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# California State Grange

Patrons of Husbandry



1926

Fifth-Fourth Annual Session

#### Social Features of the Session Reception Tuesday Evening, October 19, Scottish Rite Temple, San Jose

#### PROGRAM

Selections East Palo Alto Grange Orchestra
Welcome—City of San Jose Jos. T. Brooks
" San Jose Chamber of Commerce. Chas, L. Snyder
" Board of Supervisors P. J. Martin
" Farm Bureau Ex Sect'y, Alex Johnson
" Farmers Coop. Educational R. V. Gairod
Response, State Master Geo. R. Harrison
Speech Hon. E. A. Hayes
Remarks, State Master of OregonGeo. A. Palmiter
Musical Program
Vocal Solo Mrs. Frank DeCurtoni Piano, Mrs. Paul Cameron
Violin Solo
Violin Solo Marion Arnold
Violin Solo

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#### FOR 1927-1927

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# Fifty-fourth Annual Session

## California State Grange

#### FIRST DAY-TUESDAY

#### FORENOON

The fifty-fourth annual session of the State Grange of California convened in Scottish Rite Hall in San Jose, October 19, 1926. The officers entered in form, Sister Bailhache of Progressive Grange, bearing the flag of our Country, leading.

The Grange was opened in regular form in the Sixth Degree. Bro. and Sr. Harry Barns, of Orchard City Grange, assisted in taking up the A. W. The Worthy Chaplain, Sr. Mary B. Lindley, invoked the Divine blessing, after which the Grange sang "America."

The Assistant Stewards retired and, upon re-entering introduced the following delegates, who were obligated in the Sixth Degree: Bro. and Sr. Nisson of Two Rock Grange, Dr. E. E. Martin and wife of Anderson Grange, Bro. and Sr. Cross of Dorris Grange, Ernest Griffith of Beswick Grange, Mrs. Cynthia Lange of Hornbrook Grange, Mrs. J. W. Stiner of Cedar Grange, Bro. C. M. Morin of Guenoc Grange, W. J. Harper and wife of Danville Grange, Miss Olga M. Taylor of Eagle Grange, Bro. and Sr. Buckingham of Aromas Grange, Bro. Harry Crowl of Davis Creek Grange, Bro. and Sr. R. P. Van Allen of Adin Grange, Bro. M. F. Johnson of Sonoma Valley Grange, Bro. Horace Phillips of Happy Camp Grange, Bro. and Sr. E. B. Earhart of Dinuba Grange, Bro. and Sr. A. L. Doty of Hat Creek Grange, Bro. and Sr. H. F. Crichton of Fall Kiver Grange, Bro. and Sr. F. M. Loosley of McArthur Grange, Bro. and Sr. J. H. Harkness of Morgan Hill Grange, Sr. C. H. Emlin of Gilroy Grange, Bro. and Sr. Henry Le May of Greenhorn Grange.

The roll of officers was called. All were found present but the Treasurer, Bro. J. N. Watt.

The Secretary read a telegram of greeting from Bro. Watt. The Treasurer regretted not being able to be present at the opening of the session, but said that he would be in attendance later.

The Worthy Master, Bro. Geo. R. Harrison, presented and introduced to the assembled California patrons, Bro. Geo. A. Palmiter, Master of the State Grange of Oregon.

Bro. Palmiter extended the greetings of 13000 Oregon Patrons, and also the greetings of the National Grange at the request of Bro. L. J. Taber, Master of the National Grange. Bro. Palmiter expressed the hope that this session would be a successful one, and one of the best ever held.

Worthy Master Harrison made a fitting response in bidding Bro. Palmiter welcome to California State Grange.

Grange was then closed in the Sixth Degree and opened in the Fourth Degree.

While waiting for the Fourth Degree members to enter, Bro. G. W. Worthen gave an original poem.

The Worthy Master appointed the following Committees:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

GOOD OF THE ORDER—W. V. Griffith, Geyserville; A. T. Jones, San Martin; Lee Dudgeon, Soledad; Mrs. Nettie Holmes, Sacramento; Mrs. Ida J. Shepard, Coyote.

LEGISLATION—S. S. Knight, Petaluma; Jos. Holmes, Sacramento; W. J. Dorris, Alturas; Mrs. Ida M. Clendening, Campbell; Mrs. Amanda Bailhache, Oakville.

EDUCATION—W. E. Lindley, Santa Cruz; W. L. Kleaver, Dunsmuir; Miss H. Pettit, Cupertino; Mrs. W. J. Dorris, Alturas; Mrs. Elizabeth Sehlmeyer, Elk Grove; Mrs. May Sutton, Sebastopol.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS—E. T. Pettit, Cupertino; John Hartley, Napa; Chas. J. Sutton, Sebastopol; Mrs. Lulu C. Eipper, Aromas; Mrs. Louis Shelley, Campbell.

HOME ECONOMICS—Mrs. Minnie Hartley, Napa; Mrs. Anna Gerrells, Mountain View; Mrs. Minnie Eddie, Potter Valley; Mrs. F. L. Roberts, Cedarville; Mrs. Ella Braughler, Sacramento; Mrs. Lydia N. Joiner, Lookout.

CO-OPERATION—Granville Libby, Middletown; E. K. Clendening, Campbell; J. D. Mulkey, Davis Creek; Mrs. Jennie Dudgeon, Soledad; Mrs. Carrie Holmes, Sacramento.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—H. A. Craig, Gazelle; W. T. Eipper, Aromas; J. N. Watt, Sacramento; Mrs. Eva Van Loan, Likely; Mrs. May Church, Petaluma.

WELFARE—Mrs. Clara E. Knight, Petaluma; Mrs. S. E. Chapman, Rio Linda; Mrs. Mary B. Lindley, Santa Cruz; Mrs. Grace Biggs, Isleton; Mrs. A. T. Jones, San Martin; Mrs. Vina Bailhache, Healdsburg.

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION—Frank L. Hunt, Napa; J. N. Watt, Sacramento; S. L. Stice, Petaluma; Mrs. Margaret Robinson, Perkins; Mrs. Lois Craig, Gazelle; Mrs. Nellie Travis, Healdsburg.

CONSERVATION—Roy I. Church, Petaluma; John Hartley, Napa; James Eddie, Potter Valley; Mrs. Harry Barnes, Campbell; Mrs. Geo. H. Anderson, Santa Rosa; Mrs. C. G. Marshall, Sunnyvale.

DORMANT GRANGES—H. A. Craig, Gazelle; W. S. Wardlaw, Palo Alto; Mark T. Hunt, Freeport; Mrs. Alice Williams, Gazelle; Mrs. Pearl Hack, Sacramento.

JUVENILE GRANGES—Mrs. Alice S. Harrison, Sebastopol; Mrs. Minnie Church, Petaluma; Mrs. F. S. Clifton, Reedley; Mrs. H. R. Mullins, Galt; Mrs. W. A. Stone, Hornbrook; Mrs. J. C. Newman, Potter Valley.

HOME BEAUTIFICATION—H. G. Keesling, San Jose; Mrs. J. H. La Rue, Dinuba; Mrs. A. Van Maren, Fairoaks; Mrs. Clara E. Knight, Petaluma; Miss Mary Hodges, Sebastopol.

CREDENTIALS—S. L. Stice, Petaluma; James W. Holmes, Sacramento; Fred Bayliss, Hilt; H. H. Ainsworth, Los Altos R. R., Mrs. J. B. Rohrer, Montague; Mrs. J. H. Harkness, Morgan Hill.

DIVISION OF LABOR—F. S. Clifton, Reedley; Henry C. Nisson, Petaluma; Raymond Dyer, Greenview; Mrs. Laura Stice, Petaluma; Mrs. Clyde Eddie, Potter Valley.

RESOLUTIONS—Roy I. Church, Petaluma; C. G. Marshall, Sunnyvale; Ray D. Gould, Antelope; Mrs. C. J. Wellman, St. Helena; Mrs. H. R. Mullins, Galt; Mrs. E. H. Emlin, Gilroy.

FINANCE—Isaac Gover, San Jose; Louis Shelley, Campbell; Fred C. Schmidt, Perkins; Mrs. Mary M. Carter, Windsor: Mrs. Nellie F. Norton, Cedarville.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM — George Sehlmeyer, Elk Grove; Jas. B. Rohrer, Montague; Clyde Eddie, Potter Valley; E. H. Emlin, Gilroy; Mrs. Henry C. Nisson, Petaluma; Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Lincoln.

FIFTH AND SIXTH DEGREES—Stanley B. Smith, Los Gatos; Mrs. Martin, Gilroy; Mrs. Anna Gerrells, Mountain View; Mrs. Grace Biggs, Isleton; Miss Fannie L. Gamble, Santa Rosa; Miss Linde M. Hartley, Napa.

PRESS AND PUBLICITY—S. S. Knight, Petaluma; H. G. Keesling, San Jose; Mrs. Minnie May Elliott, Sebastopol.

POMONA FEAST—E. K. Clendening, Campbell; Wesley Beach, Santa Rosa; A. T. Jones, Gilroy; J. J. King, Petaluma; Geo. F. Wilson, Rio Linda; Paul M. Travis, Healdsburg; W. P. Miller, Santa Rosa.

AGRICULTURE—Dwight W. Addy, Napa; F. L. Roberts, Cedarville; R. P. Van Allen, Adin; F. W. Loosley, McArthur; Mrs. Asa Doty, Hat Creek; Mrs. Fred C. Schmidt, Perkins.

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS — W. P. Miller, Santa Rosa; W. V. Griffith, Geyserville; D. E. Van Loan, Likely; J. T. Bailhache, Healdsburg; Mrs. C. O. Ainsworth, Los R. R.; Mrs. W. S. Wardlaw, Palo Alto.

FIRE INSURANCE—Thos. Jacob, Visalia; John A. Shepard, Coyote; C. L. Etling, Elk Grove; Mrs. Maude Van Allen,

Adin; Mrs. Geo. F. Wilson, Rio Linda.

CLAIMS AND GRIEVANCES—L. F. Biggs, Isleton; H. R. Mullens, Galt; Ralph Gordon, Happy Camp; Allen P. Norton, Cedarville; Mrs. D. W. Addy, Napa; Mrs. M. Adelaide Morse, Folsom.

STATE GRANGE MUSIC—Mrs. Cordelia Alyward, Santa Rosa; Mrs. Mary L. Short, Calistoga; H. L. Gunn, Napa.

MEMORIAL—Mrs. Mary B. Lindley, Santa Cruz; Mrs. Alice S. Harrison, Sebastopol; Mrs. Anna Gerrells, Mountain View; Mrs. Vina Bailhache, Healdsburg; Mrs. Belle Ellis, Geyserville; Mrs. F. T. Ames, Napa.

Bro. Stice, chairman of the Credentials Committee, made a partial report. The report was accepted.

At the request of the Worthy Master, the Asst. Stewards escorted Past Master Geo. W. Worthen to the station of the

Master. There he was welcomed by Bro. Harrison, and introduced to the members as the Senior Past Master of California.

Bro. Worthen, in responding to the Master's welcome, gave a brief summary of the organization and purposes of the Grange. Among other things he said that one of the highest aims of the Order was the development of a better manhood and womanhood.

Past Master E. T. Pettit and Past Master Frank L. Hunt were also escorted to the Master's station and welcomed to the fifty-fourth annual session. They were introduced to the members, and each responded in his own pleasant and instructive manner.

\ Bro. and Sr. R. M. Hayden of Mt. Bolivar Grange were introduced as the oldest members in point of years, and Sister Hanson of Bennett Valley Grange as the oldest Charter member in California.

Recess was declared until 2 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON

Grange was called to order at 2:20 p. m.

The roll of Granges was called, delegates from the following responding: Adin, Alturas, American River, Anderson, Antelope, Aromas, Bellevue, Beswick, Bogus, Cedar, Coyote, Danville, Davis Creek, Dinuba, Dorris, Eagle, East Palo Alto, Fall River, Forestville, Fort Romie, Gazelle, Gilroy, Greenfield, Greenhorn, Guenoc, Happy Camp, Hat Creek, Hornbrook, Likely, Little Shasta, Lookout, McArthur, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Mt. Bolivar, Napa, Orchard City, Petaluma, Potter Valley, Progressive, Redwood Valley, Rio Linda, Rutherford, Sacramento, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Scott Valley, Sebastopol, Silverado, Sonoma Valley, Sunnyvale, Tulare, Two Rock, Valley Oaks, Windsor, Mendocino Pomona, Modoc Pomona, Napa-Lake Pomona, Sacramento Pomona, Santa Clara Pomona, Siskiyou Pomona, Sonoma Pomona, Tulare Pomona.

The Worthy Master requested the Worthy Master of Oregon State Grange to take the Chair.

The Master then proceeded to deliver his annual address, as follows:

#### MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-Fourth annual session of the State Grange of California, Greetings.

As we are assembled in this beautiful city of San Jose, our mind goes back fifty-three years, and almost to the very day, as it was in this city that the first annual session of the State Grange of California was held. As we look back over that period of time, we see many things that the Grange has put its force back of and helped along, and today its power and influence, which is out of all proportion to its membership, is greater than ever before, and stands out as a beacon light in its efforts to assist Agriculture to that high plane that it should attain, that the farmer and his family may enjoy some of the comforts and pleasures that are enjoyed by others. Our farmers must adopt a courageous and forward-looking policy of SERVICE, not only toward those engaged as we are in farming, but all of the other industrial and commercial groups of the State. Our farmers must remember that they are a part of this great commonwealth and that their reasonable well-being is necessary for the best interests of all of the citizens of California, but in working out OUR destiny we must not forget the rights and necessities of others.

During the last year our membership has shown a very substantial increase, which has come about almost without effort upon the part of our state organization. A part of this increase has come from Shasta County, where an entirely new county has been opened up to Grange work. I would recommend and urge that definite steps be taken to take up the work in some of the other parts of the state where a definite demand has been made, and where Grange interest has been aroused. A full and complete report of the year's work will be given by our Worthy Secretary.

#### Condition of Agriculture

One year ago we had good reason to believe that the farmer's condition was going to improve, but all of our fondest hopes have been blasted. The present year is the hardest for the Horticulturist that this state has experienced for many years. I believe that I can safely say that one reason for this condition has been the lack of co-operation among the Growers in not placing their products with their farm

co-operative marketing associations, but instead have in many cases consigned to unscrupulous commission firms who only care for the commission they receive, regardless of the effect the returns have upon the grower.

Co-operative marketing organizations, if properly administered, will greatly help, but agricultural finances must also be considered as a matter of primary importance. Whatever is done to remedy the defects of the system of distribution of agricultural products and the financing of the movement of them to retail stores, must be worked out only after a calm consideration of as many of the pertinent facts as a comprehensive research can ascertain.

Our California farm operators, who have increased in number about 225 per cent the last forty years, have gradually taken the land which once produced the great staple crops and have put it into the raising of the agricultural specialties for which this state is so famous. This very development, however, has added to their indirect burdens. From the figures published by our State Comptroller we find that during the ten-year period from 1914 to 1924 the assessed valuation of property OUTSIDE of our incorporated cities and towns increased about 93 per cent against 66 per cent for INSIDE property.

Another menace that is grasping at the throat of the farmer, and is spreading to many other industries, is the system of branch banking and a consolidation of capital. There was a time when the farmer went to his banker, as he would to his family physician, with his troubles, and if it were possible got relief, but with this ever-growing menace entailing a lot of red tape and delay, the cost of which is all paid by the borrower, has made it a dangerous proposition for him.

#### Taxation

The tax situation in California has reached a very serious condition. We were in hopes that there would be a letting up on the demands for money, be it County, State or Nation. But the situation today is even worse than one year ago; it seems that nearly every office-holder is clamoring for an increase in salary, as in the case of our National and State Legislators voting themselves an increase of about 100 per cent in salary, together with several measures that will ap-

pear on the November ballot, which, if they carry, will add to the farmers' already heavy burden.

The recent organization of a state-wide Tax Pavers Association in California, in which it is hoped that our farmers will all actively function, is a most encouraging sign that some groups other than agricultural are becoming awakened to the alarming tendency of ever-increasing public expenditures, and the expansion of governmental activities lines undreamed of by the founders of this nation. The battle of the Grange in this state today is upon the identical ground and for the purpose which consumed the attention of the pioneers of our Order in California over half a century ago. Either farming as a means of earning a livelihood must come upon a permanent equality with other industry and commerce, or those who produce the food and clothing for the human race from the soil must sink, as they always have done in the past, to the lowest level of organized society, and the American Farm Home as we have known it, become a memory. Let us at once resolve that all of those measures which are today before the electors of this state upon the ballot, will be carefully scrutinized by us, and those which would further increase the taxes of our farmers, suffer overwhelming defeat at the November election. Our State Grange Lecturer has caused a statement of facts upon each, which is of great interest to us farmers, to be broadcasted through the September issue of Our State Grange Bulletin, to the proper officers of every Grange in California. We hope that you have followed the admonition of our State Lecturer and have read these carefully prepared statements in your Grange meetings. You may be interested to know that the other state-wide farm organizations of California followed a similar course, with the result that these amendments and legislative proposals which affect us farmers will have been discussed in over one thousand farm meetings in this state, before the election on November second. Let us not forget that any proposal which calls for increased taxation should be looked upon with great suspicion, and also that any effort to increase exemption from taxation must be combatted by us with every means within our power. In this movement we are also allied with the other farm organizations of this state.

#### Law Enforcement

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we note the intention of our Federal Government to deport non-citizens who violate the Eighteenth Amendment of our National Constitution. This is all right as far as it goes, but I still feel that to give jail sentences to all violators, instead of a fine, will go a long way toward solving this problem. I also firmly believe that the person that drinks the unlawfully made and sold liquor, is just as much of a law breaker as the maker and seller, and is in the same position as the person that received and harbors stolen goods. I sincerely hope that this State Grange will reiterate the stand that it has taken in former years regarding the liquor question.

