OCTOBER, 1911

HEALDSBURG ENTERPRISE

1910



OFFICERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

For 1910 and 1911

MASTER	E. T. PETTIT
	Cupertino, Santa Clara County
OVERSEER	F. H. STILES
	Tulare, Tulare County
LECTURER	F. H. BABE
	San Jose, Santa Clara County
STEWARD	WM. E. STEWART
	Danville, Contra Costa County
ASSISTANT STEWARD.....	GEORGE SEHLMAYER
	Elk Grove, Sacramento County
CHAPLAIN	MRS. CAROLINE F. EMERY
	Oakland, Alameda County
TREASURER	JOSEPH HOIMES
	Sacramento, Sacramento County
SECRETARY..	EMILY BURNHAM-JACOB
	Visalia, Tulare County
GATE KEEPER	CORNELIUS VAN KEPPEL
	Santa Rosa, Sonoma County
POMONA..	MRS. MARTHA L. GAMBLE
	Santa Rosa, Sonoma County
FLORA	MRS. A. VAN MAREN
	Fair Oaks, Sacramento County
CERES..	MRS. D. M. WINANS
	Petaluma, Sonoma County
LADY ASS'T STEWARD.. ..	MISS ETTA BRANSCOMB
	Florin Sacramento County
ORGANIST	MISS NELLIE GROVER
	Petaluma, Sonoma County

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

S. L. STICE	Petaluma, Sonoma County
MICHAEL FARRELL, Mountain View, Santa Clara County	
THOMAS JACOB..	Visalia, Tulare County



Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the California State Grange

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY

FORENOON

The thirty-eighth annual session of the California State Grange was opened in ample form in the fifth degree at 11 a. m. in Flannagan Hall, Napa, California, by Worthy Master E. T. Pettit.

The following officers responded to roll call: Worthy Master, Worthy Overseer, Worthy Lecturer, Worthy Steward, Worthy Assistant Steward, Worthy Chaplain, Worthy Treasurer, Worthy Secretary, Worthy Pomona and Worthy Ceres.

Officers acting pro tem were: Worthy Lady Assistant Steward, Rena Church; Worthy Flora, Sister Stover; Worthy Gate Keeper, L. J. Church; Worthy Organist, Grace Chapman.

Officers absent during the entire session were: Worthy Lady Assistant Steward and Worthy Organist.

At the close of the opening examination Brother John Hillhouse of Orangevale Grange, H. Fowler of Gold Hill Grange, A. R. Dow of Oakland Grange, Dr. David Dodds of Eden Grange and J. L. Goatley of Petaluma Grange were obligated in the fifth degree.

After the opening song the Grange was closed in the fifth degree and opened in the fourth and Worthy Past Master Griffith gave some helpful suggestions for the Good of the Order.

The Worthy Master then appointed the following committees:

Credentials— Brothers A. E. Burnham, E. F. Greenwood, F. H. Fowler and Sisters Minnie Church and M. Farrell.

Order of Business—Brothers F. H. Stiles, S. L. Stice, A. Baker and Sisters T. Bohnette and A. E. Burnham.
Press—Brothers F. H. Babb, Geo. H. Francis and Sisters O. E. Borrette and A. R. Dow.

The Farmers' Institute Committee extended an invitation to the Grange to attend the Farmers' Institute Tuesday afternoon. The invitation was accepted.

The Committee on Order of Business offered the following report which was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY

1. Roll Call of Officers.
2. Calling Roll of Subordinate Granges.
3. Presentation of Credentials.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Report of Committee on Credentials.
6. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
7. Reports of Officers of State Grange. G
8. Calling Roll of Subordinate Granges for the introduction of New Business and Reports for Reference without debate.
9. Motions and Resolutions.
10. Reception by Patrons and citizens of Napa county.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY

1. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Day.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Calling Roll of Subordinate Granges for the introduction of Reports and Resolutions without Debate.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. New Business.
6. Motions and Resolutions.
7. Reports of Committees.

AFTERNOON

1. Lecturer's Hour.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. Report of Memorial Committee, 4 p. m.

EVENING

Addresses on Constitutional Amendment No. 1 by Senator Curtin and Prof. Carl Plehn.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY

1. Reading and Approval of Minutes of the Previous Day.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Calling Roll of Subordinate Granges for introduction of Reports and Resolutions without Debate.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. New Business.
6. Motions and Resolutions.
7. Reports of Committees.

AFTERNOON

1. Election of Executive Committeeman.
2. Unfinished Business.

EVENING

8 p. m. conferring of fifth and sixth degrees, to be followed by Feast of Pomona.

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY

FORENOON

1. Reading and Approval of Minutes of the Previous Day.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. New Business.

The approval of the minutes of the last day to be left to the Executive Committee.

The hours of meeting shall be: Opening 9 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.; closing at 12m. and 5 p. m.

Should any of the foregoing Orders of Business not be completed on the first, second or third day of the session, it shall begin on the succeeding day, where it left off on the former, except that the reading of the minutes and the Report of the Committee on Credentials be the first in order each day.

F. H. STILES.

S. L. STICE.

A. BAKER.

MRS. TAMER BOHNETTE.

MRS. A. E. BURNHAM.

After several announcements recess was declared until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON

At 1:30 p. m. the session was called to order by Worthy Master Pettit.

After the opening song the roll was called and twenty-seven Granges responded.

The Worthy Master read a telegram from Arthur M. Briggs, former president of the State Board of Trade, requesting that he be given an opportunity to speak before the Grange on October 5th.

On motion by Brother Farrell the request was granted, and the time set for 2 p. m. of said date.

Worthy Master E. T. Pettit then requested Worthy Past Master Griffith to preside while he read his report, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Labor.

MASTER'S REPORT

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

In accordance with grange law and custom we are here assembled in Annual Session to review and report upon the work of the past year, and to plan for the future. The place is eminently fitting—a beautiful and historic little city, set in the midst of one of the most lovely and fertile valleys of this great State, with wooded hill and mountain to east and west, while on all sides, surrounded by vineyard, orchard and meadow, and all that adorns and embellishes civilized life are hundreds of farm homes, where dwell happy and hospitable families.

Here, a generation ago, was held the first session of the California State Grange, and we, at this time, should dedicate ourselves anew to the carrying forward of the work which the noble men and women of that day instituted.

The past year has been one of general prosperity for the California farmer, and for the people of our State generally. No serious calamity of pestilence, drouth, famine or flood has overtaken us, but "seed time and harvest have come in their turn, and they that have sown have reaped." Well may our hearts go out in gratitude to the Giver of All Good for our many blessings.

The yield of hay and grain has been unusually large, and by carefully conserving our surplus, no lack of feed for stock should be feared for two years to come.

The amount of fresh fruit shipped promises to exceed that of any previous year in our State's history. Prices, on the whole, have been fairly remunerative, and if we, as farmers, will think just a little less of our troubles and a little more of our blessings, we may look forward to the future with new hope and courage.

THE NATIONAL GRANGE

The forty-second session of the National Grange was held at Des Moines, Iowa, beginning November 10th.

Twenty-seven States were represented, South Dakota being represented for the first time. On Thursday, November 11th, no closed session was held, but the day was devoted to an open meeting to which the public was invited. Addresses were given by National Master Bachelder, the Governor of Iowa, Sir Horace Plunkett, First Commissioner of Agriculture for Ireland, and other prominent speakers. On Saturday the delegates were taken to the Agricultural College at Ames. This is one of the foremost and most practical agricultural colleges in this country, and is doing a grand work for the farmers of Iowa. On Sunday afternoon an impressive memorial service, led by the Chaplain, was held in honor of deceased members.

Among the important measures adopted at this session, and which may be considered the Grange platform, were the following:

- Establishment of Postal Savings Banks,
- Establishment of Rural and General Parcels Post,
- Federal appropriation for good roads,
- Election of U. S. Senators by direct vote,
- Defeat of ship subsidy legislation,
- Liberal appropriation for agricultural schools,
- Appointment of a permanent non-partisan Tariff Commission.
- Against centralized banks,
- Opposing agreements between organized labor and organized capital, to the detriment of the farmer.
- To pass resolutions on these subjects and do nothing more will accomplish little. Interview your Congressman,

either by special committee, or calling him before you in open meeting and making known to him our demands and ask his views upon them.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER

Quoting from our National Lecturer: "It may be said that the order at large is in better condition than at any time in its history. More Granges were organized last year than in any other year since 1878, and more new members were received than in any other year for thirty years. The financial standing of the National Order was never stronger and the funds are in safe hands and well managed. The influence of the order for good in many and various ways cannot be measured. Good laws have been enacted or bad ones prevented in every Grange State through its influence. Direct financial benefits are secured to members in many of the States having a large membership by Grange insurance, both fire and life, and by co-operative buying and selling, and even banking. But while these benefits are good and desirable, they are neither the greatest nor the best. The uplifting influence toward a higher and better manhood and womanhood—this is a benefit beyond compute."

CONDITION OF THE ORDER IN CALIFORNIA

It was with some misgivings and doubts that I began my official duties one year ago. The outlook, in some respects, at least, seemed not encouraging. Our Fraternal Fire Insurance bill, through no lack of Grange effort, had failed to become a law. And another organization which promised greater financial returns, was making inroads on some of our best Grange territory. And there were other smaller clouds on the horizon. But the reports presented at the meeting of the National Grange inspired new hope and courage, and upon my return, early in December, I was further encouraged by finding one member of the Executive Committee, at least, was undaunted, for he was sending letters to every subordinate Grange in the State. And like Moses at the Red Sea, he was saying to them, "Go forward!" "Let us double our membership this year." This, with the enthusiasm and assistance of an efficient secretary, and other State officers inspired new hope and life in nearly every Subordinate Grange in the State.

We have not accomplished all that we hoped for, and worked for, but some progress has been made, a new and healthy growth stimulated and the future outlook is encouraging. Two new Granges have been organized, Orangevale Grange in Sacramento county, by Deputy D. M. Winans, and Ben Lomond Grange in Santa Cruz county, chiefly by the efforts of officers and members of Soquel Grange, assisted by myself.

Our policy has been not to strive so much for the organization of new Granges as to hold and encourage to new zeal and interest those already organized. Ten years ago a State Master said, "It is useless to organize new Granges and have them in a short time dormant." I would say it is worse than useless. The greatest stumbling block to new Grange work to-day is the dead or dormant Grange.

The old time difficulty of securing suitable and competent deputies still confronts us. I trust the committee on Good of the Order will carefully consider the problem and give us the benefit of their conclusions.

THE PUBLIC PRESS

The Grange desires to extend its thanks to the papers of the State for the interest they have taken and the kindness they have shown by freely publishing reports of our meetings.

Lecturers and Secretaries of Subordinate Granges should see that more frequent reports of Grange meetings are furnished the local papers, and by so doing let the community know that the Grange is alive and working for the good of the people. I would especially call attention to our official organ, "The National Grange." This paper should be in every Grange home. It costs but fifty cents a year, in clubs of ten or more, and gives the news of what the order is doing in all parts of the country. The Secretary of each Subordinate Grange should get up a club of at least ten names and send for the National Grange paper. Then from time to time send to our State Lecturer a report of what your Grange is doing, and he, in turn, will report to the National paper.

Every intelligent patron should also take at least one agricultural journal of his home State. Of these, you have a choice of several, one of the best being the Pacific Rural

Press, which keeps you informed of university work in agricultural lines.

CO-OPERATION

The excessive toll paid to cross the bridge between consumer and producer is to-day the chief cause of complaint of high cost of living, on the one hand, and failure of the producer to share justly in the profits of his labor on the other. How to reduce this toll has been, and is to-day, the great economic problem. It is generally conceded that the only way to solve this problem is by co-operation—meeting combination by combination. Notwithstanding the many failures, some progress has been made and good work is still going on. But there are many difficulties to overcome. In this connection, I will quote from the last report of the Master of Kansas State Grange:

"The fruit raisers of California are writing to us often, wanting the Grange supply houses to purchase their fruit direct from them to save the expense of so many middle profits; but under the present system of business we cannot do it and the reason is, discrimination, against both the producer and consumer

"We can buy California fruit from the commission firms in Kansas City in small lots as we need it cheaper than we can buy the same fruit from the fruit grower in car lots. The system arranges things that way.

"The manufacturers are organized; the jobbers have combinations and the retailers in the town have an understanding and in the cities an iron-clad combination, and the result is that the farmers are underpaid for their produce and the consumer is over-charged and the only remedy is to increase your numbers in the Grange and establish co-operative exchanges.

"The National Grange has taken this matter in hand and have a committee from Maine, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and California. The committee realizes the difficulties before them, but it is possible to establish produce exchanges, which will grow into a system that will cheapen transportation and eliminate so many intermediate profits, and be a benefit to both the producer and consumer."

The committee on co-operation will doubtless report in detail on this subject, and we will welcome suggestions from any and all sources.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE

One of the most comprehensive co-operative movements for the benefit of the farming class is the establishing of an International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. It is gratifying to note that this has been brought about chiefly through the efforts of a worthy member of our order, Hon. David Lubin of Sacramento, who is now permanent committeeman to this congress from this country. Already forty-nine governments of the world have joined in this movement, one of the chief objects of which is to gather, compile and disseminate accurate and reliable crop reports from all nations of the world. I would recommend that this State Grange heartily endorse this movement and urge Congress to make liberal appropriation for its support.

LEGISLATION

By action of the recent special session of the Legislature the question of raising \$5,000,000, by a State tax for a Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco in 1915, will be submitted to the voters at the next State election. An exposition of this nature, if properly managed, cannot fail to be of vast benefit, not only to California, but to the whole Pacific Coast. I believe the Grange will do well to favor and encourage this movement. But a matter of much more vital importance to the farmer is the change in taxation proposed by Constitutional Amendment No. 1. This question will be fully explained at some special hour during this session, and every Grange member should be prepared to work intelligently and earnestly for this reform.

The Fraternal Fire Insurance bill will again be brought before the Legislature at its next session, and every loyal patron should do all in his power to have it become a law. I cannot too highly commend the unselfish and untiring efforts of the chairman of the special committee on this subject. A full report from this committee will be presented for your consideration at this session.

The new primary law, in its first test, seems to have made good, and fully justified the claims of its advocates. We should firmly hold fast to all that is good in it, and strengthen its few weak points.

Your Committee on Legislation will doubtless, at this session, point out other needed legislation for your consideration.

GOOD ROADS

There is no economic question in which the farmers of the country are more vitally interested than that of good road improvement. Nations of the Old World wonder why we are so far behind in this important movement. History shows that from the very dawn of civilization the nations which have ruled the world have led all others in road building and road maintenance.

The reason for so poor a showing in most parts of this country in this respect is not so much due to a lack of necessary funds as it is to the waste through lack of knowledge and system on the part of officials charged with administering the road laws. It is a conservative estimate that, of the vast total amount expended on roads, one-half is practically wasted. Local authorities should be given the expert advice and assistance of trained highway engineers, provided by the National Government, and liberal federal appropriation should be made for this purpose.

EDUCATION

As an educator, the Grange to-day stands at the head of all fraternal organizations. Not only does it foster and encourage mental and moral improvement, but in business, in social affairs, in good government, in good citizenship, all its teachings are toward a higher and better manhood and womanhood. The good results of Grange influence are noticed and remarked by intelligent persons outside our order, who visit Grange committees.

The educational field is indeed a broad one. Both the State and nation now realize the importance of better training in agricultural lines, and liberal appropriations are made for this purpose. The agricultural department of our University, by means of the State Farm at Davis, is now prepared to give the boy or girl what some of us have long

demanded for them—a thoroughly practical education in agriculture. And it is now up to the farmer and the farmer's children whether they will avail themselves of the opportunity offered. This is our school, and our farm. Let us show our interest by promoting attendance, by frequent visits, and by words of encouragement to both teachers and pupils.

AMENDMENT

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State Grange has been submitted to the several Subordinate Granges and now comes before you for final consideration:

To amend Article IV by striking out the word October, in the second line, and inserting the word December.

An expression of the sentiment of this Grange is also asked on a resolution from Maryland State Grange, memorializing the National Grange to appoint a committee to revise and simplify the present Grange Ritual.

IN MEMORIAM

During the past year some of our members have been called to lay down their implements on earth. We miss the cheering smile and helpful hand with which they were wont to greet us. It is fitting that an hour be set aside from business duties in which we may call to mind their faithful work and devotion to the Order, and offer words of sympathy to their families.

IN CONCLUSION

We are just beginning the work of the thirty-eighth Annual Session. Much is to be done and the time is short. We can only accomplish the task by each one doing well his part.

