JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

1912

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

SOCIAL FEATURES OF THE SESSION

Program of Reception, tendered by Patrons of Sonoma County, to all Patrons. Tuesday Evening.

T Song of Welcome Members of the Grange Address of Welcome on behalf of Sebastopol Grange. G. W. Covert Vocal Solo Vernon Towner Address of Welcome on behalf of Sonoma County Pomona Grange H. N. N. Latimer Selections by Quartette Messrs. Thomas, Wheeler, Beeks and Wiggins Address of Welcome on behalf of Citizens of Sebastopol.... Mayor Meagher Piano Duet Misses Laton and Hare Address of Welcome E. J. Perrier Advantages and Inspiration of Farm LifeR. M. Williamson, Principal of the Analy High School Violin and Piano Duet Misses Camille and Lucile Williamson Responses to Addresses of WelcomeE. T. Pettit, Master California State Grange Song Members of the Grange Recitation Mrs. Stone Light Refreshments

II.

Automobile Excursion from 8 a. m. to 10 a. m., Friday, October 18

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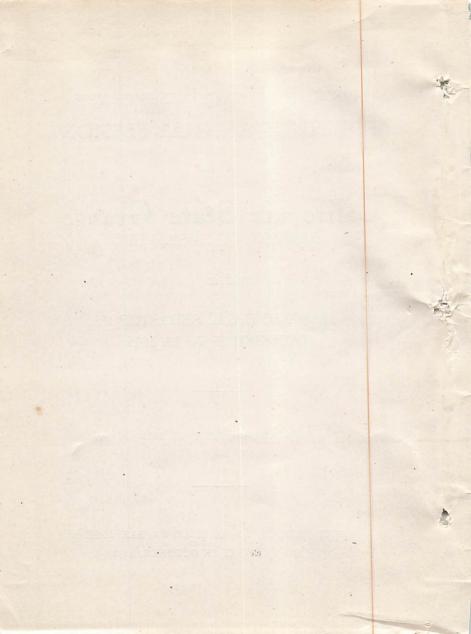
California State Grange

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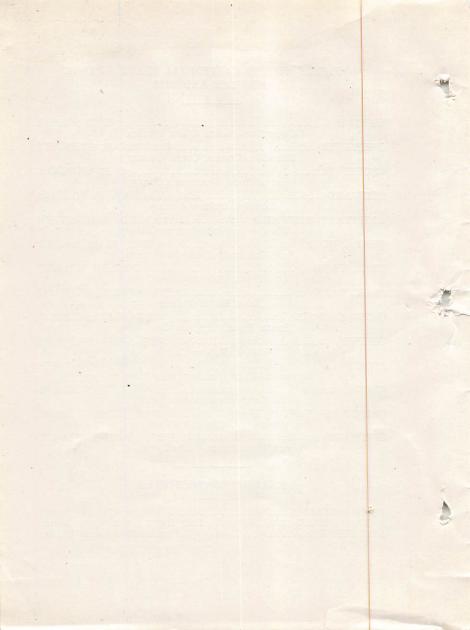


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Fortieth Annual Session

of the

California State Grange

FIRST DAY-TUESDAY

FORENOON

The fortieth annual session of the California State Grange was opened in ample form in the fifth degree at 11 o'clock a. m.. in Masonic Hall, Sebastopol, California, by Worthy Master E. T. Pettit.

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

Officers acting pro tem were: Worthy Overseer H. G. Keesling and Worthy Lady Assistant Steward Martha L. Gamble. The Worthy Overseer and Worthy Lady Assistant Steward came

in later.

At the close of the opening examination Brother W. H. Livingston of Greenfield Grange, Brother and Sister Dent of Petaluma Grange, Brother and Sister Lee Dudgeon of Fort Romie Grange and Sister Whitney of Progressive Grange were obligated in the fifth degree.

Grange then closed in the fifth degree and opened in the fourth degree, after which Worthy Past Master W. V. Griffith was escorted to the Past Master's chair when he made a brief

but earnest address.

The Worthy Master then appointed the following committees: Credentials—Brothers F. L. Hunt, J. H. Beach and Sister Emily Jacob.

Press—Brothers C. E. Wingate and H. G. Keesling and Sister Chas. F. Collins.

Order of Business—Brothers W. E. Stewart, Geo. W. Covert, H. A. Hoerl and Sisters Carrie Holmes and Chas. F. Collins.

Division of Labor—Brothers Peter Hansen, A. C. Keesling, D. R. Deming and Sisters D. W. Taylor and F. E. Stelling.

Resolutions—Brothers W. B. Whitney, Chas. J. Wood, Joseph

Holmes and Sisters H. G. Keesling and C. A. Sayre.

Fifth and Sixth Degree—Brothers Stanley Stetson, W. V. Griffith, Geo. Sehlmeyer and Sister's E. J. Farrell and Minnie Church.

Pomona Feast-Brothers Geo. Harrison, S. L. Stice, M. Far-

rell and Sisters A. C. Keesling and M. L. Gamble.

Constitution and By-Laws—Brothers D. M. Winans, J. F. Spalding and John Hillhouse.

Memorial-Sisters Ella M. Dow, W. V. Griffith, M. M. Greg-

ory, A. Erickson and Brother G. W. Haines.

The Worthy Master then called on Sister R. M. Coulter, who

responded with a few brief remarks.

Moved by Sister Annie Carey, seconded by Brother J. C. Morrison, that we send kind regards and sympathy by Brother Joseph Holmes to Brother Daniel Flint and wife. (Motion cartied.)

Committee on Credentials made a partial report which was

adopted, and a recess was declared until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON

Grange was called to order at 2 p. m. by Worthy Master Pettit, and the following report of the committee on Order of Business was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY

1. Roll Call of Officers.

2. Callling Roll of Subordinate Granges.

3. Presentation of Credentials.

Appointment of Committees.
 Report of Committee on Credentials.

6. Report of Committee on Order of Business.

7. Reports of Officers of State Grange.

8. Calling Rell of Subordinate Granges for introduction of New Business and Reports for Reference without Debate.

- 9. Motions and Resolutions.
- 10. Reception by Patrons of Sonoma County.

SECOND DAY-WEDNESDAY

1. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Day.

2. Report of Committee on Credentials.

 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. Lecturer's Hour.

EVENING

- 1. Reports of Cammittees.
- 2. Unfinished Business.

3. Memorial Exercises, 9 p. m.

THIRD DAY-THURSDAY

1. Reading and Approval of Minutes of 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.

EVENING

8. Conferring of Fifth and Sixth Degrees, to be followed by Feast of Pomona.

FOURTH DAY-FRIDAY

Automobile Excursion from 8 o'clock to 10 o'clock a. m.

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

AFTERNOON

- 1. Reports of Committees.
- 2. Unfinished Business.

EVENING

- 1. Reports of Committees.
- 2. Unfinished Business.
- 3. New Business.
- 4. Announcements.

Signed:

W. E. STEWART, G. W. COVERT, H. A. HOERL, MRS. CARRIE HOLMES, MRS. C. F. COLLINS.

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

MASTER'S REPORT

Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Another year with its sunshine and its shadows, its hopes and fears, its joys and sorrows, its successes and failures, its hours wasted and hours blessed has gone. The record is made up, completed, and must stand unchanged as recorded. Only the present and the future is now in our hands, and it is for each of us to say whether this shall be wasted, or wisely spent.

Forty years ago the California State Grange held its first Annual Session, and the Worthy Patrons of that, now almost a past generation, met and counseled together as we now do for the promotion of the welfare of the Order, our country and mankind. A farmers' organization that has so long stood the test of time, and has won the respect of intelligent men women both within and without its gates, must necessarily be founded on good principles, and be bearing good fruits. Let us then take courage and consecrate ourselves anew to this worthy cause, and by renewed effort strive to advance the interest, elevate the character, and increase the influence of all Patrons of Husbandry.

We meet today, as we have many times met in the past, with the hospitable, whole souled people of old Sonoma, in one of her typical country villages, surrounded by country homes owned by men and women who live upon the land from which, by the improved methods of horticulture and agriculture, they make their living—it is in such homes as these we find the best citizens of this, or any other country. We trust that our meeting here may encourage and stimulate the people of this community to labor still more unitedly for the betterment of farm life and farm homes.

Although conditions for the past year have been rather unusual, and to some extent detrimental to the farmers of our state, crops on the whole are good, and a fair market has been found or is still hoped for.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER

While we must again report that our sanguine hopes have not been realized, we see no grounds for gloom or discouragement, but much that is hopeful. One new Grange has been organized, Poplar Grange No. 259, near Porterville, Tulare County, and promises to be one of the best in the State. The fruit harvest season has been an unusually busy time, and in many places Grange work had to be somewhat neglected. But now, our harvest being ended, Grange interest will again revive. Mountain View Grange deserves special mention for having excelled all others in its increase of membeship, having more than doubled its members, and promises to soon be the largest in the State. May it continue to grow and prosper.

THE NATIONAL GRANGE

The thirty-ninth annual session of the National Grange was held at Columbus, Ohio, last November. Twenty-nine States were represented, Nebraska again coming into the fold after a lapse of 17 years. Ohio gave a royal welcome to all Patrons, and the session was a busy and interesting one. The reports of the Master and Secretary showed that a grand total of 513 Subordinate Granges had been organized during the past year, in 29 States, and that during the last ten years there has been a net gain in membership of 503,745.

The same legislative measures which the Order has for many years advocated, were again endorsed. Some of these masures, such as Postal Savings Bank and Parcels Post, have recently been enacted into laws, and a Constitutional Amendment for election of United States Senators by direct vote has passed both houses, and now only awaits the endorsement of three-fourths of the States.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The National Grange at its last session amended Article 3, Section 1 (See page 22 of Digest) of the Constitution to read as follows:

Subordinate Granges shall provide for one meeting each month, and may hold intermediate meetings, and every Grange in existence at the beginning of the Grange year shall hold at least six regular, or sepcial meetings, during the following year, in order to be entitled to representation in the State Grange.

This amendment should receive your endorsement or dis-

approval at this session.

EXTENSION WORK

Shortly after our last State meeting a call came for a Grange to be organized at Poplar, in Tulare County. I at once appointed Brother Collins of Dinuba as a District Deputy, and he succeeded in organizing a good Grange there, and we welcome its representatives to this meeting.

An earnest effort was then made to secure a competent man to act as State Deputy who could take the time to do continuous work required by the National Grange in order to secure aid from National funds. By the advice of the Master of the National Grange, Brother L. A. Thomas of Chico was appointed State Deputy, and began work in what promised to be good Grange field in the San Joaquin Valley. He was assisted for a number of days by Brother Griffith, as Lecturer of the State Grange, but although considerable interest was manifested a sufficient number could not be secured to justify organizing, and the busy spring season coming on, further effort was abandoned. Several County Deputies were appointed, but their home duties semed to give them little time for new Grange work.

CO-OPERATION

The recent outcry against the high cost of living has very forcibly called public attention to the discrepancy between the price the farmer gets for his product, and the retail price charged the consumer. As a result a renewed interest has been awakened to the importance and necessity for co-operative action in

disposing of food products, which the farmer alone can supply, but which all must have to live.

The Grange has done, and is doing, much to advance and encourage co-operation, but when we find the dollar which the consumer pays for an article has shrunk to fifty cents, or less, to the farmer who produced the same article, surely much is yet to be done. If more farmers could be persuaded to regularly meet together and talk together, very soon more of them would be working together, selling together and buying together, and we should have successful co-operation. Let us persevere in our efforts toward this desired end.

EDUCATION

We must educate, or we must perish by our own prosperity. With the late changes in our State constitution, at one bound almost doubling our voting population, and bringing the law-making power directly home to each voter, the importance and necessity of better and broader training in the duties of good citizenship is brought home to us with renewed emphasis, and as our Legislative Committee in its report last year advocated, this training in the duties of citizenship should begin with the child in the primary or common school, since statistics show that not more than one pupil in ten ever reaches a high school or normal school. The demand for more vocational and practical training for the duties of life in our elementary schools becomes more and more emphatic. In reference to our demands for agricultural training in schools, I will quote a few lines from the Master of Minnesota State Grange, as follows:

"In our work toward re-directing rural schools it has not been so much for a special kind of education, as it has been to apply education to rural conditions. We would not unfit the boy for anything but the farm, but prepare him for service anywhere, and give him the right outlook toward farm and country life. In other words, we would fit the 90 per cent of pupils who never attain to a high school training, for life's work, and for

good citizenship."

For further comment on this subject, I refer you to my report of last year, and also commend to you the many excellent suggestions contained in last year's report of the Committee on Education.

LEGISLATION

Important and radical changes have been wrought in our State by legislation during the past year. It is gratifying to note that practically all of the important amendements approved by our State Grange one year ago were adopted by the voters of the State.

The most important of these was the amendment extending the franchise to women. The results of this change, so far as yet tried, while not entirely justifying the claims of its most sanguine advocates, give abundant promise that it will prove to be, what the Grange has long advocated, a just, safe, and wise provision. The Initiative, Referendum and Recall measures are still on trial and the verdict is yet to be rendered by the voters of the State. What that verdict will be depends upon the intelligence, the judgment and the interest manifested by the common people. The so-called Rosebury Liability and Compensation Law, in its present application to farmers and horticulturists, is, by a large majority of them, at least, deemed an unjust measure, and has been severely condemned by farmers both midividually and collectively; but at present it is the law, and must be obeyed by the farmer as well as all others.

The suggestion has been made that, in order to make provision for ourselves against the hardships of this law, it would be the part of wisdom for us, as Patrons, to endeavor to have such legislation enacted as will permit us to provide for our members a Fraternal Accident Insurance. This matter together with several proposed Constitutional Amendments, and Initiative and Referendum measures, upon which we must soon vote, will doubtless be brought before you by the Legislative Com-

mittee.

GOOD ROADS

It is encouraging to find that farmers everywhere are awakening to a realizing sense of the importance of good country roads. The movement initiated by the Grange to secure aid from the Federal Government, to be used in connection with State funds for building and maintaining good roads, is everywhere receiving strong support. But such funds should be expended under the supervision of a National Highway Committee.

The present neglect, or extravagant and reckless methods, used in maintaining a good road, when once built, should be changed for better and more economic and practical ones. The sprinkling cart should be used only in the early morning or late evening, or better still, at night time, rather than in the heat of the day. The split log drag could oftener be used to advantage, and the chuck holes at once filled with finely broken soft rock.

made to present a much more cheerful and attractive appeartical, planting a few flowers, or vines, our highways may be advertisements, old cans, or other rubbish, and, wherever pracmaking our roadsides more attractive. By removing unsightly Too little attention has been given toward beautifying and

ance,

Lecturers may find this subject well worth their attention.

PRESS

may send a report to the National Monthly. interest is held, report it to the State Lecturer, that he in turn, and Pomona Lecturers should, whenever a meeting of special the past year, and is worthy our united support. Subordinate Grange home. It has grown in interest and usefulness during the organ of the National Grange, should be found in every sent in to your local papers. The National Grange Monthly, as ies or Masters should see to it that these reports are regularly members, but by many outside the gates. Lecturers, Secretarthe Grange report is eagerly looked for, not only by Grange tended to us by the various local papers. In some communities We desire to express our appreciation for the courtesies ex-

IN MEMORIAM

part in the good work of our Order. we pay tribute to those who in former years faithfully did their pause for a short time at least from our life work haste while have been called from earth. It is well and fitting that we final reward. During the past year two of our former members on earth and be numbered with those who have gone to their may soon come when we, also, must lay down our implements some familiar iaces, we are forcibly reminded that the time As each succeeding year passes, and we miss the signt of

At some time during our session appropriate exercises will

be held in memory of these, our deceased members.

IN CONCLUSION

Nature sings, and "Be faithful, be hopeful, be charitable!" calmness and deliberation. Remember the constant song that controversy, and let all that is said or done be characterized by his part as best he can, all will do well. Avoid all bitterness of The work of the Session is now in your hands. If each does

E. T. PETTIT. Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

OVERSEER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

In making a report, as Overseer, I have little to report of actual work done. It is with the greatest pleasure that I return to take up my post of duty with the hopes that this session of the State Grange will prove most pleasant and profitable to all who may attend.

Let each of us return to our respective Subordinate Granges carrying with us the helpful suggestions and the enthusiasm that invariably marks the sessions of the State Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. STEWART, Overseer.

LECTURER'S REPORT

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

Having been appointed to the Lecturer's office to fill out the short unexpired term of the Lecturer-elect, W. V. Griffith, there is therefore but very little to be said in the way of a report.

Of detail work, the preparation of the literary program for this meeting, and appearance last week in behalf of the Grange at a Farmers' Institute, held in Napa, are the only items.

Kindly allow me therefore to look forward briefly with an indication of our faith as Patrons of Husbandry in the future.