#### Our Unnaturalized

Agriculture is favorable to all sound restriction of immigration, and believes that quality and not quantity should be the determining factor in the admission of those who come to our shores. The farmer is a unit in demanding that none should be admitted who do not believe in our ideals and institutions, or who are not willing to give implicit obedience to our laws. And further, we recommend that this State Grange at its fifty-fourth annual session absolutely and unqualifiedly oppose any reopening by Congress of the subject, or any changing of the Ineligible Alien clause of the Federal Immigation Law.

#### Grange Halls

It is with pleasure that we report a growing interest among the Granges in this state in regard to owning their own Hall. We have dedicated two halls since the Sacramento session, Hornbrook No. 391 and Geyserville No. 312. I believe that I can safely say that before the State Grange meets again several Granges will dedicate their own hall.

#### Napa Grange Bulletin

I wish to compliment and thank Napa Grange for their very valuable help with their Grange Bulletin. I wish it were possible for this State Grange to own and publish its paper, provided it could be done as successfully as is this very valuable paper, as it is a help and inspiration to all who read it.

#### Pomona Granges

I am pleased to report that we have seven splendid Pomona Granges in this state. It is, however, a matter of regret that there are some members of subordinate Granges that do not take the interest in the Pomona Grange as they should, as it would strengthen their own subordinate as well as their Pomona, and they would be much better subordinate members, as a good Pomona member is usually a good subordinate member.

#### Juvenile Grange

The Juvenile Grange work in this state is increasing each year. We believe the Juvenile work should be encouraged in every Subordinate Grange, as a good Juvenile Grange is one of their greatest assets. A full report of the Juvenile work will be given by Mrs. Harrison, Superintendent of Juvenile Grange work.

#### National Grange

All familiar with our Order remember that last year we had the pleasure of entertaining the National Grange in our state. This was a splendid opportunity for our members to attend the sessions and to meet the visitors from other Grange states, thereby getting new ideas and also an opportunity of taking the Seventh, and highest degree of our Order. I am pleased to report that 816 took that degree, that is one out of every eight took the degree. Time and space forbids of my going into detail of the work of that session, this can be had by reading the Journal of Proceedings of that body. I wish, however, to mention that the fee of the Sixth and Seventh Degrees were raised from one dollar each to two dollars each. The fee of the Sixth is equally divided between National and State Granges.

#### Roads and Highways

Our roads and highways are of great concern to the farmer as he believes that in most cases a farm to market road is of greater importance to him than so many miles of scenic roads, also he is more interested in having the funds already available used to the best advantage than he is in increasing his already heavy burden by additional taxes.

#### Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance

I wish to again call your attention to our Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance. Here is something that every farmer who owns his own home should take advantage of, as it means a great saving to those who take advantage of it. A full and complete report of the year's work, as well as the standing of the association will be given by the officers of this department at the proper time.

#### In Memoriam

It has been the custom of this State Grange for many years to pause from its labors, that we may honor the memory of our Brothers and Sisters who, having finished their work on earth, have been called to join the loved ones that have gone on before. A suitable time will be set for this part of our work, which will be in charge of the Memorial Committee. I hope that every member will be present and assist in this service.

#### In Conclusion

In closing this, my fifth year's work as State Master, I wish to thank all of the members of the Order in this great state for your hearty co-operation and the loyal support you have given me during the years that have passed. I also want to voice my appreciation of the many courtesies extended the Grange, and this office in particular, by Mr. Fred J. Hart, manager and operator of KQW, who has on several occasions invited us to use their broadcasting service.

In conclusion I wish to urge every member to begin the work of the new year with the same spirit of faithfulness and co-operation, and may we each resolve to labor more effectually for the good of our Order, our Country, and Mankind.

#### Fraternally submitted,

GEO. R. HARRISON.

Master.

The address of the Master was, on motion of Brother Libby, referred to the Committee on Division of Labor.

The Master resumed the Chair, and the Worthy Overseer read his report as follows:

#### OVERSEER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Overseer of this Grange, I beg to make this, my fifth annual report. I feel inspired as I never have been before to give my best for the good of the order, for I do not believe any Grange member cannot help but feel a thrill when entering this beautiful meeting place, in the town of good schools, and as the guests of the oldest Grange in the State, San Jose Grange No. 10, exemplifying the Grange ideas for more than 53 years; we are surely indebted to the San Jose Grange for much good done in this State.

To the members who are representing the new granges of the State, and are meeting for the first time in a State Grange, we welcome you in our Grange family, and may your Grange, like the Senior Grange of San Jose, live to a good old age and do much good for your members, your community, your County, your State, and your Nation.

May the San Jose Grange live for ever and continue to do good as it has done in the past, is the wish of this

State Grange.

Yours fraternally,

H. A. CRAIG,

Overseer of the State Grange.

The report was accepted.

The Worthy Lecturer, Sister Clendening, the Worthy Steward, Stanley B. Smith, Worthy Assistant Steward, W. Halbert Smith, and Worthy Chaplain, Mary B. Lindley, read their reports, which were accepted.

#### LECTURER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As your State Lecturer I now submit my first annual report.

At the beginning of my term of office I realized that a great responsibility rested upon me and that it was my bound duty to assist as far as possible the Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers of the Granges of this State by encouraging them to take their work seriously, helping them to realize the importance of the work, and urging them to give to their Grange the best possible service, since the

work of a faithful Lecturer, as well as that of an efficient Master, is the very foundation upon which the success of a Subordinate or Pomona Grange rests.

#### Lecturers' Conferences

It has been my privilege to visit the different Pomona Granges of the State, and at such times to call a conference of the Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers. With but one exception the response was very good, as either the regular Lecturer was present or a Substitute attended, and the earnestness in their work and the enthusiasm was very gratifying.

#### Reports

I have communicated with each of the Lecturers of the State and sent them Report Blanks once a quarter. In the main our Lecturers have reported faithfully and well, and it has been a pleasure to learn of the excellent programs 75 per cent of our Lecturers are presenting. Their Granges are to be justly congratulated, and should well appreciate their efforts. It is, however, to be regretted that the other 25 per cent fail to report as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of the California State Grange. Whether this is indifference, lack of interest, or failure to fulfill the duties of the office, I cannot say.

#### Publicity

Recognizing the importance of our Lecturers having a medium whereby they may exchange ideas and learn of the work of Lecturers in other Granges, the Members of the Executive Committee of the California State Grange voted to allow the State Lecturer to have a space in the Napa Grange Bulletin for the publication of matters pertaining to that office, and for the publishing of condensed reports of Lecturers. Many of the Lecturers have testified that this arrangement is very satisfactory and helpful.

#### Degree Work

When Degree Work is given it usually takes the place of the Lecturer's program. The ritualistic work is very important, hence it is very essential that it be given in the most impressive manner possible when the officers have their parts thoroughly memorized and the work well in hand. Wherever it is possible, I would recommend that Degree Teams be organized and the conferring of the degrees perfected. Drills in connection with the exemplification of the ritualistic work add much to the beauty of the degrees. I would also recommend that the initiatory work be given once a quarter.

I wish to add words of greeting to all Delegates and visiting Brothers and Sisters, and trust your stay with us will be not only enjoyable but profitable; that you may return to your homes with pleasant memories of a successful State Grange, and better fitted to perform the duties as officers, or as members, of your respective Granges.

Fraternally submitted,

IDA M. GLENDENING, Lecturer of California State Grange.

#### STEWARD'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:
It is a great honor to have the California State Grange

assemble again in this, our beautiful Valley of Heart's Delight.

As your Steward I will try to do all within my power to make your stay pleasant as well as profitable.

At the direction of the Executive Committee I have purchased new officers' sashes and one hundred new badges.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY B. SMITH, Steward.

#### ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

It is with pleasure that I sumbit this very brief report as Assistant Steward of California State Grange, assembled here in convention at San Jose.

As the duties of my office do not need my attention

except during the sessions, I have nothing to report other than that I will try to fill the office to the best of my ability during the session here.

I have been very busy at work this season, so have not been able to take a very active part in Grange affairs, although my thoughts are still with the Grange. I trust that we will have a very pleasant and prosperous session.

Fraternally submitted.

W. HALBERT SMITH.

#### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

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

Greetings:

Again we are assembled in annual session as a State Grange.

The days have been long and labor arduous. But God has crowned our efforts with liberal harvests. May we, as Patrons of Husbandry, remember to express our gratitude to Him for his presence and blessing. Also may we remember to share with the needy the good things which, with God's blessing, our labors, in faith and hope, have produced.

The outlook is hopeful. Our beloved Order has been lengthening her lines and straightening her stakes. We would extend to all the new Granges, and individual Patrons thereof, hearty greetings and good wishes.

May the Grange grow, not alone in numbers; but in loftiness of character, unselfishness, and brotherly love.

Our noble Order has always stood in the front rank on all questions which make for better citizenship. May every Patron realize the contest now on between the forces of evil and civic righteousness: and hear the clarion call to duty at the polls November second. May we be one hundred per cent loyal to our government and to the Constitution of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) MARY B. LINDLEY,

Chaplain.

The report of the Worthy Treasurer, Brother J. N. Watt, which was read by the Secretary, and the Worthy Secretary's report were referred to the Finance Committee.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State (Your Treasurer submits the following report:	Grange:
Balance on hand October 1, 1925	\$ 4 438 41
Received from Secretary prior to Nov. 12, 1925	200.00
Total cash received and receipted for from retiring treasurer Nov. 12, 1925	\$ 4,638.41 6,077.49 99.87 62.00
Interest on General fund	40.00
	\$10,917.77
Total disbursements	6,555.60
Cash Balance on hand	\$ 4 362.17
Less Warrant No. 31, issued but not cashed	1.40
Balance October 1, 1926	\$ 4,360.77
Balance in Bank in General fund	\$ 2,747.63
Balance in Bank in Educational fund	1,613.14
U. S. Government Bonds	2,500.00
Total funds on hand October 1, 1926 Fraternally yours,	\$ 6,860.77

#### J. N. WATT,

Treasurer, California State Grange.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

In rendering a report of the Secretary's office for the year ending Sept. 30, 1926, we take pleasure in stating that a gain has been made, not as much in point of membership, considering the new Granges that have been organized,

as we had hoped for, but a steady growth is evident.

The number of suspensions for non-payment of dues, in some of the Subordinate Granges, has been rather discouraging, and this decreases our net gain considerably. If some way of preventing this loss could be devised, it would benefit the Order materially.

A new Grange County has been added this year—Shasta County—with five new Granges: Mt. Lassen No. 417, Anderson No. 418, McArthur No. 420, Hat Creek No. 421, and Fall River No. 422. Two new Granges have been organized in Mendocino County: Ukiah No. 419, and Mendocino Pomona No. 10.

Four Juvenile Granges have also been organized: Eagle, Little Shasta, Anderson, and Alturas.

We have lost from our roll two Subordinate Granges: Castoria and Point Arena, and one Juvenile Grange: Windsor.

We have 6983 members in the Subordinate Granges, 2276 members in the Pomona Granges, and 301 members in the Juvenile Granges.

Napa Grange has increased its membership from 184 to 312, thus attaining the honor of being the largest Subordinate Grange in the State. East Palo Alto Grange has made the greatest percentage of gain, having more than doubled in membership.

Santa Clara Pomona has climbed to second place among the County Granges, now having a membership of 426. Siskiyou Pomona has held first place in point of membership for several years. Siskiyou Pomona has 518 members.

#### Financial Statement Receipts

For quarterly dues \$3,632.83		
For fees 1,368-15		
For merchandise 377.86		
From National Grange 50.00		
From Sacramento Chamber of Commerce 848.65		
For interest (retained by Treasurer) 201.87		
Total receipts	\$	6,479.36
Balance Oct. 1, 1925		4,433.51
Total	s	10.912.87

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#### Disbursements

To National Grange—         \$ 238.50           For Sixth Degree Certificates         \$ 238.50           For State Grange dues         502.20           For organization work         376.75           For merchandise         488.99           Mileage and per diem State Grange session, 1925         1,099.83           Salaries for the year—         \$400.00	
Lecturer 100.00	
Secretary 420.00	
920.00	
Miscel., including Printing of Journals, Rosters, Constitution and By-Laws, Grange Bulletin, etc., mileage and expenses of Master and Lecturer while visiting Granges	\$ 6,552.10
	\$ 4,360.77
Summary	
Total receipts for dues, fees, merchandise and miscellaneous	\$ 6,277.49
On Bonds	201.87
On Bonds 99.87  Balance Oct. 1, 1925	\$ 6 479 36
On Bonds	\$ 6,479.36 \$ 4,433.51 \$10,912.87

#### Total Assets

In	General fund	\$2,747.63
In	Educational fund	1,613.14
In	Bonds	2,500.00

Total ...... \$6,860.77

#### MARTHA L. GAMBLE.

Secretary.

F. L. Roberts, Worthy Gate Keeper, Sister Steinmetz, Worthy Ceres, Sister Van Loan, Worthy Pomona, Sister Linde Hartley, Worthy Flora, Sister Biggs, Worthy Lady Assistant Steward, and Sister Aylward, Worthy Pianist, read their reports. The reports were accepted.

#### GATE KEEPER'S REPORT

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Since it was your choice to elect me as your Gate Keeper at our last convention, held at Sacramento, I want to say I have answered the call, and am here on the job.

I shall endeavor to perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

I trust that there will be no confusion at the gate, and that all are qualified who desire to enter.

Fraternally submitted,

#### F. L. ROBERTS.

Gate Keeper.

#### REPORT OF CERES

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

As Worthy Ceres I bring greetings to this fifty-fourth annual convention.

As grass is the basis of agriculture, so agriculture is the basis of life and plays an important part in the world's history today.

The College of Agriculture with the University extension service is a boon to the farmer's wife and family. Many subjects are taught, from making dress forms to cooking meat and vegetables, and their value to human health.

Even the boys and girls are taught gardening, and are thus brought closer to nature and to nature's God.

Faithfully submitted,

FLORENCE STEINMETZ,

Ceres.

#### REPORT OF POMONA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Again we meet to discuss and review the achievements and problems of the past year. Many difficult problems are yet to come before us, but united as we are in this fast growing organization, we will be able to meet them wisely and sanely.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA VAN LOAN, Pomona.

#### REPORT OF FLORA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:
It is with pleasure that I greet you at this fifty-fourth
annual session of California State Grange from the station
of Flora.

I hope that this will be the most inspiring, instructive and helpful session California State Grange has ever had, and that we all take home with us many lessons to impart to those who could not be with us in this beautiful City of San Jose.

The flowers are the thoughts of God. They bloom in sun and shadow, By traveled path, or virgin sod, In every lovely meadow; In dooryards where the children play, And hours are swiftly winging; And Love comes at the close of day, Its selfless tribute bringing.

Silent they grow, each in its place, With cheer for all who love them, Breathing their perfume in the face Of all who bend above them. They blossom where the weary plod Their ways of toil and duty. The flowers are the thoughts of God, His love speaks in their beauty. Fraternally submitted,

LINDE M. HARTLEY,

Flora.

#### LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As your Lady Assistant Steward, I bring you greetings, and trust our session here in your beautiful City of Heart's Delight will be a profitable one, and an inspiration to strengthen our noble Order.

To the newly organized Granges, I bid you welcome into our midst. You will find this just one of the many good times in store for you. I hope I may be able to assist you in any way possible during this session of the California State Grange.

The duties of Lady Assistant Steward, as you know, consist wholly in the work of the session, so in this capacity I am at your service.

Fraternally submitted,

GRACE B. BIGGS.

#### PIANIST'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

It gives me great pleasure indeed to be your Pianist for the next year; and with the co-operation of the members and music committee will endeavor to do all in my power and be ready at all times to make that part of the Grange programs a pleasure to all.

Fraternally,

#### CORDELIA AYLWARD.

The report of the Executive Committee, which consisted of the minutes of the various meetings held since the last session of the State Grange, was read by the Secretary. The report was, on motion, adopted.

Brother Hanson called for a good, lively song. To comply with his request the members sang "The Grange Is Marching On," with hearty good-will.

Brother Knight, chairman of the Legislative Committee, requested that the Committees on Legislation, Taxation, and Resolutions meet jointly and act in conjunction. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The following Deputies read their reports, which were accepted: Brother E. K. Glendenning, Sister Pearl Hack, Brother F. S. Clifton, Brother H. A. Craig.

#### DEPUTY CLENDENING'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Before presenting my report as District Deputy, allow me to express my pleasure in having this 54th annual session held in my home county. And it is my earnest hope that, during the few days spent here, you will enjoy the social and fraternal advantages our organization offers. And in the more serious part of our work which also brings us here, much good may be accomplished for the benefit of agriculture and those who live in the open country.

The past year has again been an unsatisfactory one for the producers of most of our principal crops. Further extension work has been difficult. However, I believe our membership has made some growth.

Our four new Granges have been strengthened. Two of which, in point of membership, are now among the strong Granges of the State. I am proud of the spirit of harmony and co-operation existing among the eight Granges of this county. And I am sure this will be noticeable to those whom we will endeavor to serve during the next four days.

Frequent visits have been made by the State Lecturer and me to the local Granges, and such advice and help given as we thought necessary.

In accordance with the recommendation made last year, local inspection was done by me, with the exception of Orchard City Grange, which was inspected by Past State Master E. T. Pettit.

It has been my privilege to accompany the State Lecturer on her visits to the various Pomona Granges. Many new ideas and impressions were gained through these visits, and today I have a much broader understanding of the benefits and possibilities of our organization in bringing together the vast number of unorganized men and women who produce a large part of the agricultural products of this great State, and eligible to become members of our Order.

During my visits to other Granges, and in the performance of my duty as Deputy, I have talked to many growers who have suffered a financial loss in their year's work; I have seen great quantities of products remain unharvested. Many of these men and women have not only lost faith in

farming as an industry, but they have lost faith in every kind of an organization promoted for their benefit.