Our deliberations should be marked by earnestness, candor and due consideration for the opinion of others. Let us ever keep in mind that it is not for to-day, or for this generation alone, that we are to toil, but that future days may be brighter and the road made smoother for those who are to take up the burdens that our hands must soon lay

down. With this thought in mind, we shall be prompted by no narrow or selfish motive, but united by an abiding sense of brotherhood, we will continue to labor together for the good of our Order, our country and mankind.

Fraternally,

E. T. PETTIT.

Worthy Master Pettit again resumed his chair and Worthy Overseer F. H. Stiles read his report which was referred to Committee on Division of Labor.

OVERSEER'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

In offering this report as Overseer, I desire to take advantage of the opportunity to express to you my appreciation of the honor which you, so unexpectedly to me, conferred, by electing me to this office at the State Grange meeting of one year ago.

With the exception of installing the officers of one Subordinate Grange that of Visalia, no duties as State Overseer have come my way during the interim.

I desire to serve the order to the very best of my ability, in this as in all lesser stations, and to that end expect to lend every energy to the work, as all loyal patrons should. To my mind one of the most important functions of the State Grange meeting is to rouse the flagging enthusiasm and strengthen the determination of all who are privileged to gather here. Therefore, if we must bring reports of waning influence or interest, let us regard them but as examples of what we may profit by avoiding in the future, and turn to the cheer that is found in the record of victorious accomplishment of the aims of our order. That we may thus be enabled to return to our various posts of duty filled with an optimism that will enable us not only to have Faith, as we are taught in our first lesson in the Grange, but also to remember that the Good Book says that "Faith without works is dead" and comport ourselves accordingly.

Fraternally submitted,

F. H. STILES,

Overseer.

The Worthy Lecturer read the following report which was referred to Committee on Division of Labor:

LECTURER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

During the past year the intellectual life of the Grange in California seems to have been fairly active and progressive, judging from the reports that have come to me, most of which are excellent and encouraging. I try to think that these are merely samples, as the grain tester takes a handful from the bag and judges the whole by it, and that many Granges are doing equally good work.

There seems often a difficulty in filling the Lecturer's chair and keeping it filled. Changing Lecturers in the middle of the year is like swopping horses in crossing the river, and the results equally unsatisfactory. There is no disguising the fact that the office is an exacting one, more so than those merely demanding ritualistic responses at the opening and closing of the Grange. For this reason all patrons should give their Lecturers cheerful assistance when asked.

The Traveling Libraries are still offered by the State Library, and are still enjoyed by some Granges, but not by as many as would be greatly benefited by taking advantage of this privilege. Their use does not forestall or interfere with the County Library Plan proposed by the State Librarian. Every Grange should work for the introduction of this wherever practicable.

Fewer bulletins than usual have been issued from the State Lecturer's office during the year. The reason for this has been not laziness, but economy. Your Lecturer would be pleased to talk to the Granges through the post-office every month, but printers are a luxury and the State Grange is poor. If vigorous extension work is successfully carried on next year, the revenues may warrant the more frequent intercommunication of which the widely scattered Granges in this great State seem to be in urgent need.

We have watched with interest and gratification the development of the University Farm School at Davis. We are proud that the superintendent, Professor Leroy Anderson is a member of the Grange, as he should be. The courses offered for the coming year are the best and most diversi-

fied yet. They should be brought to the attention of the Granges by their Lecturers, and attendance urged upon the members.

The subject of Grange Life Insurance is becoming practical and pressing. It may be thought that an order which offers so much to its members as the Grange does, might dispense with this. But in fact there is a demand for the protection, and the Grange is at a disadvantage with other orders in not providing it. The subject is more intricate, however, than many suppose, and Lecturers may well devote some time in the Grange to its discussion.

The attention of Lecturers is called to the list of topics sent out by the Worthy Lecturer of the National Grange, and the "Lecturer's Hour" in the National Grange organ, as being helpful in time of need.

We are honored at this meeting of the State Grange by the presence of Brother Mortimer Whitehead, who was for ten years Lecturer of the National Grange. He is the author of a beautiful ritual for the dedication and naming of rural homes, which has been adopted by the National Grange, and might be used to advantage in our California Granges.

Fraternally submitted,

F. H. BABB,

Lecturer State Grange.

STEWART'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters of the California State Grange:

I have the pleasure to report on duty for another session of the State Grange. I have followed with interest the activities of the Grange for the year just past, both in the State and in my own Subordinate Grange, and hope to be of service to the order in the years that lie before us.

Fraternally yours,

W. E. STEWART,

Steward of California State Grange.

ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As the duties of the office which I hold are confined exclusively to the session of the State Grange my report will necessarily be short.

It gives me great pleasure to again be present at a meeting and to see again the good brothers and sisters of the Granges of California.

I will endeavor to be faithful in performing the duties of my office during this session.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. SEHLMAYER,

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange

Greeting: Another October brings us together to face new duties, new aspirations and new difficulties. Our duties are the mainspring of life; our aspirations call to us as the springtime calls to the trees and the flowers: a broader and deeper, as well as more joyous life opening to those who answer the call. Our difficulties may always be a means of growth.

Amid the rush of new work let us not forget some of the old questions that are still not settled right. The unjust taxation laws should receive the sturdy blows of the Grange until a just law is obtained.

To the Chaplain's usual prayer for prudence and wisdom in our councils as a body, I wish to add a supplication that we may be endowed with zeal and enthusiasm and a constancy in well doing that shall bring good results to our order.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CAROLINE F. EMERY,

Chaplain.

The Worthy Treasurer read the following report and it was referred to the Finance Committee:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts and Disbursements of the Treasurer:

RECEIPTS

1909

Nov. 1, Cash from Ex-Treasurer, Daniel

Flint \$1,503 44

Dec. 4, Cash from Secretary \$ 2 08

Dec. 4, Cash from Secretary	15 45	
1910		
Jan. 7, Cash from Secretary	370 19	
Jan. 7, Cash from Secretary	283 51	
Feb. 4, Cash from Secretary	208 65	
Apr. 12, Cash from Secretary	305 50	
Apr. 12, Cash from Secretary	2 26	
May 3, Cash from Secretary	60 12	
July 1, Interest on Grange Funds	37 88	
Aug. 4, Cash from Secretary	217 42	
Aug. 10, Cash from Secretary	64 48	
Sept. 30 Cash from Secretary	397 75	1,965 29
		<u>\$3,468 73</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

1909		
Oct. 4, Warrant No. 166	\$ 6 40	
Oct. 4, Warrant No. 167	2 45	
Oct. 4, Warrant No. 168	48 40	
Oct. 4, Warrant No. 169	25 55	
Oct. 4, Warrant No. 170	4 00	
Oct. 9, Warrant No. 171	30 00	
Oct. 9, Warrant No. 172	10 00	
Oct. 9, Warrant No. 173	10 20	
Oct. 9, Warrant No. 174	4 00	
Oct. 9, Warrant No. 175	14 25	
Oct. 9, Warrant No. 176	80 10	
Oct. 9, Warrant No. 177	9 00	
Oct. 12, Warrant No. 178	11 00	
Oct. 19, Warrant No. 179	31 59	
Oct. 30, Warrant No. 181	83 25	
1910		
Jan. 7, Warrant No. 182	6 00	
Jan. 7, Warrant No. 183	36 80	
Jan. 7, Warrant No. 184	6 40	
Jan. 7, Warrant No. 185	53 00	
Jan. 7, Warrant No. 186	95 20	
Jan. 7, Warrant No. 187	11 10	
Jan. 7, Warrant No. 188	12 50	
Jan. 7, Warrant No. 189	25 00	
Jan. 7, Warrant No. 190	22 00	
Jan. 7, Warrant No. 191	23 61	
Apr. 9, Warrant No. 192	66 50	

Apr. 9, Warrant No. 193	33	60	
Apr. 9, Warrant No. 194	12	85	
Apr. 9, Warrant No. 195	14	00	
Apr. 9, Warrant No. 196	7	00	
Apr. 9, Warrant No. 197	3	80	
Apr. 9, Warrant No. 198	66	80	
Apr. 9, Warrant No. 199	59	60	
Apr. 9, Warrant No. 200	101	00	
Apr. 29, Warrant No. 201	23	57	
July 16, Warrant No. 202	63	85	
July 16, Warrant No. 203	25	55	
July 16, Warrant No. 204	71	80	
July 16, Warrant No. 205	90	10	
July 16, Warrant No. 206	14	30	
July 16, Warrant No. 207	5	45	
July 16, Warrant No. 208	5	20	
July 16, Warrant No. 209	2	70	
July 16, Warrant No. 210	20	75	
July 30, Warrant No. 211	24	00	\$1 374 17
			<u>\$2,094 56</u>

Total Receipts for the year	\$3,468 73
Disburements	\$1,374 17
Balance in Treasury Sept. 30, 1910	\$2,094 56

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH HOLMES,
Treasurer.

The Secretary read the following report which was referred to the Finance Committee:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange: I respectfully submit the following report:

Two Granges, Orangevale, No. 354, and Ben Lomond, No. 355, have been organized during the year and our financial condition is good.

MONTHLY RECEIPTS

Date	Source	Dues and Fees	Supplies	Total
1909				
Oct. 1,	Bal. in Treasury			\$1965 91
Oct. 1,	Fifth-Sixth Degs.	\$ 32 00		32 00

Oct. 31, October Receipts	65 90	\$ 1 20	67 10
Nov. 31, November "	5 60	5 60
Dec. 31, December "	103 66	30	103 96
1910			
Jan. 30, January "	199 25	9 50	208 75
Feb. 28, February "	18 75	16 15	34 90
Mar. 31, March "	132 15	9 00	141 15
Apr. 30, April "	187 98	3 85	191 83
May 31, May "	16 55	60	17 15
June 30, June "	41 40	3 80	45 20
July 31, July "	218 45	1 10	219 55
Aug. 31, August "	27 45	2 60	30 05
Sept. 30, September "	367 70	367 70
	\$1411 24	\$53 70	\$3430 85

RECAPITULATION

In Treasury October 1, 1909,	\$1965 91
Total Receipts for Dues and Fees	1411 24
Total Receipts for Merchandise	53 70
Interest on Grange Funds	37 88
	\$3468 73
Expenditures	\$1374 17
Balance in Treasury October 1, 1910	\$2094 56

EMILY BURNHAM-JACOB,

Secretary.

POMONA'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members, California State Grange;

As we, as Patrons of Husbandry, again assemble in Annual session, Pomona desires to inquire, "Have we made the most of our ability? Have we, by moral and intellectual efforts placed ourselves on a broader and more elevated plane, and thus by example helped to lift up our fellows? Have we made that careful research after knowledge in our honored calling of Husbandry, that will tend to elevate it higher and higher both in an intellectual and a financial sense? Have we tried our utmost to produce two blades of grass, where one grew before?" Therefore, Patrons, it behooves us to make the most of every opportunity.

God has abundantly favored our wonderful State of California with variety and fertility of soil and unsurpass-

ed climatic conditions. We need but to point as evidence to the Sunny Southland with its golden citrus harvests—to Pajaro and Sonoma with their toothsome Bellflower and blushing Gravenstein apples—to the sun-kissed foot hills of the Nevadas with their luscious peaches and to the great Central Valley with its nectar-laden grapes.

Commercial orcharding is becoming more and more remunerative, and with ever brighter prospects for the future. Therefore Pomona admonishes you, Patrons of Husbandry, to acquaint yourselves with every condition of adaptibility of soil—methods of cultivation, pruning, packing, curing and marketing your fruit products, and be assured that those who are thus equipped with practical knowledge never swerving from honest treatment of Self and Brother, will come the reward of a Generous Father.

Fraternally submitted,
 MARTHA L. GAMBLE, Pomona.

FLORA'S REPORT

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange.

It is with extreme pleasure that I now greet you for the first time as Flora in our honorable order. The memories of the pleasant and instructive sessions we have heretofore held are still fresh in my mind.

During the year our neighborhood has made a marked advance in the development of the Grange; we have just finished taking in a large class of progressive young Native Sons and Daughters, to whom I look for great work in the future. It was my pleasure to visit American River Grange a short time ago during initiatory ceremonies, and I am proud to say that they are a lively and energetic body of young Grangers.

A new Grange has been organized at Orangevale, in our county which started with a flattering membership, and bids fair to add many new members in the near future.

With the subdivision of the Haggin Grant containing 44,000 acres of rich and fertile land, and the sale of the same in small Tracts, I look for a fine class of home seekers to enter our community, and a great advance in the membership of the Grange.

I sincerely hope to greet you all a year from now and trust that you will be in such splendid spirits as you seem to be at present.

Fraternally submitted,

CATHERINE VAN MAREN.

CERES' REPORT

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange.

There seems to be no good reason for a report from Ceres; but yielding to an established custom, I write a few brief words of kindly greeting to the members of the State Grange, assembled in this fair city of Napa, in the sincerest spirit of fraternity and good fellowship.

Between sessions Ceres has no greater cares than falls to the lot of every other lady member of the Order. But when assembled as we are here, she feels the burden placed upon her greatly, and will ever remain under a sense of deepest obligation to the members of her court and other sisters who have so nobly and unselfishly shared the responsibility with her.

I was elected to this office without a single intimation in advance, and accepted it with many misgivings, as an honor intended for the Petaluma Grange, which I have the privilege to represent in part rather than for myself.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. D. M. WINANS.

Worthy Deputy D. M. Wines reported that, since March first he had spent twenty or more days canvassing and working in the interests of the Order, in Sacramento, Solano and San Joaquin counties, that he had visited Napa County but found no work there for him to do.

He reported that Patrons of Sacramento County had given him all the assistance in his work that they could and that he had worked faithfully but that, although he had increased the membership in several granges and had succeeded in organizing Orangevale Grange in Sacramento County, he was forced to return home dissatisfied with the results of his labors.

WORTHY DEPUTY WORTHEN'S REPORT

Officers and Members of State Grange of California.

My work as deputy has been light. Last January I was

Installing officer at joint installation of officers at Mountain View and read a paper on Transportation.

By request of W. M. Pettit, I attended a picnic under the auspices of Soquel Grange and gave the Patrons as good a talk as I could. Soquel Grange was organized with cooperation as a fundamental principle and it gained a large membership and did a fine business in buying together. Afterwards it made a contract with the Rochdale Company. The Worthy Master of Soquel Grange can tell you more about it.

The 30th of September by request of Brother Pettit I went to Ben Lomond. I saw the Worthy Master, Secretary and Treasurer of that Grange. The Worthy Secretary made out his quarterly report which, with the dues, was placed in my charge for delivery to the Worthy Secretary of the State Grange. So Ben Lomond Grange is in good standing. I want you to meet the Worthy Master, Brother Hobson and encourage him in building up a large membership out of the excellent citizenship of his community. A deputy should be sent there at once, to receive a larger membership and to instruct them in what a Grange is expected to do.

In Santa Clara County I have tried to help along in the Grange work and am glad to report that I think the Granges in our County are doing well and are in good hands.

Faternally submitted.

G. W. WORTHEN,

Grange Deputy Santa Clara County.

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES

AMERICAN RIVER.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:
During the past year American River Grange has had nine regular meetings and three special meetings. At present there are ninety-two members, forty-six brothers and forty-six sisters. During the year nine members were initiated, eight suspensions for non-payment of dues, one withdrawal, and one death. Cash on hand \$90.

We have an enthusiastic lot of officers, and during the coming winter expect to accomplish a great deal.

Fraternally submitted,
LAURA HANSEN, Alternate.

ANTELOPE

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Antelope Grange, formerly Roseville Grange, has had a profitable and interesting year. Two years ago the Grange changed its place of meeting from Roseville, Placer County, to Antelope, Sacramento County, so this year it decided to ask the State Master to be allowed to change its name to Antelope Grange and the request was granted. The Grange place of meeting is now near its tract of eucalyptus trees. The trees have made a fine growth the last year and it looks now as if the Grange investment would prove very profitable.

We have had many well attended and pleasant meetings during the last year and our membership has been increased by nine new members.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP VAN MAREN, Master.

BENNETT VALLEY

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange assembled in this year of Grace, 1910.

Bennett Valley Grange makes its annual bow, and is pleased to again greet the old members, and make the acquaintance of the new, and to again extend the hand of fellowship and fraternal greeting.

Our grange is composed of 71 members, 43 brothers and 28 sisters.

We have gained during the past year by initiation, eight by card one; lost by non payment of dues ten, by demit one. Money on hand, \$95.00

Our Grange property is valued at \$2,000. That our Grange owns its own hall we believe is a strong factor in holding our Grange together and are of the opinion that any sacrifice that a Grange makes to own its own meeting place will repay it in the end.