We believe that in every day walks a better tomorrow believe that the commercial age is better than the military age or the ecclestiastical age; that the twentieth century is as competent to make its own legislature and live its own life as was either the sixteenth or the fourth. We believe that progress lies not in going back to the past, but in going forward to the future; that Fraternalism is better than Individualism. We believe in living a life of courage, of hope, and of invincible optimism appeal to the eager and adventurous, and to those, whatever their ages, who are eternally young.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

C. E. WINGATE, Lecturer.

STEWARD'S REPORT

The Worthy Steward made a verbal report.

ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As the duties of my office are confined exclusively to the meetings of the State Grange, my report is necessarily brief.

I will endeavor to perform the duties of my office and to meet the requirements so far as my ability permits. I sincerely hope that this session of the California State Grange will be a profitable, successful and harmonious one, and that much good for the order and the farmers generally will be accomplished.

Fraternally, GEO. SEHLMEYER, Ass't Steward.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Sisters and Brothers of the State Grange:

The so-called "report" of a Chaplain seems almost a misnomer, for there is in this office literally nothing one can report, for to try to tell how often "the heart's sincere desire unuttered or expressed," has ascended to the Father of all good, would indeed be a theme too sacred to be given in any verbal or written report. But let us have a little heart-to-heart talk as brothers and sisters bound together in fraternal fellowship for the upbuilding of humanity and the betterment of all existing conditions, and may we take for our keynote all through this session Love as it is given to us in First Corinthians, Thirteenth Chapter.

There never was a time in the history of this old world when we needed to practice these precepts more than at the present time. These principles lived out by individuals in power would bring to an end the reign of unrest that has settled upon the face of the world at large. These principles incorporated into the laws of our land would end the great social struggles. Finance would be regulated in an equal way and right and justice would rule.

Let us as true Patrons of Husbandry become so imbued with the spirit of love in all our workings together, that it may be said of us by those outside our fold, "Behold how these Brethren love each other." Then whatever shall be accomplished by us here we may be sure that the blessing of our God shall be upon it, and as we go to our homes may the spirit of love be so permeated into our lives that we shall each one be a center

that shall radiate these principles and be like leaven that shall at length leaven the whole world.

Respectfully submitted, ELLA M. DOW, Chaplain

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts and Disbursements of the Treasurer

RECEIPTS

1911		
October 1, Balance in Treasury		\$2,251.43
October 6, Cash received from Secretary\$ 1912	134.11	
January 2, Interest on Grange funds	36.55	
January 29, Endorsed warrants	176.53	
January 29, Cash from Secretary	57.44	1
February 10, Endorsed Warrants	17.50	i
February 10, Cash from Secretary	24.50	ł
April 6, Endorsed Warrants	199.20	-
April 30, Endorsed Warrants	174.57	
July 1, Cash from Secretary	60.00	1
July 1. Interest on Grange funds	42.15	
July 19. Endorsed Warrants	134.80	
July 19, Cash from Secretary	96.00	
August 1, Cash from Secretary	62.00	l
August 30. Cash from Secretary	46.00	
September 26, Cash from Secretary	85.00	İ
October 1. Cash from Secretary	46.58	\$1,392.93
October 1, Cash from Secretary	10.00	Ψ1,0Ψ2.00
Total Receipts		\$3,644.36
DISBURSEMENTS		
1911		
October 2, R. E. Barr, Warrant No. 255\$	14.75	
October 2, W. E. Stewart, Warrant No. 256	11.10	1
October 2, Mrs. E. B. Jacob, Warrant No. 257	18.50	1
October 2, Thomas Jacob, Warrant No. 258	16.95	İ
October 2, M. Farrell, Warrant No. 259	2.70	
October 2, S. L. Stice, Warrant No. 260	7.00	
October 2, E. T. Pettit, Warrant No. 261	31.45	
October 6, F. H. Babb, Warrant No. 262	34.10	
October 6, Edna Hartley, Warrant No. 263	6.00	1
October 6, Peter Hansen, Warrant No. 264	7.30	

October 6, T. Jacob, rent Steven's Hall, War-		
rant No. 265	24.00	
October 6, J. C. Williams, Warrant No. 266	12.50	
October 6, French Cleaning Works, Warrant		
No. 267	4.50	
October 6, Mrs. E. B. Jacob, Warrant No. 268	75.50	
October 9, Jos. Holmes, 6th degree, Fees and		
Nat'l Grange Dues, Warrant No. 269	52.22	
November 17, Fresno Republican Co., War-		
rant No. 270	74.10	
1912		
February 10, M. Farrell, Warrant No. 271	17.50	•
January 29, E. T. Pettit, Warrant No. 272	36.35	
March 4, D. R. Deming, Warrant No. 273	7.90	
January 29, Mrs. Nellie W. Hunt, Warrant No.	1.50	
274	95.75	•
January 29, Mrs. Thomas Jacob, Warrant No.	00.10	
275	6.78	
January 29, E. T. Greenwood, Warrant No. 276	2.40	
January 29, P. W. Murphy, Warrant No. 277.	10.25	
January 29, Mrs. Thomas Jacob, Warrant No.	10.29	
278	25.00	
February 10, Jos. Holmes, Nat'l Grange Dues	20.00	
Warrant No. 279	24.06	
April 6, P. W. Murphy, Warrant No. 280	16.00	
April 6, S. L. Stice, Warrant No. 281	18.35	
April 6, Thomas Jacob, Warrant No. 282	14.40	
April 6, A. Van Maren, Warrant No. 283	6.50	
April 6, W. V. Griffith, Warrant No. 284	54.60	
April 6, E. T. Pettit, Warrant No. 285	70.00	
April 6, H. G. Keesling, Warrant No. 286	5.75	
April 6, Mrs. Nellie W. Hunt, Warrant No.	• •	
287	83.60	-
April 30, L. A. Thomas, Warrant No. 288	18.50	
April 30, Jos. Holmes, Warrant No. 289	24.77	
July 19, S. L. Stice, Warrant No. 290	4.00	
July 19, E. T. Pettit, Warrant No. 291	39.15	
July 19, Thomas Jacob, Warrant No. 292	14.40	
July 19, Mrs. Nellie W. Hunt, Warrant No.		•
293	77.25	
August 6, Jos. Holmes Nat'l Grange Dues,		
Warrant No. 294	23.33	\$1,089.26
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 Total Receipts for Year
 3,644.36

 Total Disbursements for Year
 1,089.26

 Balance in Treasury October 1, 1912
 \$2,555.10

Fraternally submitted,

JOS. HOLMES,

Treasurer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I am glad to say that there are 33 Subordinate and four Pomona Granges in good standing, that Poplar Grange has been organized and that there is a slight gain in membership.

The financial condition of the Grange is good as the follow-

ing itemized account will show:

Date	D.	ues and	•	1
1911	Source	Fees	Supplies	Total
Oct. 1. Bal	ance in Treasury	\$	\$	\$2,25 1.43
	h and Sixth Degs			37.00
	stage refunded	· • • • • • • •		2.80
	tober Receipts		1.65	94.76
	ecember Receipts		.90	76.73
1912				1
Jan. 31. Ja	nuary Receipts	267.98	3.70	271.68
	bruary Receipts	7.05	1.35	8.40
	arch Receipts	121.32	.60	121.92
	pril Receipts	204.91	.60	205.51
	ay Receipts	2.04	1.20	3.24
	une Receipts	37.75		37.75
	ly Receipts	297.33	4.35	301.68
	igust Receipts	37.60	4.05	41.65
	ptember Receipts	111.11		111.11
	-	\$1,293.03	\$18.40	\$3,565.66

EXPENDITURES

National Grange	. \$124.38	1
Organizing	. 80.40	
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Miscellaneous	. 001.19	\$1,00p.20

RECAPITULATION

In Treasury October 1, 1911\$2,251.43

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ANNUAL SESSION	1,293.03
Treasurer	33,644,36 1,089.26
Total Receivering Funds	.\$2,555.10
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Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were the Finance Committee	
CERES REPORT	

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange: Being practically a new member of the California State Grange it anords me much pleasure as Ceres, to give a very

brief report.

What a charter membership, and an enrollman of over mundred now, when it has been in existence but a few hundred now, when it has been in existence but a few months. This shows what splendid, active Grange Workers are doing in

Much has been done in Grange Work that has been of especial interest the past season. May we receive much benefit socially and mentally from this session and renew our friend-

Fraternally submitted, EDNA HARTLEY.

POMONA'S REPORT

Ceres

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California

The wheels of time have made another revolution and we are gathered once more amid cheerful surroundings to renew old

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FLORAS REPORT

To the Worthy Master, Officers State Grange: the California

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hundredfold."

Fraternally submitted, CATHERINE VAN MAREN

ORGANIST'S REPORT

The Worthy Organist made a verbal report.

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

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES

AMERICAN RIVER

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

In behalf of American River Grange, I wish to report that we are holding our own. Have not made any advances to speak of.

For the last three months we had a recess owing to the busy season among the farmers, and quite a number were away on summer vacations. Nevertheless, we have held twelve regular and four special meetings.

Judging from our last meeting, we will have some active

meetings during the coming winter and spring.

We have a total membership of seventy-four at present. Lost--By death, one; non-payment of dues, four. Cash on hand about \$160.00.

On the 26th of October we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the hall with the usual grand ball, which always gives us a

nice reward for our labors.

We own our own hall with pleasing surroundings; the I adies' Arbor (lub, one hundred yards to the south, and the Kinney School, one hundred yards to the north. We are now in the beundaries of the Natomas Consolidated Company's 30,000 acre tract of land, most of which, reports say, will be sub-divided and planted to oranges and olives and placed on the market by 1915, bringing new settlers to our midst, and thereby giving American River Grange a greater field to gain membership and improvement.

The Ladies' Arbor Club, which is composed mostly of Grange ladies, is taking an active part in beautifying our roadway with shade trees, and let me say here, that we, as a Grange, are opposed to those ungainly and unsightly signs and billboards that appear along our roadways, and urge the California State Grange to take some active steps to have them removed before 1915, if possible.

Fraternally submitted.

F. W. BUSH.

Master

ANTELOPE

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

It gives me great pleasure to meet with you this year and report Antelope Grange in good condition.

We initiated one class this year, giving the third and fourth degrees on May 18th, at the same time entertaining Sacramento County Pomona Grange. We had our usual Grange feast appropriate to this occasion, and the meeting was very successful and pleasant.

One day during the spring a number of the Brothers met at The Grange tract of Eucalyptus trees and spent the day pilowing, harrowing and putting the ground in good condition, and the splendid growth the trees have made this season has amply rewarded their labors. A number of the Sisters met at the Grange hall the same day and prepared a feast for the working brothers.

The Grange is looking forward to the time when it will be able to build a hall on its tract of land.

The branch of the Sacramento Free Library located in the Grange hall is the source of much pleasure to the members of the Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

NETTIE E. VAN MAREN.

Master

BENNETT VALLEY

One of the most pleasing duties that comes annually to the Master of Bennett Valley Grange, No. 16, is the going over the year's work, gathering data for an annual report to be presented before the members of the State Grange.

The Grange work this year as a whole has been very fruitful in good results. At the annual election last December the entire official force was made up of the younger membership. Brother Charles Clark headed the list as Master until it became necessary for him to resign to go to Berkeley to prosecute his desire for a higrer education at the State University. When his resignation was accepted an election to fill the unexpired interim resulted in my choice for which I sincerely thank the Grange for making me their accredited delegate to this honorable body of Patrons of Husbandry here assembled. I desire to state that during Brother Clark's incumbency in office he made a most efficient officer and received the respect and hearty

support of the other offieers and of the entire membership of our Grange.

On five occasions during the year we have held public meetings. It is our custom to annually observe the Fourth of December, as it is the date on which our Grange Hall was dedi-

cated, and invite in our friends.

We joined with Santa Rosa and Sebastopol in joint installation, Brother Hanson, a Past Master of our Grange, being installing officer. This proved a pleasing incident in our year's work. In the month of April sixty-seven members of our Grange paid a fraternal visit to Sebastopol Grange, eight Past Masters being present. This was an occasion to be remembered. G. W. Covert, the active Master of Sebastopol Grange, was heartily supported by the members and they were untiring in their efforts to live up to their reputation as good entertainers, which they most certainly did, and the memory of this Grange event will long linger in the minds of those present.

Everybody living in reach of Grange Hall has learned to reckon on the Bennett Valley Grange Picnic that is an annual feature for May twenty-seventh. We have a county-wide reputation as being good entertainers on that date. This year of

grace was no exception to the rule.

We held a very successful celebration on the Fourth of July. The Hall was tastefully decorated with patriotic emblems, a large concourse of people was present and listened to

a very eloquent oration by the Honorable G. A. Long.

Our meetings are interesting and the lecture hour peculiarly so, owing to frequent discussions by many of the members. Our Grauge is well off in the way of musical talent and rarely a meeting passes that some one does not contribute some very excellent music and frequently several instruments are in use.

Our meetings are held in the evening, and are well attended, membership considered, thirty-five being about the average. A perfect roll call does not excite comment. The officers are efficient and painstaking in the work of their respective stations. The lecture hour is usually replete with readings, recitations, a variety of music, also discussions on current topics. Our Grange tries to give all the members a square deal. We are exacting during the closed session, but at the close of the Grange we usually relax a bit and the young members enjoy themselves for an hour or so with music, dancing and singing. Refreshments are frequently served just after Grange, and with all, our meetings are pleasant and instructive.

On the twenty-second of February the members of our

Grange celebrate the day with exercises appropriate to the occasion.

In August the younger members gave an entertainment that

was both creditable and successful.

During the year we have held twenty-three meetings. We have eighty-two members in good standing. We have lost twelve by suspension for non-jayment of dues. The grim reaper has not invaded our ranks during the year. Two demits have been granted. We have gained three by initiation. We have good prospects for increasing our membership for the coming year,

and hope to make permanent gains.

Bennett Valley Grange was organized in 1873, Mrs. Peter Hanson being a charter member that is still in active sympathy with the work of the Order and quite regular in attendance. We have a large hall that is beautifully situated with a large dining room attached with all the necessary equipment to seat one hundred guests, good piano, library and everything necessary for the exemplification of the degree work. We have a property valuation of about \$3,000. We have ample facilities for protecting our teams when we meet during inclement weather. Have good and convenient water on the Grange campus, and things generally are in good shape to successfully carry on the work of the Order.

In conclusion, I desire to express the hope that this session of the California State Grange may be one of peculiar benefit, and be more than ordinarily helpful in advancing and building up the work in our great State that is soon to come so prominently before the world with one of the greatest expositions that mankind has ever witnessed.

In Faith, Hope and Charity, and with Fidelity I submit this as the Annual Report of Bennett Valley Grange, No. 16, in this year of grace. 1912.

LOUIE HOEH, Master

BOWMAN

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Bowman Grange, No. 327, can report but very little progress during the last year. We have twenty members in good standing and have lost sixteen by demit and suspension. Our most serious loss was our Overseer and Lecturer, who moved away. But the old, the tried and the true remain in the field and will see that the work goes on. Our patience, our strong determination to succeed will overcome all difficulties in the

future as it has in the past. Our meetings have been held regularly and were well attended except about three months of

an extremely busy fruit season.

Since September 1st we have held regular meetings and have planned important work that will bring fruitful results. We have labored now more than ten years and as we look over the field we see but little progress. The Grange in Placer county is not as strong as it was ten years ago, and we would urge you to put a good organizer in this field.

Five hundred square miles of thickly populated territory await your effort. Two small isolated Granges in this field

cannot do the work.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. HAINES.

Master

CASTORIA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State

Castoria Grange, No. 322, is in a very good condition, having secured about as many new members as we have lost old ones. Our average attendance is about thirty.

We have enjoyed the company of several visitors of note. foremost among them being our Worthy State Master, Brother

Pettit, who came early in the year to install our officers.

Under the "Good of the Order," we have had good programs and discussions of much interest. We have also had a Farmers' Institute which was conducted by the University of California.

Our Grange was saddened by the death of one dear sister who was operated on on July 25th, and died three days later.

We hold our meetings on the second and fourth Saturday evenings of each month, and we extend an invitation and welcome to all brothers and sisters. We have refreshments the first meeting of each month. Please bear this in mind as our sisters are noted for their skill in this respect. Sociability is our motto.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. HOERL.

Master

DANVILLE

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

The past year has been a pleasant and profitable one for our Grange, although it has brought deep sorrow to the hearts of our brothers and sisters by the loss of five of our beloved members by death. We feel that we have suffered more than our share by the taking away in one year of five of our strongest and best members who have taken such an active interest in Grange work, and who did so much for the Grange.

Besides this we have lost four members by demit. On the

ether hand, however, we have taken in ten new members.

Our financial standing is good and our membership today is ninety-one. We meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Our meetings are well attended and full of fraternal spirit and ambition to discharge the many duties which we find to do in this broad field of ours.