Believing in the principles of the Grange, and the benefits to be derived through membership in the Order. I have persuaded a considerable number of former members to again seek membership in the organization. Most of these men and women who quit the Grange failed to understand the work of the organization; and after attending a meeting or two, lost interest. Some became members of other organizations; and not finding the benefits they expected, were ready to return to the Grange.

There are certain weaknesses in our organization as I see it. We need more enthusiastic workers who can give a part of their time to promotion work. Individual leadership should be developed in every Grange County to not only organize new Granges but to assist and strengthen those already organized.

While visiting the Napa-Lake Pomona during the latter part of April, I organized a Grange at Ukiah. The time of the year was very unfavorable to the success of the organization. Late spring rains had prevented much of the farm work being done, and every one was busy. I very reluctantly returned home to my own work, and left them with so little instruction, and I assure you I did considerable worrying about the life of this infant Grange. That Ukiah Grange is alive today is due, I am sure, to the help given them by the officers and members of Redwood and Potter Valley Granges. As loyal members of the Order, they remained true to the promise given me. This is the true Grange spirit, and if more generally adhered to would greatly strengthen our order.

To me the future prospects of our Order look encouraging. I find a greater interest and respect for the organization than seemed to exist a year ago. This has been largely brought about by the failure of other organizations to render as great a service as the Grange. Ours is a progressive Order. We must grow if we wish to prosper. What we accomplish during the coming year will largely depend on the efforts and enthusiasm of each individual member.

Fraternally submitted,

E. K. CLENDENING, 214 AM agreed married A distributed in the Deputy.

#### DEPUTY PEARL HACK'S REPORT

To Worthy State Master, Officers and Patrons of California State Grange:

Greetings:

This will necessarily be a short report, as I have been unable to accomplish the work I set out to do, and the work has been turned over to a Brother who is more capable than I, and at my own request.

I have inspected the following Granges: Valley Oaks, Rio Linda, and Elk Grove, and visited American River Grange, but I did not inspect.

Orange Vale Grange has taken on a new lease of life, due to the good work of Brother Clendening, and it is my wish that more work of the same type could be done in Sacramento County.

With the very best wishes to my successor and the Patrons of California State Grange, I fraternally submit the foregoing report.

MRS. PEARL HACK.

#### DEPUTY F. S. CLIFTON'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As a deputy organizer, my report will necessarily be very brief, as I have accomplished nothing so far as organizing new granges or reviving dormant granges is concerned.

However, I have investigated several prospects, where the people thought conditions were not ripe for success, so did not press the matter.

Have inspected the three granges in the County, and believe that I gained many good pointers, whether they did or not.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. CLIFTON, Deputy.

#### DEPUTY CRAIG'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:
As the Deputy of Shasta and Siskiyou Counties I am

pleased to make the following report:

After receiving instructions from the State Master, Brother Harrison, my first work was to commence organization work in Shasta County. The first Grange organized was Mt. Lassen Grange No. 417, in Cottonwood, January 15th, 1926; and on February 8th, Anderson Grange No. 418 was organized at Anderson. During the worst weather of the winter I then tried and was unsuccessful for a Grange at Millville. After this I had to return to my home at Gazelle, as the lease on my ranch expired early in March and my tenant was going to move away, and, as I was going to run my own ranch, I could not leave the ranch to take up the extension work again for the Grange until June, having lost three months in the best time of the year, and starting again in the busy time of the year for the farmer.

I first went to Whitmore, and found the ranchers there too busy to organize. I went to McArthur, which is in the northeastern part of Shasta County. Here I was successful in organizing a Grange. One at Hat Creek and one at Fall River Mills, known as McArthur Grange No. 420; Hat Creek Grange No. 421 and Fall River Grange No. 422.

Quitting the organizing several times to either inspect Granges in Siskiyou County or to return to my home to look after the ranch; but I am pleased to say I have found time to organize five new Granges with an average of seventy charter members per Grange, in Shasta County, a County that had no Granges in it at this time last year; besides traveling 942 miles to inspect the twelve Granges that are in Siskiyou County.

The Granges as a whole in Siskiyou are doing some good work for the community in which they are located, also for the County, and the new Granges in Shasta County have gotten the Grange spirit and the Grange idea, and I consider them a sturdy bunch of youngsters.

Again I acknowledge the help given me by the different ones in every community where I have organized a Grange, and in the name of the State Grange, I wish to thank each of the good brothers and sisters who so kindly gave of their time in this glorious cause; and it is one of my fondest hopes to live to see the State of California as well organized with Granges throughout as is the Northern Counties of the State. But the Master of the State Grange alone cannot accomplish this, for it requires the united effort of all; and in our work, let us keep in our mind this little poem:

It is all for each and each for all, United we stand, divided we fall.

Fraternally.

H. A. CRAIG, Deputy.

After a short recess, the Master called for the reading of Resolutions, without debate.

Brother Earhart of Dinuba Grange read a resolution pertaining to the "Dove Season." It was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Brother Chas. E. Cross of Dorris Grange introduced a resolution against exempting government-owned National Forests from taxation. It was referred to the Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

Brother W. A. Wardlaw of East Palo Alto Grange presented a resolution relating to the Conservation of Wild Life. Referred to the Committee on Conservation.

A resolution from Rutherford Grange relating to National Reapportionment was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

A resolution from Sacramento Grange, read by Sister Pearl Hack, endorsing the principle of the McNary-Haugen plan of dealing with surplus crops, etc., was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Brother Winkleman of Silverado Grange introduced a resolution opposing daylight saving. Referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Four resolutions from Sonoma Valley Grange were read and referred as follows: That relating to rural banks to the Legislative Committee. That relating to the election of U. S. Representatives to the Resolution Committee. That relating to the County Free Library plan to the Committee on Education. That relating to taxation to the Committee on Taxation.

Two resolutions from Modoc Pomona Grange, read by Brother Roberts, one amending the Constitution of California State Grange, and the other amending the By-laws, were referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. Another resolution from Modoc Pomona, relating to tariff on live stock products, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Brother Holmes presented a resolution from Sacramento Pomona Grange relating to the tariff for the protection of Agricultural products. It was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Two resolutions from Sonoma Pomona Grange were introduced by Brother Beach. One relating to the wiping

of fruit was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The other relating to the Ineligible Alien law was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Brother Clifton of Tulare Pomona Grange introduced resolutions as follows: One relating to the terms of U.S. Senators and Congressmen was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

One limiting the power of Boards of Supervisors to make large expenditures or incur indebtedness without referring same to the vote of the people, was referred to the Committee on Taxation.

One limiting the number of deer lawfully killed in a season to one, and closing all odd years entirely, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Six suggestions for the State Grange to introduce to the State Legislature for consideration were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Sister Clendening announced a Lecturers' Conference for Wednesday afternoon at the same hour as the Fire Insurance meeting.

Brother Bone announced a reception to be given in Scottish Rite Hall this evening. The program to commence with an orchestral concert at 7:30.

A partial report of the Committee on Order of Business was read by Brother Craig, and adopted.

Brother Owen, Master of Sebastopol Grange, on behalf of said Grange, presented Brother and Sister Harrison with a bouquet of pink carnations. Brother Harrison expressed the thanks of himself and Sister Harrison for the thoughtfulness and kindness of his home Grange.

Grange closed in regular form.

#### EVENING SESSION

A reception tendered the officers, delegates, and visitors of the State Grange by the members of Santa Clara Pomona Grange, in Scottish Rite Temple, was greatly enjoyed. A fine program was listened to with pleasure. Refreshments were served in the banquet room.

The program is printed on the inside of the front cover.

#### SECOND DAY-WEDNESDAY

#### FORENOON

The second day's session of California State Grange was called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Sister Vina Bailhache, bearing our Country's flag, was escorted into the hall by the Assistant Stewards; the members joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Assistant Stewards, assisted by Brother and Sister Barnes, took up the Annual Word.

The Grange was opened in regular form in the Fourth Degree.

Opening song, "Bringing In the Sheaves."

The Roll Call of Officers found all present but the Worthy Treasurer, Brother Watt.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read, and, after a slight correction, approved.

The roll of Granges was called for the introduction of resolutions without debate.

A resolution from Sonoma Pomona Grange, introduced by Brother Beach, relating to a legislative program to be brought before the State Legislature, was referred to the combined committees of Legislation, Taxation, and Resolution.

Brother Dudgeon, of Fort Romie Grange, introduced 1 resolution relating to the method of rural banks in calculating interest. Referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Roll of Granges called for the introduction of Masters' reports. The delegates of the following Granges submitted reports: Adin, American River, Anderson, Antelope, Aromas, Bellevue, Bennett Valley, Beswick, Bogus, Cedar, Coyote, Danville, Davis Creek, Dinuba, Dorris, Eagle.

The Worthy Master announced that an address would be made by Mr. Whitsell of the California State Railroad Commission, at 2:30 o'clock, p. m. The members were invited to bring their friends to hear Mr. Whitsell's address.

It was announced that Prof. R. L. Adams, State Market Director, was in the ante-room, and, for the purpose of hearing Mr. Adams give a short address, a recess was declared.

Prof. Adams was introduced by Brother S. S. Knight, chairman of the Legislative Committee. Prof. Adams explained the methods by which the State Market Director's office was endeavoring to help the producer in the marketing of his products.

The Worthy Master introduced Mr. Sam H. Green of the Dairy Council, who addressed the members on "Dairying," and the necessity of taking an adequate quantity of dairy products into the system for the preservation of health, and the advisability of voting "YES" on Amendment No. 3 on the November ballot.

The Grange gave a rising vote of thanks to Prof. Adams and Mr. Green for their very able and instructive addresses. dresses.

Song, "That's the Way the Grangers Boost Their Order." Grange was again called to order in closed session.

A further partial report from the Credentials Committee, read by Brother Stice, was adopted.

Roll call of Granges was continued. East Palo Alto, Elk Grove, Fall River, Forestville, Fort Romie, Gazelle, reported.

Brother Knight announced that leaflets called "The Voter's Own Guide," relating to the amendments which will appear on the November ballot, were on the Master's desk, and could be had by members who desired them for themselves or their friends.

It was announced that Mr. Whitsell would address the meeting immediately after the memorial exercises.

Several other announcements were made.

Recess was reclared until 1:30 p. m., when the Memorial Services would be held in the Unitarian Church.

#### AFTERNOON

At 1:30 p. m., Memorial Exercises were held as follows: Song by the Choir, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Prayer by Rev. C. G. Marshall, of Sunnyvale Grange. Reading, First Corinthians, fifteenth chapter, by the Worthy Chaplain, Sister Lindley.

Remarks by Sister Lindley.

Brother Harrison gave the eulogy for Brother A. R. Galloway of Progressive Grange.

Sister Harrison placed flowers on the Altar in memory of Brother Galloway.

Song, "Father, We'll Rest In Thy Love."

Brother F. L. Roberts eulogized Brother Vincent Caldwell of Canby Grange. Flowers were placed on the Altar in his memory by Sister Roberts.

Brother A. S. Hall was eulogized by Brother S. S. Knight. Sister Knight placed the tribute of flowers on the Altar.

Song, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."

Brother Farrell of Mountain View Grange, and Past Treasurer of the State Grange, was eulogized by Dr. Abbott. Flowers were placed on the Altar by Sister Ainsworth.

Brother Geo. W. Gaston of Two Rock Grange was eulogized by Brother S. L. Stice. Flowers placed on the Altar by Sister Minnie Church.

Brother J. R. Clemmens was eulogized by Brother Chas. E. Cross. A tribute to the memory of Brother Clemmens was placed on the Altar by Sister Craig.

Song, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Sister Pearl Hack gave the eulogy for all other departed members. Flowers were placed on the Altar in their memory by Sister Mollie Church

Benediction.

Grange called to order in Scottish Rite Hall at 2:30 p. m. Song, "America."

Mr. Leon O. Whitsell, of the Railroad Commission, who was scheduled to speak at this time, was introduced, and delivered a very interesting address on the duties and limitations of the Railroad Commission. Brother Knight followed with a short talk regarding the work of the Commission.

Fourteen Camp Fire girls marched into the hall singing,

and entertained the members for a short time.

Brother Joseph Holmes, Past Master of California State Grange, was escorted to the Master's station, where he was extended a hearty welcome and introduced to the members. Brother Holmes regretted that he was not present at yesterday's session, but he had not finished getting in all his crops, and could not leave until he had done so. He expressed his pleasure at being present, and gave a few words of counsel and encouragement.

Brother S. S. Knight presented Brother A. C. Hardison of Santa Paula, Ventura Co., Past President California Farm Bureau Federation, now a member of Ambean Grange No. 138, Maine, to the Master. Brother Hardison responded to the Master's words of welcome. He said that California was to be congratulated on the fact that the three great Farm organizations in this State worked so harmoniously together.

Brother Knight presented Sister Hardison. Brother Harrison bid her welcome, telling her to make herself at home here, and that she was always welcome at the sessions of the State Grange.

Brother Knight also presented Brother H. S. Hardison, Past Master of Ambean Grange No. 138, and of Aristook Co. Pomona Grange. Brother Hardison joined the National Grange in 1884. Brother Hardison made a brief but appropriate response to Worthy Master Harrison's welcome.

Sister S. H. Hardison was also introduced to the Worthy Master, and by him presented to the members.

The hour having arrived for the Lecturers' Conference, and the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance meeting, the Lecturers retired, and the meeting was turned over to the Fire Insurance Association. The President, Brother Thos. Jacob, took the Chair, and the meeting was held. The report of the Secretary follows.

### REPORT OF SECRETARY FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

To the Officers and Members of the Grange Fraternal Fire Ins. Assn.:

In our report last year, our Association was shown to be in a very prosperous condition. We are glad to again report a very satisfactory and prosperous year.

While the new business of the first quarter of this year amounted to \$56,775.00, the last quarter's new business was \$109,889.50. We are now well over the million dollar mark with insurance in force—the amount on October 1, 1926, being \$1,095,707.50.

Our fire losses during the year have amounted to \$2,627.00, which was divided as follows:

\$325.00 on baled hay owned by Brother F. E. Barney of Gilroy Grange.

\$800.00 on barn and contents owned by Brother Bethel S. Coats of Danville Grange.

\$750.00 on house and contents owned by Brother J. S. Harris of Dinuba Grange.

\$600.00 on house owned by Brother Herbert E. Snyder of Gazelle Grange.

\$152.00 on damage to house owned by Brother Stephen H. Johnson of Danville Grange.

These losses were promptly adjusted and paid.

We are glad to be able to say that we believe our agents have the best interests of the Association in mind while writing up insurance, and that they are exercising good judgment in not accepting unduly hazardous risks.

We trust our representatives will call the attention of their respective Granges to the prosperous condition of our Association, and stress the fact that we are offering Grange members a real money-saving proposition.

We take pleasure in submitting the following

#### ANNUAL REPORT

#### Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association

Business Transacted from October 1, 1925, to October 1, 1926.

Quar	ter]	Ending	3 1	New Bu	isiness	Re	newals	Added In	ns. E	rei	niums
Dec.	31,	1925		\$ 56,77	75.00	\$	9,400.00	\$		\$	759.52
Mar.	31,	1926		43,71	3.00		4,900.00				617.59
June	30,	1926		78,06	65.00	5	0,725.00	3,530.	.00	1	,682.40
Sep.	30,	1926		109,88	86.50	3	5,575.00	5,835.	.00	1	,764.05
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To	tals			\$288,43	39.50	\$10	0,600.00	\$9,365.	.00	\$4	,823.56
								ellations		ss b	y Fire
Dec.	31,	1925			\$16,72	0.00	\$	8,990.00		\$	325.00
Mar.	31,	1926			10,26	0.00		2,650.00			800.00
June	30,	1926			13,26	0.00		440.00			750.00
Sep.	30,	1926			21,73	0.00		1,500.00			752.00
То	tals				\$61,97	0.00	\$	13,580.00		\$2	627.00

### Summary

Insurance in force October 1, 1925 New Business for year Added Insurance for year	\$288,439.50	\$	875,928.00
Expirations for year	\$297,804.50 \$ 61,970.00		
Cancellations for year			
Cancelled by fire loss			
	\$ 78,025.00		
\$297,804.50 — \$78,025.00 :: gain for	year	\$	219,779.50
Insurance in force October 1, 1926 Amount turned over to Treasurer.			. \$4,850.00
Amount collected for premiums Fraternally submitted,		• • •	4,823.56

F. L. HUNT, Secretary.

Grange was again called to order by the Worthy Master at  $5:30~\mathrm{p.}$  m.

Brother Wesley Beach introduced a resolution opposing race track gambling. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Grange was closed in form until 9 o'clock a. m., Thursday.

#### EVENING SESSION

The State Grange Lecturer, Sister Ida M. Clendening, presented the following program as a sample for all Sub-ordinate and Pomona Lecturers. Needless to say, the program was greatly enjoyed by all present.

- I. Instrumental Group-
  - (a) Violin, Flute, Trombone, Piano.
  - (b) Violin, Saxophone, Trombone, Piano.
  - by Orchard City Grange "Four": Calvin Bohnett, R. E. Hansen, Mervin Keesling, Emily Gard.
- II. Vocal Solos, by Miss Alma Williams.
- III. Readings, Mrs. Nichols.
- IV. Stringed Trios, Mountain View Grange.

Musicians: Misses Virginia Camp, Marion Spaan, Frances Trimble, accompanied by Mrs. W. L. Camp. V. Tenor Solos, Amos Williams, accompanied by Miss Williams.

VI. Address, "Good Citizenship," by Judge Percy O'Connor.

#### THIRD DAY-THURSDAY

#### FORENOON

The Master rapped the gavel for order at 9:15 a.m.

The flag was escorted into the hall, and "Star Spangled Banner" sung.

The A. W. was taken up by the Asst. Stewards, assisted by Brother and Sister Barnes.

Grange was opened in regular form in the Fourth Degree Opening song, "America."