To those who are new at this annual gathering, a little

in the way of reminiscence may not prove uninteresting. In 1873 at the home of Brother G. N. Whitaker, Bennett Valley Grange was organized, he having done all the necessary correspondence incident to the organization and for several consecutive years was the efficient secretary.

The first Harvest Feast spread by any Grange in this State was at Brother Whitaker's own home and at his personal expense.

And as Brother Whitaker is a charter member and the Dean of Bennett Valley Grange and as he and three sons are Past Masters we deem this a proper place and occasion to bring this worthy record to the notice of the Patrons and to commend so honorable a record and example.

Bennett Valley Grange Hall has an ideal situation in a large grove of forest trees and the environment is about what the early founders of the order first contemplated.

Our Hall is in good repair, with the exception of part of the roof, and a competent committee has been appointed to attend to that matter. The Hall is provided with all the necessary apparel and fixtures for the proper exemplification of the Grange work.

We have a piano in the Hall that gives good account of itself at all the meetings.

Our dining room opens off the main Hall, is large and easily seats one hundred at a time and has all the necessary equipments.

We have a connection with the State Library by which we receive fifty books every three months that has proven a great acquisition to the Grange, and the outside community as well.

The comfort of the teams is looked after by one hundred and twenty-five feet of substantially built horse sheds, so that the patrons attend Grange rain or shine. These are the result of our efforts along this line of endeavor.

During the past year the following public meetings have been held:

The fourth of December the Grange had a celebration that was largely attended and was a very pleasant affair.

In January a public installation was held. The Worthy Master of the State Grange, Brother Pettit, acting as installing officer. The work was done with a high degree of efficiency, closing with an able lecture of good, sound ad-

vice to the patrons. This was also the occasion of a harvest feast.

On the twenty-second of February the Grange decided to do homage to the memory of our first President, George Washington, with a result that reflected great credit on those taking part on the program.

In March some action was necessary to keep our rural mail route in good working order, and the Grange afforded prompt and necessary relief.

The twenty-seventh of May is a date to reckon on in the affairs of Bennett Valley Grange, as this is the date for our annual picnic, and the gathering this year was a great success and an enjoyable occasion.

This year the Grange decided to have a celebration on the Fourth of July. The Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the program was good and the basket dinner in the shade of the grand forest trees made the place and occasion one to be long remembered.

At the first meeting in September the Grange met promptly and went through with the order of business. Then an open meeting was held and the patrons and their friends listened to a very able, interesting and instructive lecture by the Secretary of the State Horticultural Commission, O. E. Bremner. At the close refreshments were served and then music and dancing were in order for a brief interval.

These are the more important features of public entertainments by our Grange during the past year.

During the past year our Grange has held twenty-four meetings that have been well attended, and characterized by a strong desire to build up and broaden the work of the order. Our Grange and its doings is frequently brought to the notice of the general public by frequent and favorable notices and comment of the county papers.

Our Grange is officered entirely by young members who are active and energetic and take a commendable pride in all the doings of the Grange.

The roll-call of the officers of our Grange for the past year makes a most creditable showing, and in this detail we would not hesitate to compare with any other Grange in the State.

Our meetings are interesting for the reason that quite

a wide range of subjects come up for discussion and interest does not lag.

Bennett Valley Grange takes its younger members into its confidence, holds the meetings in the evenings for their benefit, and at the close of each meeting music and dancing are permitted to them, while the older members engage in social intercourse for a brief time. By this means we find the excess of youth is somewhat restrained and the conservatism of old age is somewhat relaxed.

Bennett Valley Grange uses a good deal of music during the Lecturer's hour, as quite a number of the members are proficient on quite a wide range of instruments, and we encourage them along this line, as it helps in the way of variety.

This is a resume of the past year's work of Bennett Valley Grange, No. 16, and we feel that the time spent along this line of endeavor has brought its benefits and compensations, and like the spring high up the mountainside that starts its water down the rivulet to help make the volume of the rivers that form the arteries of commerce, we contribute our mite towards the swelling of the numbers that make the aggregate of the grand order of the Patrons of Husbandry that has done so much to shape the destiny and uplift of the farmers and their families, and placing them on a higher and broader plane of action in the affairs of life.

And that this session of the State Grange of California will be characterized by a notable example of energy and efficiency and make its influence felt by wise and judicious action in formulating such work as will redound to the members in this State and to the order throughout the United States is our most earnest wish.

Fraternally submitted,

STANLEY STETSON.

Master of Bennett Valley Grange, No. 16.

BOWMAN

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I regret that I cannot make a very encouraging report of Bowman Grange, No. 32. Early in the year we received letters from members of the Executive Committee

urging us to our utmost efforts to double our membership. We have made every possible effort and have failed. We have initiated within the year fifteen members and lost by demits, withdrawals and suspensions twelve. However, many of them are not lost to the order, but have taken cards and will work in other fields. We now have a total membership of twenty, and now that the busy season is over, we have strong hope of soon adding several new members to our number.

We find it hard to keep up a Grange in our neighborhood, although we are small farmers and thickly populated. Those who could make the Grange successful stand aloof and will take no part, while those who would, have not the talent to do so. I think what we need is a good leader. We have but two Granges in Placer county—Gold Hill and Bowman. We are fifteen miles apart. Members of each occasionally visit the other, but perhaps not as often as we should.

I beg to call to your attention the fact that there is a large field here for extension work. The agricultural portion of Nevada county had two Granges, both dormant, both should be reorganized. There is room in Placer county for several more, and Eldorado county, wherein was the first Grange of California, Pilot Hill, No. 1, the old hall of which is still standing, should be thoroughly reorganized. In numbers there is strength, and a few neighboring Granges with whom we could exchange fraternal visits would induce many farmers to get in line and would greatly encourage those already in.

Submitted in F. H. C. and F.,

G. W. HAINES,

Master Bowman Grange, No. 327.

CAPITAL

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange.

Capital Grange again greets you and reports progress. During the year one meeting was held in conjunction with Sacramento County Pomona Grange. We have been frequently visited by the master of Pomona Grange and the Treasurer of the State Grange. Our work is along social and educational lines. Particular attention is paid to

interesting the younger Members of which our Grange is largely composed. Our finances are in a healthy condition. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. GREER, Master.

CASTORIA

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange:

It gives me great pleasure to present herewith my second annual report as Master of Castoria Grange, Number 322, more especially from the fact that our Grange has just completed a most satisfactory year, both as regards finances and the work accomplished.

During the past year we accomplished several things we set out to do, among them being the completion of a large and commodious shed for the shelter of our horses while we are attending the sessions of the Grange, this was erected and paid for entirely by our own membership and is a fine addition to our Hall.

We are now engaged in building on to our Hall a stage and supper room at a cost of \$500, and we will have the same erected and paid for long before the next State Grange meets.

Our finances are in good condition, the members keeping their dues well paid up. We have taken in 16 new members during the year and have several more to initiate.

We enjoyed the visit made to our Grange by our State Master who installed our Officers for the current term.

We feel that Castoria Grange has gone ahead, its membership has increased to close to one hundred members, we have money in our treasury, we have had a real wedding in our Grange Hall of two Grange members, our members attend the meetings regularly, and above all we pride ourselves on the fact that we have in Castoria Grange the true fraternal spirit that binds the brothers and sisters together for the common good and we have no place in the Hall for cranks or peace disturbers, all is harmony with us.

H. A. HOERL.

Master of Castoria Grange, No. 322, P. of H

DANVILLE

Worthy Master:

It is to be regretted that Danville Grange is the only live Grange left in Contra Costa County. Our home is in the beautiful San Ramon Valley near the base of Mt. Diablo. In former years our county had within its limits six or seven granges, now we are the sole survivor. We are however, active, never miss a meeting, and strive to get the most good and enlightenment from the order.

During the year we have gained by initiation six brothers and three sisters, and have lost by death one brother and one sister, one by withdrawal card and four for non-payment of dues. We now have 79 members in good standing—and expect applications in the near future.

We received a welcome visit from Worthy Master Pettit early in the year, and our officers were installed by him at that time. The Grange paper is taken by most of our members. We have availed ourselves of the opportunity offered by the State Library, and have had a collection of State Library books for use of our members, and have found this a popular feature among us.

Through our efforts a Union High School has been established which fills a long standing want in our community.

The subject of good roads is always uppermost in our deliberations, and it is to be hoped that all Granges throughout the Union will unite in some practical plan that will have for results, good roads for the farmer's use. The farmers pay by far the largest taxes and are rightfully entitled to more money for road purposes.

Last Saturday we celebrated the 37th anniversary of the organization of our Grange. It was largely attended and all had a happy reunion—We called it a rally day. The only two surviving charter members, Sisters Mrs. Mary Jones and Mrs. Charles Wood, Sr., were present and received special honor and attention.

A special exhibit and sale of farm products and cooking, was held under the direction of Worthy Ceres and Pomona and proved attractive and profitable.

Financially, we are in good condition, owning our hall

and lot, being free from debt, with money in the treasury.

We are represented by several of our members in this body.

Fraternally submitted,
CHAS. J. WOOD, Master.

DINUBA

Worthy Master, Sisters and Brothers:

As alternate of Dinuba Grange it gives me much pleasure to present this our sixth report at your thirty-eighth annual session.

Dinuba Grange, No. 342, meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Dinuba, which is a thriving and busy town of a thousand souls, located in northern Tulare County, in the midst of one of the finest fruit belts in this or any other state. This accounts for the fact that we held but twenty three meetings during the past year, practically all our members being unable to leave their fruit harvest to attend our first meeting in August.

From November to February inclusive, we have, during the past fiscal year, met at 10 a. m. and held all day meetings, adjourning for lunch at noon and re-assembling at 1.30 p. m. The lunch is brought by the sisters and a woman is hired by the Grange to arrange the tables, make coffee and wash the dishes. This allows all the sisters to get the full benefit of the meetings, and we find it a very satisfactory method. The balance of the year we meet at 1.30 p. m. except when we instruct candidates in the fourth degree (usually once a quarter) when the degree work is put on at about 11 a. m. and at its close we march to the harvest feast in the dining hall.

Our Grange, like all others, is composed of a motley crowd, which, if graded as we grade our peaches would run a large percent of extra choice, with a generous sprinkle of standard, and an occasional slab.

For several years past our Grange has had charge of the Farmers' Institute work in our community and has succeeded in creating considerable interest along that line.

We have elected one of our number Drill Master, and began drilling a degree team which we expect will be able to instruct the candidates in a more satisfactory manner than the regular officers can do.

The four Grange organizations of our county held a joint picnic at Dinuba early in May, which was well attended and proved a pleasant and profitable day for all. Later in the same month we held a Children's Day, when we made a special effort to amuse and instruct the many representatives of the rising generation who were present. Appropriate exercises were held in which all the children took part, after which ice cream and cake were served.

By vote of the Grange, the Worthy Lecturer is allowed to hold two open meetings during the lecture hour, in each quarter choosing such dates as he thinks best, and advertising same in the local papers. Sometimes a speaker on some subject of general interest is secured outside our number. Near the close of last year our Lecturer set about compiling a program for 1910, and with the help of the literary committee succeeded, by the opening of the new year, in arranging a program for twenty four meetings and getting it printed. Some of our local business men were induced to take advertising space enough to pay for the printing, so we secured five hundred programs printed in neat pamphlet form without one cent of expense. We find this plan much more satisfactory for obvious reasons than that of arranging the program for only one meeting in advance. We run a card in a local semi-weekly paper announcing the time and place of our meetings and during the winter months the lecture hour program is printed in both our local papers a few days before each meeting. Besides our regular printed program, we discuss the live issues of the day as they are presented to us.

We are sorry to say J. W. Fraser has been absent from us much of the past year in his search for health, which we earnestly hope will be benefitted by the change and rest. Our average attendance during the past fiscal year was thirty-one. With the exception of three or four meetings during our fruit harvest, the average is much higher than this.

We expect some day to have a home of our own and as a step toward that end have purchased some nicely located lots, which we own free from incumbrance.

Our financial and membership report for the year ending Oct. 1st, 1910 is as follows: Cash balance Oct. 1st, 1909, \$125.00. Total receipts for the year \$153.15. Total disbursements \$254.45 Cash balance Oct. 1st 1910, \$23.70.

All our obligations to the State Grange and elsewhere are paid.

Number of members in good standing Oct. 1st, 1909, brothers 46, sisters 47. Number initiated during the year, brothers 6, sisters 12. Re-instated, brothers 2, sisters 3. Number demitted, brothers 1, sisters 1. Suspended for non payment of dues, brothers 16, sisters 21. Total membership Oct. 1st. 1910, brothers 37, sisters 40. Total loss during year, 16.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. F. COLLINS, Alternate.

ELK GROVE

To the Worthy Master, Officers, and Members of California State Grange.

It gives me much pleasure to again meet with you and to tell you that Elk Grove Grange is alive and well.

We enjoyed a very pleasant visit from our Worthy State Master on April 2nd. The meeting was very helpful to us. On April 16th, the 3rd and 4th degrees were conferred on a class of two. Two were reinstated on the same date, and the members of the various Granges of the County met with us.

Brother Winans of Petaluma spent one day with us in the interest of the Grange.

Elk Grove Grange has a membership of 54; Twenty-four Brothers and 32 Sisters.

On last Saturday, October 1st. we conferred the first and second degrees on a class of six. Two members were reinstated at the same time, thus making eight new members and four reinstated. A total of twelve for the year.

Our finances are in a healthy condition, and all our obligations to the State Grange paid.

Fraternally submitted,
ALFRED BAKER, Master.

EDEN GRANGE

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, meeting in Flanagan Hall, Napa, Cal., Oct. 4th to 7th, 1910.

This Grange is among the oldest in the State and from what I have learned in a four years membership, has seen better days but it positively and persistently refuses to die and be buried; in fact within the last year it has

gained more than one hundred per cent. We stood trembling in the balances of life and death for three years with the meagre membership of sixteen and now we number thirty-eight, nineteen brothers and nineteen sisters. Our financial record is clear and some money in the treasury. We are not rich in purse but we are getting rich in purpose, in power and in potentiality. Ready to be translated out of the mere purpose to be and to do into practical Being and Doing; out of inherent power, to live, into Manifested life in the arena of worthy achievement; out of bare potentiality, however rich in possibility into glowing actuality which, like the sun in the heavens is all the time warming, shining and producing grains, fruits and flowers. Yes, above all things what Eden needs is WORK. Seasonable work, efficient work of all the officers and all the members all the time. Work of this kind for 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes and 48 seconds every year.

In the ups and downs of life, Eden has had too many downs, in theory and practice, too much theory and not enough practice; in resolutions and workings, too much resolutions and not enough of individual and official workings: Yet amidst all discouragements two grand things, encourage us:

1st. We are always Eden and Eden is historical, practical and fruitful, and its second birth and history are surely going to outrival the first.

2nd. We are not only Eden but we are like the ever bounding beautiful Pacific Ocean, and should our worthy State Grange with one stentorian voice inquire, How is Eden Grange like the Pacific Ocean? We answer that we will not die and it is no use telling us to "dry up". And here and now we voice our own beloved poet G. L. Banks when he says:

"We live for those who love us,
For those who know us true.
For the Grange that smiles above us
And awaits our spirits too.
For the Cause that lacks assistance,
For the Wrong that needs resistance,
For the Future in the distance,
And the Good that we can do.

All of which is most cordially submitted by,

DR. DAVID DODDS, Master.

GEYSERVILLE.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Tradition and custom requires us to conform to the same old rule and make a report to the State Grange. It makes but little difference whether it is the same old report, or a new one made up of high sounding phrases picturing the wonderful influence of the Grange in shaping and strengthening the moral and educational well being of the community. The Grange is in about the same condition as at our last report, holding its own numerically and financially.

Whatever we have accomplished or have failed to accomplish during the past year has been entered into in the spirit of doing the most good for the uplift of the Grange as an organization and its members as individuals. That the Grange is recognized as a living and working body is manifest by the requests that come to us to exert its influence in securing legislation that will release us from the oppressive charges of the express companies by establishing "Parcels Post," other favors on economic lines are frequently asked of us. This proves that individuals recognize in the grange a power for good that they are unable to secure for themselves.

On the 14th day of May the Grange celebrated Flora Day at the home of the Worthy Master. Flora Day is an annual festival with Geyserville Grange. Invitations were sent to Worthy Master Pettit, Sonoma Pomona, and all the subordinate granges in the County. Worthy Master Pettit and Pomona Grange was with us and assisted in the crowning of Flora. The day was spent in song and speeches and a sumptuous dinner added its pleasing influence, to the unusually well attended meeting. For the evening and generally fills you too full for utterance. For the evening's pleasure a laughable Comedy entitled "A Box of Monkeys" was given by members of the Grange. Dancing and games concluded the evening's entertainment, which was free to all Patrons of Husbandry.