Fraternally submitted,

F. E. STELLING,

Master

DINUBA

Worthy Master, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain that I render this report of Dinuba Grange, No. 342, to this body. I am pleased to note the unabated interest of the faithful few who are ever wide awake in words and deeds. When we consider that the Grange is for the social, mental, moral and intellectual uplift of the farmer and his family, it is hard to understand why so many Patrons of Husbandry take so little interest in its work.

Our Lecturer uses printed programs prepared six months in advance, and we have had many interesting lecture hours. We take an active interest in all public and legislative matters that are of interest to the farmer.

We were favored by a visit from our Worthy State Master in January when he installed our Pomona officers.

Contrary to our usual custom, we took a vacation of one month and held but one meeting in July and one in August. The July meeting was held at the home of the writer, out of doors under the trees, and was quite a novel feature to most of us.

We meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. From November to February inclusive, we meet at 10 o'clock a. m. and have lunch at the hall. The rest of the year we meet at 1:30 p. m.

Since our last report we have lost one member, Brother A. G.

McCracken, by death.

Less than three years ago we purchased lots for a Grange hall in Dinuba, for which we paid \$150.00. They are free from incumbrance and could have been sold recently for \$600.00. This is a fair sample of real estate values in and around Dinuba.

Our membership report for the fiscal year ending October 1, 1912: Membership October 1, 1911—39 Brothers, 39 Sisters. Total, 78. Admitted by initiation, 5 Brothers, 5 Sisters; by card, 1 Brother, 1 Sister. Suspended for non-payment of dues, 6 Brothes, 4 Sisters. Demitted, 2 Sisters. Died, 1 Brother. Membership on October 1, 1912—38 Brothers,, 39 Sisters. Total 77.

We have \$57.54 in the treasury, which added to the cash value of our lots makes our resources \$657.54.

Fraternally submitted, CHARLES F. COLLINS

Master.

EIK GROVE

To the Master, Officers and Member's of California State Grange:
We are pleased to report that Elk Grove Grange has had a
very successful year. We have had 22 meetings. During the
short days in winter we met at noon, and had lunch in the
Hall, and during the long summer days we alternated our
meeting hours, holding our first meeting of the month in the
evening, and the last meeting in the afternoon.

Elk Grove Grange is very much in favor of good roads, and has a committee whose duty it is to look after this question, and

use all of its best efforts with that end in view.

Elk Grove Grange has discussed the matter of the repeal of the Poll Tax Law, and we find no desire on the part of any member to repeal the present law.

We have gained 10 new members during the year, and have

lost 1 by demit, leaving our present membership 68 in all.

The young people of the Grange, assisted by a few friends, gave a play, which was very well patronized, and added quite

a sum to our treasury.

As the members of our Grange are in a position to view the Japanese question at a very close range, we have taken a decided stand against the acquisition of land by the Japanese, and are submitting for your consideration a resolution which we earnestly urge you to adopt.

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. G. HAWLEY, Master of Elk Grove Grange, No. 86

FORT ROMIE

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

Fort Romie Grange, No. 358, is as yet in its infancy, having been organized February 11, 1911. We have 45 members, 16 Sisters and 29 Brothers. Though we have not progressed as we would have liked, we feel much encouraged at the present time. We have succeeded in getting several of our young people into the Grange lately and they are taking an active interest in the work.

We have held twenty-nine meetings in the last year, gave a Fourth of July picnic and a harvest festival on September 28th. This was a success both socially and financially.

We are making arrangements to buy the Salvation Army

Hall, where we now hold our meetings.

Our attendance has been fairly good. The Secretary has not missed a meeting since we organized. She has also composed a Grange song entitled, "Why Not Join the Grange?"

We have had a representative make two calls upon our County Assessor, and one on the Board of Equalization in regard to the unjust discrimination in taxing the small land holders and the owners of large grants, which are numerous in Monterey County. We succeeded in getting the assessment almost doubled on the grant adjoining our community, with promise of a greater raise next year. With the organization of more Granges in Monterey county this great evil could and would be overcome and we earnestly ask the support of the State Grange in organizing this county more thoroughly.

We supported Sister Harriet Eddy of Elk Grove Grange in

establishing the free county library in our county.

We believe in continuing the fight for fraternal fire insurance, as we think this the best plan to strengthen our Order in California

We have not been delinquent in paying our dues to the State Grange or in paying our twenty-five cents assessment to maintain Grange headquarters at the Panama Pacific Exposition in 1915.

We insist that all Grange members should vote against the amendment to abolish the poll tax law and urge others to do the same

We believe there should be a law passed to compel the Supervisors of the various counties of the State to provide free transportation for high school pupils in out-lying districts. It

is unfair to those who have to be at a heavy expense to attend, either in transit or by providing for them away from home, to build a high school at one's door and provide no means for those at a distance. Such a law would enable all students to always live at home and thus be at all times under their parents' care.

Fraternally submitted

LEE DUDGEON, Master

GEYSERVILLE

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California

State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Greeting: With pleasure I, as Master of Geyserville Grange, No. 312,

submit the following report:

During the past year we have held twenty-two regular meetings and one special meeting. Have added 26 to our membership by initiation, lost one by demit and one by suspension for non-payment of dues. Interest in Grange work is good and our financial condition is sufficient to meet all demands.

We have had three harvest feasts and two banquets, one of which was observed as Floral day on the eleventh of May, on which date we entertained the Pomona Grange. Let me state here that the observance of Floral day is an annual event with us. To say that we had a good time on that day is useless as we could not meet with Pomona Grange on such a grand occasion without its being a day of great pleasure and one long to be remembered.

Yours for the best interests of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

D. S. HILDEBRAND.

Master

GLEN ELLEN

Worthy Master and Members of the California State Grange:

The report from Glen Ellen Grange may not sound of the hopefulness of youth and the bright prospects of the future. It is just a matter-of-fact report of the conditions as they really.

A Grange or any other organization in a community must have for its purpose the filling of a want: To get the people together that have a common interest, and then work harmoniously for the promotion of that interest.

Glen Ellen with its incomparable climate and scenic location is in that part of Sonoma Valley which has fallen into the hands of speculators in realty, climate and pure air. The land not having the fertility suitable for up-to-date farming on a large scale, is sold in small tracts more for home sites than for places to make a living. People who are tired of the struggles in the cities come here to spend life in rest and ease and spend their savings. Soon their places are for sale again to other parties. It is a population coming and going; kind of nomadic, not settling down long enough to get the spirit of common interest, which is the foundation of a good sound community.

The spirit of the Grange and the true Granger is the hopeful spirit of the seedsman and the planter—sowing and planting in the springtime expecting to reap in due time, not immediately. It is not the city man's spirit to get the returns at the end of a week or a month.

Having only that floating population to draw from, for sion of new blood in the Grange, Glen Ellen Grange has a struggle. The old faithful members, the founders, have of them laid down their implements once and for all time, while others, realizing the cooling off of the right spirit, have just enough interest left to pay their dues.

During the past year we have managed to have an average of one meeting a month, while we are supposed to hold two meetings each month. It is rather discouraging for Master and Scretary to come for miles and stay around the meeting place for hours and have to go home without having a meeting. We have 28 members in good standing and our financial condition is in fair condition.

Fraternally submitted,

ANDREW ERICKSON,

Master

GOLD HILL

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Gold Hill Grange with a membership of 32 is still, in its humble way, laboring for the good of our Order, our country and mankind.

During July, August and September, our busy season for marketing our fruit crops—usually a period of insufficient help—our Grange meetings are few and far between. But during the remainder of the year, weather permitting, we endeavor to hold regular meetings twice a month.

Our annual picnics are features that are well patronized by an apparently gratified public. Mainly from the net proceeds derived from these picnics, the Grange has been able to build a hall and get out of debt.

Recently our discussions have been in regard to the advisability of buying together in large quantities from local dealers at semi-wholesale prices. It has been demonstrated to us that a great saving can be made by thus co-operating, and no doubt in the near future some of the members will be buying in this way.

Fraternally submitted,

L. C. GAGE,

Master

GREENFIELD

Γο the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

This Grange was organized in January, 1911.

The present is the first occasion upon which we have been represented in the State Grange. We began with about twenty charter members, but as the usefulness of such an organization seemed to be pretty generally recognized among our people, the membership grew rapidly until we had, within a few months, an enrollment of about eighty members. We thus had a very large percentage of the adult population of our community.

There has been considerable change in the membership of our Grange on account of the coming and going of the people, but since the first rush of joining was over the number of paying members has remained almost stationary. We have not failed to have a good working quorum present at every regular meeting. Interest in Grange work has kept up very well indeed, and except during those periods when our farmers have been unusually busy with their work, the meetings have been well attended. Our regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month. We have held also during the year a number of special meetings.

Upon two occasions we have invited the principal of a neighboring high school to lecture in our hall. These lectures were free to the public. We kept Thanksgiving of last year by having a great Grange family dinner in our hall. Every member was free to bring all the members of his or her household. The occasion was a great success. The Fourth of July of this year was celebrated in a similar manner in an oak grove near Greenfield.

Our achievements have not been many or very notable. Some road improvement has been accomplished by voluntary

labor. Considerable has been done also by voluntary labor in improving our neighborhood burying ground. On all these occasions, when our brothers have gone with plow, spade and hoe to labor for the common good, the sisters of the Grange have never failed to be on hand with a tempting and substantial lunchfor the laborers.

When the proper occasion presented itself we used our influence for the establishment of a county free library. The movement was successful. We also did our little mite toward the improved parcel post, which was only a partial success. Last year our Grange made an exhibit of fruits at "Salinas Big Week," and took some premiums. This year we maintained a creditable exhibit at the Watsonville Apple Show. We also had prepared at Grange expense an illustrated folder advertising our locality as a fruit section. An effort, which failed of accomplishment for the time being, was made to establish a neighborhood telephone line. While the things accomplished are few, our needs and aims are large and many.

The paramount need of the Salinas Valley is State or Natioal aid in the development of our irrigation water resources. Perhaps next to irrigation water comes our need for better highways and a better system of highway maintainance. Our

Grange desires to help in bringing these things about.

The Grange in its Declaration of Purposes" stands for the advancement of the cause of education. The manifest need of our community is the amending of our school law so that full transportation charges to and from our county high schools from all parts of the county must be provided at public expense.

We need a more equitable system of taxation.

We need a new stock law that will make the owner of stock running at large responsible for damage done by it.

In so far as these needs of ours are common to other communities of the State, we solicit Grange assistance.

Fraternally,

W. H. LIVINGSTON,

Master

LINCOLN

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

It is with great pleasure that I write this my third annual report, still I regret, that, owing to the inopportune time of the meeting of the State Grange there will be no representative of

Lincoln Grange at your sessions this year. I attended the sessions of the State Grange at Napa two years ago when the changing of the date almost carried. It does seem as though those who opposed that change would be willing to allow the date changed for a time at least, to give those who have been deprived of the benefits of the meetings a chance to enjoy them.

The Lincoln Grange has moved along, holding its own in point of membership. We have made substantial improvements in our hall, adding a dining-room which can also be used as a stage. A public spirited friend offered to paint a drop curtain and other stage curtains and wings, if the Grange would furnish the material; this was done and adds very much to the appearance and finish of the hall.

We are soon to put on a farce to raise money to pay for the materials used. We raised about half enough money to paint

the hall by an entertainment.

Our main difficulty in Grange work seems to be in getting up work and finding subjects of interest for the Lecturer's hour, meeting a rather lack of interest on the part of the members to assist. Trusting that the sessions of the Grange this year will be of benefit to all attending, and again regretting the absence of a representative of the Lincoln Grange, this report is Fraternally submitted.

WARREN E. HYDE,

Master

MOUNTAIN VIEW

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

We are pleased to report an unusually prosperous year, with an increase in membership of more than one hundred per cent.

Last year our report noted sixty-seven (67) on the roll, and we have now in excess of one hundred and forty-five members, and new members were admitted at our last meeting, since making out this report.

The members have displayed good will and harmony in their Grange work, with the result that we have a very influential and pleasant organization composed of our best citizens.

Our finances are in good shape. We have held twentythree regular meetings and one special meeting, always with

a good average attendance.

We entertained Santa Clara Pomona Grange at an all day session and banquet, enjoyed by more than one hundred and fifty Patrons, and about the same number attended our Harvest Feasts in April, June and September.

The Grange was fortunate in securing the Southern Pacific Demonstration Train to make a stop of one hour and a half at Mountain View, which was well patronized by our own Sunnyvale Grange, and all felt well paid for attendance by the valuable information gleaned.

The Grange indorsed resolutions favoring Parcels Post, Pure Food Laws and Free Circulating Libraries. At each meeting crop and fruit reports, as well as matters of general interest

have been given space in the Lecturer's program.

A graphic description from members in attendance at the agricultural course at the State Farm at Davis was much enjoyed by the Grange. Our State Master visited us and gave much encouragement in his address. We have an efficient Ladies' Drill Team, who confer the Degrees.

Respectfully submitted,

M. FARRELL,

Master

NAPA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members:

The degree of pleasure with which a Master of a subordinate Grange can report the past year's work of the Grange he represents to this State Grange, depends upon the degree of success his Grange has enjoyed during the year for which he reported.

Judged by this standard I can say that it is a pleasure for me to report for Napa Grange, although I must confess that the

pleasure is not as great as I had hoped it would be.

A year ago Napa Grange reported 79 members—47 Brothers and 32 Sisters. During the year we have lost by demit two Brothers and two Sisters, and by death two Brothers and one Sister making a loss in membership of seven members. To offset this we have gained by initiation eight brothers and three Sisters, thereby closing the year with a gain of four members.

During the past year we have maintained the several features of Grange work which have become annual events with us, and in this manner have kept the Grange and its work well

before the public.

The annual Grange picnic was more largely attended this year than any of our previous picnics; several new features were added to the day's program, and the day proved to be one of real enjoyment for all those who attended.

The Farmers' Institute was fully up to the high standard these meetings have attained, and much benefit was derived from the lectures given by the professors from the University under the able direction of Professors Clarke and Wickson. One of the most enjoyable and beneficial features of the Institute was the lecture by our Worthy State Lecturer. Bro. Wingate gave us a real, live, stirring address, and although the lecture was only given last Friday, so that it is yet too early to know all the benefits to be derived from it, we know that it will result in much good.

Last year in my report I made mention of the fact that we had a committee working with the Trustees of our local High School with a view of having an Agricultural course introduced. I am much pleased at this time to say that at the present time our High School and Grammar schools have combined in this work and have now not only an agricultural course, but

one in manual training and domestic science as well.

Last week I took occasion to visit our school and talk over these courses with the principal, and I was informed that at the present time there are 60 students taking studies in connection with the agricultural course, while there are 105 students from the grammar schools and 35 from the high school taking the course in manual training. In the course in domestic science there are 105 girls from the grammar schools and 30 from the high school. These facts indicate plainly that these courses are soon to become one of the most popular features of school work.

The Napa County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which was fathered by our Grange, is in a healthy and

flourishing condition.

Last year I closed my report with the statement that "not every Grange could say with Napa Grange that we have not missed a single meeting in two years." I now wish to amend that report by substituting the word three for two, so that it will read that we have not missed a single meeting for three years.

Fraternally submitted.

F. L. HUNT.

Master

OAKLAND

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

The falling leaves, the shortened days and the ripened harvests, all remind us of the closing year and of the fact that

the California State Grange will soon be holding its annual session, when we shall meet to look each other in the face, enjoy a friendly hand clasp, and report the work that has been done

in our respective Granges during the past year.

In Oakland Grange we have had a most enjoyable year's work. Also one of happiness and much encouragement in every way. Our meetings have all been well attended, and a good program has been prepared for every meeting, all the members taking some part in the music or literary exercises.

We have a number of young people in our Grange who are taking hold of the work with enthusiasm. During the year we have taken in 19 new members, and our present membership is 54.

We are getting a drill team ready for degree work.

Since our last annual meeting we have changed our place of meeting from Odd Fellows Hall at 11th and Franklin streets, to the Odd Fellows hall on the corner of 11th avenue and East 12th streets, East Oakland. We have also changed our night of meeting to the first Friday night in the month. Our Grange family dinner at half past six has been greatly enjoyed and we feel has helped increase our membership. At the close of our regular Grange meetings the younger members usually remain for a social hour and enjoy themselves with music and dancing. The Grange reading club still continues to grow and is a service of great pleasure to many of our sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. DOW

Master

ORANGEVALE

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Orangevale Grange, No. 354, P. of H., sends greetings:
While we have not increased in membership, it has been a
very profitable year in work for our Grange. First in buying
fruit trees. Our colony is strictly a fruit producing community.
Many fruit trees are bought. We succeeded in getting twentyfive per cent discount off the best price given on trees to any
person outside the Grange, thereby saving many dollars to our
members.

Secondly, by procuring a new county circulating library. Third, by the installation of electric light throughout our

colony.

Fourth, by using our influence to save our water rights.