Roll call of Officers. All present but the Treasurer.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

At the request of the Worthy Master, Brother Ralph Taylor, Secetary of the Agricultural Legislative Committee, and a member of Sacramento Grange, was escorted to his desk. The Worthy Master, in introducing Brother Taylor, said that Brother Taylor was a member who had done much for agriculture.

Brother Taylor stated that he was unable to be present sooner because the Legislative Committee had been engaged in going over the State Budget, to see that any unnecessary expense, derogatory to the interests of agriculture should not creep in. He congratulated the Grange on being a sane, conservative, and yet constructive organization.

Brother Palmiter, Master of Oregon State Grange, spoke of the necessity of taking a broad view of the agricultural situation, and that what we try to do must not interfere with the interests of other walks of life. We must not work in a circle, but look to the future.

Roll of Granges was called for the introduction of resolutions without debate. None offered.

Brother Dudgeon of Fort Romie Grange asked permission to introduce a motion out of order. Permission being granted, Brother Dudgeon moved that it be the sense of this body that the Legislative Committee go over the Amendments that are to appear on the November ballot, and give this assembly, sometime during the session, a resume of the pros and cons of each. The motion was seconded by Brother James W. Holmes of Sacramento Grange. The motion carried.

Roll call of Granges for the introduction of Masters' reports was continued. Reports were received from Gilroy, Greenfield, Greenhorn, Guenoc, Happy Camp, Hat Creek, Hornbrook, Little Shasta, Lookout, McArthur, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Alturas, Likely, Mt. Bolivar, Napa, Orchard City, Petaluma, Poplar, Potter Valley, Progressive, Redwood Valley, Rio Linda, Rutherford, Sacramento, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Scott Valley, Sebastopol, Silverado, Sonoma Valley, Sunnyvale, Two Rock, Valley Oaks, Walker, Windsor, Mendocino Pomona, Modoc Pomona, Napa-Lake Pomona, Sonoma Pomona, Tulare Pomona.

Song, "The Grange is Marching On."

The Committee on Order of Business made a further partial report, which was adopted, on motion of Brother Libby, seconded by Sister Hack.

Sister Vina Bailhache introduced a resolution from the Lecturers' Conference.

Referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

The Worthy Master ruled that resolutions would not be received after the special order Friday morning.

#### AFTERNOON

The members assembled at 1:30 p. m., at Scottish Rite Hall, where 100 autos were awaiting them. A ride through the beautiful Santa Clara valley, stopping en route to visit Leland Stanford Junior University and listen to an organ recital in the Chapel, was enjoyed by all.

#### EVENING SESSION

Grange was opened in regular form in the Sixth Degree. Grange was then closed in the Sixth and opened in the Fifth Degree.

The Officers of the State Grange surrendered their chairs to the Officers of Santa Clara Pomona Grange degree staff. The degree of "Pomona" was conferred upon the following named members, in a most beautiful and impressive manner:

L. L. Carmean, Charles W. Terwilliger, Mrs. Carrie

Terwilliger, B. E. Crosby, C. E. Wood, W. J. Harper, Mrs. Amalia T. Harper, F. W. Loosley, Mrs. Fay Loosley, Mrs. Ida R. Martin, Elmer E. Martin, Mrs. Eleanor J. Gonzales, Mrs. Anna Dyer, Mrs. Lou Eddy, A. Skrydstrup, Mrs. A. Skrydstrup, Asa L. Doty, Mrs. Iva Morris Doty, Mrs. Alda Stoddard, Fred N. Lorenzen, Karl Klauman, Angelo L. Binsacca, Mrs. Nellie R. Read, Mrs Leona Crichton, Herbert F. Crichton, C. B. Earhart, Peter Wilshusen, Mrs. Dorris Klauman, John P. Sorenson, Mrs. Agnes E. Spence, J. Harvey Spence, Mrs. Octavia G. Bauer, Miss Ruth H. Hall, Mrs. Bernice L. Canse, J. W. Canse, Mrs. Elizabeth Face, Mrs. Lucy A. Hilkey, Mrs. Hella Burger, William A. Stoddard, Mrs. Isabelle Stoddard, Mrs. Henritta Lille, M. S. McKericher, Vivian T. McCurdy.

The Officers of the State Grange then resumed their stations. Grange was closed in the Fifth and reopened in the Sixth Degree.

The Sixth, or degree of "Flora," was conferred upon the following named members, by the State Grange Officers, after which all were escorted to the banquet room, where a most bounteous Pomona Feast had been spread for eight hundred guests:

Mrs. Cynthia Lange, Mrs. Lillie Le May, Mrs. Florence Murphey, Miss Olga M. Taylor, J. H. Harkness, Mrs. Cathern Harkness, Mrs. Catherine Ross, Mrs. Florence H. Lovejoy, W. G. Lovejoy, C. J. Richey, N. M. Castleton, Mrs. N. M. Castleton, Mrs. Maude French, Niels Jacobsen, Mrs. Katherine Cairns, B. E. Crosby, Mrs. Dora N. Crosby, Mrs. Evelevne Amberg, A. O. Anderson, Mrs. M. E. Anderson, Mrs. Mary Pollard, Mrs. H. P. Hatfield, Miss Victoria King, W. A. McElhatton, Mrs. Mary A. McElhatton, Miss Alice Needham, C. E. Brown, Mrs. Verna Brown, L. F. Gill, Charles Cairns, O. W. Amberg, Frank Chester, John Nelson, Dr. W. H. Zieber, Frank Hand, Mrs. Mary A. Neifing, J. P. Neifing, Mrs. Mary W. Bourke, Miss Pattie Maddex, Mrs. Lucy Drysdale, J. L. Drysdale, Mrs. Kate Drew, G. R. Drew, Miss Mary E. Wilkin, J. C. Wilkin, Mrs. Louisa Jane Leeds, A. E. Gravestock, Mrs. Edith Miller, Mrs. Sina Jacobsen, Mrs. Lucinda Cross, Charles E. Cross, E. V. Griffith, Harry Crowl, W. J. Harper, Mrs. Amalia T. Harper, Mrs. Pearl Stiner, Mrs. Fay Loosley, F. W. Loosley, Mrs. Mabel McGill, Mrs. Annie H. Crowl, Mrs. Henry Nisson, Henry Nisson, Dr. Elmer E. Martin, Horace Phillips, Mrs. Martha Phillips, M. F. Johnson, Mrs. Viola B. Lester, John S. Lester, Mrs. Martha J. Bogle, Mrs. Celia J. Holsclaw, Miss D. Verla Jones, Mrs. Anna Norriss, J. W. Norriss, Mrs. Hazel O. Armstrong, James A. Armstrong, J. W. Bogle, Mrs. L. C. Mintie, D. O. Thomas, Mrs. Hattie Gurr, Mrs. C. H. Emlen, Mrs. Alice Brown, Mrs. Eleanor J. Gonzales, Mrs. Jeannette G. Thrift, E. B. Thrift, Mrs. Lou Eddy, R. P. Van Allen, Mrs. Maude Van Allen, Mrs. M. G. Crittenden, Mrs. Ada S. Palmiter, Clancey H. Watson, B. Mathiesen, Mrs. Annie Mathiesen, A. Skrydstrup, Mrs. A. Skrydstrup, Mrs. Katherine Danker, R. R. McClain, Asa L. Doty, Mrs. Iva Morris Doty, Walter I. Merrill, Mrs. Walter I. Merrill, Fred H. Gretchell, Mrs. Mary F. Parkhill, Mrs. Jennie Bird Loveless, Albert M. Fostler, Miss Harriet Barnes, Mrs. Alda Stoddard, Fred N. Lorenzen, Karl Klauman, Clarence M. Morin, Mrs. Dora E. Brookins, Mrs. Nellie R. Read, Angelo L. Binsacca, Mrs. Alta F. Buckingham, Herbert F. Crichton, Mrs. Leona Crichton, C. B. Earhart, S. L. Richman, H. H. Kauffman, J. G. Redfield, Mrs. Alma Redfield, Peter Wilshusen, Mrs. R. F. Driscall, Mrs. Lillian M. Crawford, Mrs. Ella L. Stone, Mrs. Mabel Gussefield, Fred Elmar Hubback, Otto Hoernig, Mrs. Catherine Hoernig, Mrs. Dorris Klauman, Mrs. Josephine Sallows, Bert W. Holeman, Mrs. Mary Holeman, William Metzner, M. Crittenden, Mrs. Fanny Crittenden, Mrs. Camilia Wurz, George Wurz, Mrs. Mayme Mauer, Jesse J. Cornell, Mabel Cornell, Irvin R. Hamilton, Mrs. Rosanna Burgess, Mrs. Susie Ryder, Mrs. Doris E. Carlson, Marden Carlson, J. C. Hansen, Mrs. Nellie Hansen, Mrs. Addie Stevens, Mrs. Cora C. Hardison, A. C. Hardison, Burt Stevens, Ralph Fowler, Mrs. Mildred A. Fowler, Claude O. Winans, Louis O. Wurz, Mrs. Anna I. Wurz, Mrs. Isabelle Stoddard, Wm. A. Stoddard, Mrs. Henrietta Lille, Vivian McCurdy, M. S. McKericher, Mrs. Augusta Merrill, Walter I. Merrill, John C. Gillette, Mrs. Sarah C. Gillette, Mrs. Charlotte Dozier, George Hand, Mrs. Agnes Hand, Theodore Mertins, Harry Griffin, Mrs. Ethel Griffin, John P. Sorenson, Mrs. Irene Sorenson, Mrs. Herma Read, Joseph Newell, Mrs. Margaret M. Hand, J. Harvey Spence, Mrs. Agnes E. Spence, Mrs. Octavia G. Bauer, Miss Ruth H. Hall, Mrs. Maude McGarva, Mrs. Hazel S. Smith, J. E. Holt, Mrs. Jennie A. Holt, Mrs. Hester Patton, James Stevens, Mrs. Edith B. Turner,

Charles Brewbaker, Mrs. Ella Brewbaker, Clarence Amberg, Mrs. Leila E. Hunter, Thomas Hunter, Henry Farley, Arthur H. Hart, Mrs. Maggie Farley, Mrs. Mary A. Zieber, Mrs. Mary Gravestock, Mrs. Ida R. Martin.

After partaking of the feast, the members returned to the hall, and the Grange was closed in due form in the Sixth Degree.

### FOURTH DAY-FRIDAY

#### FORENOON

The Worthy Master rapped for order promptly at 9 o'clock, a. m.

The Assistant Stewards escorted Sister Bailhache carrying our country's flag into the hall. The members sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Assistant Stewards took up the A. W., and Grange was opened in ample form in the Fourth Degree.

Opening song, "Bringing In the Sheaves."

Roll call of Officers found all present but the Worthy Overseer and the Worthy Treasurer. Both officers were present later.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

Brother Wesley Beach asked permission to introduce an amended resolution regarding 'the wiping of fruit,' instead of the one previously introduced. Permission being granted, the resolution was read and referred to the Resolution Committee.

The Secretary read the report from Geyserville Grange.

The following report on "The Inspection of Granges," read by Sister Harrison, was accepted.

#### INSPECTION REPORT FOR 1926

In making the Inspection Report for this year, I wish to call attention to the recommendation of this body at its last session, that Deputies do the Inspection work. However, I wish to state that I personally inspected a few Granges by request. I firmly believe that the Inspection work has done much to bring better ritualistic work in the Granges, and to keep up Grange enthusiasm. Many of the Granges have not been inspected, some not preparing for it, others not wishing to be inspected.

Adin, inspected80	Lookout, inspected95
Alturas, inspected92	Morgan Hill, inspected 84
American River, not inspected.	Mount Bolivar, inspected, not scored.
Anderson, not inspected.	Mount Lassen, not in-
Antelope, not inspected.	spected.
Aromas, inspected90 Bellevue, inspected83	Mountain View, inspected, not scored.
Bennett Valley, not in-	McArthur, not inspected.
spected.	Napa, inspected991/2
Beswick, inspected, not	Orchard City, inspected.981/2
scored.	Orange Vale, not inspected.
Bogus, inspected84	Petaluma, inspected96
Canby, inspected70	Poplar, inspected84
Cedar, inspected90	Potter Valley, inspected92
Coyote, not inspected.  Danville, inspected82	Progressive, inspected,
Davis Creek, inspected85	not scored.
Dinuba, inspected75	Redwood Valley, inspect-
Dorris, inspected89	ed, not scored.
Eagle, inspected88	Rio Linda, inspected95
East Palo Alto, inspected95	Rutherford, inspected84
Elk Grove, inspected92 Fall River, not inspected.	Sacramento, inspected,
Forestville, inspected.	not scored. Santa Rosa, not inspected.
not scored.	San Jose, inspected85
Fort Romie, not inspected.	Scott Valley, inspected85
Gazelle, inspected, not	Sebastopol, not inspected.
scored.	Silverado, inspected84
Geyserville, not inspected.	Sonoma Valley, not in-
Gilroy, inspected98 Gold Hill, not inspected.	spected. Sunnyvale, not inspected.
Greenfield, not inspected.	Tulare, inspected53
Greenhorn, inspected, not	Two Rock, not inspected.
scored.	Upper Valley, inspected,
Guenoc, inspected85	not scored.
Happy Camp, inspected,	Ukiah, inspected, not
not scored. Hat Creek, not inspected.	scored. Valley Oaks, inspected92
Hornbrook, inspected99	Walker, inspected, not
Likely, inspected92	scored.
Little Shasta, inspected.981/2	Windsor, not inspected.

Brother Jones, Overseer of Napa Grange No. 307, on the pensioning of federal teachers. It was referred to the behalf of Napa Grange, presented Sister Nellie W. Hunt with a bouquet of carnations, she having reached another milestone on life's journey. Sister Hunt expressed her thanks for being thus remembered.

The Committee on Division of Labor, to which had been referred the Master's Annual Address, recommended that that part of the address referring to agriculture be referred to the Committee on Agriculture; that part relating to assessment and taxation to the Committee on Taxation; that part dealing with law enforcement to the Committee on Education: that part relating to the unnaturalized to the Legislative Committee; that part regarding Grange Halls to the Committee on Good of the Order; that part referring to the "Napa Grange Bulletin" to the Resolution Committee: that part pertaining to Pomona Granges to the Good of the Order Committee; that part pertaining to Juvenile Grange work to the Committee on Juvenile Granges; that part referring to the National Grange to the Committee on Good of the Order: that part relating to roads and highways to the Good Roads Committee; that part dealing with fire insurance to the Committee on Fire Insurance; "In Memoriam" to the Memorial Committee. The report was accepted.

Sister Clara Knight, chairman of the Welfare Committee, read the perort of that Committee. The report was accepted.

Sister Ella C. Braughler read the report of the Committee on Home Economics. The report was accepted.

The roport of the Committee on Finance was read by Brother Gover, the chairman. The report was, on motion, adopted.

Brother Craig, chairman of the Committee on Dormant Granges, read the report of said Committee. The report was accepted.

Sister W. J. Dorris introduced a resolution relating to the pensioning of federal teachers. It was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sister Harrison read the report of Deputy Chas. J. Sutton, which had just arrived in the mail. The report was accepted.

### DEPUTY SUTTON'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange: Greetings:

It is with pleasure I submit to you the Deputy's report for Sonoma County.

Sonoma County has eleven Subordinate and one Pomona Grange.

There has been a gain in membership throughout the County.

#### Visitations

On August 13th, I visited Two Rock Grange; August 23rd, Windsor; September 22nd, Progressive; September 23rd, Forestville; October 8th, Bellevue, and October 14th, Petaluma. I find each Grange is doing good work, good meetings held, well attended, and splendid co-operation and good fellowship exists.

I feel that the Granges throughout the County are filling a community need in their respective sections, and are appreciated for their constructive work.

The work has been a pleasure to me, and I have gained much good by my visits. I thank each Grange for their kindliness, and courtesies shown me.

With best wishes for a successful session, Fraternally.

## CHARLES J. SUTTON, Deputy.

The hour for the special order of business having arrived, a short recess was declared.

Miss Edith N. Stanton, Director of the National Y. W. C. A. Conference and Vacation Camp was admitted. Miss Stanton extended a very cordial invitation for the State Grange to hold its next annual session at Asilomar.

After Miss Stanton had departed, the Grange was again called to order in closed session.

Telegrams of invitation from Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, from the Chamber of Commerce of Monterey, and from the Salinas Chamber of Commerce, to meet at Asilomar, were read.

Sister Harrison read an invitation from the City Manager of Stockton, to hold the 1927 session in Stockton. This was seconded by the Chamber of Commerce of Sacramento.

The Secretary read an invitation from the San Francisco Convention and Tourist League, to meet in San Francisco in 1927.

Brother Libby, Master of Napa-Lake Pomona Grange, regretted that owing to lack of accommodations they were not, at present, in a position to invite the State Grange to Napa, but hoped in the near future to be able to do so.

Brother J. J. King of Petaluma Grange nominated Asilomar as the place for holding the 1927 session.

Brother Joseph Holmes of Sacramento Grange nominated Stockton as the next meeting place. Brother S. H. Stone of Santa Rosa Grange seconded the nomination.

Brother Talbot of Bennett Valley Grange spoke in favor of Stockton. Sister Gonzales of Fort Romie Grange favored Asilomar. Brother W. P. Miller of Bellevue Grange spoke in favor of Stockton.

Brother Lindley, Brother Clifton, and others suggested that the selection of a meeting place for 1927 be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Brother Bone, Master of Santa Clara Pomona Grange, moved that the selection be left to the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Brother Nisson of Two Rock Grange.

A rising vote showed the members almost unanimously in favor of leaving the selection in the hands of the Executive Committee.

As chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, Brother Pettit asked permission to make a partial report for that Committee. Permission granted. The Committee reported adversely on the amendment to the Constitution relating to the election of the Executive Committee.