During the year we have had other outdoor meetings and we feel that they are always profitable to us by bringing out that better feeling that we cannot live to our-

selves alone but must learn to co-operate in all that is to our general good.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. E. METZGER, Master.

LINCOLN

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange,

Lincoln Grange No. 318 P. O. H. takes pleasure in making the following report:

Our regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month. During the last year we have held every regular meeting at which there has been a good attendance with the exception of some of the meetings held during the very busy fruit season.

We have been very fortunate in having a Worthy Lecturer that has made it a point to have something in the way of a program at every meeting which has caused and held interest; some of these programs were quite lengthy and always appropriate for the season.

The most of us do not appreciate the work involved in selecting a program and seeing that the members have parts assigned to them, and often times having refusals from some to do anything to help in this work.

We were pleased to have a visit from Brother Pettit, the Worthy Master of the State Grange, coming in on us without any previous notice.

During the Good of the Order Brother Pettit gave us a talk on Grange work. He was especially interested in the reports of Current Events under the head of Reports of Standing Committees, this report of Current Events is divided into three heads namely, Industrial Events, Literature and History. Brother Pettit spoke of this part of our work to the members of the San Jose Grange and thought that all Granges should have a report of this nature keeping abreast of the events of the day. Our Worthy Secretary has the Industrial section assigned to him and he has at nearly every meeting made a report that has always been of interest and education.

We were very fortunate the last year in having a set of officers that have been very faithful in attendance and work, especially those that are the most responsible for

the proper conducting of the meetings.

We are in good financial condition, owning our own lot and hall free from debt, this property being valued at about \$2,000. Although we have not made any great gain in membership this last year we are in a good healthy condition and very much alive.

Fraternally submitted.
WARREN E. HYDE, Master.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange, P. of H., Greeting:

Mountain View Grange No. 332, has a membership of 59 Patrons, and meetings have been regularly held, twice a month, with three iniations. At our first session we entertained Pomona Grange and the newly elected officers of the County Granges were installed. A banquet was enjoyed, also music and recitations by about 150 patrons. We had the pleasure of a visit one evening from our Worthy State Master. Worthy Flora and Ceres also entertained us with a program along the lines of their respective offices— with decorations of flowers and corn stalks, and agricultural and poetical literature as the occasion demanded.

At an open meeting in September, Prof. Zahn of the High School, and Prof. Huff of the Grammar School favored us with very instructive and entertaining lectures. The attendance has been fair, except through fruit season. A number of applications are in sight.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL FARRELL, Master.

NAPA GRANGE.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange. It is a real pleasure for me to come before you and say that Napa Grange is stronger today than it was a year ago.

To one who is not acquainted with our local conditions here in Napa, that statement does not mean so much as it does to us who have been here and have had those conditions to meet. It is unnecessary at this time to say any thing more of these conditions than that they have been successfully met and to a large extent overcome.

Since the time the present officers were installed we have

not missed a single meeting. This fact goes to show that the right spirit has been constantly with us and that our Grange has not been forgotten even in the busiest seasons of the year.

During the past Grange year we have lost two members for non-payment of dues, two by Demit and one by death. To offset this loss we have gained during the same time six members by initiation and one by Demit. Besides these, three candidates have paid initiation fees but have not yet been initiated.

At nearly all of our meetings we have had some good live topic discussed. These discussions were led by some member who had previously prepared a paper on the subject and was therefore in a position to answer any questions and give all the information he could on his particular subject. We feel that these discussions have created considerable interest in our work and that we have all been benefited by them.

Another feature that our Grange has always taken a keen interest in, is the annual meeting of the Farmer's Institute. These Institute meetings have always been conducted by the Grange. This year our Grange gave a prize of \$5.00 for dried fruits. We feel that we have made quite a success of these meetings and that we have been greatly benefited by them.

Last May we held our annual picnic, and the day's outing was very thoroughly enjoyed by a large number of Grangers and their friends. Games were played, prizes were offered and a very enjoyable day was spent by all who attended. It was pronounced by all to be the most successful picnic ever held here by the Grangers.

So when we come to consider the blessings we have enjoyed during the past year, we feel that we have much to feel thankful for and we can enter upon another year with renewed and redoubled vigor.

Faternally Submitted,

F. L. HUNT, Master.

OAKLAND

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters of California State Grange.

Another year has gone bearing its record of success and and failure, and again we meet to report its work of our various Granges. Retrospection is often good for us. It is like

reviewing a lesson in school, it always impresses it more strongly upon the mind. And so in the work of Oakland Grange; as we look back over the year we recall so much that is pleasant and happy that we are glad of an opportunity of impressing it more strongly in Memory's Casket of good things. While in our Grange we have not much to report that makes much of a showing, still we have held our own and are going ahead a little. The meetings have been held regularly and we have always had a quorum present and usually more. The meetings are held twice every month—the first Saturday of the month in the evening and the third Saturday in the afternoon. The meetings have all been interesting and profitable. Most of the officers and members have been exceedingly faithful and have held up the Master's hands in every way. We have purchased a piano during the year which adds much to the pleasure of our meetings. The work of securing the money to pay for such has been exceedingly pleasant. A number of our members have very kindly gotten up parties at their houses for the benefit of the piano fund, and thus the fires of social life in our Grange have been kept burning brightly.

At our last meeting ten new members received the first and second degrees and this makes one feel most encouraged and we look forward to the year before us with great pleasure. We are rejoiced to have again in our midst Past Master White and his good wife who have returned to Oakland to make it their permanent home, and we trust that they will feel in coming again into Oakland Grange that the lines have fallen to them in pleasant places. We desire to express our thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His watchful care over us as a Grange during the past year and trust Him more fully for greater blessings in the days to come. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in fraternal love, the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."

Respectfully Submitted,

A. R. DOW, Master.

ORCHARD CITY

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Orchard City Grange No. 333 is in good standing financially. We hold our meetings regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, and have not missed a meet-

ing during the year. Attendance generally good and we have 113 members.

The Worthy Master of this State Grange installed our officers in a very impressive manner. He also paid us several visits during the year and his good suggestions were much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,
JOSEPH BOHNETT, Master.

ORANGEVALE

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange.

Orangevale Grange was organized March 31st., 1910, by Organizer D. M. Winans with a charter membership of 37. Since then meetings have been held regularly on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. A hall has been leased and furnished with suitable tables and chairs for a meeting place and additional lights have been put in.

Our meetings have been fairly well attended. We have had visits from Worthy Master Pettit and Brother Hack and Holmes and their wives. We enjoyed their company and hope to have them call again.

The ladies of the Grange held a lawn social, ice cream and cake were served and a pleasant time was had by all who attended. A vocal and instrumental program was rendered which added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

One lecture was given by the State Health Officer, Dr. Snow, which was well attended. The ladies were on hand with ice cream which soon vanished leaving in its place a nice little sum of money.

Since the Grange was organized four have been dropped for non-payment of dues. We now have 33 members in good standing and eight applicants for membership have been accepted and now await to be initiated. The future for Orangevale Grange is very bright, and our aim is to make it the best Grange if not the largest in the State. Look out for our next annual report.

Respectfully submitted,
J. HILLHOUSE, Acting Master.

OROSI

Worthy Master, Officers and Members:

The Patrons of Orosi Grange No. 345, P. of H., through their Master, send fraternal greetings to the members of the California State Grange assembled at Napa.

It becomes my duty to render my annual report and I regret to say there is but little to say other than that we still exist as a grange.

We have gained no new members but on the contrary have lost several. However the faithful few are earnest, ready and constant workers.

That during the past year we have held eighteen regular and one special meeting. On Jan. 29th, 1910, our Grange had the pleasure of entertaining the Tulare County Pomona Grange at our hall, when some 70 Patrons were present and we hope to again have a like pleasure, as we feel it will be of material benefit to our Grange.

While we have lost some members, we are planning for an active effort to secure an increase of membership during the fall and early winter.

Orosi Grange will be glad to receive a visit from the Master or any officer of the State Grange at any time.

Trusting that this session of the State Grange will be of much interest to its members and the patrons throughout the State, I am,

Fraternally,
J. W. McPHERSON.

PETALUMA.

Worthy, Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange of California, Greetings.

Petaluma Grange No. 23 P. of H. submits the following report:

We meet on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, at 1.30 p. m. to which visiting members are cordially invited.

Our Grange is in a very good condition, and we are more than holding our own. We have lost during the year four members for non-payment of dues, one by Demit, and one by the Grim Reaper Death. Gained by initiation seven, with 13 applications on the table.

Sept. 24th, we conferred the Third and Fourth Degrees

on a class of seven, giving them a harvest feast in the afternoon.

Petaluma Grange mourns the loss of Past Master, Brother C. D. Grover, who was a charter member. He was a staunch supporter of the Patrons of Husbandry.

We miss his wise counsels and his devotion to the order. His name is symbolical of an earnest, honest, conscientious man and a true and firm friend.

May the remembrance of his example be an incentive to us to be more devoted to the principles of our Order.

May his rest be peace, perfect peace.

Oct. 9th, 1909 we were pleasantly surprised at the presence in our midst of our then newly elected State Master, Brother Pettit. Petaluma Grange had the honor of receiving the first visit from our Worthy State Master. While it was not an official visit it was none the less pleasing.

At our last meeting in May, Memorial services were held out of respect to the memory of our dear departed who were wept, honored and sung.

In passing over the events of the past year, we wish to add our appreciation of the good work and untiring efforts of our Worthy Past Master, Brother D. M. Winans, who by his zeal and energy in his position, during the year. A good many applications for membership that should be an incentive to all showing for one member the welfare of the Order. We members who have at together in perfect harmony, doing are laboring faithfully to building up of our magnificent all in our power to the Husbandry.

Order, the Patrons of

Fraternally submitted

J. L. Goatley, Master.

PROGRESSIVE GRANGE.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange.

During the past year Progressive Grange has held 22 meetings and the interest and attendance have been good except during the busy season.

Our financial condition is good and although death has claimed Brother Cullum, a charter member and one of our most faithful workers, and several have moved away causing them to take out demits, a slight gain in membership

has been made and good work a'long educational and legislative lines has been done.

Owing to a well drilled Ladies Degree Team, the initiations have been very impressive, and have aided in swelling the attendance.

We have an art committee that has imbued the members with a desire to take up artistic work and we have had several exhibitions which have been extremely interesting and a great surprise to all who were in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. BURNHAM, Master.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY POMONA

To the Officers and members of the California State Grange:

In presen ing my report for Sacramento County Grange No. 2, it affords me pleasure to be able to say that our County Grange is in a prosperouhs condition. We are striving faithfully to perform the duty of a Pomona Grange in our County, by making our meetings interesting and instructive to all who attend, and by visiting in an official way or collectively the several subordinate Granges in our jurisdiction.

Our Pomona Grange has held six meetings this year. At one of them the 5th degree was conferred on a large class. One meeting was held with Capital Grange, and one with American River Grange. We visited in a collective way, Elkgrove Grange at her installation, and Roseville Grange when the 3rd and 4th degree was conferred on a class, the officers delivering their lectures without the use of the manual.

On the 7th of May we held our annual picnic; we had an ideal day, and a large attendance, and hope to realize \$100 to put in our treasury. During the past year, we have gained 21 members, 20 by initiation, and one by reinstatement, and lost one by death, Brother Martell.

During the past year I have attended six meetings of Pomona Grange, 22 meetings of Sacramento Grange, one meeting of Elkgrove Grange, one meeting of Roseville, Grange, and in company with the Worthy Master and Worthy Treasurer of the State Grange, and the Worthy Sec-

retary of Sacramento Grange, one meeting of Orangevale Grange, and also in company with the Worthy Master and Worthy Treasurer of the State Grange, one meeting of Orchard City Grange.

I wish at this time, on behalf of our membership, to again express our thanks and appreciation to our worthy Master, Brother Pettit and our worthy Secretary, Sister Jacob, for their presence, and the interesting and efficient manner in which they installed the Officers of our Grange and for their interesting addresses delivered at said installation meeting. They have been a source of inspiration and encouragement to us ever since.

I wish to acknowledge our appreciation of the fact that we have as members of our County Grange, two of the past Masters of the State Grange, Brothers D. Flint and W. W. Greer, who by their wise and able counsel, largely assist in keeping the Grange fires burning at a white heat, and it is with sincere regret that I note the absence of Brother Flint from our last two meetings on account of sickness, but am glad to say that we are hopeful that his life may be prolonged yet many days and in this hope I am persuaded that each one of you will say Amen, all of which is submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity with Fidelity.

GEO. W. HACK, Master.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY POMONA.

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters of the California State Grange:

Once more we come together to represent the different granges of the State and to go through the same old form of reading our reports, talking big and passing great resolutions, but what have you done and what have I done since the last meeting of the State Grange to help build up the Grange and to assist our State Master in his work? It brings to mind a story of a man who died and went to Heaven. He knocked at the door and Saint Peter came to the door and wanted to know who he was and where he came from: he said he came from Napa; Peter asked him what he had done on earth that he should ask admission to Heaven and he answered that he had belonged to the church for forty years and had gone to meeting every Sunday and had prayed and spoken three or four times

at every meeting but Peter said that the Master wants to know what you were doing the other six days of the week. Brothers and Sisters let us think it over and see what we do between meetings to push the old chariot along.

I hope this meeting of the State Grange will be a pleasant and profitable one to us all. Let us not be selfish in our dealings with each other but remember always there are others besides ourselves. Let us try to do unto others as we would that others should do unto us. When we have learned to do it we have lived for a noble purpose in the world and the memories of the past will always be pleasant to us and our future glorious.

Once more we come to represent Santa Clara County Pomona Grange No. 4, and we feel proud to be at the head of such a flourishing Grange. We are six years old this month. We have indeed had a prosperous year; in my report last year we had a membership of 114 while now our membership is 124. We meet every two months on the second Saturday in San Jose unless we are invited to hold our meetings with some one of the granges in the County.

On January 8th we met with Mountain View Grange. We intended to have our State Master with us to install our officers but some other Grange got him first, and as we could not have him with us we were glad he was assisting someone else. Past State Master Worthen, acting as Deputy Master, assisted by Sister Jennie Sanders, installed the officers of the Pomona Grange and the officers of Mountain View Grange. A special committee was appointed to draft resolutions expressing the confidence of the Grange in the Hon. Gifford Pinchot. The resolution was adopted. Good roads were discussed and the methods of constructions were studied. A valuable paper on Transportation was read by Brother Worthen. One member was initiated. The Master had the pleasure of presenting Brother Spaulding, Master of Sunnyvale Grange with a Grange pin on his 71st birthday. At noon we sat down to a feast prepared by Mountain View Grange.

On March 8th we met with Sunnyvale Grange. Our worthy State Master Brother Pettit made one of the best speeches he ever made. It was along the lines that the Grange was the mother of the great questions of the day. He said the National Grange had worked for years for the Free Rural Delivery, the Rural Post and the Pos-

tal Savings Banks and other great questions which were coming before the people.

After a big feed and a lot of it, the delegates to the Farmers' Union had their pictures taken and the Master of the State Grange and the Master of the Pomona Grange were given a seat of honor in the center of the picture. I felt proud to sit by the side of the State Master and know I was helping to represent such a noble order as the Grange.

The Grange and the Farmers' Union of Santa Clara County are working along in their different lines of work in a harmonious way. The Grange does a lot of talking and passes a lot of resolutions, but the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union does the commercial part of the work, the work of co-operation. Right here I want to say a word on the necessity of farmers co-operating:

Every trade and nearly every occupation has its union, the object to advance and protect the interests of its members; to fix, so far as possible, the minimum price they shall receive for what—they have to sell—their labor, and also to regulate the laws of labor, the number of hours that shall constitute a day's work, and why should not the farmers—and there are many more people in this country engaged in farming than in any other one industry—protect themselves in a somewhat similar manner? The farmers have an organization through which they can do this if they will, the Grange, and its declaration of purposes states plainly: "We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, buying together, selling together and, in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement, as occasion may require." But is the Grange living up to this policy? Let each answer this question for himself.

On July 9th we met at San Jose, at home so to speak, and it was purely a business meeting. The most of the time was taken up in discussing the best way to build up the Pomona Grange in the State. I will not go into details but will bring it up before the State Grange before adjournment.

September 10th we met with San Jose Grange. We had a big meeting which was well attended. We initiated nine. Brother and Sister Husted were elected Alternates to the State Grange. Mr. J. T. Brooks, Secretary of the San Jose

Chamber of Commerce addressed the Grange on Agricultural advantages of Santa Clara County. Resolutions from the officers of the State Grange were acted upon. Brother S. P. Sanders, chairman of the committee on Labor, read a part of a speech of Mr. Roosevelt on the Labor Question.