Our colony is watered through a system of pipes with a fall of from 50 to 175 feet. Our pipes had become in such bad shape

that they would not hold water. A board of five directors was elected, four of whom were prominent Grangers. raised funds and are now installing a new pipe system at the probable cost of \$3,000.00.

Our membership at the present time numbers 69. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. We have held 2? regular meetings and one call meeting during the past year.

Fraternally submitted.

J. L. PATTERSON,

Alternate

ORCHARD CITY

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

Orchard City Grange meets regularly the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month in the small town of Campbell, which is located six miles southeast of San Jose. The country around Campbell is almost entirely covered with fruit trees (mostly French prunes, for which the Santa Clara Valley is noted) and our numbership is drawn from a territory extending in orchards from near San Jose to near Los Gatos, hence the

name Orchard City Grange.

We have some good members living in the town of Campbell who are not actively engaged in agriculture, but all are interested in the outcome of the fruit industry, therefore the reports of our committees on Farm and Orchard and Fruits and Markets are always of interest, and scarcely less interest is taken and discussion aroused by the reports of the committees on Legislation, Education and Woman's Work. Even during the rush of the fruit season enough members attend the meetings to make the consideration of questions affecting the public welfare both interesting and educational. Co-operation in buying or selling has not been practiced by members of Orchard City at all during the past year, neither has anything been done to augment our building fund, which remains the same as last year except for accrued interest at the bank. Money does not accumulate in our treasury as our dues of \$2 each per year are only enough to barely pay running expenses, and with as large a membership as ours, 132, it would seem wise to increase the dues or provide some other way to raise fusds for emergencies.

However, material profit should not be considered the main inducement either in retaining our old members or in the addition of new ones, for we believe that he who acquires financial gain only as a result of his Grange affiliation has missed the greater part of a Grange education. That part of our Grange teaching in which we are admonished to inculcate a higher and better manhood and womanhood among ourselves is alone a sufficient reward for affiliation with and active work in our order.

The problem of providing a magnet to draw our members to the meetings and interest them in Grange principles and work is a problem that all Granges have to work out in accordance with the peculiar conditions that surround each one. It has not been solved by us. With the many attractions that in a thickly settled country like ours are drawing people elsewhere, it will be required of us that we be "wise as serpents and harmless as

doves" if we would counteract their influence.

During the past year we have continued our social meetings at the homes of members, alternating with regular meetings, with even better success than heretofore. These meetings are called for 7 p. m. The members bring baskets of sandwiches and other good things, while the hostess provides coffee, chocolate or other warm drink, and some warm dish, usually baked beans. Supper over the evening is spent in social converse, music and singing, in addition to any program that the committee may provide.

The exchange of seeds, plants and even trees among our members and the display of flowers have added to the drawing

power of our meetings.

Fraternally submitted, HORACE G. KEESLING,

Master

PETALUMA

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

Petaluma Grange sends greetings.

Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Our present membership is 75; 38 Brothers and 37 Sisters.

Our meetings are well attended owing no doubt to the ability of our Worthy Lecturer, Sister Ida King, who has made the lecture hour both instructive and entertaining. Several musical and literary programs have been given at open meetings and refreshments have been served.

During the year one of our brothers, C. A. Anderson, a new

member, passed to the great Grange above.

We have been active during the past year in endeavoring to bring about local matters that would benefit our people, and in one case in particular our efforts have been crowned with success, namely, in the anti-roadhouse crusade.

Our Grange has not increased in membership since our last State Grange meeting, yet we are in good working condition.

We look forward to the coming year with hopefulness and feel that we are stronger in a fraternal way than ever before Our financial condition is very fair and the most cordial

relations exist among our members.

We hope the present session of the State Grange will be productive of much good to those Patrons who have the good fortune to be able to attend.

Fraternally submitted.

W. DENT.

Master

POPLAR

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

Poplar Grange, No. 359, was organized January 24, 1912, by Brother C. F. Collins of Dinuba Grange with 37 charter members.

We have held sixteen regular and two special meetings. Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month. We have initiated 65 members and taken in two by demit cards, making the present membership 104. Our Pomona Grange met with us on September 10 with a very good attendance. A very profitable as well as enjoyable day was ຂນent.

. We look forward to a helpful and prosperous year. Fraternally submitted.

E. S. TAGGARD.

Master POTTER VALLEY

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

Potter Valley Grange has held 14 meetings during the last year. We have 32 members-17 Sisters and 15 Brothers. Our membership has increased by 12 during the last year.

We had a pleasant visit from our Worthy State Master last April which did us much good.

We have a good hall of our own and an income of \$300 a

year from rent. I regret that ill health prevents me from being with you this year.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM EDDY, Master

PROGRESSIVE

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

As Master of Progressive Grange, No. 308, of Healdsburg, Sonoma County, I beg leave to submit this my annual report. While it is a matter of regret on my part that I am unable to report any increase in the membership of our Grange for the past year, yet it affords me some pleasure to state that all things considered Progressive Grange is in a fairly healthy condition.

The attendance has been normal during the year.

The members are loyal and always willing to respond when called upon to perform any duty which may result in a benefit to the order. Especially is this true of the lady members.

Our finances are in a satisfactory condition. The members as a rule keeping their dues well paid up. While we have not a very large reserve fund on hand, we are always in a position to meet our bills promptly when due and still have a few dollars left for a nest egg.

During the year it has been our pleasure to take up for discussion many of the live issues of the day, National, State and County. We have found the discussion of these topics to be both instructive and entertaining, the members displaying a keen interest in the matters under discussion.

Progressive Grange has at the present time a total membership of 67 in good standing, consisting of 40 sisters and 27 broth-

Our regular meetings are held twice a month, on the first

and third Saturdays.

We have lost during the year two members by demit. One regular meeting was missed for lack of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted, W. B. WHITNEY

Master

SACRAMENTO

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

It becomes my pleasant duty to make the thirty-ninth annual report of oid Sacramento Grange, No. 12.

We have met regularly on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. We have an average attendance of about 25. Our membership is composed of thirty-five Brothers and fifty-

seven Sisters, a total of ninety-two.

We have a good live Lecturer who always has something for the Lecturer's hour. We have debated most of the subjects brought out by the National Grange. We have joined Sacramento County Fomona Grange in urging good roads upon our Supervisors and in trying to get them improved by a bond issue or other means.

While strongly favoring the conservation of all waters of the State, we did not endorse the resolution presented by Dinuba Grange as there were sevral things upon which we needed information. Reclamation and irrigation are very important subjects in the minds of the people in the county of Sacramento, and those surrounding it. Our Grange is favorable to any move which will benefit the whole State, but not to one that will help a few at the expense of many.

We had an anniversary celebration on December fourth, and the Granges of the county were invited to attend, and at our secculon meeting in May we held our annual strawberry festival with

a good attendance of visitors.

During the year we lost four by death and several from

non-payment of dues.

Past Master of the California State Grange, Brother Daniel Flint, attends our meetings very often, although in very poor health and quite feeble.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BEACH.

Master

SACRAMENTO COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

In presenting my report for Sacramento County Pomona Grange, No. 2, I am more than pleased to say that we are in a prosperous condition, and are enjoying very interesting and instructive meetings.

We have, during the past year, visited Antelope, Capital and Sacramento Granges. These meetings were very instructive both to the members of Pomona and the subordinate

Granges visited.

On the fifth instant, we were extended another invitation from Capital Grange, and the visit was enjoyed by all who attended. We expect before the close of the year to have visited all

of the subordinate Granges throughout the county.

On the 27th day of April we held our annual picnic with a satisfactory day, and a large attendance which netted us the neat little sum of \$180.00 to add to our treasury.

During the year we have held six regular meetings and one

special meeting.

At present we have 111 members, 45 of whom are Brothers and 66 Sisters, and have in the treasury between \$500.00 and \$600.00.

We have had during the past year three important committees working for our best interests in geenral; one on good roads, which is making good headway in bringing about a movement to work in conjunction with the Supervisors of the county.

The committee on investigation brought to light some very important matters pertaining to the tax payers, and showed where some of our county officials could have bettered matters a

good deal.

The committee on the county exhibit, consisting of Brothers Jos. Holmes, Geo. Sehlmeyer and myself, again had the handling of the Sacramento County exhibit at the California State Fair. Although we, as a county, cannot enter for a prize, we made a creditable showing for Sacramento county in general.

In looking about the exhibits from different parts of the state it seemed to me that each county tried to do its best, and especially noticeable and attractive was Sonoma county's exhibit, which was a showing that her people may well be proud

of.

In conclusion, will say we are nearing the close of a cheerful, prosperous year in Grange work, and extend the hand of good fellowship to all.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. BUSH, Master Sacramento County Pomona Grange

SAN JOSE

San Jose Grange has made a slight gain in membership during the year, having received three on demit, five by initiation and now having five candidates undergoing the process of being made Grangers.

The work of the year has been varied and useful in social, literary and educational lines. Brother Cyrus Jones' ninetieth birthday was duly honored, and Brother and Sister Ewer's golden

wedding fitly celebrated. One meeting was held out of doors at Brother and Sister Baker's beautiful home in the Santa Cruz mountains. At a Harvest Feast in April Sister Dow, of Oakland Grange, was present to enliven the proceedings. In the educational line, Miss Bassler, physical instructor at the State Normal School, brought a large class and gave an exhibition of her methods of training and developing the body. A student of the College of Agriculture of the University of California made an address on the course of instruction and life and character of the students, and answered many questions, giving a good idea of our farmers' college from the inside. A financial expert presented a lucid exposition of the Central Reserve Bank proposed by Senator Aldrich's committee, pointed out its dangers, and how they may be avoided and yet the object sought be attained, a safe, yet elastic currency. The discussion was participated in by a prominent banker, who endorsed the ideas of the speaker.

Every Saturday morning live topics are presented and discussed by members of the Grange. Fruit prospects and prices are reported, and the prices that fruit should bring, in view of the ascertained facts of production and consumption, are stated. A full report is published in the daily press of every meeting.

The result has been the saving of many growers from sacrificing their crops, and led to an increasing respect for the Grange, and dependence upon its leadership.

During the year San Jose Grange has been called upon to mourn the loss of Brother J. Fred Smith, a man of wide attainments and great reputation as an educator. He filled the office of Lecturer for some time most acceptably.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. BABB,

Master

SANTA CLARA COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

The Santa Clara County Pomona Grange, of which I have the honor to be Master, has met regularly every two months during the year. The January meeting was held with Mountain View Grange. At this meeting the officers were installed by the Worthy Master of the State Grange assisted by Sister Gordon of Sunnyvale Grange. The May meeting was with Orchard City Grange at Campbell. A pleasing and profitable exhibit of flowers, fruits and vegetables was an especial feature of this occasion.

The September meeting was with Sunnyvale Grange: At this time a very fine exhibit of apples grown by Worthy Lecturer H. G. Keesling rivaled the flower show of the May meeting.

The other meetings were all held in San Jose, where an all

day meeting, in November, is expected to take place.

The products of the orchards and gardens have been in evidence at all the meetings, thus obeying the Overseer's command given in the degree of Pomona.

We number 135 members, 7 of whom have joined this year. We have lost one member by death, Sister M. I. Black of Camp-

bell

Our aim is to work for the best interests of the whole com-

Financially we are in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. KEESLING,
Master

SANTA ROSA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State

Grange:

I beg leave to report Santa Rosa Grange as holding its own. We have fairly good attendance, meeting always on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Our Lecturer always provides a very interesting hour, and we feel that we have lost much when not able to attend.

We have 57 members in good standing, have gained four by initiation, two by card and lost one by death, and two for non-

payment of dues.

We have paid our assessment to secure headquarters at the Panama Pacific Exposition.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN STRONG.

Master

SEBASTOPOL

Brothers and Sisters:

Sebastopol Grange, No. 306, begs to submit the following report for the prosperous year just ended: Number of members in good standing 72; number of members suspended for non-payment of dues nine; members demitted, one; number of members received by card, five. Financial standing good; attendance fair.

Worthy State Master Pettit has been with us at two meetings, and Worthy Past Master Griffith was with us at our last meeting and conferred the Third and Fourth Degrees on a class of 19. Brother Hanson of Bennett Valley Grange has been with us

several times, always giving good advice and lending assistance. We have been very busy during the last quarter, preparing to entertain the State Grange at Sebastopol.

During the year we have had 23 regular meetings and one special meeting. We united with Santa Rosa Grange in joint

installation last January and had a very pleasant time.

Many subjects of vital importance have been discussed during the Lecturers hour, two of the most important ones being the Parcels Post and Postal Savings Bank. Other subjects discussed were: How to make life pleasant and profitable on the farm, fireless cookers, the canning of fruit and vegetables and the cultivating and spraying of fruit trees.

Our meeting dates are the first and third Saturdays of each month, with the first meeting of the month set at two o'clock one

day, and the next time at eight o'clock p. m.

All Patrons of Husbandry are cordially invited to attend.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. COVERT,

Master

SONOMA COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

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

Sonoma County Pomona Grange heartily welcomes you to our county. We hope your visit will prove a plesure and a

profit to you as well as to ourselves.

We have gained in numbers and in strength during the past year, having now a membership of 119 good, hard working Patrons. Our crop conditions in Sonoma county have been very favorable, with the exception that the rain in the early part of September did considerable damage to the hop, prune and grape crops.

We have done much work, in several lines, to advance the interests of the farmer, but find it a very difficult matter to get

the average former to co-operate for his own benefit.

There are coming before you, at this meeting, resolutions regarding matters which we consider of grave importance to the Grange of the State, particularly those resolutions from Santa

Rosa Grange, which we ask you to support,

We are studying all the time how to wake the farmer up to the importance of becoming amember of the Grange, and how to increase our membership; and we believe that if there could be a course of lectures deliverd by competent persons, that a great deal of good could be accomplished in that line, and recommend to this State Grange that measures be taken in that direction.

In view of the fact that E. J. Wickson, late of the State University and Dean of the Agricultural College, is now the editor of the Pacific Rural Press, we ask that an official correspondent be appointed, thereby keeping the Grange in closer touch with the agricultural public, and keeping the Grange in the public eye.

Respectfully submitted, H. N. N. LATIMER, Master

SOQUEL

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Soquel Grange, No. 349, reports four new members enrolled since last report. We have lost in that time by suspension for non-payment of dues, 55; by demit and withdrawal, 17, and by

death, one, leaving a membership at this time of 50.

The Grange has been the means of organizing a County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which is doing good work in its line. It has also organized a Fruit Growers' Association which promises to do great good in the district affected. Neither of these companies is confined to the Grange.

We have held twenty regular meetings during the past year. While we have lost heavily in number of members, we still have a nucleus of faithful members who, I am sure, will hold our Grange together for the good of the members and the community.

Fraternally submitted, J. C. MORRISON.

Master

SUNNYVALE

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

Sunnyvale Grange has at the present time 84 members. We hold our meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of every month. Through the busy fruit season we had a vacation of six weeks. Then we held an open meeting and invited in our friends. We had a fine program and the ladies served ice cream and cake to 150 people.

The Pomona Grange met with us on the 24th of last month for an all-day meeting. Our Worthy State Master was one of the number and we had a very good attendance. One splendid feature of the meetings of the Pomona Grange during the past year has been a display of fruit, flowers and vegetables. At the

Sunnyvale meeting, the display was certainly grand. Brother H. G. Keesling, Lecturer of the Pomona Grange, had on exhibition 54 varieties of apples, all of which were grown on his own place. These, with the different varieties of flowers and vegetables, all combined to make a meeting long to be remembered.

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. SPALDING.

Master

TULARE

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

Tulare Grange, No. 198, sends greetings to the California State Grange assembled. As the time has arrived to make the annual report for our Grange, I will submit the following:

Our Grange has held its semi-monthly meetings regularly throughout the year on the first and third Saturdays of each month, except for the two mid-summer months. During these two months our members were away to the coast or the mountains, or were so busy with their fruit, that they could not attend without greater sacrifice than seemed justifiable.

The social hour around the lunch table is still one of the pleasant features of Tulare Grange, and it is greatly enjoyed by the members and their many friends. We have not gained any new members by initiation since our last report, but have gained two, a Brother and a Sister, by affiliation. During the year we have lost for non-payment of dues, four members, and by demit two members. Our financial standing is good and we have sent to Sister Borrette our assessment for the Panama Pacific Exposition fund for 1912.

On May 18th, a very interesting joint picnic was held beneath the towering oaks of our beautiful county park. This annual picnic is looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure.

Children's Day was fittingly observed and well attended. Our meetings are at all times fairly lively, and we always aim to discuss topics of interest.

Fraternally,

FLORA SAYRE

Master

TULARE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

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

Sisters and Brothers:

Grange growth in this county has not been phenomenal, however, we have gained encouragement by enrolling one Grange in a part of the county where the future of Grange work

is promising.