Brother Pettit moved the adoption of the report of the Committee. Brother Beach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The election of a member of the Executive Committee being a special order for this hour, the Worthy Master appointed Brother Dudgeon of Fort Romie Grange, Brother Miller of Bellevue Grange, Sister Craig of Gazelle Grange, and Brother Stiner of Cedar Grange, tellers.

The Secretary called the roll of Granges, and on the second ballot, Brother W. J. Dorris of Alturas Grange,

Modoc County, was elected for a term of three years. The tellers were discharged with thanks.

Brother S. S. Knight, chairman, made the following report for the Legislative Committee:

On the resolution relating to "racing," Proposition No. 6 on the ballot, the Committee reports favorably. Brother Knight moved the adoption of the report of the Committee. Seconded by Brother Libby, and carried.

On the resolution pertaining to country banks, the Committee reports unfavorably. On motion of Brother Knight, seconded by Brother Gover, the report of the Committee was adopted.

On the resolution from Sacramento Pomona Grange, regarding the raising of tariffs for the protection of American Agriculture, the Committee reports favorably. The report of the Committee was adopted, on motion of Brother Knight, seconded by Brother J. J. King.

On the resolution in regard to the "Legislative Policy" of the Grange, the Committee reports favorably. Adopted on motion duly seconded.

On the resolution relating to daylight saving, the Committee reports favorably. On motion of Brother Knight, seconded by Brother Shelly, the report of the Committee was adopted.

On the resolution relating to the terms of Senators and Members of Congress, the Committee reports favorably. Report of the Committee adopted on motion of Brother Knight, seconded by Brother J. Ford.

On the resolution from Rutherford Grange, relating to National reapportionment, the Committee reports unfavorably. Report of the Committee adopted on motion of Brother Knight, seconded by Sister Hack.

On the resolution pertaining to the open season for doves in District No. 1, the Committee reports favorably. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

On the resolution from Sonoma Pomona Grange, relating to the ineligible alien law, the Committee reports unfavorably, on the ground that the resolution is superfluous and unnecessary. Brother Knight moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, seconded by Brother C. G. Marshall. Discussion. Sister Hack moved that the resolution be referred back, with the request that a substitute resolution

that would meet the demand brought out by the discussion,

be presented. Carried.

On the resolution from Sacramento Grange, endorsing the McNary-Haugen plan, the Committee reports adversely. On motion of Brother Knight, seconded by Sister Bailhache, the report was adopted.

#### AFTERNOON

Grange was called to order at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The report of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee, read by Brother George Sehlmeyer, the chairman, was adopted, on motion of Brother Wardlaw, seconded by Brother Wesley Beach.

The Agricultural Committee, Brother Dwight W. Addy chairman, reported favorably on the resolution relating to tariff on live stock products. Brother Addy moved the adoption of the report. Seconded by Brother Watt, and carried.

Brother W. P. Miller, chairman of the Good Roads Committee, submitted the report of that Committee. The report was accepted.

Brother H. G. Keesling, chairman, read the report of the Committee on Home Beautification. The report was accepted.

Brother F. L. Hunt, chairman of the Committee on Taxation, reported for that Committee, as follows:

On the resolution from Tulare Grange, relating to expense incurred by Supervisors, the Committee recommends that no action be taken. Brother Hunt moved the adoption of the report of the Committee; seconded, and carried.

On the resolution from Sonoma Valley Grange, regarding the consolidation of political divisions, the Committee reports adversely. On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted.

On the resolution against exempting forest trees from taxation, the Committee recommends the adoption of the resolution, with scratched section stricken out. Brother Hunt moved the adoption of the resolution as recommended by the Committee; seconded, and carried.

The Committee recommends that that part of the Master's address relating to taxation be approved. It was so ordered, on motion duly supported.

Brother Hunt moved that the report as a whole be adopted; seconded by Brother Wesley Beach, and carried.

Brother Beach moved that the report of the Good Roads Committee be reconsidered. Carried. Brother Knight then explained the gasoline tax proposition, No. 4 on the ballot.

A motion was made by Brother Beach, and seconded, that the paragraph in the report commencing, "We are, however, in favor of the gasoline tax, etc.," be stricken out. After considerable discussion, pro and con, the motion was lost.

Brother Joseph Holmes stated that the Master of Sacramento Pomona Grange, and his wife, had gone home, and wished to know if he and his wife, as alternates, were privileged to vote in their stead. Worthy Master Harrison ruled that delegates seated at the beginning of the session were the accredited delegates throughout the session, therefore Brother and Sister Holmes could not vote.

Brother Libby moved that the report of the Committee on Good Roads be adopted. Seconded and carried.

The report of the Committee on Resolution was submitted by Brother Roy Church, the chairman, as follows:

On the resolution from Sonoma Valley Grange, requesting each candidate to U. S. Congress from California, etc., the Committee reports unfavorably. Brother Church moved the adoption of the Committee's report. Seconded by Brother S. H. Stone, and carried.

On the resolution from Tulare Pomona Grange, limiting the number of deer to one per hunter each season, etc., the Committee recommends that it be not adopted, but that it be forwarded to California Development Board for their consideration. On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted.

On the resolution pertaining to the wiping of apples and pears, and on the substitute resolution on the same subject, the Committee reports adversely. The report of the Committee was adopted.

The set of six suggestions emanating from Brother Bates of Dinuba Grange, not appearing as resolutions, were given due consideration.

Brother Roy Church, as chairman, read the report of the Committee on Conservation, which was adopted. Sister Alice Harrison read her report as Superintendent of Juvenile Granges. The report was accepted.

# REPORT OF JUVENILE GRANGE WORK

October 1st, 1925, there were six Juvenile Granges in this State, with a membership of one hundred and forty. During the year, four Juvenile Granges were organized; two in Modoc County—Eagle with twenty-six charter members, and Alturas with fifty-five; Little Shasta in Siskiyou County, with seventeen charter members, and Anderson in Shasta County, with thirty-one members; making a total of one hundred and twenty-nine charter members.

Gained during the year, fifty; lost nine by removal from the district, and otherwise. Four have joined their Subordinate Grange, but still retain their membership with their Juvenile Grange, making a total membership, Oct. 1,

1926, of three hundred and ten.

One difficulty with Juvenile Grange work is to secure people adapted to and willing to work with, and interest the children. More Juvenile Granges might be organized if those suited for that work would take the responsibility.

Fraternally submitted,

ALICE S. HARRISON, Superintendent Juvenile Granges.

Brother Pettit made a further report for the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. On the resolution from Modoc Pomona Grange, proposing to amend Article IV, Section 1, of the By-laws of California State Grange, the Committee reports unfavorably. Brother Pettit stated that there had not been enough time to give the question due consideration, and, moreover, the Constitution of Subordinate Granges provided that the expenses of delegates to the State Grange be paid by the Subordinate Grange. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

Brother Jacob read the report of the Committee on Fire Insurance. The report was adopted, on motion of Brother

Jacob.

The report of the Committee on Good of the Order was read by Brother Dudgeon, the chairman, and adopted.

Worthy Master Harrison asked for instruction regarding visiting and inspecting the Granges of the State.

Brother Libby and others spoke heartily in favor of the Master visiting each Subordinate and Pomona Grange.

On motion of Sister Van Loan, seconded by Brother Crowl, it was decided that the State Master should visit, inspect, and score the Granges of the State, when possible.

Brother Lindley, chairman of the Committee on Education, reported for that Committee as follows:

The Committee endorses that part of the State Master's address relating to law enforcement. Report of the Committee, on motion, adopted.

On the resolution from Sonoma Valley Grange, relating to Free County Library service, the Committee recommends its adoption. Discussed pro and con. Amended by striking out the word "endorse" after "California State Grange," and inserting instead the word "recommend," and by inserting the words "where such exist" after the words "Free Library Service." The resolution was adopted, as amended.

The resolution relating to federal teachers, the Committee endorses. Brother Lindley moved the adoption of the report of the Committee. After some discussion, the resolution was, on motion, laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on Education was adopted, as amended.

The Resolution Committee made a final report by submitting resolutions of "thanks," which were adopted by a rising vote, and will appear under "Reports of Committees,"

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole.

Brother Knight presented the substitute resolution, relating to the ineligible alien law, that had been requested, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

On motion of Brother Knight, seconded by Brother Clifton, the report of the Legislative Committee was adopted as a whole.

On motion of Brother Clifton, seconded by Brother Ford, Brother Frank L. Hunt was given a vote of thanks for his painstaking work in preparing the biographies of J. M. Hamilton, W. H. Baxter, and W. S. Manlove, as they are printed in the 1925 Journal of Proceedings.

Brother Church stated that Brother Dudgeon's resolution relating to the method banks use in caculating interest, had not been placed in the hands of the Committee on Resolutions in time to be acted on by the Committee.

Brother Libby moved that the resolution in question be acted upon by the Grange, without reference; seconded by Sister Shepard, and carried. Brother Church read the resolution. Resolution discussed, and, on motion of Brother Addy, seconded by Sister Shepard, was laid on the table.

The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted as

a whole.

On motion of Brother Libby, the approval of the minutes of the last day's session was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Worthy Master Harrison expressed his thanks to all who had helped to make this session of the State Grange a success.

Brother Taylor, secretary of the Agricultural Legislative Committee, commended the state-wide farm organizations for their splendid team work, and congratulated the Grange in particular, largely through the Worthy Master's efforts, in having attained an extremely enviable position.

Brother Geo. A. Palmiter, Master of Oregon State Grange, said that it was very gratifying to him to have been able to attend this session. He was pleased with the work accomplished, and the harmony shown. He appreciated the courtesies extended, and the efforts made to make him feel at home. He stressed the importance of conferring the degrees in full. He advocated a more thorough system of advertising the Grange and its accomplishments, and invited all California Grange Members to visit the Oregon State Grange in Portland, next June.

On motion of Brother Craig, Brother Palmiter was given a rising vote of thanks for his invitation.

On motion of Sister Shepard, Sister Harrison was given a rising vote of thanks for her Juvenile Grange work.

At the suggestion of Sister Linde Hartley, Worthy Flora, all joined hands around the Altar and sang "The Parting Hymn."

The fifty-fourth annual session of the State Grange of California was closed in regular form in the Fourth Degree.

## REPORTS OF POMONA GRANGES

#### MENDOCINO POMONA

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Mendocino County Pomona Grange No. 10 sends Greetings.

Mendocino Pomona Grange No. 10 was organized in
Redwood Valley Grange Hall, on Friday night, October 8th,
with 56 charter members. All the Granges of Mendocino
County were represented by their Masters being present, as
follows: Master Clyde Eddie, and wife, of Potter Valley
Grange No. 115; Master Franz Groth, and wife, of Ukiah
Grange No. 419; Master John Finne, and wife, of Redwood
Valley Grange No. 382.

It was through the untiring efforts of State Master, Brother Harrison, and Sister Harrison, that the organization of this Grange was made possible. Brother Harrison, ably assisted by Sister Harrison, installed our officers, and gave us many helpful suggestions and sound advice.

Our next meeting will be held in Potter Valley, November 17, 1926, to which we extend a hearty invitation to all members of Pomona Granges to be present.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. FORD, Master.

#### MODOC POMONA

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Since submitting my last report, it gives me great pleasure to report to you at this time of the fraternalism existing among the Granges of Modoc County.

During the last year we have held meetings with all of the Subordinate Granges in the County, either jointly or separately, and have had a wonderful gain in membership, having conferred the Fifth Degree on approximately three hundred members.

Matters of a local nature, as well as County, State and National Regislative matters, are usually discussed at each meeting.

Am glad to state that Grange influence is very much recognized in this County.

We have a Pomona Drill Team of which we are all proud, and I feel that I must make mention, in my report to you, of our appreciation for the untiring efforts of Sister

Josephine Moffitt, and for her ability and the support she

has given us as drill master.

We always enjoy the Pomona Lecture Hour. Our Worthy Lecturer, Sister Maude McGarva, always has very interesting and instructive programs.

Our Legislative Committee meets at the County court

house each month.

Our Legislative Committee has been provided with sufficient funds to have printed in leaflet form, instructions on how to vote on matters relative to agricultural interests, now pending for decision at the coming election. A copy of these instructions is to be mailed to each household in the county.

Our Pomona is in very good circumstances, financially.

The farmers held two fairs, one in the eastern and one in the western part of the county. The Granges took an active interest.

Death entered our ranks and claimed four of our members.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. ROBERTS, Master.

### NAPA-LAKE POMONA

Worthy Master and Patrons:

As Master of Napa-Lake Pomona Grange, it is my great pleasure to bring to you friendly and fraternal greetings from the Patrons of Napa and Lake Counties. I believe that the Patrons of this district have a true appreciation of the value and the mission of the Pomona Grange.

Our meetings are well attended, and are most enjoyable and entertaining. The helpful, fraternal spirit of the Grange is always manifest, and, receptive of its influence, the members go forth with renewed inspiration to carry on, and with a greater confidence and courage to again take up the burden of every-day life. Our members are helpful.

Our officers are alert and helpful in the performance of their duties. Our committees are active, and bring before the Grange much material for consideration. Our Worthy Lecturer is always on the job and ready with an interesting program.

Questions pertaining to the farm and the farmers' problems, and questions of community interest are given due consideration in our meetings; but, as man does not live by bread alone, the social element is also given a reasonable degree of prominence. And as we are fortunately blessed with an abundance of musical talent, the charm of music, both vocal and instrumental, adds a joy and delight to our meetings.

As there are but four Subordinate Granges within our jurisdiction, we hold but four regular meetings a year. At our April meeting we were favored with a visit from our Worthy State Lecturer and Brother Clendening, also our Wothy State Secretary, Martha Gamble, and others from Sonoma County. At our July meeting we received a visit from our Worthy State Master and Sister Harrison, who installed our officers, in their efficient manner. Brother Wesley Beach, Master of Sonoma Pomona, was also present at this meeting, together with others from Sonoma County. Our visitors are always welcome.

Of no small influence in giving prestige and publicity to our Grange, is the Napa Grange Bulletin. We are proud of the Bulletin, and are glad to note the increase in size. We hope soon to see it published semi-monthly, and from that is only another step to the enlarged Sunday edition.

In closing this report, it is only fitting that we express our appreciation of the preparations made for our entertainment and comfort in this beautiful city. And as our hearts are made glad by the cordial welcome, we believe that in the valley of Heart's Delight we shall have a session of heart's delight that will long be remembered.

And as far as we are observant of the precepts of our noble Order and mindful of its teaching, just so far will our deliberations redound to our credit, and help in some degree to promote the welfare of our order, our country, and mankind.

Submitted in fraternal good fellowship,

GRANVILLE LIBBY, Master.

### SACRAMENTO POMONA

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

The past year has been one of prosperity for Sacramento County Pomona Grange.

Early in the year, Pomona met with American River Grange, at which time Pomona presented American River Grange with a traveling gavel, and a book to record its travels, and entertainments in connection with the presentation of the gavel to each Grange. The visits of the Granges to each other when presenting the gavel have been productive of much interest and sociability.

In May our annual picnic was held, and it was, as usual, a success socially and financially.

In June, a joint meeting of all the Subordinate Granges of the County was held, under the auspices of Pomona Grange, to welcome our State Master and wife. The State Lecturer, and State Treasurer, and State Flora were also our guests.

Pomona Grange each year provides a Christmas Tree and entertainment, to which all the Granges of Sacramento County are invited.

Our Drill Team conferred the Fifth Degree on a class of candidates on October 2nd.

Our meetings are well attended, and much interest is taken in all matters of interest to the farmer.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. HOLMES, Master.

### SANTA CLARA POMONA

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

Santa Clara County Pomona Grange cordially welcomes you to San Jose and Santa Clara County.

We are doing our best in every way for your convenience, comfort and pleasure, and hope that you will enjoy your visit to our Valley of Heart's Delight.

We are again pleased to report a year of prosperity and progress. In addition to our regular bi-monthly meetings, we have held two special meetings for the purpose of conferring the Degree of Pomona.

Our membership at the close of the Grange year was 426. Since that time and to date we have added some 50 members, thus making a substantial increase during the year.

Our meetings have been so well attended that it taxes the ability of any one Subordinate Grange to entertain Pomona; consequently, other arrangements will have to be made in the near future. Many important problems affecting the farmers' interests have been discussed, and action taken thereon.

Our Lecturer's programs, without exception, have been most excellent. Good speakers and fine entertainment have been provided and enjoyed—credit for which is due to the indefatigable work of our Worthy Lecturer, Mrs. F. C. Nickerson, of East Palo Alto Grange.

Co-operation is our watchword, and it gives me pleasure to report that harmony and good will exists throughout our entire membership.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH H. BONE, Master.

### SISKIYOU POMONA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange, the Patrons of Siskiyou Pomona Grange send Greetings:

It is always a pleasure to do pleasant things; therefore, I am pleased to send this report of Siskiyou Pomona Grange, and it would be an added pleasure if I could present it myself, as well as fulfilling my duty, but unavoidable circumstances prevent.

We have had a very good Grange year, considering the many severe forest fires that seemd to delight in raging on Pomona dates, thus making it impossible for many to attend. Then the great distance between some of the Granges, Dorris and Happy Camp for instance, more than 150 miles, makes for small gatherings at these two centers.

We have held five regular and one special meeting since the joint installation of Pomona and Subordinate Grange officers at Little Shasta last January, and it was with much interest that I presided at each, except the one held at Beswick, October 9th. That I should have missed this one is deeply regretted, but the heavy fall storms made it necessary for me to attend to the stock on the high range at this date. It is also making it impossible to get ready to attend State Grange.

We will hold the last meeting of the year, on the second Saturday in December, at Little Shasta, at which time there will, no doubt, be a large attendance, eager to hear all about State Grange.

Our membership is well over the 500 mark, and, while we no longer have much material to draw from, still a small number has been added at every regular meeting. The Patrons are all willing to assist in any way possible to make Grange life useful to themselves and the community in general, and I feel our Order is a strong factor in its influence for law and order. Many important subjects of general, County and State interest have been brought before the body for consideration, and resolutions from other Granges have been given careful consideration.