I have not been absent at a single meeting the two years I have been Master. Our Worthy Secretary, Sister Worthen has not been absent at a single meeting in six years.
single meeting in six years.

Before I close I want to say a word in memory of those who have passed away during the past year. We have lost two, Brother Judge B. G. Hulburt who died in May. He was over 90 years old and was an active member up to within a year of his death. Sister Ellen Cook died in March. Her funeral was the most beautiful I ever witnessed. Those who spoke were the Brothers and Sisters of the Grange and they spoke of her as they had known her in life. Our Worthy State Master and our State Lecturer and other Brothers and Sisters spoke of her as a noble woman. The Brothers and Sisters of the Grange sang the songs and the Brothers of the Grange lifted her up gently and carried her to her last resting place. She was something more than a Sister—she was one of the mothers of the Grange and to her and those dear old mothers of the Grange who have gone to their last resting place, I wish to dedicate these few lines:

OUR MOTHERS AT THE GATE.

Oh, there's many a lovely picture
On memory's silent wall,
There's many a cherished image
That we tenderly recall.
The sweet home of our childhood,
With its singing brooks and birds
The friends who grew around us,
With their loving looks and words

The flowers that decked the wild-
woods,

The roses fresh and sweet,
The blue-bells and the daisies
That blossomed at our feet—
All, all are very precious,

And often come to me,
Like breezes from that country
That shines beyond death's sea.
But the sweetest, dearest image

That fancy can create,
Is the image of our mothers—
Our mothers at the gate.

There, there I see her standing,
With her face so pure and fair,
With the sunlight and the shadows
On her snowy cap and hair;
We can feel the soft, warm pressure
Of the hands that clasped our
own;

We can see the look of fondness
That in her blue eyes shone;

I can hear her parting blessing
Through the lapse of weary years;

We can see, through all our sorrow,
Their own sad and silent tears.
Ah! amid the darkest trials

That have mingled with our fate,
We have turned to that dear
image—

Our mothers at the gate.
But they have crossed the river,
They are with the angels now.
They have laid aside earth's
burdens,

And the crown is on her brow.
They are clothed in clean, white
linen.

And they walk the streets of gold;
Oh, loved ones, safe forever
Within the Savior's fold,
No sorrowing thought can reach
thee

No grief is thine to-day;
God gives thee joy for mourning,
He wipes thy tears away—
Thou art waiting in that city
Where the holy angels wait,
And when we cross the river
We will see them at the gate.

Fraternally submitted,
E. F. GREENWOOD, Master.

SONOMA COUNTY POMONA.

To the Officers and Members of the State Grange of California,—Greeting

It becomes my pleasing privilege and duty to make the annual report of Sonoma County Grange No. 1.

There are seven subordinate Granges in the County with a membership of 413 of whom 97 are members of Pomona Grange.

This year we have been trying the experiment of a two days' session each quarterly meeting, through the suggestion of Past State Master Griffith, and consider them a great success in attendance, enthusiasm and education.

In addition to our regular quarterly meetings, we have had four sessions by invitation from Subordinate Granges; with Petaluma in November when we had a very interesting meeting and planned the work of the year: with Geyersville in May when we met under the grand old oaks in Nature's Hall and paid our tribute to Flora; with Two Rock in August when every Grange in the County answered present to roll call and an interesting and enthusiastic meeting was held with very near half of Pomona's members present; at a session away from the railroad: with Glen Ellen in September when the busiest and most interesting meetings of the year took place. All Granges except one were represented and all left the meeting hall believing it is well to belong to Pomona Grange.

We now have under consideration an amendment to raise our dues, realizing our funds are too small to accomplish the results required of a County Grange.

We have added an educational committee to our list of standing committees to further the addition of Agricul-

tural courses to our Schools and they are doing a good work.

We recommend the formation of more Pomona Granges in California recognizing the fact that Sonoma County Pomona has received recognition and consideration whenever we have presented resolutions to any legislative body.

In conclusion would say the past year has been one of the best we have ever had and the future looks bright for continued prosperity.

Fraternally submitted,
WALTER CHURCH, Master.

SOQUEL

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters:

Soquel Grange meets every Tuesday evening. Since Oct. 1st, 1909, we have demitted 17, lost 2 by death, otherwise ceased membership 36. Initiated 41. reinstated 2 and have 12 to initiate at our next meeting.

Since the first of April we have done \$8,500.00 worth of business through our Business agent.

Fraternally submitted,
J. N. RATHBURN, Master.

SUNNYVALE

Worthy Master, Officers and members of the California State Grange:

This is the eighth year since the Sunnyvale Grange was first organized and during that time we have had our ups and downs.

During the year we have taken in several but a number have moved away and we have lost two by death, which only leaves us with a membership of 56, but they are all good loyal members and our meetings are very interesting and instructive. We have eight applications for membership. The Pomona Grange met with us in March for an all day's meeting which was well attended and every one seemed to feel that it was a day we'll spent.

Fraternally submitted,
J. F. SPALDING.

TULARE.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange, Brothers and Sisters:

Tulare Grange No. 198 P. of H. makes the following annual report:

At the close of last year Tulare Grange had a membership of 32 Brothers and 27 sisters. During the year we have lost by death, one brother, by non-payment of dues one sister, by demit two brothers and one sister. We have initiated four brothers and three sisters and admitted one sister by card, making a total gain of three members, and we have elected two candidates who have not been initiated.

The Grange has held regular meetings at which the attendance has been fairly good. A Farmers' Institute was held under the auspices of the Grange and this Institute is said to have been the most successful one held in the San Joaquin Valley during the year; steps are being taken to hold another Institute soon.

Children's Day was observed and well attended.

The death of Brother I. N. Wright, a charter member of the Grange, was the really sad event in our Grange during the year. Brother Wright had always been an active worker in the Grange cause and before his death he made a request that he be buried according to the Grange ritual, which request was fully complied with.

The Grange has taken an active part in all matters of public interest, among others the securing for Tulare County a fine one hundred acre tract of natural oak forest for a County Park.

On May 7th a very interesting joint picnic of the several granges of the county was held at Dinuba. The annual picnic has been a regular feature of our Grange and is looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by both old and young.

Respectfully submitted
THOMAS JACOB, Master.

TULARE COUNTY POMONA.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Tulare County Pomona No. 5 begs leave to submit the following report;

One meeting has been held during the past year, with

each of the subordinate granges in the county, as there are four of these our quarterly meetings are thus nicely provided for. All our meetings have been arranged for fifth Saturdays and so do not interfere with the regular meeting of any subordinate grange. The attendance has been very good and the interest excellent. The subject of the proper building and maintenance of county roads has been prominently before the grange, among other questions of local and general importance. Our Patrons' Mutual Fire Insurance Company is in good condition under the watchful care of the Grange.

The Pomona has offered a silver mounted gavel for the subordinate grange in the county making the largest percent of gain in membership during the year.

It seems to be the general opinion of the members that the Pomona grange is one of the best features of the order, leading as it does to a wider acquaintance and closer unity among the farming population of the different communities, which is invaluable when any measure of general interest to the farmers of the county is at stake.

Fraternaly submitted,

F. H. STILES, Master.

TWO ROCK.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Two Rock Grange, No. 152, meets the first and third Fridays in each month. We began the year with fifty-one members in good standing, twenty-five brothers and twenty-six sisters. During the year we took in nineteen by initiation and one by demit. We lost two by demit and one by withdrawal, leaving a total of sixty-eight members in good standing of which thirty-three are brothers and thirty-five are sisters.

In August Pomona Grange held a very enthusiastic meeting at our hall, every Grange in the county being represented. Our Grange is in good condition with the exception of attendance which has not been good a portion of the time.

Respectfully submitted

S. L. STICE, Master.,

SAN JOSE.

San Jose Grange has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity during the past year. Some choice additions have been made to its membership, and the attendance at its meetings every Saturday morning has been uniformly good.

The live questions of the day have been adequately discussed, and in many cases, definite action taken, and communicated to Congressional representatives or State officers whose aid was needed for advanced legislation.

The members have been kept informed as to crop prospects and prices by the committee appointed for that purpose. The Farm and Orchard Committee has reported each week upon the enemies attacking our fruit trees, and the value of different remedies. The Lecture Work has been ably and punctually conducted.

The social life of the Grange has been most delightful. Santa Clara County Pomona Grange was entertained at an all day meeting. Perhaps the most enjoyable occasion was an out door meeting with basket lunch at the beautiful home of the Master of the State Grange. Being just before the Fourth of July, it was made a patriotic occasion, and addresses, full of interesting reminiscences, were made by our Grand Army members and by one who once wore the gray.

During the year we were called upon to mourn the death of Past Master B. G. Hurlburt. He was for many years Chairman of our Legislative Committee, and gave a weekly review of the situation when Congress or the State Legislature was in session, which was exceedingly valuable. He also served upon the same committee in the State Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

F. H. BABB, Master.

SANTA ROSA

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I make this my first report as Master of Santa Rosa Grange No. 17 P. of H. hoping it will be acceptable and of some benefit to the Patrons of this State.

We have a good live Grange, that, through the effort of our Lecturer, keeps up to date with all the live issues of our nation and with the rest of the world, and are

ready at any time to discuss and to help forward all measures that are for the immediate and future benefit of the producing classes. We have originated and adopted several resolutions on matters of vital importance to the members of the granges of this State, and some of them will be brought up for the consideration of this State Grange; and we ask that they be given careful and considerate attention.

Although we have a membership of about 70 yet our average attendance is only from 10 to 14 and we are trying to devise ways and means of obtaining better attendance and will be glad to receive any suggestions which will aid us in that line.

During the past year, we have lost, by death three of our honored members, all of whom were well known to most of the members of this Grange, viz: Brothers R. H. Britten and Harvey Gregory, both old and energetic members of the Grange, and whom we miss very much because they were old "stand byes" and always ready and willing to aid in bringing the Grange to the front: and Sister Judith Coulter, daughter of a former Master of the State Grange.

Respectfully submitted

H. N. N. LATIMER, Master.

SACRAMENTO.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Sacramento Grange No. 12 holds its meetings on the second and fourth Saturday afternoon of each month. We have lately changed our place of meeting and now meet in Friendship Hall, Red Men's Building on 10th street, between I. and J. streets, Sacramento. An invitation is extended to all Patrons to meet with us at our new home.

The change has given general satisfaction to our members for at our other place of meeting we were greatly annoyed by the noise from the great Printing presses located in an adjoining building.

During the last year we have had the pleasure of a visit from the Executive Committee of the California State Grange. Worthy Master Pettit has been with us on at least two occasions. We greatly enjoyed and profited by these visits.

We have a good set of officers. Our Worthy Master is alive and alert to the best interests of the Grange. (And while he does not farm on a very large scale, yet he has the distinction of being a good Planter.) Our Worthy Lecturer has had a live topic for discussion at every meeting, and by this means is drawing out the diffident members.

At the last meeting of the State Grange we reported 104 members. Since then we have re-instated eight, admitted by card one, initiated thirteen. Total 126.

Two have died, and three have withdrawn, and thirteen have been suspended leaving a total number of members, to date, 108.

Fraternally submitted

JOSEPH HOLMES, Alternate.

The hour for visiting the Farmers' Institute having arrived a recess was declared until 9 a. m.

EVENING SESSION

The reception tendered by the citizens and Patrons of Napa County was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

FORENOON.

Worthy Master Pettit opened the Grange at 9 a. m.

At the close of the opening song the minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Credentials showed the Granges entitled to representation as follows:—

American River.... M^{rs}. Chris Hansen, Alternate.
 Antelope.... A. Van Maren, Alternate and wife.
 Bennett Valley.... Stanley Stetson, Master and wife.
 Ben Lomond.... I. B. Hobson, Master.
 Bowman.... G. W. Haines, Master.
 Capital.... W. W. Greer, Master and wife.
 Castoria.... H. A. Hoerl, Master and wife.
 Danville.... Chas. J. Wood, Master and wife.
 Dinuba.... C. F. Collins, Alternate and wife.
 Eden.... Dr. David Dodd, Master.
 Elk Grove.... Alfred Baker, Master.
 Geyserville.... J. E. Metzger, Master and wife.
 Gold Hill.... F. H. Fowler, Master.
 Lincoln.... Warren E. Hyde, Master and wife.
 Mountain View.... Michael Farrell, Master and wife.
 Napa.... Frank L. Hunt, Master and wife.
 Oakland.... A. R. Dow, Master and wife.
 Orchard City.... Joseph Bohnett, Master and wife.

- Orangevale John Hillhouse, Alternate and wife.
 Petaluma....J. L. Goatley, Master.
 ProgressiveA. E. Burnham, Master and wife.
 Sacramento Joseph Holmes, Alternate and wife.
 Sacramento PomonaGeo. W. Hack, Master and wife.
 Santa Clara PomonaE. F. Greenwood, Master and wife.
 Santa Rosa....H. N. N. Latimer, Master.
 Sonoma PomonaWalter Church, Master and wife.
 Soquel.... J. N. Rathburn, Master and wife.
 SunnyvaleF. H. Case, Alternate and wife.
 TulareThos. Jacob, Master and wife.
 Tulare Pomona F. H. Stiles, Master and wife.
 Two Rock....S. L. Stice, Master and wife.
 San JoseF. H. Babb, Master.

The Worthy Master then appointed the following committees:—

Division of Labor—Brothers W. V. Griffith, J. N. Rathburn and Sister Stice.

Finance —Brothers G. W. Hack, F. H. Fowler and Sister F. H. Stiles.

Judiciary—Brothers H. N. N. Latimer, Walter Church and Sister A. C. Keesling.

Resolutions —Brothers G. W. Worthen, Thos. Jacob, J. E. Metzger and Sisters C. J. Wood and D. W. Taylor.

Memorial —Sisters C. F. Emery, A. R. Dow, and F. L. Hunt.

Fifth and Sixth Degree—Brothers W. V. Griffith, E. F. Greenwood, D. M. Winans, Geo. Sehlmeier and Sisters Rena Church and Stanley Stetson.

Resolutions of sympathy (see resolutions) introduced by Brother Hack, adopted.

Moved that the Worthy Master appoint a committee of three to draft resolutions of condolence to Brother Cyrus Jones. The motion carried and the following were appointed to serve on the committee:—Thos. Jacob, S. P. Sanders and Mrs. C. R. Holland.

Moved and seconded that all resolutions be handed in in duplicate. Motion carried.

Moved by Brother Fowler that the Worthy Master appoint a committee of five to consider the feasibility of arranging for the consolidation of the Grange and the Farmers' Union. Carried.

Brothers Currier, Morrison, F. T. Robinson and Walter Church were appointed to serve on committee.

Resolutions relating to Agricultural Education in high schools, introduced by Napa Grange referred to Committee on Education.

Resolution relating to the funds of the State Grange being used in Organization work introduced by Petaluma Grange referred to Resolution Committee.

Resolution relating to change of date of State Grange meeting, introduced by Progressive Grange, referred to Resolution Committee.

Resolutions introduced by Santa Rosa Grange, relating to Fish and Game Commission referred to Legislative Committee, —relating to change of date of meeting, referred to Resolution Committee.

Resolutions introduced by Sonoma Pomona, relating to mutilation of shade trees, also of meeting of State Legislature referred to Legislative Committee,—relating to State Grange Scholarship, to Agricultural Education in Grammar and High Schools to Committee on Education.

Brother Mortimer Whitehead, Worthy Past Lecturer of the National Grange was introduced and gave a brief but impressive greeting to our members.

Worthy Past Master Worthen responded to the greeting in well chosen words.

Resolutions introduced by Tulare Pomona, relating to taxation, gaining title of land, and bonding State for public highways referred to Legislative Committee.

Resolutions introduced by San Jose Grange, relating to International Institute of Agriculture—to the delivering of mails referred to Resolution Committee.

Moved and seconded that the Worthy Lecturer's Hour be changed to the hour immediately following the special order of business: Motion carried.

The Committee on Division of Labor made the following report which was accepted and ordered placed on file:—Worthy Master,

Your Committee on Division of Labor beg leave to submit the following report on work submitted to them.

That that portion of the Master's report referring to the condition of the Order at large, also that portion on condition of the Order in this State and the public press, be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

That portion referring to Co-operation to the Committee on co-operation

That portion referring to International Institute of Agriculture, Legislation and Good Roads be referred to Legislative Committee.

That portion of the Lecturer's report referring to Bulletins be referred to Executive Committee.

That portion referring to University Farm School at Davis be referred to Committee on Education.

That portion referring to Grange Life Insurance and the dedication of Grange homes be referred to Committee on Good of Order.