The farmers have been organized so many times, and for such variety of purpose, and have failed to accomplish satisfactory results, that they have become well nigh discouraged. But we still persevere, confident that if we do our best, the future will show good results. The object of the Grange should be to better the condition of the farmer, not only socially, but financially, physically, morally and mentally as well.

We have at all times the friendly co-operation of the press in our county. The Pomona Grange has held in the past year four successful meetings, in which financial reform measures advocated by our untiring Brother Lubin were considered. The furtherance of a more perfect irrigation system in the valleys was recommended, and we ask at this time, that this body en-

dorse our efforts, for in union is strength.

Fraternally submitted,

PETER SCHULP,

Master

TWO ROCK.

Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Two Rock Grange was organized in 1873; since which time it has continued in existence. Like the county in which it is situated, its career has been up and down, sometimes at the highest eminence and sometimes down in the valley, but always pursuing its course and striving to accomplish its mission of elevating the farm community and making better men and women.

We own a hall worth about \$3,000.00. Our present membership is 65—Sisters 33, Brothers 32. Since last report we have intiated four members and demitted four. All our members cheer-

fully paid the Exposition tax.

Our Grange has taken an active interest in all public affairs calculated to further the interests of the community or the

county.

At the beginning of the year a committee on program was appointed to assist the Worthy Lecturer in arranging a program

for the year, and such a program was made out and printed. One member was asssigned to each subject to open and lead the discussion. This program was carried out till the busy season interfered with the meetings of the Grange.

Respectfully submitted.

H. F. DOSS. Master

VISALIA

To the State Grange, Greeting:

Another prosperous season has been enjoyed by the farmers of our community. The fruit interests have been large and the prices during the early part of the season fairly good. Our dairymen have had plenty of feed and the prices for butter fat relatively high. Our summer climate has been excellent and our farmers are well and happy. Our summers are usually warm, hence many seek the cooler climates of our mountains (which are surpassed by none) or seaside.

Following the meeting of the State Grange with us last October, Visalia Grange enjoyed a prosperous season. which

continued during the winter months.

During the warm summer months the fruit crops demand the attention of our farmers so closely that our Grange took a vacation until the fourth Saturday in September.

I am sorry to say that Visalia Grange has not made any gain in membership, but shows a small loss for the past year. This

loss has been both in membership and interest.

The actual membership of our Grange is 39. We have held which to pay all bills, but we have not accumulated much of a

surplus.

The actual membership of our Grange is 39. We have held 19 meetings during the year and they have been fairly well attended. We have initiated six new members and reinstated one. Have lost for non-payment dues six, demitted four and lost by death one.

The Master of Visalia Grange regrets exceedingly his inability to attend this session of the State Grange as he very much desired to do. We believe, however, that we shall be well represent-

ed, both by members and ability, from our Grange.

Respectfully submitted.

D. R. DEMING.

Master

CAPITAL

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

Capital Grange meets on the first and third Saturdays in each month, the first Saturday in the afternoon and the third Saturday in the evening, at Red Men's Hall, Greater Sacramento,

which was formerly known as Oak Park.

Our little Grange has a membership of 49 Patrons. We have very thriving and enthusiastic meetings, and our finances are in very good condition. Nearly every month we try to have a harvest feast and at all of these feasts we invite some of the near-by Granges to visit us. When such meetings are held we ask in the younger members of our families to assist in the entertainment and enjoy our fruits.

We are still following the old custom of taking a vacation during the months of July and August. We find this very good policy, as so many of our members are out of town during these

months.

Our meetings are confined to social and educational efforts mostly, simply to keep up interest and make things more interesting for the young members.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

D. W. TAYLOR,

Master

Santa Clara Pomona Grange tendered an invitation to State Grange of California to hold its next annual session in Santa Clara county.

The report of Sonoma County Pomona Grange was referred to the committee on Good of the Order.

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

Resolution relating to Poll Tax, introduced by Antelope Grange, referred to Committee on Taxation.

Resolution relating to Agricultural Education, introduced by

Dinuba Grange referred to Committee on Education.

Resolution relating to Ownership of Land by Aliens, introduced by Elk Grove Grange, referred to Legislative Committee.

Resolution relating to Brother David Lubin's work, introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange, referred to Committee on Agriculture. Also resolution relating to Irrigation Bonds, referred to Committee on Legislation.

Resolution relating to Poll Tax, introduced by Dinuba Grange, referred to Committee on Taxation.

Resolution relating to Employers' Liability and Compensation Law, introduced by Sunnyvale Grange, referred to Committee on Legislation.

Resolution on Teaching the Duties of Citizenship in Public Schools, introduced by Tulare Grange, referred to Committee on Legislation.

Resolution relating to a system of lecture work, introduced by Santa Rosa Grange, referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution relating to trial of members for offenses against National Grange, introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange, referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. Also one relating to reclamation of arid lands, referred to Committee on Conservation.

Resolution relating to proposed initiative measure repealing the law prohibiting race track gambling, introduced by Santa Rosa Grange, referred to Committee on Legislation. Also one relating to proposed law permitting large cities to absorb contiguous territory, referred to Committee on Legislation. Also one relating to the organization of a Grange at Davis, referred to Committee on Division of Labor.

Resolution relating to arid lands, introduced by Castoria Grange, referred to Committee on Legislation.

Resolution relating to Home Rule in Taxation, introduced by Tulare Grange, referred to Committee on Legislation.

The following resolution, introduced by Brother H. N. N. Latimer, was unanimously adopted: "We, the members of the California State Grange in regular session assembled this 15th day of October, 1912, deeply deplore that an attempt has been made to assassinate Theodore Roosevelt and strongly condemn the act of the would-be assassin, and we suggest that a copy of this resolution be given to the press."

Recess was then declared till 7:30 p. m.

EVENING

The Patrons were royally entertained at the reception tendered by Sebastopol Grange, Sonoma County Pomona Grange and the citizens of Sebastopol, at Lincoln Hall. (See program on front cover page.)

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY

FORENOON

Grange was called to order at 9:30 a. m., Worthy Master Pettit presiding.

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

A telegram from Past Master Greer was read regretting his inability to attend this session of the State Grange, owing to the illness of his father.

The Worthy Master then announced the following substitutes on committees:

Co-operation-Brother Peter Schulp.

Legislation—Brother Thomas Jacob, Sister A. C. Keesling.

Education—Brothers Lewis Pond and T. J. Evans, Sisters May Cutler and O. E. Borrette.

Good of the Order—Brothers C. E. Davis and Lee Dudgedn.

Woman's Work-Sister Jennie Gould.

Charity-Sister Alice Winans, Brother C. E. Wingate.

Agriculture—Brothers Lewis Pond, F. W. Bush and W. B. Mathews, Sisters M. O. More and J. Strong.

Brother H. N. N. Latimer offered the following resolution of sympathy, which was adopted:

Resolved by the California State Grange in regular session assembled that it learns with regret of the illness in the family of our friend and Brother W. W. Greer, and hereby extends our cordial sympathy to all the members thereof, and our earnest hope that they may be speedly restored to health.

After several announcements a short recess was declared, after which the Worthy Master proclaimed an open session and Prof. Carl C. Plehn gave an address on "Home Rule in Taxation," followed by an address by Captain Wm. Day on "The Problem of the Discharged Prisoner and Its Solution."

A recess was then declared nutil 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON

At 2 p. m. Grange was called to order in open session by Worthy Master Pettit. A. J. Pillsbury, chairman of the State Industrial Accident Board, gave an address on the "Employers' Liability and Compensation Law," and on industrial accident insurance.

The hour having arrived for the Lecturer's work, Worthy Lecturer C. E. Wingate took charge of the meeting, and the following program was rendered:

Collins of Dinuba Grange.

Paper—Woman's Work.... Ella M. Dow, chairman of the Committee on Woman's Work.

Vocal Duet—"Mother's Rule"..Mrs. W. H. Bailey and Mrs. A. C. Kent.

Selections from an address by General Theodore Wagner on the "Modern Highway," read by Lecturer C. E. Wingate.

Paper—"Are You Living on a Farm or Just Staying There?" by Mrs. Robert Potter Hill, of Glen Ellen Grange.

Question Box-Conducted by F. L. Hunt of Napa Grange.

Several announcements were made and a recess was taken until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING

The Grange reassembled at 7:30 p. m., Worthy Master Pettit in the chair.

After the opening song the Secretary read the following resolution from the Illinois State Grange, which was ordered referred to the Press Committee:

Whereas, The Grange since its organization has extended to all its members equal privileges, and throughout its history the oldest agricultural organization in the United States has earnestly advocated as a cardinal principle of the order equal political rights for all citizens regardless of sex: and

Whereas, Equal suffrage has gained a most signal victory in

the State of California, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Illinois State Grange extend to the Grange, the women and the citizens of California its earnest congratulations.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Grange of California.

JEANETTE E. YATES, Secretary State Grange of Illinois.

Moved by Brother Stewart, seconded by Brother Covert, that the papers read in Grange during the Lecturer's Hour be printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Amendment, moved by Brother Farrell, seconded by Brother Morrison, that these be printed in folder form instead. The amendment was carried. Motion as amended carried.

Moved by Brother Dudgeon, seconded by Sister Stover, that the Secretary be instructed to send a letter of thanks to the

Illinois State Grange. Carried.

The Worthy Master then announced that the Grange would

stand in open session.

Miss Honoria R. P. Tuomey read a paper on Mothers' Clubs.
The hour for special order of business having arrived, the
Memorial Committee presented the following program:

Remarks by the Worthy Chaplain.

Tributes and placing of flowers on altar. For Chas. E. Howard of Dinuba Grange, by Sister More. For Charles Werner, of

Gold Hill Grange, by Brother Haines.

THIRD DAY-THURSDAY

Grange was opened in regular form by Worthy Master Pettit. After an opening song the minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials made a partial report which

was adopted.

The Committee on Legislation made the following partial report which was considered seriatim:

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

Your Committee on Legislation respectfully reports as follows, to-wit: That Resolution relating to the sale of land to aliens of the Asiatic Race, we recommend that the scope of the resolution be broadened so as to include all aliens.

As to that resolution relating to the Employers' Liability, we

recommend that said resolution be not adopted.

H. N. N. LATIMER, MRS. JENNIE DUDGEON, THOMAS JACOB.

Action taken on above report was as follows:

That portion relating to the sale of land to aliens ordered referred back to committee. That portion relating to Employers' Liability law, after considerable discussion was referred back to Committee.

The Committee on Co-opeartion offered the following report which was adopted:

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

Your Committe on Co-operation begs leave to submit the

following report:

Your Committee, after considering the reports of former committees, have found that so far the reports of former committees have failed to receive the working consideration of the Grange. We therefore recommend that this Grange should co-operate with cities now forming and operating free public markets. Also with the State in the establishment of a free public market in the City of San Francisco. We believe that at the present time this is the only way to get the producer and consumer together.

Respectfully submitted,
PETER SCHULP,
J. C. MORRISON,
J. E. THORP.

The Committee on Education offered the following report which was adopted:

Worthy Master and Patrons:

Your Committee on Education respectfully report as follows: The Grange is constantly appealing to the farmer upon the subject of education, and the business of farming today is one that requires an education of the broadest and fullest nature to make it successful. The very methods that made a farmer successful a half century ago, would lead him to absolute failure now; and the arguments that our fathers and grandfathers were prosperous farmers without an education, has no force whatever under the changed conditions. The process then was mainly the transferring of valuable elements of the soil into crops, and was largely a matter of muscular exertion. The process today is one requiring skill in applying fertility to the soil as well as in extracting it in the form of crops; while the combat with animal diseases, insects and fungus pests, as well as the marketing problems calls for the best scientific knowledge upon the subject.

The educated farmer may be no better judge of a horse than his uneducated neighbor, but he will exert a greater and more beneficial influence upon public affairs of his community and in short will succeed where others fail. Brain has largely taken the place of brawn in the successful conduct of the farm, and the better training and development the intellectual faculties have received, the better equipped will the farmer be to conduct his

affairs.

The mental development obtained through participation in Grange affairs is fitting thousands of people upon the farm to occupy positions of honor and trust that they never could have

attained had it not been for this training.

The time has come when more intensive farming and a better knowledge of the soil, the plant, the animal, and of marketing is necessary to feed our increasing millions. Since we cannot increase the acreage of our country, we must increase its productiveness. Only a scientific and well paid agricultural system can provide the means for sustaining and developing our rapidly growing population, and such farming can be secured only as farm life is made as attractive to a man of culture and brains as is life in the city. The farmer has contributed the major share to the attainment of modern progress and he has not secured his proper share of the gain. The farmer feeds the world, therefore upon the farmer the world is absolutely dependent. The farmer can and should rule the world.

The duty of every officer and member of the Grange is to bring the farmers of all America into the organization and promote loyalty, unity and devotion among the membership and so bring about the high aims which the founders sought. Just in proportion as this is done will the American farmer rule as he should, his own destinies and those of the nation. If farmers will get out of the old ruts trodden by their ancestors, organ-

ize for their own protection as every other trade, calling and profession has done, and adopt up-to-date methods of doing business,, such terms as "hayseed," "clod-hopper," or "corn-tassel" will soon disappear. How best to accomplish these results is a question requiring much thought, study and research, but they must be accomplished in a great measure before it can be truly said that the farmer has come into his own.

Is the Grange doing all it can to develop a leadership broad enough and strong enough to lead the farmers in their efforts to maintain the rights of agriculture against the inordinate selfishness of organized special privilege? The farmer has been systematically robbed under foms of law in every conceivable way. Our boys and girls are continually berated for leaving the farm to seek more remunerative employment in the cities, and we hear a great deal about going "back to the farm." Just as soon as the boys and girls can get a square deal on the farm, and as good returns for their labor as at other work, they will stay in the country and this "back to the farm" chestnut can be relegated to the bats and he owls.

To urge the farmer to make two blades of grass grow where but one grew before, and then let the other fellow have the extra blade, is not much of an incentive to increase production. Selling in a wholesale market and buying in a trust formed retail market is a short road to bankruptcy. Under the present condition in our state we find the study of farm economics of far more importance than of increased production. The rising generation should be taught the necessity of organization and business methods in farming.

We heartily approve the investigation of the European cooperative banking systems to be carried on next year by a committee from the various states, and trust that some one of these systems which have proved so beneficial to the farmers of Eu-

rope may afford relief to their American brethren.

We urge upon all farmers the keeping of farm accounts by some simple system so that at the end of the year it can be determined what products are making the greatest or the least profits, or if any represents a loss. Successful farming depends just as much upon good business methods as does the operation of a factory or any other industry. The manufacturer knows to the fraction of a cent how much each yard of cloth costs. How is it with the average farmer? A complete knowledge of the cost of every farm product is absolutely necessary in order to make a success of farming. Farming is no longer haphazard business, but a science, and the farmer must do his hard-

est work with his brain. A great lesson that every farmer should learn is the possibilities of his own particular farm. The agricultural college will not teach him this. The finest

spun theories will not apply in all cases.

Intellectual attainments should not result in making a reasonable amount of manual labor obnoxious. A child should be taught to do, as well as to know something, and there is no doubt that the dispositon to do manual as well as mental work can be best developed by the training received in vocational institutions. For this reason we heartily approve Senate Bill No. 3, introduced by Carol S. Page of Vermont to provide for vocational education in secondary schools, the training of teachers for these schools, agricultural extension and agricultural demonstrations.

The farm boy needs first of all an education in the fundamental branches of learning to give him broad, general knowledge, and then special training along lines that will make him capable of doing valuable things in a large way on the farm. If the boy is taught how he may do big things on the farm, he will

want to stay on the farm and do them.

We need more practical and less ornamental instruction in all our educational work. Our schools should include instructions on subjects close around us and with which we have to deal every day of our lives. Our country schools are run too much in the interests of the University, and too little in the interests of the boys and girls who never see the University. Let us study soils, animals and plants. Put brains into farm work. Get the poetry of the country as well as the prose. Equip our boys and girls with an education which will enable them to make a financial success of farming and fill the home with modern conveniences, libraries and the refinement that usually goes with education, then farm life will be sought after and education will be esteemed.

We heartily commend that portion of our Worthy Master's address relating to education, and especially his appeal for more practical training for the duties of life in our elementary

schools.

One of the most important matters of all is the influences of the Grange upon the character of the rising generation. The men and women who will control the affairs of this nation a generation hence are in our schools today, and the character of their leadership is being determined every day. How many of them are in our Grange or even in Grange homes, where they have the benefit of at least some Grange influence? The manner in which these boys and girls are being trained determines the weal or woe which their lives will exert in the future management of public affairs. A wise man has said "Tell me what kind of influences surround your children and I will tell you what kind of men and women they will make."

It is nothing unusual for great injury to come to the Grange through dilatory practices on the part of Grange officials.