I should like to be present at this State Grange session to give my endorsement to Modoc Pomona Grange's resolution regarding the election of the State Grange Executive Committee, as I believe this to be a most worthy improve-

ment in Grange procedure.

Our Worthy Lecturer, Sister Caldwell, is a thoroughly efficient officer, and has splendid programs always, which makes a good meeting possible. Our Worthy Secretary, Sister Muller, is also to be commended for her faithful attendance regardless of distance, bad roads, or inclement weather. In fact, all of the officers are sincere, earnest Grangers, though some of them have not been at all meetings.

We have one sorrow to record, and that is that death claimed three of our Brothers during the year: Brother Clemmens, Master of Dorris Grange, Brother Corey of Upper Valley Grange, and Brother Fowler of Hornbrook Grange, who was Treasurer of Pomona, and a great booster for the Grange.

Co-operative buying is ably handled by Brother Burns, and the wonder is that more Patrons do not avail themselves of this service. It is also strange that it seems so hard to get members to accept the task of getting Grange news into the papers. Writing material has been supplied each Subordinate Grange by Pomona Grange, and free space secured from the press, but still the results are disappointing. Perhaps the winter months will see an improvement, as the rushing summer is past.

At the Dorris meeting in June we were favored by a visit from the Worthy State Lecturer and her esteemed husband. Brother and Sister Murphy were also present, adding much to the pleasure of the meeting.

There is much one could record of our work, but suffice

it to say, we are a live Grange County, and with sincere best wishes for a pleasant and profitable State Grange session, from Siskiyou, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,

ALICE E. WILLIAMS, Master. LINNIE MUELLER, Alternate.

### SONOMA POMONA

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

It is with pleasure that I have the honor of reporting another very successful year for our Sonoma Pomona Grange. We have held our four quarterly meetings, and have met by invitation with eight of the Subordinate Granges during the year; this giving us twelve meetings for this year. This is the first time, to my knowledge, this has ever been done in this county. These meetings have been well attended, and with but few exceptions every Grange has answered the roll call.

The interest manifested in the work has been very satisfactory in every respect, and it keeps us busy to get through our work on time.

During the year we have increased our membership, and our financial condition is very good. Last November I started a traveling gavel on its trip throughout the county, and at present it has visited every Grange, remaining in their possession thirty days, and finally returning to its starting point. I have attended all of these meetings, which have been very successful in every way, and recommend this way of increasing friendship as well as sociability among the various county Granges.

On May 22, we held our annual picnic jointly with Bennett Valley Grange, at their hall, this being in the honor of their 53rd consecutive annual picnic, the only Grange in the United States to hold this honor. Needless to say that every one enjoyed himself. On July 28, we held an all day and evening session, at which time the Fifth Degree was conferred in full by a team composed of members of Petaluma and Two Rock Granges, who did the work in a very creditable manner, which was followed by our Feast of Pomona.

During the year we have heard many prominent speakers, among whom were A. C. Hardison, Past President of the California Farm Bureau; J. J. Duell, Manager Public Utility Department, Farm Bureau; Prof. Chrocheron, of the University of California Faculty; Leo Whitsell, farmer member of the State Railroad Commission; Clarence F. Lea, Congressman; Herbert Slater, State Senator, and many others.

A word of praise is due our Lecturer, for the capable way in which she has done her work, and of her willingness to help wherever possible in our work throughout the county. A word of praise should also be given the Lecturers of the Subordinate Granges for the programs furnished by them for our entertainment.

The past year has been a very hard year for our farmers, in regard to compensation received for their labors, and especially the Gravenstein apple growers in our county; therefore we are asking your help by resolutions presented at this meeting, to use your influence, and help our committee by working in conjunction with our State Department of Agriculture, to see if some relief can be given them in regard to Federal inspection.

I sincerely hope that each and every delegate will enjoy this session, returning to their homes inspired to do everything within their power to advance the interests of the Order.

Fraternally submitted.

WESLEY BEACH, Master.

### TULARE POMONA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

On behalf of Tulare County Pomona Grange, I beg leave to submit the following report.

During the year we have held all regular meetings, meeting with each of the three Granges in turn. And while our membership is limited, the interest is good; and though these Granges are widely separated, they are striving to be on time at 10 a.m., spending the day in lively discussion of worth-while topics.

At noon a picnic lunch is greatly enjoyed, after the long drive necessary to bring our members together. At a

specified time during the afternoon, our Worthy Lecturer, Sister Lottie Taggard, always provides a very interesting program.

At the May meeting we were favored by a visit from State Master, Brother Harrison and wife, and our State Lecturer, Sister Clendening, and Brother Clendening, State Deputy Organizer. We received much encouragement and inspiration from their talks, but existing financial conditions keep the farmer and his family on the job every minute, much to the detriment of Grange work. However, the raisin and fruit associations seem to be getting the situation well in hand again, and we are more hopeful for the future.

Our crops of grapes, table and raisin, peaches oranges, Our crops of grapes, table and raisin, peaches, oranges, very satisfactory, but as a rule prices are too low for the farmer to keep up with the ever-increasing expenses and taxes.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. CLIFTON, Master.

## REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES

## ADIN

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange, San Jose, Calif., Greetings:

As Master of Adin Grange No. 414, I respectfully submit the following report for 1926. At the beginning of the year we had 63 members; at our last meeting, September 16th, we had 92, a gain of 29. Considering the fact that we are a pretty well organized community, with twelve other orders, clubs, etc., we, as a Grange, are doing very well for our age. Nine of our members have taken advantage of the Grange insurance during the year.

Our Grange with Lookout Grange joined with the Farm Bureaus of Big Valley, and put the Big Valley Fair over in a big way, on September 2nd and 3rd. We had a booth and a float, and cleared \$25 for the treasury.

We have held all regular meetings, with the exception of two, Sept. 2nd and Oct. 7th. Sept. 2nd was the opening night of the Fair, and on Oct. 7th, at the request of the Adin Farm Bureau, we postponed our meeting, to join with them in a meeting to hear a delegation of Lassen County speakers on the Amendments on the ballot.

We are working on a proposition for the purchase of a hall.

On Sept. 11th, we visited the McArthur, Hat Creek, and Fall River joint meeting, at which time the officers of Lookout Grange put on the Degree work, which was done in a very creditable manner. We also visited the McArthur Fair during Grange Day.

We feel that we have not accomplished very much as yet. We have decided not to drop any of our members, if it is possible to sell them the Grange purposes and principles.

Fraternally yours,

R. B. VAN ALLEN, Master.

#### ALTURAS

Alturas Grange No. 406 sends Greetings and best wishes to the Officers and other Patrons of Husbandry attending the California State Grange at San Jose.

We beg leave to submit the following report for the year 1926:

We have at present a membership of 154, having taken in about 30 new members this year. Our meetings, as a rule, are well attended, except during the summer months when everybody is busy with the haying and harvest season. This year, after harvest, interest still lagged, and the attendance was small. Realizing that inspiration and activities are gained through good food, as well as good programs, it was broadcast that a chicken dinner would be served by the men of the Grange. Needless to say, members from far and near turned out, and a general good time was enjoyed by about 60 Patrons.

In June of this year we were honored by an enjoyable visit from our State Officers—Brother and Sister Harrison, Brother and Sister Clendening, and Sister Hartley. During their visit, our Grange entertained the Modoc Pomona, at which the Alturas Ladies Drill Team exemplified the Fifth Degree in a very creditable manner. We feel very proud of this Degree Team, and they are sometimes invited to put on the work in other towns. By the end of the year we will have entertained the Pomona Grange three times in

Alturas during this year. As Alturas is in the center of the County, it is much nearer and more convenient for all the other Granges to attend the Pomona, when the Alturas Subordinate acts as hostess.

In the spring, Canby Grange visited us in a body, about twenty members driving 18 miles to make the trip.

Last Christmas, two poor families were made happy by Christmas cheer, being dispensed by a committee from our ranks.

The Boys and Girls Club work was started by a booster from the Alturas Grange. This work was well organized all over the County by this young man, and as a result of co-operation of all the Modoc Granges, Modoc County was able to send 26 children to Davis last week to attend the children's convention.

Our educational committee is now working to have agriculture taught in our Modoc High School. As a result of this effort, Mr. Werner of Sacramento, who is Commissioner of Secondary Education in California, will make a visit into our County next month, in order to make an educational survey of the situation. So, in the near future, we hope to be able to give our children the advantage of an agriculture course without having to leave home to get it.

The Alturas Grange has always felt grateful to Brother Craig for coming to Modoc and organizing us into such a wonderful Order as the Grange. We feel that it is filling a long-felt need in our isolated district.

Respectfully and fraternally,

W. J. DORRIS, Master.

## AMERICAN RIVER

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

I regret to report that American River Grange No. 172 has not shown as much progress during the last year as we would wish. Some of our most faithful workers have moved from our neighborhood, and it is hard to get interest revived.

We have had several good meetings, and we feel we have accomplished much; but on other occasions it is hard to get a quorum, and this, of course, is discouraging to our officers.

We enjoyed very much a visit from our Worthy State Master and Mrs. Harrison.

Sacramento County Pomona Grange met with us early in the spring, and we had an enjoyable and profitable meeting, at which time they delivered to us the "Traveling Gavel," which we in turn delivered, with proper ceremonies, to Antelope Grange. Both American River and Antelope Granges seemed well pleased with the meeting.

Our Ladies Drill Team has just conferred the First and Second degrees on a class of 40 at Orangevale; several of our members attended, and the meeting was greatly enjoyed. I regret the practice of visiting neighboring Granges is not more universally practiced.

As before reported, we have one of the oldest halls in the State, and we have a satisfactory balance in our treasury.

Fraternally submitted,

L. F. BIGGS AND WIFE, Alternates.

### ANDERSON

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange: Greetings:

Anderson Grange No. 418 was organized January 23, 1926, by Brother H. A. Craig. We commenced our work with only eighteen members, but before the report of our organization was turned into the State Secretary's office, we had grown to a charter membership of seventy-five.

On February 26th, 1926, the National Grange granted us our Charter. On the same date our Juvenile Grange received its Charter.

A Degree Team from Hornbrook Grange, Siskiyou County, conferred and exemplified the Degrees to us, jointly with the Mt. Lassen Grange, in a very impressive manner.

We have been honored by two visits from our State Master and his wife, and one each from our State Lecturer, State Flora, and Brother E. K. Clendening.

Our Grange has taken an active interest in community affairs. At our Shasta County Fair we had our own booth, which was awarded second premium for attractiveness of arrangement and display.

We have lost two, by request. We have gained fourteen;

ten by initiation, and four by reinstatement. Five more are awaiting initiation. Our present membership is eighty-nine. Fraternally submitted,

DR. E. E. MARTIN, Master Anderson Grange No. 418.

### ANTELOPE

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

Antelope Grange No. 161 has not increased its membership nor lost any during the last year. As our Master, Chas. Lauppe, told you last year, we took in 55 new members, which was about all the available material.

Our activities have been mostly social this year. American River Grange visited our Grange, put on a program, and presented our Lecturer with the traveling gavel, after which we visited Elk Grove, put on a program, and left the gavel with them. Elk Grove Grange took the gavel to Orangevale, where American River and Antelope were invited.

Of course, we had a very enjoyable time on each occasion, and became more acquainted with our fellow members, which is all for the good of the Order.

During the very busy season of grain harvest, we took a vacation, but have resumed our meetings, which we feel are going to be well attended.

Antelope Grange owns a ten-acre tract of Eucalyptus Grove, with their hall on it, of which we are very proud. This last year we have added a well and pump to our improvements.

We are in a very good financial condition, having everything paid for, and money in the bank.

Fraternally submitted,

R. D. GOULD, Master.

## AROMAS

Aromas Grange No. 361 sends greetings to all attending this State Grange. There are 147 of us, ten of whom took the Seventh Degree at Sacramento, 1925. Our monthly attendance is noticeably better this year. We have some officers and members with enviable records of attendance, extending over a period of years. Our dues are quite well paid. This year we have handled lodge funds to the amount of \$3238.23 taken in, and \$3287.24 total amount paid out. Under Grange auspices there are usually given two monthly dances, for the purpose of swelling our treasury. We have two fine regular renters of our hall.

Last November we had a Home Coming Night for all past and present Aromas Grangers. Letters were received

from those unable to attend.

We gladly donate our hall for the Ladies' Home Department meetings, school entertainments, and the Agriculture Club stunt show, and for any progressive reason.

The nucleus of Aromas Grange is one of the happiest, finest, and most faithful groups to be found anywhere.

We invite you to meet at Asilomar, Monterey County, in 1927.

C. A. AND ALTA BUCKINGHAM, Alternates.

### BELLEVUE

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of State Grange:

I bring you greetings from Bellevue Grange No. 374.

It is my pleasure to say that during the past year Bellevue Grange has jealously guarded her reputation for accomplishments, and endeavored not only to live up to that reputation, but to strengthen it as well, as the following record of activities will indicate.

Our membership has not increased in numbers, though we have taken in quite a few new members; but these were offset by those who were lost to Bellevue through demit,

failure to pay dues, and death.

Our outstanding accomplishment appears to be the resolution we passed, endorsed by the P. T. A. and Farm Center, to secure transportation for the children of our high school district living in the rural communities. We succeeded in getting recognition from the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education to the extent that mleage has been granted for the school year 1926-1927. We also secured a rebate of at least 50 per cent for mileage for year 1925-1926, which, though allowed by law, had never been paid. Furthermore, in co-operation with the Farm Center, we petitioned the Supervisors to take over one of our roads. In

this we succeeded. Drainage problems are still being undertaken co-operatively with other organizations, with progress to report.

We are fortunate in having a Worthy Lecturer who has been untiring in her efforts to give us educational, inspirational and entertaining features during the lecture hour. She put on an indoor circus early in the year, from which we not only netted \$70 but had lots of fun.

The traveling gavel was an innovation in Sonoma County this year. It was entrusted to us in April by Progressive Grange, and carried by us in May to Petaluma Grange, each time accompanied by an excellent program. It certainly carried with it the spirit of fraternalism.

We enjoyed the privilege of entertaining Pomona this year, in June. As there are so many Subordinate Granges in Sonoma County now, we do not have this opportunity each year, as in the past.

Financially, we are sound. Our reserve fund continues to grow, and while this fund was set aside primarily to use for improvements and repairs on our building, and emergency needs, we have yet to draw on it. When we put in window shades, curtains, and electric light fixtures, a few months ago, we raised the necessary money by entertainments and dances, leaving our reserve fund intact.

We stood inspection by Worthy Brother C. J. Sutton, though many important officers were absent.

Death thinned out our ranks by three this year, and caused great sorrow through the passing away of Brother Timothy Breanan, Brother Lester Bathurst, and Sister Winifred F. Gordon.

Our meetings are well attended; members willing to serve when called on, and harmony prevails.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN FORD, Master of Bellevue Grange.

### BENNETT VALLEY

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange,

Greetings:

I regret very much that I will not be able to be present and present this report in person, but it is impossible for me to get away at this time. We have met regularly twice a month; the attendance, however, is not as good as it might be, but those that attend show a good interest in Grange work. During the year, we have lost four members by non-payment of dues, our present membership being 100.

We have held quite a few social events, including entertainments, dances during the winter months, and held our annual picnic celebrating the fifty-third anniversary of the dedication of our hall. Pomona Grange joined with us on this occasion.

We have made several improvements on our hall, our Brothers and Sisters donating their work.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Pomona Grange in September.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN D. MILLS,
Master Bennett Valley Grange.

#### BESWICK

To the Officers and Members of the State Grange:

In making the annual report of Beswick Grange No. 396, I beg to submit the following: We are still on the map. While we have not increased in membership during the year, we have held our own. The meetings have been well attended.

Brother and Sister Craig paid us a visit on August 21st. Their visit and instructions were very helpful to us in our work.

Pomona Grange met with us on October 9th.

Respectfully submitted, with best wishes for the future succes and advancement of the Grange in California.

MAJOR SPENCER, Master. E. A. GRIFFITH, Alternate.

#### BOGUS

Worthy Master, Officers and Patrons:

It is a pleasure to report that Bogus Grange No. 397 is making a little progress all the time.

While our Grange is small, we feel the importance of

keeping it going, as we are always of assistance when the other Granges act in a body, and this is highly important in community affairs.

Respectfully,

ARTHUR JONES, Master.

#### CEDAR

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Cedar Grange No. 402, I am pleased to make the following report:

Our financial condition is very good.

We have no hall of our own, but hold our meetings in the Community Hall, which is attached to the church.

We appointed a committee the first of the year, on Power and Transportation—both of which this community is sadly in need of. Also a committee to work with a like committee of Eagle Grange, to perfect ways and means to bull a telephone line from Cedarville to Eagleville. These committees are still at work. We assisted Modoc County Club leader in organizing a Boys and Girls Agricultural Club in Surprise Valley. This club has done very good work. They had a nice exhibit of live stock at the County Fair held at Eagleville this Fall.

On June the 8th we had the pleasure of a visit from Worthy Master, George R. Harrison, and wife, State Superintendent of Juvenile Granges; Miss Hartley, State Flora, and District Deputy Leon T. Smith. Their visit was enjoyed and greatly appreciated by us all.

We have a Fair committee that is working with a like-committee from Eagle Grange. They formulated plans for a County Agricultural and Livestock Fair, which was held at Eagleville on the 1st and 2nd of October. The fair was a great success. Great praise is due these committees for their excellent work. Our Grange put on a float at this Fair and was awarded First Prize.

We have had good programs during our Lecture hours. Much praise is due to the faithful work of our Worthy Lecturer.

We paid for the cutting of the wood for the Parsonage, which we intend to haul later.

The National Grange Monthly is sent to every family belonging to our Grange, at the expense of the Grange.