That the reports of Overseer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Ceres, Pomona and Flora be referred to Committee on Good of Order.

W. V. GRIFFITH
J. N. RATHBURN
MRS. S. L. STICE

Worthy Master Pettit then declared a recess until 1.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON

The Grange reassembled at 1.30 p. m. and the following committees were announced:—

Legislative — Brothers John Tuohy, H. N. N. Latimer and L. J. Church and Sisters H. A. Hoerl and Warren Hyde.

Constitution and By Laws—Brothers Peter Hanson, Joseph Holmes and Sister M. J. Worthen.

Charity—Sisters L. J. Church, H. A. Hoerl A. Van Maren and Brothers Alfred Baker and Dr. Dodd.

Co-operation — Brothers G. W. Worthen, J. C. Morrison, J. H. Beach and Sisters Effa Rathburn and J. E. Metzger.

Education — Sisters C. J. Wood, F. M. Greer, and Brothers C. E. Wingate, W. E. Stewart and Chas. Collins.

Woman's Work — Sisters C. F. Emery, Minnie Church A. R. Dow, G. W. Hack and M. J. Worthen.

A short recess was declared and Arthur Briggs, former president of the State Board of Trade addressed the Grange upon the Panama International Exposition to be held in 1915 and then read a resolution regarding the rais-

ing of funds to carry on said Exposition, copies of which he requested sent to every Subordinate Grange in the State.

The hour having arrived for the Lecturer's work, Worthy Lecturer, F. H. Babb took charge of the meeting and Worthy Brother Whitehead, Past Lecturer of the National Grange gave an address in which he told what the Grange is, its first principle or purpose and then explained the secret work.

Brother Currier of San Jose Grange related an interesting account of his experience in an Alaskan Indian Camp.

The hour for special order of business having arrived the Memorial Committee presented the following program:

Music.

Repeating Lord's Prayer by the Grange.

Remarks by Brother Pettit.

Remarks by Brothers and placing flowers on altar by Sisters.

San Jose—Brother B. G. Hurlburt—Sister Pettit.
Remarks by Brothers Pettit and Babb.

Sacramento — Brother David Reese—Sister Holmes.
Remarks, Brother Hack

Progressive —D. P. Cullum—Sister Brigham.
Remarks, Brother Burnham.

Petaluma — Brother C. D. Grover —Sister Winans.
Remarks Brother Griffith.

Tulare— Brother I. N. Wright—Sister Stiles.
Remarks — Brothers Tuohy and Jacob.

Santa Rosa —Brother Harvey Gregory —Sister Gamble.
Remarks— Brother Wingate.

Judith Coulter, —Sister Hanson.
Remarks, Brother Hanson

San Jose —Sister Ellen Cook Sister Sanders.
Remarks Sister Worthen.

Stockton —Sister C. E. Overhiser.
Remarks Sister Worthen.

Recitation —Sister Dow.

Reciting the 23rd Psalm—Brother Worthen.

Music.

Invocation by Sister Emery.

EVENING SESSION

The evening was devoted to addresses on Constitutional Amendment No. 1, by Prof. Carl C. Plehn and Senator Curtin of Sonora, Tuolumne County.

THIRD DAY— THURSDAY.

FORENOON

Grange opened at the usual hour by Worthy Master Pettit.

Minutes were approved as read.

The Secretary read a letter from the Worthy Organist regretting that she could not attend the present session of the State Grange.

Worthy Past Master Greer, at the request of the Worthy Master, addressed the Grange giving the members words of cheer and hope in the future work of the Grange Resolutions (see resolutions) relating to Constitutional Amendment No. 1, introduced by Brother Tuohy was, on motion by Brother Greer, referred back to Brother Tuohy for correction.

Moved by Brother Stetson that each speaker on resolutions be limited to five minutes. Motion carried.

Resolutions (see resolutions) relating to funds for Panama Exposition, introduced by Brother Tuohy was adopted.

On motion by Brother Burnham, a resolution (see resolutions) referring to taking the Judiciary out of politics was adopted.

Brother Whitaker's resolution relating to compensation of treasurer was referred to Legislative Committee.

The Executive Committee's report, which consisted of the minutes of all the meetings held during the year, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Brother Tuohy again introduced the resolution referring to Constitutional Amendment No. 1 and it was unanimously adopted.

The following partial report of the Legislative Committee was considered sieratum:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange,

We your Committee on Legislation, beg leave to submit the following report.

We endorse that resolution in regard to the segregation of the State and County taxation.

We also endorse that resolution in regard to the Torrens Land Act and recommend that the legislature establish a fund for the purpose of reimbursing valid titles not shown in five years.

We approve of that resolution condemning the bonding of the State for building a public highway, and also approve of that part of the Master's report in regard to good roads.

We highly recommend that portion of the Master's report relating to an International Institute of Agriculture.

In relation to the resolution from Santa Rosa Grange in regard to the fish and game commission—We do not favor the Grange going into matters which do not pertain to the Grange but in this case, that matter having been investigated by Santa Rosa Grange and recommended by it, we favor the adoption of the resolution by the State Grange.

As this Committee has not had time to take up the matter contained in the resolution in regard to the changing of the time of the State Legislature we return the same without recommendation.

We recommend the adoption of that resolution granting to the Treasurer, when called upon to attend executive committee meetings, the same compensation as an executive committeeman.

We have taken no action on the communication of Brother Summers as we did not consider it in the form of a resolution.

We do not recommend the adoption of the resolution from Glen Ellen Grange, but recommend that the matter contained therein be referred to the different subordinate granges for their action.

We approve the resolution referring to Public Utility Corporations cutting down and mutilating shade trees.

JOHN TUOHY
H. N. N. LATIMER
L. J. CHURCH
JENNIE HOERL
WARREN E. HYDE

The entire report was adopted save that portion referring to the bonding of the State for \$18,000,000, which

After several announcements Committee.
was referred back to the members, a recess was declared until 1.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

Meeting called to order by Worthy Master Pettit.

Moved and seconded that the election of the Executive Committeeman be postponed until 2.30 p. m. Motion carried.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report which was adopted:—

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange,

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows:—

We approve the resolution referring to the International Institute of Agriculture, with headquarters at Rome, Italy:

We approve the resolutions referring to the change in date of meeting of the State Grange and offer several resolutions of thanks (see resolutions).

G. W. WORTHEN.
CHAS. J. WOOD.
THOS. JACOB.
J. E. METZGER.

Moved that the resolution to change date of meeting be amended to read second Tuesday in December instead of first Tuesday in December. The motion was carried. The amendment was voted on and lost.

The Worthy Master appointed Brothers Chas. Collins and Stanley Stetson tellers and S. L. Stice was elected Executive Committeeman.

The Committee on Conference between the Farmers Union and the California State Grange made a majority and a minority report. The majority report was adopted.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Worthy Master and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Conference between the Farmers' Union and the California State Grange beg leave to report as follows:—

The interests of members of each order are identical, their occupations are similar, and their work along co-operative lines should be harmonious. Therefore we recommend that the most cordial relations be sustained be-

tween these orders, but that any action of this Grange looking toward a consolidation of these orders is unwise at the present time.

FRED J. CURRIER.
WALTER CHURCH.
J. C. MORRISON.

The minority report favored the consolidation of the Grange and the Farmers Union and was signed by Herbert Fowler.

The following report of the Committee on Education was adopted:—

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange, your Committee on Education offers the following report:—

We heartily endorse the report of the Committee on Education of the National Grange, which favors industrial training—believing it is well to educate the hand and mind together—also favors Agricultural extension.

We believe that our Lecture department should be one of education for our members, disseminating knowledge and information along the lines of work upon which the Grange stands. Our Lecturer should be the lever and his department the fulcrum to lift the department in Pomona and subordinate Granges out of any rut in which they may have fallen.

We most earnestly recommend that the Lecturers of Pomona and subordinate Granges do more toward educating their members in the principles and ethics of our Order.

Circulars, pamphlets and programs of suggestions—anything and every thing that would interest the Lecturers all down the line should be distributed among the members. This bureau should be a clearing house of information giving assistance where ever needed.

Our agricultural colleges, experiment stations, and bureaus of investigation are compiling data of invaluable aid and assistance to our farmers. Further this literature is at the service of every one who will apply for it and without cost.—Brothers and Sisters, avail yourselves of this valuable information.

The subordinate, Pomona and State Grange that makes the most of its lecture work is the one that to-day is attracting the most attention.

The Committee would like to suggest and emphasize that

all Masters of the Subordinate Granges insist that strict parliamentary rules and ritualistic etiquette be carried out.

We endorse the Resolution of Sonoma Pomona Grange relative to a scholarship at the Agricultural School at Davis, and recommend that the recipient hold himself or herself in readiness to aid the Master or Lecturer of the State Grange whenever called upon—the manner of selecting the recipient to be determined by the State Grange.

We most heartily endorse the movement started by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction extending Agricultural training to our High Schools, as adopted by the Napapa Grange, and would add the Grammar Schools as soon as possible.

In reference to the Resolutions of Sonoma County Pomona Grange relative to the training of teachers for Agricultural work in our schools—let it be.

Resolved—that we recommend the adoption of the action therein described.

Whereas there exists much dissatisfaction with the existing methods of constantly changing in whole or in part the authorized text books now in use in our public schools, we recommend that the State Grange put itself upon record as opposed to the continual alterations and supplements to the existing legally adopted course unless the clearest reasons can be shown for such necessity.

We would call attention to the fact that the University Farm School at Davis offers for the coming year most excellent and diversified courses and recommend that this fact be called to the attention of Granges by their Lecturers and attendance urged upon the members.

MRS. C. J. WOOD.
CHAS. F. COLLINS.
C. E. WINGATE
W. E. STEWART.
MRS. F. M. GREER.

The following report on Dormant Granges was considered and adopted:—

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange,—

Your committee on Dormant Granges beg leave to submit the following:—

Probably no more important question can come before

this State Grange than the subject of Dormant Granges.

"Dormant" when applied to Granges does not mean the healthful sleep that brings strength when by a natural process coming from within itself it wakes to activity, but that lethargic condition of unconsciousness which precedes death.

Unconscious of the great benefits to be derived from the working together of the farming population of a community is one cause of dormancy. No order affords such a variety of good things that can be accomplished as does the Grange. Therefore our

First recommendation is that the benefits to be derived from a Grange should be kept constantly before the general public by articles published in local papers and that Grange literature telling what successful Granges are doing to better conditions in the communities where they exist should be freely distributed, not once or twice here or there, but systematically and continuously. This work should be in charge of the Worthy Lecturer of the State Grange.

Second—As the seeds of dormancy are in many cases planted in a Grange almost at its birth, we recommend greater care in securing members for the establishment of new Granges. Not anyone who will pay the fee, but those who are of the most use already in a community should be sought out to form a new Grange by which greater good is to come.

Third—We recommend a school of instruction in which Masters of Granges and Deputies are to be made familiar with Grange work.

Fourth—That, as the Grange that has an interesting lecturer's hour never becomes dormant, we recommend that the Worthy Lecturer of the State Grange call an annual meeting of Lecturers as soon as possible after the installation of officers to advise and plan (At such meeting information on the subjects to be discussed together with references leading along educational lines can be suggested.) the lecture work of subordinate Granges with a view to establishing uniformity and efficiency.

Fifth—That the Worthy Master and Worthy Secretary look over the quarterly reports with a view to noting those Granges that show signs of weakness and where such signs are found the Worthy Master with the aid of the Executive

Committee shall take such steps as in their judgment shall seem best to prevent said Granges from becoming dormant.

Your Committee realizes that no fixed method of treatment for a Dormant Grange can be laid down, as each Grange is individual and must be treated with special care suited to its needs.

We believe it is a waste of time and money to try to reorganize a Dead Grange. Prevention by all the methods available is the recommendation that this report would emphasize.

D. M. WINANS.
G. SEHLMAYER.
M. J. WORTHEN.

The following report of the Committee on the Good of the Order was adopted:—

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Good of the Order to whom was referred Resolutions adopted by Sonoma County Pomona Grange beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same and recommend their adoption.

That they have duly considered the reports of Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Flora, Pomona, Ceres, and the Report of G. W. Worthen, Deputy of Santa Clara County and recommend that they all be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

W. W. GREER.
PETER HANSON.
JOHN HILLHOUSE
MRS. E. F. GREENWOOD.
MRS. CHRIS HANSEN.

The Committee on Woman's Work offered the following report which was adopted:—

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:—

Your Committee on Woman's Work beg leave to recommend that the first meeting in March of each Subordinate Grange be set aside for woman's meeting and that at that meeting the needs, the status and the work of women be discussed and that a report of that meeting be forwarded to the chairman of the Woman's Work Committee.

As time passes, the civic responsibilities of woman are

being constantly increased while she is denied direct influence in civic affairs, we therefore urge that all brothers and sisters work earnestly for the enfranchisement of woman.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE F. EMERY.

ELLA M. DOW.

M. J. WORTHEN.

MINNIE CHURCH

MRS. G. W. H. ACK.

In addition to the report Sister Dow read a paper on Woman, her work in the home and in the grange. The paper was referred to the Executive Committee with a view of having it printed and sent to the Subordinate Granges.

On motion by Prother Tuohy the time for the considering of the report of the Committee on Patrons' State Fire Insurance was set for 1.30 p. m. Friday.

EVENING SESSION.

At the close of the opening song, Grange closed in the Fourth and opened in the Fifth Degree and E. F. Greenwood, Worthy Master of Santa Clara Pomona Grange conferred the Fifth Degree upon the following class:—Ralph William Bryan, Roberta C. Camp, Mrs. G. T. Carr, Hulda O. Chaboya, Grace Chapman, Dr. David Dodds, A. R. Dow, C. E. Edgman, Grace Foster, J. L. Goatley, Annie M. Graves, Mrs. Sarah Graves, John Hillhouse, Mrs. M. J. Hillhouse, I. B. Hobson, Lena Jackson, Antoinette Martin, Adolph G. Podva, Anna A. Polak, J. N. Rathburn, Mrs. Effa Rathburn, Annie M. Wilson, S. Wyckoff.

Grange closed in the Fifth and opened in the Sixth Degree and W. V. Griffith Worthy Past Master California State Grange, conferred the Sixth Degree on the following class:—

Alfred Baker, Miss Louisa A. Baker, Ralph Wm. Bryan, Roberta C. Camp, Mrs. G. T. Carr, Hulda O. Chaboya, Grace J. Chapman, Mrs. Jean Emily Collins, Chas. F. Collins, Fred J. Currier, David Dodds, A. R. Dow, Margaret Sterlling Ellis, Grace Foster, C. E. Edgman, J. L. Goatley, Sarah Graves, Annie M. Graves, John Hillhouse, Mrs. M. J. Hillhouse, Lena Jackson Antoinette Martin, Lizzie Mae Pat-

terson, Adolph G. Podva, J. N. Rathburn, Effa Rathburn, Annie W. Wilson, S. H. Wyckoff. At the close of the initiation, Grange closed in the Sixth and opened in the Fourth Degree, a recess was declared until 9 a. m. and the members enjoyed the usual Feast of Pomona.

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY.

The forenoon was devoted to an excursion to St. Helena and the Veterans' Home.

AFTERNOON.

Grange was opened in regular form by Worthy Master Pettit.

Worthy Past Master Griffith offered a resolution (see resolutions) relating to better development of Agricultural Schools which was adopted.

The Worthy Secretary read the report of the Committee on Patrons' State Fire Insurance. Brother Tuohy made a motion that the report be adopted and that we recommend that the bill be presented and supported by the California State Grange at the next session of the Legislature, and that we use our best efforts to secure its passage.

After discussion by Brothers Hack, Tuohy, Holmes, Sehmeyer, Whitehead and Fowler, Brother Fowler made a motion to lay the bill on the table for one year. The motion was lost and after further discussion by Brothers Whitehead, Pettit, Burnham and Summers, the report was adopted.

Report of Patrons' State Fire Insurance Committee.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry of California:

Your committee on Patrons' State Fire Insurance respectfully report:—

Herewith we send you a copy of "an act to regulate the organization of fraternal insurance associations" prepared by your State Grange Patrons of Husbandry and submitted to the Legislature of California for adoption. The act passed the Senate on February 25th, and the Assembly on March 8th, 1909. It afterwards got a pocket veto by the Governor, who acknowledged later that he had no fault to find with it except in his opinion it gave the order too

much power. We do not believe this to be the true reason why the Governor did not sign the bill; we believe it was from lack of consideration of the subject, for on repeated solicitation by your committee to state how he wished the bill changed he failed to state it, but on the 11th of November, 1909, he writes: "In the event that bill comes up again for consideration and I am still Governor of this State, I would be pleased to meet with you and other gentlemen interested and help to prepare a bill which would be satisfactory to all concerned."