Letters should be answered, reports made, and dues collected promptly. Dilatory practices on the part of officers beget discouragement on the part of members and dormancy on the lart of Granges. They would not be tolerated a day by good business concerns, and yet many Grange officers appear to think Grange work can be done any time when convenient Attend the meetings of your Grange as often as possible. Make other matters give way to the Grange. Don't ask yourself "Can I afford to go?" but "Can I afford not to go?"

Under our system of government the only power that is irresistable is the power of public opinion. If the farmers hope to influence the affairs of the country which most vitally affect them they must become students of those affairs and this they can most successfully do by meeting together in the Grange and discussing those things of closest interest to themselves.

Grange exercises, especially those of the lecture hour, are generally considered as entertainment for the Grange, but it should be borne in mind that the real objects of readings, recitations, discussions, singing and even ritual work in the Grange is the mental discipline and development of those taking part Therefore the greater number that can be induced to assist in the exercises and the greater frequency with which they are called upon the greater the results in this important feature of Grange work. The success of a Grange meeting should be reckoned from the standpoint of results accomplished rather than enjoyment afforded. Some of the most profitable Grange meetings ever held have been those where different members have been induced to stand upon their feet and engage in a discussion of a topic or contribute a reading or a paper.

To avoid repetition we refer to reports of this committee as printed in last year's journal regarding the work of the International Institute of Agriculture, yearly conferences of Lecturers, exemplification of secret work, observance of special days, use of printed programs, experiment station bulletins, reading of Grange periodicals and making use of the local press for the advancement of Grange work, all of which we emphasize and consider worthy your careful attention and consideration.

As the Lecturer has charge of the educational work in the Grange which is or should be the paramount feature, we urge upon all Lecturers to incorporate into their programs for the coming year topics involving the study and discussion of the subjects touched upon in this report. Results may come slowly, but good results must follow, and will follow such a course. Remember that farmers are busy people and they will not stop to attend Grange meetings unless they find something there worth their time to go after.

In the language of our ritual "keep constantly in mind the important fact that the great and grand object, and the crowning glory of our organization is to educate and elevate the American

farmer."

CHAS. F. COLLINS, OLIVE E. BORRETTE. MAY CUTLER. LEWIS POND. T. J. EVANS.

The Committee on Agriculture then offered the following report, which was adopted: Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State

Grange:

Your Committee on agriculture respectfully submits the fol-

lowing report:

The Agriculturist, in order to succeed in this age of intensive farming, needs to adopt a well planned system in his work, to keep fully in mind that quality and general good appearance of his products when placed on the market have very much to do with the ultimate success in dollars and cents which we must

necessarily look forward to.

In the production of our fruit, grain and livestock, let it be our aim to produce the best quality rather than quantity. Let each of us try our very best to treat considerately and kindly the domestic animals and protect the wild birds which are our friends and helpers. The farmer should look carefully after the very important commercial side of his business that he may receive his just dues for his products and purchase his necessities at fair and just values.

Our farms which are constantly increasing in value in proportion to the increase in population, should receive our best and constant care. The farm cannot reasonably be expected to produce crops of good quality in paying quantities unless proper returns are made to the soil. Home made fertilizers should be carefully saved and put back on the land at the earliest possible opportunity.

LEWIS POND, F. W. BUSH, W. B. MATTHEWS, M. O. MORE.

The Committee also reported favorably on the resolution adopted by Tulare County Pomona Grange commending Brother Lubin. (See Resolutions.)

Worthy State Lecturer Wingate offered the following partial report for the Press Committee, which was adopted:

Your Press Committee report in part as follows, namely:

We favor the instruction by the State Grange of every Lecturer in this State, to the effect that they mail, at the earliest possible date to the State Lecturer, the name and address of their local papers. Further, that the State Lecturer be instructer to open communication with the agricultural press of the State at large to the end that the Grange may be in closer touch through them with their constituents.

H. G. KEESLING, C. E. WINGATE, MRS. CHAS. F. COLLINS.

Sister Borrette, Secretary of the Committee to arrange for Grange Headquarters at the Panama Pacific Exposition in 1915, read the report of that committee, which was adopted. To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange

of California:

Your Committee on Grange Headquarters in San Francisco in 1915, beg leave to report that they have received the following sums of money:

Tulare Grange\$	14.50
Two Rock Grange	8.50
Sacramento County Pomona Grange	30.00
Fort Romie Grange	10.00
Petaluma Grange	9.25
Elk Grove Grange	8.25
Progressive Grange	
Danville Grange	20.00

San Jose Gran Napa Grange										
Sacramento (
Santa Rosa G	range	 	 	 	 	 	 	 	 12	.75

This sum will be placed in a bank as other Grange funds are on term deposit at the best rate of interest obtainable. It is the judgment of this Committee that a circular letter be sent to every Grange in the State by the Secretary of the California State Grange, setting forth the advantage it will be to all Patrons visiting in San Francisco in 1915, and the credit it will redound to our Order for us to maintain headquarters during the Panama Pacific Exposition for our own Patrons as well as visiting Patrons.

We recommend that our Worthy Master E. T. Pettit, at the coming session of the National Grange, include in his report the fact that the California State Grange will maintain headquarters for all visiting Patrons of Husbandry to the Exposition in 1915.

W. V. GRIFFITH, CARRIE R. HOLMES, OLIVE E. BORRETTE.

Moved by the Worthy Lecturer Wingate, seconded by Brother Whitney, that we recommend such legislation as will protect our wild birds for five years. On motion of Brother H. G. Keesling the motion was laid on the table.

The Committee on Division of Labor presented the following report which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Division of Labor, beg leave to report as follows:

That part of the Master's report referring to extension work be referred to Committee on Good of Order.

That part referring to co-operation be referred to Committee on Co-operation.

That part referring to legislative work be referred to Legislative Committee.

That part referring to good roads be referred to Committee on Good Roads.

That part referring to Press be referred to Committee on Press.

That part referring to Constitutional Amendments by the National Grange be referred to Legislative Committee.

That part referring to the organization of a Grange at

Davis referred to Committee on Good of Order.

PETER HANSON, LAURA A. WHITNEY, MRS. L. S. DART.

After several announcements were made a recess was taken till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON

Grange was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Worthy Master Pettit.

Moved by Sister Hunt, seconded by Brother Collins, that the Grange be in open session for the next fifteen minutes. Carried.

During open session Mr. C. E. Todd spoke in favor of the proposed amendment known as the "Home Rule in Taxation" measure.

Mr. Robt. E. Connelly presented the opposite side of this question. Grange then opened in fourth degree.

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

We as a Committee on Good of the Order recommend that this Grange condemn the saloon more freely, and as an order assist in the eradication of the same.

We desire the efforts in behalf of the Fraternal Fire Insur-

Many of the Grangers through death and otherwise cease to be active. As the prosperity of the Grange depends upon the members and the energy of its members, we deem it advisable that all members return to their respective Granges, determined to do their best to induce their Granges to work toward inducing younger members to take an active part in Grange work, and if necessary forego some pleasures in order to make it pleasant for these young members.

Your Committee also recommends that this State Grange use every possible effort to extend the Grange in unorganized

territory.

We further recommend that you exercise a closer supervision over weak Granges either by State Officers or Deputies to the end that they may have your advice and encouragement in their time of need. We believe it easier to save a weak

Grange than to get a new one.

We believe that if Subordinate Granges would have a press correspondent, or have the Lecturer act as one, and have all items of Grange news with occasional articles on the aims and objects of the order published in local papers, it would interest many people who do not now know what the Grange stands for.

We would urge Subordinate Granges to look over the field outside of their jurisdiction with a view to organizing new Granges and report to the Master of the State Grange if there is any probability of organizing new Granges in these new fields. This we believe would enable the State Master to know where work could be done to the best advantage.

We also recommend the adoption of that part of the report from the Master of Sonoma County Pomona Grange relating to a correspondent for the "Pacific Rural Press," and further that duplicate copies of articles be given other papers as said correspondent may deem proper and wise.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. HAINES, LEE DUDGEON, C. E. DAVIS, JEAN E. COLLINS.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws made the following report, which was upon motion of Brother Hunt, seconded by Brother Martin, considered seriatim:

To the Officers and Members of the State Grange:

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws recommend the adoption of the resolution presented by Tulare County Pomona

Grange.

The Committee also recommend that our State Master be instructed to prepare and present a resolution to the National Grange allowing two voting representatives to the State and National Granges.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. WINANS, F. W. BUSH, R. C. HOLLAND, MRS. B. C. ANDERSON, L. J. CHURCH. The action upon the above report was as follows:

That portion relating to the adoption of the resolution from Tulare Grange was adopted.

That portion relating to representation in the State and

National Grange was not adopted.

The Committee on Taxation made the following report, which on motion of Brother Hunt, seconded by Brother Morrison, was taken up seriatim:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Taxation desires to report as follows:

Recognizing the great importance of the subject this committee was appointed to study and report on, we find it a difficult task to embody in a report of this kind even a small amount of the important features of the systems of taxation that should claim the earnest attention of all loyal citizens. For this reason we have deemed it wise to confine our attention only to those phases of the question which seem to demand our immediate consideration, because of their bearing on this subject at this particular time.

The measure that we consider of the most importance at this time is an amendment known as "The Home Rule in Taxation" measure. This amendment will be submitted to the voters of our State at the next general election. It is of paramount interest to our tax-payers to give this matter very careful consideration. Your committee has studied this matter from all points of view possible, and we conclude that the interests of the State can best be conserved by defeating this measure for the following reasons:

All the arguments put forth by the advocates of the measure are based on the assumption that complete separation of state and county taxes is now an accomplished fact. We consider this a false premise to work on, because we find that during each biennial period between the sessions of our Legislature the increase in the running expenses of the state is about 10 per cent, while the increase in taxes collected from corporations is but 5 per cent. Thus we see that, though the tax on corporations was sufficient for the past two years, it is altogether probable that the state will find it necessary to levy a deficiency tax at the next session of the Legislature.

It is plain to those who have studied this new system of separate state and county taxes during the past two years why we have not been called on for a deficiency tax before this. After this new system had been adopted a general fear was expressed that a sufficient amount of taxes for the running expenses of the State would not be realized from them. this reason the payment of several large appropriations that inevitably come up for payment at every session of the Legislature was deferred until such a time as the workings These deferred of the new law could better be ascertained. payments will necessarily now be added to the general appropriations of the next biennial period, and as before stated, it is altogether probable that a deficiency tax will have to be levied to meet them. So the separation of state and county taxes cannot as yet be said to be an accomplished fact.

No change of laws can be said to be accomplished and complete until it has passed the stage of litigation. Since this Amendment No. 1 has gone into effect, eighty corporations have commenced suit against its provisions. These suits are now only begun and in the lower courts. When we consider they must be carried through all the courts before they are teld, it will readily be seen that we are now a long way from this settlement.

The whole trend of this proposed system is away from the old established principle of uniformity, while in our opinion we should always strive toward uniformity. No city or no community can live within and to itself. We believe this proposed change would, through each community trying to live within and to itself in matters of taxation, lead to endless confusion by these different communities trying to outbid each other for popular favor by way of certain exemptions from taxation.

California is, at the present time, trying in all ways to induce capital to come in and develop our state. It is our opinion that the confusion and generally unsettled state which would result from our different methods of taxation under the proposed change, would tend to discourage desired development by capital.

We believe that the proposed system, by more or less tax exemptions, would tend to create special privileges to certain lines of business, and we believe that instead of endorsing any measures that have this tendency, we should discourage them, as we have been for years trying to rid ourselves of "special privilege legislation."

The second measure, and the only other one we feel that we can give space to in this report, is that in relation to the abolishment of the Poll Tax. Referring to resolutions on the repeal of the tax introduced by Danville Grange and Antelope Grange, we recommend the adoption of the resolutions for the following reasons:

Ist. If this tax is not raised as a poll tax, it is evident that it will have to be raised by some other method which would only mean adding it to the property-holder's tax. Last year the state raised in round numbers \$850,000.00 by poll tax. This next year it is estimated that it will raise a million. So it can readily be seen that the added property tax would be considerable in itself.

2d: This tax is applied to the support of our schools. California is so situated that it has a large population of people who come from foreign countries and claim the protection of our government and the privileges of our magnificent school system, and we hold that it is only simple justice that these people

pay at least an equal poll tax with our own citizens.

Last year the poll tax amounted to \$3.20 per pupil in our elementary schools. Since the Legislature changed the common support law from \$7.00 "per census child" to \$13.00 "per daily attendance child" (which they did at last session), it will be seen that if the poll tax is abolished this tax from other sources will have to be raised from \$13.00 to \$16.20. It costs \$30.00 per year to put a child through our elementary schools. It is asking but a very little to ask a man who pays no other tax to pay a poll tax of \$2,00 to help put his own children through schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. PATTERSON, GEO. SEHLMEYER, MRS. H. G. KEESLING, A. R. DOW, MRS. MYRTLE COVERT.

The Worthy Master then declared a short recess during which time the Grange was favored with a recitation by Mrs. S. A. Towner entitled, "Michael Quit Drinking."

Grange reopened in the fourth degree. Resuming the report on Taxation, it was moved and seconded by Brothers L. J. Church and George Sehlmeyer that speakers be limited to five minutes each. Carried.

After a full discussion on the report the following action was taken:

That portion relating to "Home Rule in Taxation" was adopted.

That portion relating to the abolition of the Poll Tax was adopted without discussion.

The Committee on Legislation made a partial report. Relating to the resolution introduced by Sunnyvale Grange on "The Employers' Liability and Accident Law," the Committee recommended that the second section of the resolution be made to read as follows:

Resolved, That this Grange place itself on record as being against said law in its present form, and we recommend the adoption of a Mutual Protective Accident Association. Adopted.

The Committee recommended that the resolution on the alien ownership of land introduced by Elk Grove Grange be amended by substituting the words "all aliens" for "Asiatics." Adopted.

The Committee also recommended that the resolution on equalization of prices for farm products, introduced by Santa Rosa Grange be adopted. Adopted as recommended.

The following special report by John Tuohy, chairman of the Legislative Committee, was then read and adopted:

Report of Committee of State Grange of Patrons of Husbandry, California, on Legislation, October 15th, 1912.

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

Your Committee on Legislation respectfully report:

On this subject your committee has given consideration only on such subjects of legislation as it seems to us will best bring membership and benefit to our Order. We have not given donsideration to such subjects of political or partisan legislation as affect and divide the public at large. We do not consider the Patrons of Husbandry were organized for that purpose.

The maintainance and influence of any order, it seems to us, depends in a great measure, on a large membership, meritorious efforts for their benefit and improvement, and in this way of public improvement and benefit, and constant and zealous work to attain the same.

Our order should then be both zealous and persevering in advocating such legislation as experience in other States shows

brings to it membership, influence and benefit.

For this purpose we earnestly recommend that we persist in advocating the enactment introduced in the last two regular sessions of the legislature by which we can legally maintain a Fire Insurance Department in our Order, for the benefit of its members in good standing, only. This is done in many other States successfully and beneficially. It will do it in California. Our Order must have it if it desires to progress.

The bill presented by our Order at the last regular session of the Legislature is absolutely sufficient; any other rule or regulation required can be and should be provided by the Order.

In a State insurance, as this proposes to be, a larger risk can be taken than would be safe in a County Association, and such will attract a good class of members, but the by-laws may provide that until a definite amount of risks are written, no risk shall exceed the amount the Grange deems safe. As the amount of risks increase the limit of the risks may do so. This will give insurance against fire for the lowest cost with the greatest security, as it will be under the management and care of the Order.

Another thing which it seems clearly to us will bring membership, influence and benefit to the Order will be an insurance for the members to contribute to each others' losses under the

Employers' Liability Law.

The Employers' Liability Law is a progressive law, it has come to stay. The Commissioners who have charge of its enforcement will have it amended. Our State Officers and Executive Committee should see that the law as amended provides for insurance in fraternal orders. The Commissioners are willing to do this.

Heretofore the State Grange, through Special Committee, has acted upon proposed Constitutional Amendments. There are now six such amendments to be voted on. The consideration of these amendments are submitted with short arguments for and against them. We do not believe the Constitution can be satisfactorily amended in this way. We, for this reason, do not recommend the amendments.

The State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, has for the past ten years been investigating the present system of taxation. The consideration of the subject has been before the Legislature. The Legislature appointed a commission to study the subject of taxation and revenue. They, after mature consideration recommended such changes as it seemed best and more equitable. There is no doubt but the commission gave the subject long and careful consideration.

The system of taxation in California, since its organization over sixty-two years ago, for State and County revenue, was a general property tax. Now what is a tax for? It is to provide a revenue to support alike a State and County government. What is the government to do? It is to protect the people in their rights of person and property. Who should contribute to support the government in its work? Every one who received governmental protection. The system then of a general property tax is just and equitable, but there is a defect. There is only one class of property that cannot be concealed or denied; that is land, and as a consequence land pays, according to its value, three times as much taxes as other classes of property do. Why is this? It is from a selfish desire to evade paying a just and equitable share of taxation. All classes of property as assessed now can be concealed or its value or existence denied except land, and now it seems to your committee an effort is to be made to make land pay all the raxes and all other classes of property and income exempt from assisting in support of the government; this is charged to and not denied by the promoters of Home Rule Taxation.