On October 8th we had a visit from District Deputy Inspector Leon T. Smith, who gave us the once our work, and method of conducting it. We are glad to have Brother Smith visit us.

We are ready and willing to co-operate with any organization, on any project for the betterment of our community.

The Master sincerely regrets that he is unable to be with you at this session.

Fraternally submitted,

ALLEN P. NORTON, Master.

#### COYOTE

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Coyote Grange No. 412 sends Greetings:

In my report to the State Grange last year, I stated that Coyote Grange was organized on May 13th, with fifty-six charter members. Our present membership is fifty-six. This showing would indicate that we have just held our own. As a matter of fact, our membership has increased 30 per cent. Nine of the charter members were not obligated; we have lost one by death, and four by demit.

State Deputy Clendening and his wife, Worthy State Lecturer, have visited us often, and encouraged and assisted us.

We wish to thank the Gilroy Grange's efficient Drill Team for conferring the Third and Fourth Degrees for us.

Our attendance has been very good, averaging 25 per cent. Owing to our geographical location, Coyote Grange cannot hope for a large membership—but what we lack in numbers is made up in quality.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOHN ALDEN SHEPARD.

#### DANVILLE

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Danville Grange sends Greetings:

Our Grange is still holding its own, but I am afraid I cannot report much progress. October 1, 1925, showed an

enrollment of 196 members; we lost five by demit, eight dropped out; we have just given seven members their First and Second, and have five more members in view, so that makes us about even up.

I was just thinking that I would be about the only Master who could go through the year of office without putting on the degrees, when, lo and behold, out of a clear sky we have seven to feed the goat, and five more in the offing. I am inclined to believe that Past State Master Hunt must be gifted with mental telepathy, because news that he was going to inspect us caused the members to suddenly get busy and dig out some candidates.

State Master Harrison and his good wife paid us a visit in the early part of the year, which was very much enjoyed and appreciated. He offered to examine us at that time, but, being without candidates and knowing nothing of our degree work, we begged for time, and he sent Past State Master Hunt in his place, and we certainly did enjoy his visit, both as a true brother and inspector.

You know, it is pretty hard to build a house without timber, and it is just as hard to create enthusiasm in degree work without candidates. We have held our meetings regularly twice a month. The attendance, during the first six months, was not so good, but the past few months has shown a marked improvement.

In September we inaugurated a new stunt, by putting on a Past Masters' night, to which we invited all Past Masters of our Grange, whether still members or not, and gave them a feed.

Our Lecturer deserves great credit, as do all of our officers, not only for their regular attendance, but for the zeal they have shown in trying to hold the Grange interest; and, while on the subject of credit, I must say all the credit for any success I have had as Master is due to the able and indefatigable help given me by my better half.

Assuring you that I look forward to this meeting of you all with a great deal of profit and pleasure, I am,

Fraternally yours,

W. J. HOOPER, Master.

#### DAVIS CREEK

Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange: Davis Creek Grange No. 404 sends Greetings, with best wishes for a harmonious and useful session at San Jose.

We are glad to report our Grange in a healthy and happy condition. During the year we have received into full membership, nine members; and have four more who have taken the first two degrees.

On March 13th we entertained the Modoc Pomona Grange, at which time we had a day and night session. At the night session, the Alturas Degree Team put on the floor work for the Fifth Degree, and fifteen members of our Subordinate were initiated.

On June 11th we had our annual visit from State Master Harrison and wife. They were accompanied on this trip by State Lecturer Ida M. Clendening and husband, and State Flora Linde Hartey. Also, Brother Smith, Inspector for Modoc County Granges, and wife, were in attendance, at which time we had a very enjoyable session.

In closing, may we state that our one great aim is to exemplify Grange principles, to forward agricultural interests by our work and vote, and at all times work for the greatest good to the greatest number.

Fraternally submitted,

C. C. CLARK, Master. HARRY CROWL, Alternate.

### DINUBA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Dinuba Grange No. 342 sends Greetings.

I beg to report that our Grange is in a healthy and happy condition.

We meet regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, with an average attendance of over fifty for the past year.

We have lost many by suspension and demit, and four by death—Brothers Ed LaRue, McPherson, Shimer, and Newman—and their loss has been felt by the whole community.

Our financial condition is sound and good.

Every family of this Grange is supplied with a copy of "The National Grange Monthly."

Our Lecturer, Sister Shimer, has instituted a quarterly

roll call, under two captains. Losers to entertain the Grange. This has developed unusual interest.

Sister Shimer has always provided us with entertaining

and interesting programs.

We respectfully request the aid from the State and National Grange to organize other Granges in our part of San Joaquin Valley, and believe there is fertile ground for such work at the present time.

We have a membership of 98, with six awaiting initiation.

Respectfully,

E. B. EARHART, Master.

#### DORRIS

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

Dorris Grange No. 393 sends Greetings, and the following report:

We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month, and have held every regular meeting this year. Our attendance has been fair. We had at the close of the September quarter, seventy paying members enrolled on our books. The Lecturer has had talks on agriculture during the literary hour.

On June 12th we had the pleasure of entertaining the

Siskiyou Grange.

We were saddened by the loss of our Master, J. R. Clemmens, on August 13th.

On August 28th, Brother H. A. Craig and wife visited us for inspection, and gave us some very helpful suggestions.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY A. HOLZHAUER, Master. CHARLES E. CROSS, Alternate.

#### EAGLE

Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Eagle Grange No. 411 sends Greetings.

Considering a number of reverses, we can report a successful year. Our membership is slightly less than last

year; nine were initiated, and ten have withdarwn or been otherwise freed, leaving fifty-nine members.

Finding our Monday night meetings inconvenient, our constitution was amended, changing the meeting to the first and third Thursday nights.

The Grange is again handling the drive for funds for the Salvation Army.

Our members are taking advantage of the Grange insurance.

We have purchased an unused church building, which, with a few improvements, will make an excellent Grange hall, and are giving a dance on Thanksgiving evening to help pay for the same.

Cedar Grange and Eagle Grange entertained Modoc Pomona at Eagleville in April. There was a good attendance, and in the evening the Fifth Degree was exemplified before a large class. All reported a fine time, meeting old friends and new.

The Juvenile Grange gave a Bazaar in April, at which the Subordinate was invited to assist. We purchased gasoline lamps for our hall with the money made, and for the Juveniles a silk flag.

Upon the suggestion of our Lecturer, a Surprise Valley Fair was planned. Cedar Grange was invited to help, and both appointed committees which began work. The plans grew, until, on October 1st and 2nd, a most successful Modoc County, in place of the planned Valley Fair, was held at Eagleville. Considering the late date, a fine agricultural exhibit was put on, and so many pieces of needlework, antiques, and curios of interest, were exhibited, that there was not enough space to properly exhibit them. The stock exhibit was very good, also. When all bills are paid, there will be a surplus in the bank for next year's fair, which we hope to hold at Cedarville. Cedar Grange put on a comedy both nights, and Eagle Grange gave two dances to add to the proceeds.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. TAYLOR, Master.
OLGA M. TAYLOR, Alternate.

## EAST PALO ALTO

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

Our Grange has met regularly twice a month, and our meetings have been well attended. We are growing very rapidly, and as we grow in membership, our average attendance increases. A year ago we had a membership of eighty-seven, with an average attendance of forty. We now have a membership of one hundred ninety-four, with an average attendance of ninety.

We have changed the name from Dumbarton to East Palo Alto Grange, that all might know where we are located.

We are taking an active part in all public enterprises. Gas mains are now being laid in our community, as a direct result of an able committee from the Grange.

On March 13, we were favored with a visit from State Master Harrison and Sister Harrison, at which time we entertained the Pomona Grange. A class of ninety-two was initiateed, and three hundred forty-five sat down to the Feast of Pomona. Every Grange in the County was represented, and all State Officers living in the County were also present.

A Drill Team has been organized, which will compare favorably with any Grange team.

District State Deputy Clendening and Sister Clendening favored us again on May 4, when a class of forty-one was received in the Third and Fourth Degrees, the Drill Team putting on the work. After Inspection, two hundred partook of the Harvest Feast.

Our members belonging to the Santa Clara County Pomona Grange now unmber one hundred twenty-eight, and we hope to have a large class for the Sixth Degree this week.

East Palo Alto Grange meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month, in our school auditorium, and the welcome on the mat is meant for you.

Fraternally yours,

W. S. WARDLAW, Master East Palo Alto Grange No. 409.

#### ELK GROVE

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

During the past year, Elk Grove Grange has been the same active, vigorous organization that has characterized the work of our Grange in social, educational, and civic enterprises. Standing committees are maintained on legislation, good roads, electric power, and Elk Grove Park.

This park, containing 35 acres thickly dotted with native oaks, was preserved through the action of our Grange in conjunction with other organizations in Elk Grove.

All standing committees are active in their respective departments, and the influence of the Grange is felt, as a result of their activities.

In membership the standing is about the same as one year ago. There have been some losses and some gains.

During the year, Antelope Grange visited Elk Grove, presenting a splendid program, and the traveling gavel of the Sacramento County Pomona Grange was presented to our Grange in a very fitting manner. Later in the year, Elk Grove visited Orangevale Grange, gave a minstrel program, and presented the traveling gavel to that Grange.

Sister Hack, State Deputy, visited our Grange and inspected the Degree work.

The Grange was saddened during the year by the death of several of our members, and especially so in the passing of the worthy and highly respected mother of our Worthy Master, Brother C. L. Etling. Sister Etling was one of the most active members of our Grange, and her sudden and unexpected passing was a great shock to all.

Elk Grove faces the future with the same high aim, the same undaunted courage that has made Elk Grove one of the outstanding Granges in California.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. SEHLMEYER, Alternate.

# FALL RIVER

To the Officers of the State Grange, Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I, being the Master and delegate with my wife, will try to make a report of Fall River Grange. Fall River Grange

No. 422 was instituted on Aug. 5, 1926, by District Deputy H. A. Craig, with eighty-four charter members. The Grange was opened at 9 p. m., with Deputy Craig in the chair. On finding 25 charter members in waiting, they were obligated by our Deputy, and the Grange was open for business. First came the election of officers, which was promptly attended to; then came the installation, which was held under the direction of our District Deputy, H. A. Craig. After the installation, the officers assumed their respective stations. The rest of the evening was spent in appointing committees; then we had a few pleasant remarks from some of the members, and a very instructive talk from Deputy H. A. Craig. The Grange closed in form.

On August 12th, the Grange was called to order, and 23 charter members were obligated by our District Deputy, H. A. Craig, after which the Grange was turned over to the regular officers. Business proceeded, and a pleasant evening was spent until we adjourned.

On August 19th, we met again, and Grange was opened by the regular officers. Our meeting nights were fixed for the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month.

In September, our Grange visited McArthur Grange, at the town of McArthur, to witness the Degrees put on by Lookout Grange No. 415. The evening was spent very pleasantly by all present, and the officers of Lookout Grange are to be congratulated for the able manner in which they did their work.

After the Degree work was finished, and as it was late, we were forced to go to the banquet room; enough said. There were present members from Adin No. 414, Lookout No. 415, McArthur No. 421, Hat Creek No. 420, and Fall River No. 422. So, if anyone here has been present at a meeting which was composed of five Granges, there will be no use of telling you how the evening was spent.

A fair was held at the town of McArthur on September 24th and 25th, the 25th being Grange Day at the fair. At 10 a. m., the members and friends assembled at the auditorium and listened to some very interesting speakers, until time to proceed to the picnic grounds, where a lunch was spread by the ladies of the different Granges and their friends. The picnic was held on the lawn around the

McArthur residence. The front gate was opened and the crowd was received by Roderick McArthur.

, We all spent a very pleasant hour, eating and visiting. At 1 p. m., the Grangers formed in line in front of the McArthur residence, and paraded to the fair grounds, there being four Granges in line—Lookout, McArthur, Hat Creek, and Fall River. The rest of the day was spent watching the riding of wild horses and cattle, and also races. In the evening there was a grand ball, which most of the members enjoyed.

At present we have 84 charter members, four First Degree members, and three applications on the table.

Yours truly,

H. CRICHTON, Master.

## FORESTVILLE

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

Forestville Grange No. 367 sends Greetings, and best wishes for a pleasant and profitable meeting.

At present we have a membership of one hundred and twenty-two. We gained a few by initiation. We are sorry to report that two of our members have passed away.

Two Rock Grange presented the traveling Gavel to Forestville Grange, with an interesting program. Forestville in turn took the Gavel to Geyserville.

During the winter months, a part of our Lecture hours are turned over to cards and dancing, for amusement.

For financial support, we give public chicken dinners, card parties, and dances.

Our committees are ever ready to work for the good of the community.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity, with Fidelity.,
HENRY THOMAS, Master-

#### FORT ROMIE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Accept from Fort Romie Grange the best of wishes for a most successful session.

The Master is keenly disappointed at not being able to attend the session. His vacation period having been set for him at an earlier date, left him no chance to get away again at this time. We will, however, be well represented by our alternate, Mrs. Eleanor Gonzales, who has served our Grange faithfully as Lecturer and as Chaplain.

We were one of the first Granges in the State to hold installation. Our installation was held jointly with Greenfield Grange, at our hall, early in January. This installation was conducted in his usual impressive manner by our Worthy State Master Harrison, assisted by his wife.

As an illustration of the interest shown by the new officers, there was only one officer out of the two Granges not present.

I am glad to report that this interest has continued throughout the year, several of our officers having a 100 per cent attendance record. The attendance of the members has also held up well.

While we have made no active campaign for new members, we have added some to the roll, besides holding our old members.

, From time to time, as needed, we add new conveniences to our hall, which is now fairly well equipped.

Our finances, as is quite usual with Fort Romie Grange, are in excellent shape.

Fraternally submitted,

P. H. SMITH, Master. MRS. ELEANOR GONZALES, Alternate.

# GAZELLE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Gazelle Grange No. 380 sends Greetings.

, Our Grange is not as large as it has been in former years, partly owing to many members having moved away from our community. The present membership is 64.

We have taken in by initiation 12 members, and reinstated one, and we have lost four, making a net gain of nine members.

The entire Grange subscribes to the National Grange Monthly.

The first part of the year, we had a good attendance, and a good Lecturer, but later, our Lecturer moved away, and during the busy summer season our meetings have not been as well attended, but we are hoping for better times in the future.

Our financial condition is good, and our building fund is growing.

Fraternally submitted,

CORA F. BABCOCK, Alternate.

#### GEYSERVILLE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Geyserville Grange, located at Geyserville, Sonoma County, meets in its own hall, on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month, at 8 o'clock.

We have at the present time, 120 members in good stand-

ing, having lost five during the year.

Attendance has not at all times been as good as hoped for. Interest has been fairly good, and finances satisfactory.

Our Grange has given several card parties during the

past year, which, on the whole, have been profitable.

The "Traveling Gavel," which has been passed to the various Granges of the County, was brought to our Grange by the Forestville Grange. The latter Grange furnished the program. Our Grange provided the refreshments. The following month, our Grange presented this gavel to the Santa Rosa Grange. Our Grange furnished the entertainment, and the Santa Rosa Grange the banquet.

We dedicated our hall on the 2nd day of this month, with our Worthy State Master acting as Dedicating Officer, and Sister Harrison taking the part of Chaplain. Other

parts were taken by members of our own Grange.

This property, purchased by us in January of this year, was formerly the Oriental school-house and lot, and consists of a very good building and one acre of land.

Since owning this property, we have enjoyed a feeling of independence, contentment, and prosperity, that could not be gained in any other way.

Grangers, own your own homes!

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. ELLIS, Master.

## GILROY

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

Gilroy Grange No. 398 reports a steady, healthy growth. Our membership has increased from 190 on Sept. 30, 1925, to 263, Sept. 30, 1926. Our finances are in good condition. During the year, we initiated a movement which resulted in securing a rural fire apparatus, which, during the short time we have had it, has responded to 20 calls, and saved many times its original cost.

Through our efforts, the Railroad is installing a signal at one dangerous crossing, and is considering our application for two more.

What we consider an important achievement, is the registration of 95 per cent of our members.

Our Drill Team, of which we are justly proud, has exemplified the work several times during the year.

And, last but not least, the marriage of two of our younger members was solemnized in the Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. EMLEN, Master.

## GREENFIELD

Worthy Master and Officers of California State Grange, Greenfield Grange No. 357 sends Greetings:

Said Grange has a healthy membership, and is growing stronger by the renewed efforts to obtain new members, and the interest shown by its officers and members in other activities.

The Grange has charge of the Greenfield Cemetery.

The Grange social activities include a ten table card club that meets once a month.

Greenfield Grange is fortunate in having the use of the Greenfield Union Grammar School auditorium for its meetings, and the use of kitchen and dining room for its banquets.

The installation of officers this year was held jointly with Fort Romie Grange, in the latter's hall. Our Worthy Master officiated, ably assisted by Sister Harrison.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. D. HAWLEY, Master.

#### GREENHORN

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, in session at San Jose, 1926.

As Master of Greenhorn Grange No. 384, I send to you my most cordial greetings for a prosperous and beneficial meeting.

Our Grange started the new year with a dinner and installation of our officers, as is our usual custom. Greenhorn Grange has had a prosperous year in regard to our financial standing, but, sorry to report, we have lost a few in membership. We now have on our roll 152 members. We initiated seven during the year, and lost one brother by death, and several for non-payment of dues.

We had the pleasure of having Worthy State Master, Brother Harrison, and Mrs. Harrison meet with us during the past year. Also State Deputy, Brother H. A. Craig, and wife, of Gazelle Grange, have been with us twice during the past year.

We have increased our building fund during the past year, from \$500 to a little over \$800, through a series of card parties and a dance, and have the same program outlined for this winter. Everything is looking favorable for us to have our own hall in the near future. There is \$150 in the general fund, and \$10 in the floral piece fund.

We have a speaker for our next meeting, to discuss the amendments most beneficial to the Granges of the State.