We believe the bill should be again introduced in the early part of the next session of the legislature. It is just; it is fair. We believe the State Grange should give its best efforts to have it passed. We believe, without a doubt, if it will pass, and the Grange will then have a material consideration for membership a consideration which will bring membership to the Order and keep up the membership as it does in every other state where the members of the order obligate themselves to help bear each others losses by fire. The Order needs it and needs it badly and should put forth every effort to get it without an unnecessary day's delay.

The bill has been carefully drawn; it has no constitutional objection. It is plain, simple and short as all good legislation is. It leaves all further details for its success and its usefulness to the management of the order adopting it. We have no amendments to recommend.

Last year, principally in Southern California, many men mutually agreed to share each others losses by fire. They were not acting under any form of law, it was simply an agreement between them selves. However Commissioner Wolf found some objection to some detail of their agreement or some detail lacking in their organization and ordered them to quit business. As a result a new organization was formed known as the "Merchants' Exchange of Southern California" and this organization adopted a constitution and bylaws providing for certain benefits, among these being mutual fire insurance. Any member in any part of the State, can insure his property against loss by fire without being controlled by the insurance laws of the State. They act entirely outside their control. The Grange can do so, also, if it wishes to.

It is known to the Executive Committee, but may not

be known to all the members of the Staate Grange, what are the desirabilities, the usefulness and the benefits of what a fraternal fire insurance department will be to our Order. We, for this reason, ask to call the attention of the members to what fraternal fire insurance has done for the Order in other states, taken from the Report of the National Grange for 1909.

Indiana: "Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, since the enabling act was passed through Grange Influence, has saved more than \$5,000,000 to the farmers of the state. So popular has farmers' mutual insurance become that mutual companies are being formed to insure village and city property, and these companies, together with the farmers' companies have forced old-line companies to reduce their rates from 33 to 40 percent."

Missouri: "The Patrons Fire Insurance Company has increased its membership until today it stands as one of the solid institutions, with all losses paid to date, with a record of one mill on the dollar assessment during the last year."

New Jersey: Our old tried and true Grange Insurance Company has been in the business nearly thirty years, saving annually thousands of dollars to its patrons. More than \$20,000,000 worth of property is now insured in this company."

New York: "Our Patrons' fire relief associations have been unusually successful, where conducted as strictly Grange propositions and we have associations of this character carrying fully \$100,000,000 of insurance at a saving of about two-thirds of the cost in old line companies."

Kansas: "The Patrons' Cooperative Bank at Olathe is the favorite cooperative enterprise. It continues right along in the even tenor of its way, making money and pleasing its stockholders and its Patrons. Its stock is issued in shares of one hundred dollars each, and is now worth \$300, but very little of it is on the market, except in case of a death or the settlement of an estate. The capital stock is \$50,000 paid up. \$50,000 surplus, and in the last statement the deposits were \$435,692.96, and secured by the guaranty fund of the state of Kansas. As far as the dividend is concerned, we do not say much about that, but as we are all Patrons here, I will say that for the last four years it has paid a dividend of 15 percent semi-annually, or 30 per-

cent per annum. Other cooperative stores, creameries and telephone lines throughout the state are reported as successful during the past year.

Then the Patrons' Fire and Tornado Association was organized in 1889, and after a few years amended its charter and took in every Grange in Kansas. Our Patrons watched and studied its methods to ascertain if they could safely trust their property to its protection. In 1899 this association published its first decade report, and mailed them to every Grange in the State. It has passed through about every ordeal that tests the merits of underwriting and made a splendid record. Fire had turned to ashes many of its best buildings and tornadoes had done much damage yet every loss had been quickly adjusted and paid. The total cost had been but \$10 on each \$1,000 for five years, or \$200 on the \$1,000 annual insurance. This was but half the rate they had been paying and so the desire to obtain the insurance benefits has become the most attractive feature of our Order.

Another decade has come and gone; it opened with one and a half millions of risks and closed with nearly \$10,000 000 of risks on our books. Each successive year has marked an increased gain and 1909 has already become a record breaker, for after keeping up all expirations our net gain from January 1st to November 1st is \$1,660,000 in risks, or \$200,000 more than was written during the first ten years of its existence. This low rate of insurance is attracting the farmers to our Order. The total Grange membership in Kansas is 7,800. It is evident that our insurance company has absorbed all their risks; so much so, that the figures of the insurance books are an index of the growth of the Order in Kansas.

Pennsylvania: In his report to the National Grange the Worthy Master does not mention the work or benefit to the Order in that state, of Grange fire insurance. Herewith we enclose a clipping from Pennsylvania Grange News of last March.

A lesson in co-operation is found in the following report of the Patrons' Mutual Fire Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania:

Corry, Pa., Jan. 11, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the Patrons' Mutual Fire Association:

I am happy to report another successful season, prosperity has abounded, confidence in the association and fidelity to its principles have caused a steady growth. It has been a busy year and in all our deliberations we have labored for the best interests of the association without fear or favor.

There has been insurance written to the amount of \$2,161,740.00. Our losses have been about \$23,000.00. We have lost by threshing engines about \$2,000.00. Lightning has caused about one third of all our losses, our total loss by lightning alone was \$7,700.00.

I would urge that Patrons try and protect their buildings by rodding them, not a single dollar's loss occurred where barns were rodded according to our rules. I am pleased to report that more barns have been rodded this year than ever before altho members are paying about one-half more for the same than under our former arrangement. Although our losses look large you must remember that we cover a large territory, we have grown strong in the aggregate and we must deal with large figures, while per capita our assessments will be less than one year ago.

Some of the directors thought when we asked to loan \$20,000.00 we were estimating high and reluctantly granted it, I have signed notes for loans to pay losses and renewals to the amount of \$19,000 this year.

I would recommend that our members be prompt in paying assessments because the loans must be paid on time. The larger and stronger we get, the more exactness in our business is required in order to keep everything moving in harmony. It has been necessary to force collections in a few cases.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. OLMSTEAD, President.

Supplementary Report of Secretary

In making comparisons from the last insurance reports in this state I find some interesting facts as follows:

Stock companies collected from their policy holders about \$12.00 for each \$1,000 insured. Our association only collected \$2.85 per \$1,000 insured. And the U. S. reports show that stock companies used as much for expenses alone as our association paid for losses and expenses for each \$1,000 carried. In comparing local mutual companies with which we are in competition I find as follows:

Our association has been running 21 years and has \$9,000,000 in risks.

The Farmers' Mutual has been running 37 years, and has \$1,000,000 in risks.

The Harbor Creek has been running 52 years, and has \$10,000,000 in risks.

Crawford Mutual has been running 69 years, and has \$2,500,000 in risks.

The average cost per year per \$1,000 carried as follows:

The officers in our association receiving about 33c on each \$1,000 carried per year; officers of the Farmers' Mutual \$1.27; Harbor Creek 47c; and the Crawford Mutual officers \$1.37. Total expense of our association in 1908, losses out, was \$1.28 per \$1,000 written, of the Harbor Creek Company \$2.33; of the Farmers' Mutual \$16.25; and of the Crawford Mutual \$5.55 for each \$1,000 written. Ours about one-half of the lowest.

Now if our members would take as much care to prevent losses as the officers do to prevent unnecessary expense it would help the association, I am sure they would if they understood the danger of fire and the causes of fire and a little talk along that line would no doubt result in good at this time if I am allowed a little more time.

Chimneys and stove pipes should be looked after at this time of the year especially as more fire is needed. Chimneys should be examined in the attic, especially near the roof. Stove pipes cleaned and examined to see if rusted through, etc. Matches to be kept from children and mice and never carried loose in pockets, they are often lost in barns to be later stepped on by stock or set off by tires of wagons or machinery. Buy no other kind than the protected head which may be crushed but seldom ignited that way. Put copper cables on barns as soon as you can in the improved manner and save the danger from lightning. The danger of gasoline comes by mixing with air, as you can't explode it in liquid body, but in pouring it from one vessel to another, or using it to clean garments it is very dangerous in a room where there is a fire or light, especially to life, the explosion is so quick that only light materials catch fire. However in the United States from this cause it averages a fire each hour and 20 persons killed each week on average, and the same with acetylene gas, it is said it causes more funerals than fire. Be careful of oil and gasoline.

The power for threshing machines and ensilage cutters cause us thousands of dollars loss each year and we would ask our members to employ threshers with gasoline engines when possible as there are no sparks to be carried into or onto the buildings.

Lanterns should be hung in secure places if used in barns and straw and cobwebs cleared away. If they are set down they are liable to be knocked over by domestic animals or otherwise. From this source we also have heavy losses.

Railroad locomotives set many fires and every building exposed to this danger should have a strip of plowed land between so that these fires could not cross.

All solicitors should be careful to show on diagram of buildings to be insured, all small buildings in between the larger ones, with the distances marked between so that the approving board will not take over \$2,000 in what is considered "one risk," especially where our members have moved to towns and ask for insurance there. And be careful about over valuing property. Never throw water on tar or oil fire. If lamp or lantern is overturned, catch a blanket or quilt to smother it. Water only spreads such a fire. Never put tar on a stove to heat it, do that out of doors.

In closing will say that while the social features of the Grange are spiritual, and consequently a great benefit, the business part is material and helps keep up the strength of this great Order.

G. D. HEATH, Secretary.

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The Legislative Committee then offered a substitute (see resolutions) for resolution referred to it, regarding bonding the State for \$18,000,000 as its final report. The resolution was adopted.

The following report of the Finance Committee was adopted:—

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:—

Your Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Worthy Treasurer and Worthy Secretary beg leave to present the following report:—

First—That we have examined said reports and find that while the itemized entries do not agree, yet both reports do agree in three important and essential facts—to wit—Both reports agree as to the total receipts for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1910 to be \$3,468.73. Both reports agree as

to the balance on hand for the year ending Sept. 30th 1910 to be \$2,094.56.

We therefore find both reports agree and are correct.

Second—That we have examined the report of the Executive Committee, approve their method of reporting the records of their meetings and further that their report is correct.

GEO. W. HACK.

HERBERT FOWLER.

MRS. F. H. STILES.

The report of the Committee on Co-operation was read and adopted.

To the Officers and Members of the State Grange of California,

We need not report the principles of our Declaration of Purposes, Co-operation is the fundamental principle of our Order. The membership being composed of men and women, the best in our land the social features are of the highest order of excellence.

We could duplicate what is being done in a business way in other states if we were numerically stronger and more concentrated.

In his address to the National Grange in 1905, Brother Aaron Jones, the Worthy Master of that body, under the head of Co-operative business, said:—

In addition to co-operation in its broader sense, as applied to church, school, grange and citizenship in its varied relations to town, county, state and nation, there is a necessity for business co-operation.

All business associations should be established on sound business principles and managed by honest men with large experiences and qualifications and all transactions should be transacted on the cash system. Under no circumstances should the credit system be encouraged.

Individual members may form co-operative or stock associations, such as mutual fire insurance companies but the Grange need not and should not be financially responsible. Granges may employ a purchasing or selling agent.

Your Committee recommends this as the simplest plan to do business in a co-operative way. To make co-operation a success, it is necessary to have some body to give the matter his attention. "What is every-body's business is nobody's business."

We therefore recommend that the Executive Committee of this State Grange be requested to employ an experienced man or woman well qualified in every particular, whose business it shall be to act for the Grange as business agent in buying and selling for those members of the Granges which may wish to avail themselves of the advantages of buying at wholesale rates and of selling through kindred organizations. The Grange agent acting as a simple convenient business medium through which the Grange can avail itself of the advantages of the Rochdale companies, Right Relationship Leagues and other kindred organizations, thus co-ordinating itself with them and availing itself of the advantages of the system and experience without forming any entangling alliance.

G. W. WORTHEN.

J. C. MORRISON.

J. H. BEACH.

MRS. J. N. RATHBURN.

MRS. J. E. METZGER.

F. H. Stiles, Worthy Master of Tulare County Pomona Grange, extended an invitation to the State Grange to hold its next session in Tulare County. The invitation was accepted.

The following report of the Conservation Committee was adopted:—

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange,

Your Committee on Conservation beg leave to make the following report:—

Conservation of our National resources is fast becoming a leading subject of consideration among all classes of our great commonwealth. In the halls of legislation, among teachers, students, in public gatherings or on the street corners, the subject is frequently discussed.

The rapid, almost wanton destruction of our vast forests has done more to call public attention to this matter than any other factor. At the present wasteful rate our forests will soon disappear from the face of the land. The general government and some of the states have taken preliminary steps to stop this wholesale waste, but it is still going on. In the great lumber camps little or no attention is paid to the young growth of timber and after the logs are removed and sometimes before, fire is applied to the re-

maining tops and brush and the destruction is made complete.

The great mineral resources are also fast passing into the hands of the great corporate interests. Another source of natural wealth that is fast passing into private or corporate control is Power and Reservoir sites on the public domain.

At this time the question of whether it shall be Federal or State control that shall govern is before the public. At the late session of the National Irrigation Congress its members went on record as favoring Federal control, and your committee is unanimously in favor of the action and recommend its adoption by the Grange.

And we also recommend the re adoption of the following resolutions.

First —The California State Grange pledges its hearty support to those who are patriotically fighting to save the natural resources of our country.

Second— The Grange demands of the State and Nation that no more water power sites and rights be granted to private individuals or corporations in perpetuity, but that they be leased for a definite and limited time to those who desire to make use of them, as in the case of Canada.

Third —That we urge upon our California Granger the study and practice of advanced, scientific farming; that while drawing an adequate support from them, we may yet leave our broad acres more productive than we found them, and assist in conserving the greatest natural resources of our country.

Fourth —That we also urge an unceasing watchfulness and a strict enforcement of the laws regulating the preservation of our forests and other natural resources, by the officers appointed for that purpose.

THOS. JACOB.

JOSEPH BOHNETT.

HERBERT FOWLER.

Moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Education be reconsidered. The motion was adopted and the report was reconsidered with the result that that portion of the report relating to Grange scholarship at the Agricultural School at Davis be referred back to the committee for the purpose of the committee drafting a resolution to be

presented at the next session of the State Grange.

The remainder of the report was adopted.

Several announcements were made and a recess was declared until 7.30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Grange opened in the usual manner, Worthy Master Pettit in the chair.

The matter of representation in the State Grange was discussed and the Worthy Master was called upon to make a ruling. He ruled that a Grange whose Master's wife or husband is not a member of the Grange is entitled to but one representative in the State Grange.

On motion by Brother Farrell, the State Grange tendered a vote of thanks to E. F. Greenwood, Master of Santa Clara County Pomona Grange for conferring the Fifth Degree.

Brother S. L. Stice, the newly elected member of the Executive Committee was given the obligation of his office.

We were then favored with recitations by Sisters Dow and Holmes.

Moved by Brother Jacob that Brother Collins be appointed to convey the sympathy of the State Grange to Brother Fraser in his illness and to express to him our regrets that he could not attend the State Grange meeting. Motion carried.

On motion by Sister Dow, a vote of thanks was tendered Worthy Master Pettit for the able, peaceful and judicious manner in which he presided over the entire session of the State Grange.

Grange closed in regular form until October, 1911.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE.

RELATING TO SYMPATHY.

Introduced by G. W. Hack, Master of
Sacramento Grange.

Whereas— We note the absence of Past Master of the State Grange, Brother Daniel Flint, and

Whereas— Brother Flint, while in the full strength of

his manhood, served our Order two years as Master, six years as Lecturer and many years as Treasurer and by his energy, zeal and faithfulness in the performance of his duties accomplished much for the upbuilding of our Order, thus setting a good example for all true Patrons to emulate, therefore be it

Resolved: By the members of the California State Grange now in session on this the 5th day of October, 1910, that we sincerely regret to learn of the serious illness of our esteemed brother and co-worker in the Grange, and be it further

Resolved—That we tender Brother Flint our sympathy in his affliction and assure him that in our petitions to the throne of grace we will ask our Divine Master to grant unto our Brother strength of body and yet many days of life in which he may cheer us by his presence, encourage us by his counsel and working together with him be enabled to accomplish such work as shall result in great good to our Order in this State, and be it further

Resolved— That the foregoing preamble and resolutions attested by our Worthy Master and Worthy Secretary, be transmitted to our esteemed Brother Flint.

RELATING TO BETTER DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS.

Introduced by Past Master, W. V. Griffith.

In as much as we can now look with pride and satisfaction upon the results of our efforts in the past, in the more commodious and efficient apparatus, a more general appreciation by the agricultural classes, a more just and proper recognition by all, of the necessity and importance of bringing the science of agriculture to the highest standard,

Therefore be it Resolved By the State Grange of California, now assembled, that it behooves us, the champions of a higher and better manhood and womanhood, to lend every effort for the still further development of our schools and colleges, for the training of all children to the end that they grow to maturity with a full appreciation and knowledge of the importance of agriculture.