Prior to the amendment of the constitution separating State and County taxes, there was a State Board of Equalization who revised the assessments in the several counties of the state; this revision, however honestly and fairly made, and it was honestly and fairly made, was usually bitterly assailed by the assessors of the counties whose assessments were raised. not know that the City and County of San Francisco, or Dr. Dodge, its assessor, should be included, as a means of preventing such conflicts between State and County in the future. The State Taxation Committee recommended that the counties get their revenue by a general property tax as they had always got it, and the State get its revenue from other sources, amongst those sources being particularly an income tax from corporations and an inheritance tax. Mr. A. B. Nye, than whom no man is better informed as to the ability of the State system in providing sufficient means for its support, is very doubtful of it. his report. If it does not, special levy will be made upon the counties, if this special levy is made, and if the Home Rule in Taxation is adopted, and if the several counties of the State adopt, under Home Rule Taxation, systems of revenue which will promote their own interests, as against the best and equitable interests of other counties, and the chances are selfishness will bring such things about, how will this be adjusted by the State?

We do not believe in Home Rule Taxation. We have asked in what way we can eliminate the evils now incidental to a general property tax. Not one in twenty can give a satisfactory answer. One in fifty may say by single tax; but no one can say but justice and equity requires that all who receive the benefit of the government should contribute to its support.

The time was when the original states of this Union were a confederation. Each state was at liberty to seek its own best interest. It took but a very short number of years' trial to convince them that this system was defective and would be fatal if persisted in. To cure that defect a Union was formed.

That there are great defects in the present system of taxation we know. That the proposed Home Rule Taxation will cure those defects we have no hope of; that it will cure any defect now existing we do not think; that it may introduce defects not now known to us we believe more than likely. We believe the State Grange P. of H. should follow that excellent old adge. "Bear the ills we have rather than fly to those we know not of." We believe the revenue system of the State and counties can be improved; we believe the proper way to do it is to submit the subject to a tax commission. Let the commission report a better system and let the people of the State and counties by vote, express approval or disapproval of it. If they approve of it. it will be because they believe it better than our present system. If they disapprove of it, it will be because they do not see any improvement in the proposed system over the present one. They will thus show their confidence in the old adage above quoted, and this is what your committee now recommends the Granger and the California land owner should do.

Respectfully and fraternally,

JOHN TUOHY, THOMAS JACOB H. N. N. LATIMER, MRS. A. C. KEESLING, MRS. LEE DUDGEON.

The Committee on Legislation further recommended the adoption of the resolution relating to proposed measure repealing the law prohibiting racetrack gambling. Also on the absorption of contiguous territory by large cities, both introduced by Santa Rosa Grange. Both resolutions adopted.

This Committee further recommended the adoption of the resolution favoring Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 3 on Irrigation Bonds, as introduced by Castoria Grange. Adopted.

Same Committee also recommended the adoption of the following report on the Roseberry Liability Law, introduced by Tulare Grange:

The Committee appointed by Tulare Grange to consider the Roseberry Liability Law, have considered the same and report:

The Employers' Liability Law applies to every employer in the State. Should an accident happen to an employee in the course of his employment, his employer is responsible to the employee for damages. If a disabling accident happens to an employee during his employment, his employer is required to pay him 65 per cent of his wages each week for the time he has been incapacitated, and in the event he is permanently injured, a like amount each week until a sum equal to three years salary has been paid. The injured party must file claim within thirty days after the accident and is to receive no more than \$5.000.00 in all.

To meet any liability under this law, which may fall upon he farmer, in the cheapest and most efficient way has been the subject of our most serious consideration. Whether every farmer should pay his own losses, or whether all farmers should combine, and by mutual agreement bind and obligate themselves to share each other's losses under the law, is the question. Should a farmer conclude to take his chances of loss under the law, he is responsible only for losses to his own employee. while in his employment. He may never have a disabling accident to an employee and so will never have any loss to pay, but trouble comes to all of us; so at any time we are liable to have some employee injured which may cost as much as \$5,000.00 for any one accident to a single employee, or \$10,000.00 where a number of employees are injured by the same accident. There are very few farmers able to bear up under such losses.

There are insurance companies who for 4 per cent per annum of the salary paid, will insure the farmer against loss by accident to his employees similar to the manner they insure against fire, but we know from our own observation and experience that it costs three times more to insure in a stock insurance company than it does in a mutual insurance company.

There is another consideration for a farmer insured in a stock insurance company. The policy assuming the farmer's liability will be strongly drawn up. The company may contest the damage. The farmer will surely be called upon to give time and expense in helping the insurance company to resist the payment of the loss. This hurts both the employer and employee. The law provides for the formation of an Industrial Accident Board to adjudge cases, and this board has been appointed by the Governor. The board now has the administration of the law under consideration, and will prepare a bill to be introduced at the next session of the Legislature providing for Employers' Mutual Insurance Associations, by which each will bear a portion of the loss. This will make it light on each one. This Mutual Association is recommended by the Industrial Accident Board as the best and cheapest way employers can provide against loss by injury to their employees. It must be and is actually and incidentally an expense of the industry.

The chairman of your committee has corresponded with Mr. A. J. Pillsbury, chairman of the Industrial Board, requesting that in the bill contemplated, provisions be made enabling fraternal associations to have accident insurance associations pertaining to their order, by which associations may be formed for the benefit of members in good standing only. Mr. Pillsbury's answer is very satisfactory to us. He requests information from us on the subject and desires to consider it with the State Grange.

There is no way by which the mutual insurance can be more readily effected than in the State Grange, and as only members in good standing can get the benefits, in a few years the membership will, with judicious management, be ten times what it is now, and its influence will be ten times as great. There is no other way in which the co-operation sought to be effected can be so readily and effectually done. For the building up of the order of Patrons of Husbandry we recommend the enactment of such a law, and under it the organization by the State Grange of a Mutual Insurance Company to pay losses by accident to employees.

Congress contemplates such a law. The Imperial Parliament of Great Britain has enacted a law of this kind, as have many other civilized nations. It is up to the farmers of California to meet it. We believe it can be done so as to be mutually

just and equitable to employer and employee.

Fraternally yours.

JOHN TUOHY, A. J. WOODS, GEN WATTS.

The Committee on Pleasure Grounds made a verbal report

The Committee on Credentials made a further partial report

which was adopted.

Several announcements were made and a recess was taken until 8 p. m.

EVENING

After an opening song, Worthy Master Pettit closed the Grange in the fourth and opened it in the fifth degree, and called Worthy Past Master W. V. Griffith to the chair, who proceeded to confer the fifth degree on the following candidates: Miss Almerine Baker, Miss Ethel Beach, Wesley Beach, Alpha Covey, Lee Dudgeon, Mrs. Jennie Dudgeon, Thomas French, Mrs. Laura B. French, R. D. Gould, Mrs. Olive Gould, G. R. Harrison, Mrs. G. R. Harrison, Miss Amy Hoeh, Mrs. Ida S. Hunt, W. H. Livingston, C. R. Perrier, Miss Martha Ritchie, Mrs. Florence Steinmetz, F. E. Stelling, J. E. Thorp, Mrs. J. E. Thorp, Mrs. Laura A. Whitney.

Grange then closed in the fifth and opened in the sixth degree, and Worthy Past Master Griffith conferred the sixth degree on the following class: Mrs. Henrietta Anderson, Miss Almerine Baker, Mrs. Grace E. Bennett, A. J. Burneson, David Conner, Mrs. G. W. Covert, Lee Dudgeon, Mrs. Jennie Dudgeon. Thomas French, Mrs. Laura S. French, Mrs. Nellie M. George, J. W. George, R. DeWitt Gould, Miss Eleanor M. Grover, G. R. Harrison, Mrs. G. R. Harrison, David S. Hildebrand, Mrs. David S. Hildebrand, Louis Hoeh, Mrs. Ida F. Hunt, Miss Orpah S. Kelly, Chas. H. King, George King, W. H. Livingston, George Losch, Mrs. Ida C. Moss, James Moss, Mrs. Laura E. Myers, C. R. Perrier, Lewis Pond, G. B. Reeves, Mrs. M. E. Reeves, Miss Martha Ritchie, Mrs. Florence Steinmetz, F. E. Stelling, Mrs. Alice M Stone, Samuel Stone, Mrs. Theresa Thorp, J. E. Thorp, Mrs. Nettie E. Van Maren, Phillip Van Maren, Mrs. Cornelius Von Keppel. Francis D. Maltman, Mrs. Laura A. Whitney, Mrs. Olive Gould.

After the initiation all present enjoyed the delightful Feast of Pomona. Grange closed in the sixth degree and opened in the fourth degree, and a recess was taken until 10 a.m. Friday.

FOURTH DAY_FRIDAY

FORENOON

Grange was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock a. m. by Worthy Master Pettit. After an opening song, the minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Conservation offered the following report which was adopted:

America, as a nation, has been a most extravagant one. Its people coming here and finding vast wealth of forests, oil fields, coal beds, mineral lands of nearly every description, water supplies and great fertile agricultural districts, thought if they thought at all, that to exhaust them would be impossible. Hence, lumbermen, tan bark gatherers, miners, farmers and others were and are guilty of wanton destruction and waste. taking the best from the abundance of natural resources, but giving little or nothing in return.

During the past few years there has been a marked change Men of the type of ex-Governor Pardee, Charles H. Shinn and Gifford Pinchot have done much to obliterate gross ignorance and turn the indifference of intelligent people to a real live interest in the protection of the great natural resources of the country. Commissions have been established which have investigated and gathered data and information concerning the subjects of forestry, water supplies, uses of water, mines and mining, mineral and other lands, dredging and reclamation and irrigation laws have been enacted to protect, in a measure, these natural resources and officers appointed to see that the laws are enforced.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

First-The California State Grange favors the conservation of all our natural resources and deplores the ruthless destruction and waste that has been practiced throughout the land.

Second-That we heartily approve of the active, energetic manner in which the Conservation Committee of California s performing its work and the great good it is doing.

Third-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 is the case in Canada.

Fourth—That we urge upon our California Patrons of Husbandry the practice of advanced scientific farming; that while drawing adequate support from them we may leave our great arable tracts more productive than we found them, and assist in conserving the greatest natural resources of our country.

Fifth—That we insist upon constant watchfulness and a strict enforcement of the laws regulating the conservation of our forests and other natural resources by the officers selected for that purpose.

THOS. JACOB,

The Committee on Education made a further report which was adopted, recommending the endorsement of the resolution from Dinuba Grange on the Page Vocational Bill.

The Committee on Fraternal Fire Insurance offered the following report which was adopted:

We, the Committee on Fraternal Fire Insurance, beg to

submit the following report:

Whereas, This Grange having twice failed to obtain the needed legislation that would have enabled it to maintain a Fraternal Fire Insurance Company, and

Whereas, It is the unanimous opinion of this Grange that such an organization would greatly benefit our Grange and its

members, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend that the Worthy Master and the Executive Committee of this State Grange take immediate steps to continue the efforts for the necessary law or laws that will make it possible to form such an organization within the California State Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. STEWART, F. L. HUNT, S. L. STICE.

The Committee on Charity offered the following report which was adopted:

To the Officers and members of the California State Grange:

The Committee on Charity submits the following report:

It appears that little has been done by any member of our Granges in the way of systematic charity. There is not often occasion for actual giving in rural communities. Only one

Grange has reported anything of this kind. Their report is as follows:

"Several years ago a brother in Napa Grange, a painter by trade, fell from a high building and was instantly killed. He left a widow frail in health, and four very young children. Napa Grange makes it its business to look after the welfare of that family. The Supervisors have been waited upon and for nearly one year they have allowed \$15.00 per month for groceries only. It is our pleasure to see to it that other necessaries are supplied. Every feast day our sisters provide liberally for this distressed household. Some good bedding will be supplied before the cold weather sets in."

This Committee heartily commends the work of the Napa Grange, and urges all Granges to improve every opportunity to help relieve all cases of distress if any be found in their communities and report their work to the Charity Committee at the rext session of the State Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

SUSIE E. STOVER, W. H. LIVINGSTON, ALICE WINANS, C. E. WINGATE.

Moved by Worthy Lecturer, seconded by Brother Hunt, that a committee of five, not less than two of whom shall be Sisters, be appointed to devise ways and means for the representation of the State Grange upon the Board of Regents of the State University, either through the State Master or the selection of some other suitable person by the State Grange. Motion carried.

The Committee on Legislation offered a partial report which was adopted recommending that the resolution from Tulare Grange on the introduction of a course on the duties of citienship in our public schools be referred to Committee on Education.

At this point several announcements were made and the Grange then took a short recess.

After Worthy Master Pettit called the Grange to order, the Committee on Good of Order offered the following report which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Good of Order, to whom was referred a resolution from Santa Rosa Grange relative to a system of lectures to be delivered publicly at the expense of the State Grange, submit the same without recommendation. We believe it better that the State Grange decide whether it is better to build up Granges already established or use the money to organize new territory. We also recommend the adoption of the resolution requesting the State Master and the Executive Committee to organize a Grange at Davis.

G. W. HAINES, LEE DUDGEON, C. E. DAVIS.

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Moved and seconded by Brothers Latimer and Covert that the resolution on a course of lectures, introduced by Santa Rosa Grange, be adopted. Carried.

The Committee on Good Roads offered the following report which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Good Roads, to whom was referred that part of Worthy Master Pettit's report relating to Good Roads, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same, and heartily endorse his recommendations and request their adoption.

We recommend that the paper entitled the "Modern Highway and Modern Traction Problems," a copy of Assembly Bill No. 934 and the accompanying resolution be filed with the Secretary for future use if found practicable.

Believing that road building is still in its experimental stage, and varies so greatly because of variation of soils, grades, rainfall, etc., we recommend that more attention be given to road maintenance where roads are now in condition to be repaired. That new roads be built only when absolutely necessary and by taxation levied yearly for the work to be done that and not by the sale of bonds.

H. G. KEESLING, W. B. WHITNEY, JOSEPH HOLMES, O. E. BORRETTE, W. A. BATES.

The Committee on Finance made the following report which was adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

The members of your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books, vouchers and reports of the Worthy Treasurer and the Worthy Secretary and that they have also examined the report of the Executive Committee and find it correct.

Signed:

A. R. DOW, W. H. LIVINGSTON J. L. PATTERSON

The Committee on Credentials submitted its several partial reports as final report, and the report was adopted. The report showed the following Granges entitled to representation, as follows:

American River-F. W. Bush, Master. Antelope-Mrs. Phillip Van Maren, Master and Husband. Bennett Valley-L. Hoeh, Master. Bowman-G. W. Haines, Alternate. Capital-Mrs. Jennie Gould, Alternate. Castoria-J. E. Thorp, Alternate and Wife. Danville-F. E. Stelling, Master. Dinuba-Chas. F. Collins, Master and Wife. Elk Grove-L. S. Dart, Master and Wife. Fort Romie-Lee Dudgeon, Master and Wife. Geyserville-W. V. Griffith, Alternate and Wife. Glen Ellen-Andrew Erickson, Master and Wife. Greenfield-W. H. Livingston, Master. Mountain View-Michael Farrell, Master and Wife. Napa-F. L. Hunt, Master and Wife. Oakland-A. R. Dow, Master and Wife. Orangevale-J. L. Patterson, Alternate and Wife. Orchard City-H. G. Keesling, Master and Wife. Petaluma-A. S. Hall, Alternate and Wife. Potter Valley-Jerry Lierly, Alternate and Wife. Progressive-W. B. Whitney, Master and Wife. Sacramento-J. H. Beach, Master.

Sacramento County Pomona-A. Van Maren, Alternate and Wife.

San Jose-L. J. Church, Alternate and Wife.

Santa Clara County Pomona-A. C. Keesling, Master and Wife.

Santa Rosa-John Strong, Master and Wife. Sebastopol-Geo. W. Covert, Master and Wife. Soquel-J. C. Morrison, Master. Sonoma County Pomona-H. N. N. Latimer, Master. Sunnyvale-F. J. Evans. Alternate and Wife. Tulare-Mrs. Flora Sayre, Master and Husband.

Tulare County Pomona—Peter Schulp, Master and Wife. Two Rock-H. F. Doss, Master and Wife.

Visalia-C. E. Davis, Alternate.

Signed: F. L. HUNT. EMILY B. JACOB, J. H. BEACH.

. The Committee on Grange Scholarship offered the following report which was adopted:

Whereas, One of the most practical lines of Grange activity is a working basis for the co-operation of the State University

and the State Grange in any and all practical ways:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the State Grange be empowered to make such arrangements as are needful for the establishment of one or more scholarships in the Agricultural Department of the University, to be known as the "Grange Scholarships."