Be it further Resolved, That in as much as the College of Agriculture of California now has the honor and distinc-

tion of having the largest percentage of enrollment of students in the Agricultural Courses for the year 1910, we deem it of the greatest importance that no time or money be spared in providing for the accommodation of this fast increasing demand.

RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE.

Introduced by F. H. Babb, Lecturer California State Grange.

Whereas: the International Institute of Agriculture, with headquarters at Rome, Italy, is doing an increasingly important work in gathering from all countries and disseminating reports of crops and prices, and other statistics of incalculable value to agricultural producers, and

Whereas, In order to develop the greatest efficiency, the Institute needs to be more widely appreciated by the farmers and more liberally supported by Congress; therefore

Resolved, That the California State Grange, proud of the fact that one of its own members, the Hon. David Lubin, has been largely instrumental in organizing it and now represents the United States upon it, will take every occasion to inform our members and the public generally of the value of its work.

We also ask our Congressional delegation to give the Institute hearty support in Congress, and to request the State Department at Washington to instruct the American representatives to introduce a resolution for adoption in the General Assembly of the Institute, calling for world-wide crop and price reports upon prunes, dried peaches and apricots, raisins and other products of California orchards and vineyards.

RELATING TO SUPERINTENDENT HYATT'S PROPOSED COURSE OF INSTRUCTION

Introduced by F. L. Hunt, Master of Napa Grange.

Whereas, It is the first principles of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry to encourage and advance the interest of Agriculture in all legitimate ways; and

Whereas, A movement has been started by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Edward Hyatt to inaugurate a course of agricultural and industrial education in the High Schools of California; and

Whereas, We believe that the adoption of this course would be a very important advancement to the agricultural interests of our entire nation and to California in particular therefore,

Resolved, That we, the California State Grange in regular session assembled, heartily endorse Superintendent Hyatt's endeavors to introduce agriculture in our High Schools and as quickly as possible in Grammar Schools and that we will support the measure in all legitimate ways.

RELATING TO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION.

Introduced By Santa Rosa Grange.

Whereas, it has been heretofore the custom of the Fish and Game Commissioners to make only a partial report to the Governor, of their transactions and disbursements every two years; and

Whereas, The People of the State of California are desirous of knowing what sums of money from all sources are received by the State Board of Fish and Game commissioners, and what sums are disbursed and for what purposes;

Therefore, be it

Resolved by Santa Rosa Grange P. of H. in regular meeting assembled on the 9th. day of April, 1910, that we recommend that subdivision 8 of Sec. 642 of the Political Code of California be amended to read as follows, to-wit: "To report annually to the Governor a full and complete statement, under oath, of all their transactions, receipts and disbursements." And also that we recommend that such report shall be published annually in the leading newspapers of the State.

And be it also resolved, that we recommend that subdivision 3 of Sec. 368 of the Political Code of California be amended so as to read as follows: "The commissioner of immigration; the pilot commissioners; the pilots for each harbor where there is not a board of pilot commissioners; the fish commissioners, (said fish commissioners to consist of one person from the political party casting the high-

est number of votes for governor at the last preceding general State election; one from among the California Game and Fish Protective Association, and one from the membership of the California State Grange); the State Geologist; the tide land commissioners. "

RELATING TO MUTILATION OF SHADE TREES.

Whereas, it is the practice of the Public Utility Corporations, in running their lines along the public highways, to cut down and mutilate the shade trees,

Therefore be it resolved by Sonoma County Pomona Grange No. 1, in regular meeting assembled this 17th day of Sept. 1910, that, we protest against such mutilation, and ask our State Grange to take action to urge our State Legislature to pass such laws and regulations as will stop such practices.

RELATING TO ROAD BOND, TAXATION AND TORRENS LAND ACT.

Introduced by the Tulare County Pomona Grange.

Resolved: We are opposed to a large State Bonded Indebtedness for road purposes. We favor the building of roads by the Nation, the State and the County on scientific principles for their construction, to be maintained under such careful regulations as will tend to preserve them, in their best condition, for public use.

2—Resolved: State Constitutional Amendment providing for one system of taxation for the State and another system of taxation for the Counties and Districts, has been well considered, is just and will have our unqualified support. The State and Counties need it.

3—Resolved: The system of showing title to property in California by abstract is unworthy of our State. It leads to endless extortionate technicalities and is carried on only for that purpose. The Torrens land title act of California, similar to that so satisfactorily working in other states, in Canada and in Australia, should be enforced. It is sufficient to show good title to all land in our State. Allegations or charges that it is defective are without merit and put up only for the maintaining of the present robbing system of showing title by abstract.

RELATING TO JUDICIARY.

Introduced By A. E. Burnham, Master of Progressive Grange.

Whereas, it has been brought to the attention of the California State Grange, in convention assembled that there is pressing need to take the judiciary out of politics and

Whereas, the influence of corporations on the Courts will continue as long as Judges are compelled to run on party tickets,

Be It Therefore Resolved, that the California State Grange, in annual convention assembled, hereby indorses the movement to take the judiciary out of politics and hereby pledges the support of the State Grange to the end that candidates for the position of judge need not wear the stamp of any political party to win the favor of the people.

RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF TREASURER.

Introduced by G. N. Whitaker.

Resolved —That the Treasurer of the State Grange be allowed the same compensation when attending sessions of the Executive Committee as members of the Committee.

RELATING TO THE TAX REFORM AMENDMENT.

No. 1— Introduced by John Tuohy of Tulare Grange.

Whereas, The present system of taxation is unjust and inequitable, throwing as it does the main burden of taxation upon real estate, and especially upon agricultural real estate;

And whereas, The gross inequalities in taxation between Counties, and between districts, classes of property and individuals within the Counties cannot be corrected until the State tax on property is removed;

And whereas, The legislation of the State of California has recommended to the people of the State the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the State, known as Senate Constitutional Amendment, No. 1, providing for the separation of State and local taxation, and providing for the taxation of public service and other corporations for the benefit of the State alone, leaving the property tax for the support of local expenses only;

And whereas, On recommendation of its Committee on

Taxation, whose members have long and assiduously followed the tax reform movement in this and in other States, the State Grange, P. of H., has repeatedly gone on record as favoring tax reform along the lines laid down in the proposed amendment;

And whereas, The said amendment will afford to the farmers of the State and to the small real estate owners a substantial relief from the present unjust burden of taxation;

Therefore be it Resolved, That the State Grange, P. of H., urges upon the people of this State the adoption of Senate Constitutional Amendment, No. 1, as a measure of justice to the farmers;

And be it Resolved further, That copies of these resolutions be sent to each Grange and to each member of the State Grange, and that the several Granges be and they are hereby requested to appoint committees to disseminate information concerning the tax reform plan among the voters and to use every effort for the adoption of the amendment, and the Committee on Taxation of the State Grange be and is hereby authorized and instructed to communicate with the said several committees of the several Granges and to advise with them and assist them in the prosecution of this work.

RELATING TO PANAMA PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

Whereas:— There has been submitted to the people of the State of California two proposals for amendment to the Constitution of the State; and

Whereas, these measures, if approved, will enable the people of San Francisco to raise by taxation \$5,000,000 for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and will provide for a State tax adding another \$5,000,000 to the exposition fund; and

Whereas, We, as farmers and producers realize the vital necessity of supporting and encouraging the efforts of the men who are bending every energy to the successful consummation of plans to place before the world the wonderful resources of the Pacific Coast;

Therefore, be it resolved, That, we, the members of the California State Grange, do hereby express our belief that the best interests of California will be served by favoring

these measures. We are of the opinion that the effect of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition will be to largely aid in the development of the State and her resources;

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each subordinate Grange in the State, and to each individual member;

Resolved, That the Secretary of this organization be instructed to forward each subordinate Grange in California such printed matter as will call the attention of the people to the importance of these measures.

RELATING TO PANAMA PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

Introduced by Walter Church, Master Sonoma County Pomona Grange.

No. 1.— Pursuant to a motion introduced by Past State Master Griffith and unanimously passed at the regular meeting of Sonoma County Pomona Grange held at Glen Ellen, Sept. 17th, 1910, that the delegate from Pomona Grange was instructed to present the following resolution,

In as much as it seems quite probable that the Exposition commemorating the completion of the Panama Canal would be held in San Francisco and this State would then be visited by thousands and hundreds of thousands of Patrons of Husbandry

Therefore be it, Resolved—that the Master of this State Grange appoint a committee of five who shall have the power to take whatever action may be necessary towards providing suitable headquarters at the proposed Exposition for the reception of visiting Patrons.

Be it understood that such action by said committee shall be in keeping with the financial condition of this State Grange and receive the approval of the Executive Committee of same.

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE BEING TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOLS.

No. 2— Whereas—There is evidenced a general inclination throughout the United States to bring to the rising generation a greater intimacy with Agricultural pursuits to

the end that agriculture will be more generally and intelligently followed.

And Whereas—At this time in the State of California there appears to be a strong desire upon the part of educators in rural communities to comply with this demand and introduce a practical course of study in our grammar and high schools along agricultural lines,

And Whereas—The greatest drawback to the introduction of agricultural studies is the lack of suitable teachers practically equipped to take charge of such work, therefore be it—

Resolved, By Sonoma County Pomona Grange at the meeting held at Glen Ellen, Sonoma County. Sept. 17th, 1910, that we endorse and reiterate the preamble and resolutions adopted by Napa Grange, and further—

Resolved, that we request the Educational committee of the California State Grange to introduce a resolution before the State Grange urging upon the California State Board of Education that a practical course of study, if not already in existence, be established in the Agricultural Department of the State University and in our State Normal Schools to properly prepare pupils to teach agricultural subjects in our Grammar and High Schools. Such a course as will bring to our boys and girls the knowledge that agriculture when scientifically and practically pursued is as ennobling, honorable, remunerative and independent an occupation as any they can select.

RELATING TO THANKS.

“Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere appreciation of the recognition paid the State Grange by the Winship Beard Co. in the beautiful and appropriate decorations of their show window.

“Realizing the large amount of work required, time expended and responsibility enjoined upon our good brothers and sisters of Napa in arranging for the accommodation and entertainment of this session of the State Grange, and appreciating the hearty greeting and the cordiality with which we have been received, therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the California State Grange be extended to Worthy Master and Sister Hunt and the other members of Napa Grange in appreciation therefor and to

Brother J. J. Flanagan for his generosity in contributing the free use of his hall for the purpose of holding our sessions, and for his hospitality and attention to our every want. Be it further

"Resolved, That we thank the citizens of Napa for the cordial reception, hospitality and courteous treatment accorded us on every hand and we do especially thank the newspapers of Napa for their full and comprehensive reports, and all others who have so generously contributed to our comfort and entertainment.

"Resolved That we extend our most sincere appreciation and thanks to Worthy Brother Mortimer Whitehead for the instructive address and words of wisdom received from him during our session."

Patrons' State Fire Insurance Report, Continued From Page 76.

When the Order of Patrons of Husbandry was established, over forty years ago, its main object was to promote the farmers' material prosperity. That should be its object today. Our work should be how to get and how to keep material benefits for our farmer members of our Order. There are many ways in which this can be done. We think of no way of doing it surer, safer and more certain in good results, in increased membership and respect for the Order than to have a fire insurance department incidental to it. Other business projects will soon be formulated and promoted.

Respectfully,

JOHN TUOHY.
G. H. BRIGHAM.
W. E. STEWART.
OLIVE E. BORRETTE.
MATTIE A. JACKSON.

TABULATED REPORT OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES, OCTOBER, 1910.

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Names of Granges.	No. of Members close of Last Year.		GAINS						LOSSES						Total No. of Membrs at this date.		
			By Initia- tion.		By Demit		By Re-in- statement.		Sus. non pymt dues		Withdrawn or Dmited		Ex- pulsn		De'th		
	Bro.	Sis..	Bro.	Sis..	Bro.	Sis..	Bro.	Sis..	Bro.	Sis..	Bro.	Sis..	Bro.	Sis..	Bro.	Sis..	
American River..	52	42	2	7					6	2	1	1			1	46	46
Antelope.....	35	32	8	10					4	3		2				39	37
Ben Lomond.....																9	5
Bennett Valley..	46	26	4	5							7	3				43	28
Bowman	16	10	2	2					4		2	4				12	8
Capital	24	33	2	5		2			1	3						25	37
Castoria	42	30	3	5					1							44	35
Danville ...	31	46	6	2			1	1	1	3		1		1	1	35	44
Dinuba	46	47	6	10			1	1	16	16		2				37	40
Eden.....	13	12					8	6								21	18
Elk Grove.....	19	30	1	1	1	1	1	1				1				22	32
Enterprise	20	23							2	3				1		17	20
Geyserville	10	20	1	1				1							1	11	21
Glen Ellen.....	35	21					1		7	3	2					27	18
Gold Hill.....	33	18	1		4	4			2	3	7	1				29	18
Lincoln	56	47	3	3					7	2	1	1				57	47
Mountain View..	39	44	3		1				4	11	6	6		1		31	27

Napa.....	50	31	3	2						1	2	3		1	50	29
Oakland.....	13	25			1		1		2	2				1	12	23
Orangevale.....															22	11
Orchard City.....	59	59	6	5		1			2	3	5	7			58	55
Orosi.....	24	23							3	2	6	7			15	14
Petaluma.....	36	36							2	2		1		1	33	33
Potter Valley.....	14	9					2	1							16	10
Progressive.....	25	33	3	9	3	1			4	2	1	4		1	25	36
Sacramento.....	41	63	7	14		1			3	10	2	1		2	41	67
San Jose.....	61	50	4	2	1	2			3	2	2	6		1	60	45
Santa Rosa.....	38	32	1									1		2	37	30
Soquel.....	143	30	31	10	1				33	3	12	5		2	128	32
Sunnyvale.....	28	29	1	1					10	13				1	18	16
Tulare.....	32	21	4	3		1				1	2	1		1	33	23
Two Rock.....	24	27	9	10	1						1	2			33	35
Visalia.....	18	11	7	8	2	2					1				26	21
Totals.....	1123	960	118	115	15	15	14	11	117	90	60	60		17	61107	961
Sacramnto Co. Pomona	38	59	11	9										1	48	68
Santa Clara Co. Pomona	63	51	5	11					1	2		1		1	66	58
Sonoma Co. "	45	44	9	6			1		3	3				2	50	47
Tulare Co. Pomona	30	27	5	6											35	33
Totals.	176	181	30	32			1		4	5		1		4	119	206

This report does not contain Granges that have not reported during the year.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Co-operation— J. C. Morrisson, Soquel; J. E. Metzger, Geyserville; H. A. Hoerl, Lathrop; Mrs. W. E. Hyde, Cupertino; Mrs. F. H. Stiles, Tulare City.

Taxation— A. E. Burnham, Healdsburg; A. R. Dow, 1185 Talcot Ave., East Oakland; W. M. Yost, Fair Oaks, R. No. 2; Mrs. D. W. Taylor, Oak Park, Sacramento Co.; Mrs. Joseph Bohnett, Campbell.

Legislation— John Tuohy, Tulare City; H. N. N. Latimer, Windsor; F. L. Hunt, Napa; Mrs. J. N. Rathburn, Soquel; Mrs. M. Farrell, Mountain View.

Education— C. J. Collins, Dinuba; Dr. David Dodds, Haywards; John Hillhouse, Folsom City R. No. 1; Mrs. C. J. Wood, Danville; Mrs. Frankie M. Greer, 3530 Magnolia Ave., Oak Park.

Good of Order— Walter Church, Petaluma, R. No. 1; E. F. Greenwood, Mountain View; G. W. Hack, Sacramento, via Franklin Stage; Mrs. S. L. Stice, Petaluma, R. No. 4; Mrs. Laura Hansen, Mills, Sacramento Co.

Woman's Work—Mrs. Ella Dow, 1185 Talcot Ave., East Oakland; Mrs. Carrie Holmes, Sacramento, R. No. 1; Mrs. Stanley Stetson, Santa Rosa, R. No. 4; Mrs. F. H. Case, Sunnyvale; Mrs. F. L. Hunt, Napa.

Charity— Mrs. Minnie Church, Petaluma, R. No. 1; Mrs. J. E. Metzger, Geyserville; Mrs. E. F. Greenwood, Mountain View; J. L. Goatley, Petaluma; F. H. Case, Sunnyvale.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Conservation— Thoma Jacob, Visalia; G. W. Haines, Bowman; Joseph Bohnett, Campbell.

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