That each scholarship so established be allowed the sum of \$200.00 annually, payable to the holder thereof in quarterly installments by the Treasurer of the State Grange; such payments

to continue to said holder during the school term.

Further, That the Executive Committee be and is hereby authorized and directed to arrange all needful details relating to the selections of candidates for said scholarships; to prescribe rules and regulations governing the same and act as a board of award in connection with the head of the University for the bestowment of said scholarship.

Further, Said scholarship can be secured upon the following conditions. viz:

1. Both men and women are entitled to compete therefor. The winner must be a 4th degree member of the Grange

before the award can be completed.

3. All regulations of the Executive Committee relative thereto must be fully observed.

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4. No winner may receive a second award.

Executive Committee Rules

Scholarships in the Agricultural Department of the State University, known as "State Grange Scholarships," are obtainable as follows:

1. Any young man or young woman desiring to obtain the same shall apply therefor in writing, addressed to the secretary of the local Grange in yhich membership is actual or expectant.

Said application shall bear the endorsement and recommendation of two members of said local Grange certifying to the worthiness of the applicant, and countersigned by the Master of

said Grange.

- 2. The Grange shall then vote upon such application. If the same is accepted, the applicant—and there may be any number of them—shall submit an examination paper as prescribed by the State Grange Executive Committee, and award from the papers submitted shall be made by the Master, Overseer and Lecturer.
- 3. The winner in this local contest can then enter the competitive examination in company with any others from any other part of the State, as provided by the Executive Committee, and the winner in this final contest shall receive a certificate showing this fact, which certificate shall be an order upon the Treasurer for the payment of the \$50.00 quarterly allowance thus earned.

Signed:

H. N. N. LATIMER; H. G. KEESLING, C. F. COLLINS, KATE D. HILL.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following resolution of thanks which was adopted unanimously by a rising

vote of the Grange: (See resolutions.)

The Worthy Master announced the election of a member of the Executive Committee and of a Lecturer to be the next order of business. Tellers were appointed and C. E. Wingate was elected Lecturer to fill the unexpired term of Brother Griffith, who had resigned, and Thomas Jacob was re-elected Executive Committeeman.

Moved and seconded by Brothers Latimer and Beach that we accept the invitation of Santa Clara County Pomona Grange (as

previously tendered) to meet in Santa Clara County next year, the exact place to be selected by the Executive Committee. Carried.

Worthy Past Master Griffith then installed the newly elected

A letter from Brother and Sister Wood expressing regret for inability to attend this session of State Grange was read by Brother Collins of Dinuba Grange.

The Committee on Legislation offered the following resolution of regret for the absence of Brother Tuohy which was

adopted. (See resolutions.)

A short recess was declared.

Grange reassembled. Brother Latimer offered a resolution from Santa Rosa Grange on Home Economics, and moved its adoption. Carried. (See resolutions.)

The Committee on Education reported favorably on the resolution relating to course of study on duties of citizenship, in troduced by Tulare Grange.

Their report was adopted.

The Committee on Legislation made a further report on that section of the Master's report referring to Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution of the National Grange, and recommended that we approve that section reading as follows:

"Subordinate Granges shall provide for one meeting each month, and may hold intermediate meetings, and every Grange in existence at the beginning of the Grange year shall hold at least six regular, or special meetings, during the following year, in order to be entitled to representation in the State Grange."

Moved and seconded by Brothers Latimer and Davis that several partial reports of the Legislative Committee be adopted

as their complete report. Carried.

The Worthy Secretary read a communication from the Farmers' National Congress. Moved and seconded by Brothers Church and Morrison that the communication be laid on the table. Brother Hunt moved to amend by referring to Committee on Co-operation. Amendment carried, and motion as amended carried. A majority of the Committee being absent, the communication was ordered placed on file to be acted upon by the Executive Committee.

A telegram of greeting from Charles J. Booth was read. Brother Livingston was instructed to thank the gentleman and ask him to join the Grange.

Brother H. G. Keesling read the resolution adopted by the last State Grange on beautifying the county roads and made a short address on this subject.

A recess was declared till 8 o'clock p. m.

EVENING

Grange called to order at 8 o'clock p. m. by Worthy Master Pettit. A reading was called for of the resolution relating to a bond issue of Twenty Million Dollars which had been introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange and referred to Committee on Conservation.

This Committee having taken no action on the resolution, Brothers Covert and Livingston moved and seconded that we take the report out of the hands of the Committee and adopt it. Moved and seconded by Brothers Hunt and Sweetser that the motion be amended by placing it in the hands of the Executive Committee, with power to act. Moved and seconded by Brothers Livingston and Morrison that the amendment be amended so as to make it a request that the Executive Committee report on the resolution at the next session of the State Grange. The motion as amended was carried.

A general discussion on beautifying our country roads was then had. Brother Jacob gave an interesting account of the workings of the Forestry Board in Tulare county.

A general discussion of the proposed amendment relating to free text books was participated in by the Sisters of the Grange.

Brother Jacob spoke on a proposed plan for providing a pleasure ground for Patrons.

Grange then closed in due form in the fourth degree, until the third Tuesday in October, 1913.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

Introduced by Brother H. N. N. Latimer, of Santa Rosa Grange.

Resolved That this State Grange regrets that Brother John Tuohy is not present to act with us, and that we miss his aid and counsel in our deliberations.

We ask that a copy of this resolution be sent by our Worthy Secretary to Brother Tuchy.

COMMENDING THE WORK OF BROTHER LUBIN Introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange

Resolved, That we, the members of Tulare County Pomona Grange do adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, Our esteemed Brother Lubin has and is now work-

ing for the relief and upbuilding of the Agriculturist, and

Whereas, We appreciate his untiring work, we therefore recommend that the State Grange adopt suitable resolutions encouraging Brother Lubin in his work.

RELATING TO EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY AND COMPENSA-TION LAW Introduced by Sunnyvale Grange

Whereas, This Grange at all times recognizes that an injured laborer and his dependents should receive substantial care and support from his fellow men during the time of his incapacity for work, it nevertheless appears that the Employers Liability and Compensation Law of this state in its present form is unfair in its application to an employer who takes reasonable precautions against accidents, and said iaw is liable to work hardships and misfortune upon an innocent member of our Order, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grange place itself on record as being against said law in its present form, and we recommend the adoption of a Mutual Protective Accident Association.

RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST NATIONAL GRANGE Introduced by Dinuba Grange

Whereas, At the last session of the National Grange, held in Columbus, Ohio, the following amendment was added to article

18 of the By-laws:

A member of the Order, having charges preferred against him in the National Grange for offenses against the National Grange or any of the members, may be tried in the National Grange, and if found guilty may be reprimanded or suspended by a majority vote, or may be expelled from the Order by two-thirds vote, and decision of the National Grange shall be final; and

Whereas, We consider this law oppressive, unfraternal and unreasonable in that it grants to the National Grange full power and authority to try a member thousands of miles from his home, among strangers and with no means of procuring witnesses or counsel for his defense and expel him from the Order with-

out the consent of his local Grange, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the California State Grange, strenuously oppose this measure of the National Grange, and ask for its repeal at the next session of that body.

RELATING TO A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC LECTURES ON GRANGE WORK

Introduced by Santa Rosa Grange

Whereas, The strength of the Grange is not growing as it should, and the State Grange is the natural center of the strength and growth of the Grange, and

Whereas, We think that a strenuous effort should be made educationally to procure a larger and more enthusiastic member-

ship; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That we do hereby recommend that a system of lectures be delivered publicly upon the benefits to be derived socially, educationally, and politically by having a strong, live Grange in a community, and be it further

Resolved, That a fund be set aside for the purpose of having such Lectures delivered (the payment of hall rent, expenses and

pay of Lecturers, etc.) by the California State Grange.

RELATING TO GOOD CITIZENSHIP BEING TAUGHT IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Introduced by Tulare Grange

Whereas, This Grange believes that the citizen's right of voting is a duty to be performed for the betterment of the community as a whole, both state and Nation; and

Whereas, This duty is not appreciated or practiced by our

citizens in voting as it should be, and

Whereas, It appears to us that political opinions are imbibed by us from childhood as are our religious opinions, and that they grow up with us so that we cannot readily divest ourselves of them, therefore

Resolved, That the duties of citizenship should be taught in our public schools, and being so taught will become a part of our nature, will be better understood by the citizens and thus practiced as a duty.

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to the California State Grange for its approval and if approved they be sent to the

National Grange for its consideration.

RELATING TO GOOD CITIZENSHIP Introduced by Santa Rosa Grange

Santa Rosa Grange No. 17 respectfully urges the passage of a resolution by the State Grange, asking the embodiment in the course of study in the state schools of a course upon good citizenship, to the end that both in our grammar and high schools one of the fundamental necessities of a life education may thus be met.

RELATING TO HOME RULE IN TAXATION Introduced by Tulare Grange

Resolved, That the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry of California, after careful consideration of Constitutional Amendment providing for Home Rule Taxation in the Counties of the State do not see that it carries in it any guarantee of betterment over the present system of county taxation, it is immature and too liable to lead to injudicious and undesirable conflicts in county taxation. We disapprove of it.

Resolved, It is right and just to amend the constitution, but it should not be done in the haphazard way Home Rule Taxation provides for, and we disapprove of any system of State or County Taxation which will lead to Single Tax, or tax on

land only for State or County Revenue.

RELATING TO HOME ECONOMICS Introduced by Santa Rosa Grange

Resolved, By Santa Rosa Grange, No. 17, P. of H. in regular session assembled, that it is the sense of this Grange that more active participation in the subject of Home Economics should be had by all Subordinate Granges of the State.

We therefoe ask that the Eecutive Committee of the California State Grange appoint a competent Superintendent of Home Economics as an integral part of the State Grange Official Board.

Further, That said Superintendent be directed by said Committee to co-operate in every way possible with the authorities of the State University in charge of this department of education.

RELATING TO A GRANGE AT DAVIS Introduced by Santa Rosa Grange.

Whereas, It appearing that there is no local Grange at Davis, either independent of or in connection with the University experi-

mental station at that point, and

Whereas, It is reported that nearly one-half of the students and professors there are members of local Granges elsewhere, therefore

Resolved, That our State Master and Executive Committee be requested to take immediate steps for the institution at Davis of a local Grange, by sending a competent organizer there at the earliest possible date.

RELATING TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION Introduced by C. F. Collins of Dinuba Grange

Resolved, That the California State Grange in its 40th annual session assembled, does hereby endorse Page Bill No. 3, to provide for vocational education by co-operation with the states in encouraging instruction in agriculture, the trades and industries, and home economics in secondary schools, in preparing teachers for these courses in State Colleges of Agriculture and the mcchanical arts, and in maintaining instruction in these vocational subjects in State Normal Schools.

RELATING TO IRRIGATION BONDS Introduced by Castoria Grange

Whereas, One of the greatest problems in California today is the irrigation of its arid lands, and the irrigation of such arid or semi arid lands will add greatly to the wealth and prosperity of the State, and

Whereas, At the present time there appears in this state to be no adequate method other than by the organization of irrigation districts to provide for the irrigation of large areas of land that

under irrigation would be highly productive, and

Whereas, By the recent action of the Legislature of the State of California providing for an examination of proposed districts by a State Commission, and further providing that prior to the issue of the bonds of such district such organization shall be approved by said Commission, the bonds of irrigation districts have been rendered an absolutely safe and stable investment equal to the bonds of any other municipal corporation, and

Whereas, There is now pending before the people Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 3, providing that the bonds of irrigation districts so issued shall be received as security for the deposit of public funds in the same manner as other municipal

bonds are received, and

Whereas, A refusal and failure so to receive such bonds has worked a great hardship to irrigation districts in the past, and has constituted an unjust discrimination in the favor of the cities and against the country,

Resolved, That we heartily approve and endorse said Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 3 and urge upon the people of

the State of California its adoption.

RELATING TO "RACE TRACK GAMBLING BILL" Introduced by Santa Rosa Grange

Santa Rosa Grange No. 17, P. of H., presents herewith its protest against the passage of the so-called "Race Track Gambling" bill and also opposes the proposed amendment to Section 7, Article XI, of the Constitution of the State of California, which would permit any large city to absorb the contiguous communities.

We ask that the California State Grange take cognizance of both these matters, and put itself on record therein as agreeing with our protest.

RELATING TO UNIFORMITY OF PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS

Introduced by Santa Rosa Grange

Whereas, We believe it to be the duty of the Grange to work for the interests of the farmer, and to do all in its power to promote the welfare of the agriculturist and horticulturist, now therefore be it

Resolved, That the State Grange initiate such measures as will lead to uniformity of prices for all farm products, no matter in what part of the State they may be grown. Such prices to be based on quality instead of locality in which grown.

RELATING TO OWNERSHIP OF LAND BY ALIENS Introduced by Elk Grove Grange

Whereas, The lands within the State of California are being rapidly bought up by aliens, who are socially impossible, and who do not assimilate with the American race; and,

Whereas, The value of all land surrounding the land purchased by an undesirable alien depreciates in value by reason of the unwillingness of one of our own citizens to purchase land that joins with that of an undesirable; and,

Whereas, We are all under a patriotic obligation to the coming generation to hold this glorious State as a heritage for them, that they may enjoy some of the blessings we now enjoy; and,

Whereas, It is necessary that suitable steps be taken to the end, that neither we, nor the coming generation, shall be forced to accept the standards of compensation and living set by all aliens; and,

Whereas, Elk Grove Grange has declared itself opposed to the sale of land to all aliens, and believes that all Grangers within the State are opposed to having an alien for a neighbor; therefore

Be it resolved, That the State Grange instruct its Legislative Committee at the next session of the State Legislature, to at all times use all possible means to get favorable action by the next Legislature on a Statute that will prohibit aliens or alien controlled corporations from holding as owners, any real property within the State of California.

RELATING TO THANKS Introduced by Committee on Resolutions

Your Committee on Resolutions present in part the following:

Whereas, We, the State Grange of California, are about to conclude one of the most profitable and enjoyable sessions; and,

Whereas, We have been most generously and hospitably entertained; and,

Whereas, We are under deep obligations to many; therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks and appreciation of the State Grange of California now in session, this Friday, October 18th, 1912, be and are herewith tendered the Hon. Thomas Meagher, and the citizens of Sebastopol for the reception tendered this

body on Tuesday evening last.

Resolved, That the thanks and appreciation of the State Grange of California, now in session, be and are herewith extended to the Officers and Members of Sebastopol Grange, through its reception, refreshment, program, decoration and Feast of Pomona Committees, for their untiring energy, and excellent provision for our comfort and enjoyment, exhibited throughout the session, notably in the bountiful Feast of Pomona of Thursday night, and the Granges of Sonoma County for their generous assistance.

Resolved, That the thanks and appreciation of the California State Grange are herewith extended to the Masonic Lodge for the

use of their commodious and well-appointed hall.

Resolved, That the thanks and appreciation of the State Grange of California are hereby extended to the Brothers and Sisters and all others who so generously supplied to the various committees, flowers, fruits and other refreshments, also the use of automobiles in the charming trip in this "The Second Garden of Eden."

Resolved, That the thanks and appreciation of the California State Grange, are hereby extended to the Santa Rosa Republican, Press Democrat, Argus, Courier, Tribune, Times, Gazette and Sonoma County News for their report of our proceedings.

Resolved, That the thanks and appreciation of the California State Grange be and are hereby tendered to Sister Ella M. Dow, Chaplain of the California State Grange, for her excellent work in preparing the impressive and appropriate services for our Memorial Service on Wednesday evening.

Resolved, That the thanks and appreciation of the California State Grange be and are hereby extended to the Officers of this body for the able and efficient manner in which they have per-

formed their duties during the session.

STANDING COMMITTEES

CO-OPERATION—G. W. Worthen, San Jose; J. C. Morrison, Soquel; W. S. Hildebrand, Geyserville; Mrs. E. S. Taggard, Portersville; Mrs. J. Lierly, Potter Valley.

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luma; Mrs. Phillip Van Maren, Fair Oaks.

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TO ARRANGE FOR HEADQUARTERS FOR THE PANA-MA PACIFIC EXPOSITION IN 1915—W. V. Griffith, Geyserville; Thomas Jacob, Visalia; H. G. Keesling, Campbell; Mrs. O. E.

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TO PROVIDE FOR REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY—John Tuchy, Tulare; Peter J. Shields, Sacramento; C. E. Wingate, Santa Rosa; Mrs. Robert Potter Hill, Eldridge; Miss Harriet L. Pettit, Cupertino.



Names of Granges	No. of Members Close of Last Year		GAINS						LOSSES							Total No.	
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In Memoriam

Charles E. Howard

Past Master Dinuba Grange

Dinuba, Cal.

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Charles Werner

Past Master of Gold Hill Grange Lincoln, Cal.

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