Greenhorn School and Grange combined, and had a Christmas tree and entertainment, which was enjoyed by all present.

Several of our members have taken out the fire insurance in the Grange the past year. We have a committee appointed, whose duty it is to visit the sick, and report at our meetings. The Grange also subscribes for the "National Grange Monthly" for the officers.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK W. BILLS,

Master of Greenhorn Grange No. 384.

By HENRY LE MAY, Alternate.

# GUENOC

Worthy Master and Patrons of California State Grange:

Guenoc Grange is in a prosperous condition. Our membership is larger than ever before. Since October 1, 1925, we have added by initiation and reinstatement fifty-four members to our roll, and, as our membership at that time was only fifty-one, our gross gain has been about one hundred per cent. But suspension and other losses have made our net gain somewhat smaller.

We have a Degree Team for the initiatory work, and as we initiate only once a quarter, the event is looked forward to with interest and pleasure. We have had many enjoyable programs at the Lecture Hour. Among others, may be mentioned a mock trial which occupied two meetings, an old-fashioned spelling match, and a joke contest.

The Grange has taken the lead in several instances of community work. On the Fourth of July we arranged a community picnic.

On another occasion we put on a play in town, for the benefit of one of our Grange families, and now we have arrangements made for a public meeting in town for a study and discussion of the various amendments before the voters.

We have established a bullding fund, looking forward to building a new hall. We received the annual visit from our Worthy State Master and Sister Harrison, and in April we entertained the Napa-Lake Pomona Grange. At this meeting were our Worthy State Lecturer, Sister Ida M. Clendening, State Deputy E. K. Clendening, and our Worthy State Secretary, Sister Martha L. Gamble. These were both very pleasant events.

, We have held all our regular meetings, with a good average attendance. Altogether, this has been the best year in our Grange history, and we are looking forward to even better times in the future.

Fraternally yours,

CLARENCE M. MORIN, Master.

## HAPPY CAMP

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange, Happy Camp Grange No. 395 sends Greetings:

I am glad to report that, although the Prohibition ques-

tion threatened to overthrow our Grange last spring, we are still holding our own, with twenty-two members paid up and faithful. The total membership on the roll book is sixty-nine, but many of these are a year in arrears for dues; but we are giving time and encouragement, and hope they will pay up and become active members once more.

We have taken in one new member, who wishes to take advantage of the Grange fire insurance, as soon as the Third and Fourth Degrees are conferred.

Our Lecturer has not attended since April, but we devised a plan whereby we have an instructive and entertaining program at each meeting. Each member is asked to come prepared to give something at every meeting, and the Master appoints some one to act as Lecturer for that meeting.

April 20, we were honored by a visit from State Master George R. Harrison, National Deputy H. A. Craig, and Halbert Smith, our State Grange Assistant Steward.

We entertained Siskiyou Pomona Grange on the 14th of August, when a very helpful and entertaining meeting was held.

C. RALPH GORDON. Master. By HORACE PHILLIPS.

#### HAT CREEK

Worthy Master and Members of California State Grange:

Greetings from Hat Creek Grange No. 421, the place that made Mt. Lassen famous.

Through the efforts of Organizer H. A. Craig, Hat Creek Grange No. 421 was organized on July 11, 1926, with a charter membership of 67 members. Since then, two new members have been initiated. Three more are on the waiting list.

It is with pleasure I report that Worthy Master Lydia. N. Joiner, and her assistants, from Lookout Grange, came over to McArthur, and put on the Degree work McArthur, Fall River, and Hat Creek Granges. There was a very large attendance, and all were greatly pleased with the work.

Committees were appointed to work with McArthur and

Fall River Granges for the Intermountain Fair at Mc-Arthur. It was reported that through the efforts of these organizations, the exhibits were better than at any previous Fair.

The Grange sponsored an old-time dance on September 18th, which was a big success.

A number of committees have been appointed, and they are taking a very active interest in their work.

We are very fortunate in having an excellent Lecturer, Mrs. Elsie Bosworth, who has furnished some fine entertainment as well as some fine educational work.

Altogether, I think Hat Creek Grange is off to a good start.

Sorry to report that on October 9th we had a very severe windstorm, which blew down Rising River Hall, the place where we have been holding our mettings. Nevertheless, we will hold our regular meetings, even though it be in some of our big caves, of which we have a number.

We have enjoyed a very good attendance at all meetings, especially so, considering the fact that most of the members have from five to twenty miles to travel, to attend.

In closing, Hat Creek Grange No. 421 wishes to extend a cordial and fraternal welcome to all Grangers, when in our vicinity, and would be especially pleased to have a visit from some of the officers of the California State Grange.

Fraternally yours,

A. L. DOTY, Master.

# HORNBROOK

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange of California, Hornbrook Grange No. 391 sends Greetings:

In the absence of our Worthy Master, Wilfred Bayliss, I beg Leave to submit the following report:

During the year, we have lost by death, two members; by demit, one, and by suspension for non-payment of dues, 38. Gained by demit, one, and by initiation, 31; making a total membership of 152.

Our regular meetings have been good, averaging 42 members present. We still have our Degree Team. In

February, about 64 of our members, including the Degree Team, went to Eagle Point, Oregon, where the team put on their work, initating 130 members. In March, 30 of our members, including the Team, put on the work at Gazelle, California, initiating for Gazelle and Greenhorn, and in April, 25 members belonging to the Team went to Cottonwood and put on their work for a new Grange, initiating a large class.

We have had a number of very enjoyable Lecture hours, including a Kangaroo Court, put on by the men, and burlesqued next meeting by the ladies.

, The dances are doing well. Finished paying for our hall in July, a year and a half after buying it, and started a building fund which now amounts to \$120.00. Also have a substantial balance in the general fund.

We enjoyed a visit from our Worthy Master, Brother Harrison, and his wife, in April, when Walker and Bogus Granges met with us. Prof. Hunt, a dairy and cattle specialist from Davis, the Agricultural College, gave a very interesting talk in April.

Our Grange was inspected in August by Brother Craig, all the officers doing well in their respective offices.

The members of the Grange, and others of the community donated freely to send our afflicted sister, Eva. Fowler, to the Hospital at Sacramento to be operated on, also Sacramento Grange gave \$33.00 to her.

Our Juvenile Grange has such a large membership that we helped them to rent a small hall, next door, for the winter, as the kitchen is too small to accommodate them.

Fraternally,

CYNTHIA LANGE, Alternate.

#### LIKELY

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Likely Grange No. 405, I beg to submit the following report:

Our Grange has enjoyed a very interesting year. We have taken in twelve new members. Our attendance has been quite small during the last few months, due to the

busy season of the year; but the members are attending better the last few meetings.

On January 2nd, we held a joint installation of officers with Alturas Grange No. 406. On June 4th, we were honored by a visit from Worthy State Master Geo. R. Harrison, and wife, and Sister Hartley, Worthy State Flora.

The matter of purchasing a new Grange Hall has been discussed quite freely in our Grange; a motion being made, seconded, and carried, that two-thirds of the purchase price be in the treasury before a purchase be made.

We were also visited at one of our late meetings by Worthy State Deputy L. T. Smith, and Sister Smith, in their official capacity.

On October 9th, our Grange entertained the Pomona, which was a very interesting and well attended meeting. The Degree Team from Alturas Grange put on the initiatory work in a very effective and beautiful manner. Our Grange is organizing a Degree Team, which is creating a great deal of interest among the members, as we have several new candidates coming in for initiation.

We are more than glad to be with you all at another meeting of the State Grange.

Fraternally sugmitted,

D. E. VAN LOAN, Master, and Wife.

## LITTLE SHASTA

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

Little Shasta Grange No. 399 is progressing, and is in good condition financially. We have acquired seventeen new members during the year, and have lost eight by dimit, most of these being students away at college. We have a membership now of 102. We have been holding regular meetings, with a good attendance. Our Home Economics Committee is working, and the Ladies Degree Team exemplifies the Third and Fourth Degrees in good form, and stands ready to help other Granges. We feel that we are doing good in the community.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES B. ROHRER, Master.

## LOOKOUT

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange:

It is with pleasure that I bring you Greetings from the Lookout Grange No. 415.

Our work is progressing in a very satisfactory manner. Since the last meeting of the State Grange, we have added 40 new members to our Grange, losing one beloved member, Sister Elizabeth Roberts, by death.

Four other members have been dropped from our membership list, owing to non-payment of dues.

Our Worthy State Master, Geo. R. Harrison, and wife; also State Flora, Sister Linde Hartley, and State Overseer, Brother H. A. Craig, and Deputy State Master Smith, all visited us in June. Their visit was as helpful as it was enjoyable.

Regular meetings have been held during the past year, as well as several special meetings. Live commmittees on Good Roads, Farm and Live Stock, Education, Legislation, Home Economics, and various other subjects, report at nearly every meeting.

Our Grange won second prize, on the best farm exhibit at the Big Valley Fair this year. We also took part in the Grange Day program at the Intermountain Fair at Mc-Arthur.

Last month, about 25 of our members and officers visited the McArthur Grange, and put on the Degree work for about 40 candidates from Hat Creek, Fall River, and McArthur Granges. These new Granges certainly gave us a hearty welcome, and we hope to meet again with them.

We have voted to buy our hall, and have nearly enough money to make a full payment on it. We have regalia for our officers, and badges for our members.

The Modoc Pomona met with us in August. We enjoyed the meeting, and received fresh inspiration from the visitors.

Our Lecture Hour is always observed with many and varied topics.

Fraternally submitted,

LYDIA N. JOINER, Master.

## McARTHUR

On the 17th of last June, through the efforts of Brother H. A. Graig, a Grange was organized at McArthur, with fifty-nine charter members.

Our first social attempt was a picnic, held on July 20, in the grove at the head of Fall River. After a short program and an instructive talk by Brother Craig, we turned our attention to we'll-filled lunch baskets.

We now put on a membership drive, and got thirty-six

applicants.

Our neighboring Granges, Aden, Hat Creek, and Fall River, joined us in a joint initiation, at which Lookout kindly consented to exemplify the work at McArthur. This was held September 11th, with a good two hundred present.

Each fall, a fair is held at McArthur, and through the combined efforts of the local Granges, this year's fair was

larger than ever before.

The second day of the fair was called "Grange Day." In the morning a program, followed by a basket lunch on the McArthur lawn, and, after funch, the Granges marched in a body in the parade.

The Grange booth competition increased the exhibits

and ran the interest high.

Our various committees on Good Roads, Marketing, and Agriculture, give promise of solving many local problems.

At the end of our fourth month, we stand with 59 charter members, 28 initiated, and 11 applications on hand, making a total roll call to be of 98.

F. W. LOOSLEY, Master.

#### MORGAN HILL

Nov. 20th.—Assisted Gilroy and Coyote Granges to entertain the National Grange visitors at Gilroy.

Jan. 2, 1926.—A joint installation of the Gilroy, Coyote, and Morgan Hill Granges, by Worthy Master George R. Harrison, assisted by Mrs. Harrison. Meeting was held at Morgan Hill.

Feb. 12, 1926.—Morgan Hill Drill Team started to organize, and on June 11th conferred the Third and Fourth Degrees on seven candidates, and on Sept. 10th initiated a class of eighteen candidates.

Morgan Hill Grange, represented by Sister J. H. Harkness, helped to make San Jose Radio Grange Concert a success.

Mach 12, 1926.—Worthy Master George Harrison, and Mrs. Harrison, were present and gave us encouraging talks on the work of the Grange in the County and State. The Worthy State Deputy, E. K. Clendening, and Mrs. Clendening, Worthy State Lecturer, visited us from time to time, helping us along with good advice. The annual inspection of officers was made by our Worthy State Deputy, E. K. Clendening, on Sept. 10th.

Among the outside speakers, we were favored by talks given by Congressman Arthur Free, State Senator Sanborn Young, Honorable Judge Brown of the Superior Court, and others.

At the present time we have a committee busy, planning for a Natatorium in Morgan Hill; also a committee assisting with water conservation work.

Our exhibit drew a prize at the Mountain View Prune and Apricot Exposition.

Sept. 1925, we had a membership of 123. Sept. 1926, we have a membership of 149. Present membership consists of 65 Sisters and 84 Brothers. Attendance at our semimonthly meetings has been very good.

Special mention and thanks are due our Worthy Lecturer and other members, for their assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HARKNESS, Master.

# MOUNTAIN VIEW

To the Master, Officers and Patrons of California State Grange:

Mountain View Grange No. 332, Patrons of Husbandry, located at Mountain View, Santa Clara County, brings Greetings, and voices its pleasure that we are gathered together in this beautiful Valley of Heart's Delight, to help inaugurate the 54th Annual Conclave.

In going over the year's records, we are happy to report that we have held regular and interesting meetings, beginning with a joint installation of officers of the Pomona and five Subordinate Granges of the northern part of Santa Clara Valley, at which time State Master and Sister Harrison officiated as induction officers. Following in the footsteps of previous Masters, standing committees were appointed, and these have been keen, and interested in their varied reports at each meeting. The hall is always decorated with seasonal flowers and fruits, and our Flag occupies its accustomed place in the room.

Our Lecturer, Sister Emma V. Trimble, has been untiring in her efforts to provide splendid programs, and we have enjoyed some wonderful lectures and musicales.

We have enjoyed fraternal visits from sister Granges, notagly Gilroy, when they visited us last March in a body, and their very fine drill team conferred the Third and Fourth Degrees on a goodly sized class of candidates. Other visitors came from Oregon, Washington, Maine, and Massachusetts.

Our Deputy Master and his good wife, who is also State Lecturer, Brother and Sister Clendening, have been frequent and welcome visitors, bringing words of counsel and encouragement always.

With all our activity, we must pause a moment, and pay tribute to the memory of probably our most loved Past Master, Brother M. Farrel, who was our Master for some nine years, and State Treasurer for five terms. He left us early in January for the Great Grange above, and his passing has left a void not easily filled.

In conclusion, I take sincere pleasure in reporting the enthusiastic and wholehearted co-operation of both officers and members, deserving of more than passing notice, without whose unflagging zeal and interest I could not, in any way, have been successful.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. AINSWORTH, Master.

## MT. BOLIVAR

California State Grange:

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We desire to state, as Delegates, and in behalf of the members of Mount Bolivar Grange No. 218, at Callahan, Cafifornia, that we have had a fairly good agricultural season, barring an early June frost that damaged fruit and grain. It has been a dry season, and grazing has been poor, but not as bad as the season of 1924.

We hold two meetings each month, not always fully attended, as the members cannot always be present. This is to be expected, since labor has been scarce, and the

distance to travel to meeting is too far.

We appreciated a visit from Worthy State Master, Brother Geo. R. Harrison, and his wife, Sister Harrison; also State Deputy, Brother H. A. Craig, and Sister Craig, have visited and instructed us. Several other Grangers have been visitors during the year.

Our officers are good, and while we have not been able to do much extended Grange work, our meetings, as a whole,

have been pleasant, hopeful, and instructive.

Fraternally,

R. M. HAYDEN, Master.

## NAPA

Worthy Master and Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Napa Grange has had a very successful year; with an average attendance of ninety members. We have held all our regular meetings, and several special meetings. The greatest number of officers absent at any one meeting was two, with all present at 11 meetings.

During the past year, we have initiated 140 new members—our record class being 48. We have lost 13 members—five by demit, and seven were suspended for non-payment of dues, and two days before leaving for the State Grange meeting, one of our new members passed away, leaving a membership at the present time of 311.

Napa's Community Christmas Tree, planted by the Grange, was beautifully decorated and fittingly dedicated Christmas Week, by singing Christmas carols, and speaking. There was a large gathering in attendance.

Napa Grange, having outgrown its old quarters in the Masonic Building, has moved to more commodious quarters in the Native Sons' Building.

We received an invitation from Rutherford Grange, to

visit it and confer the First and Second Degrees on a class of candidates. The invitation was accepted, and while there, a return invitation was extended to that Grange to come to Napa and bring their candidates, so that they might receive the Third and Fourth Degrees with our class. This invitation was also accepted.

Upon the return of our Worthy Secretary, after her recent illness, a reception was tendered her, at which time a social hour was spent in congratulations, readings, music, and refreshments.

In May, the Grange held a picnic at which Rutherford, Silverado, and Guenoc Granges were invited to participate. About 350 members of the Grange attended, and a very enjoyable day was spent. The picnic proved so successful that it was decided to make it an annual event.

Napa Grange has evolved an "Order of Independent Hayseeds," whose antics proved so amusing that they were invited to go to Silverado Grange and confer the Degree on some of its members. The invitation was accepted, and a very amusing and enjoyable meeting resulted.

During the year we have received two visits from the Worthy Master, and members of Sonoma Valley Grange, and it was decided that Napa Grange should return the visits. So, fifty-five strong, we journeyed to the Valley of the Moon, and spent a very pleasant evening.

Napa Grange has had the pleasure of entertaining the Pomona Grange at its July meeting. We have also enjoyed a visit from our Worthy State Master, and his wife, Sister Harrison. Members from Rutherford and Silverado Granges have also visited us during the year.

The National Grange Monthly is placed in the home of each family of our Grange,

Napa Grange decided to exhibit a basket of flowers at the recent Flower Show, held under the auspices of The Napa Flower and Garden Club. We were awarded first prize for the exhibit.

Our last meeting fell on the seventy-fourth anniversary of the birth of our only surviving charter member of the old Napa Grange. The occasion was remembered by our Grange requesting our Worthy State Flora, a member of Napa Grange, to present to Sister Kerns a beautiful basket of dahlias, which was exhibited at the meeting, and extending the congratulations of the Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

DWIGHT W. ADDY, Master.

# **ORANGEVALE**

Worthy State Master and Members of California State Grange:

Orangevale Grange has been greatly encouraged by the visit of our Worthy State Deputy, Brother Clendening.

From the fruits of his work, we have initiated a class of about 44, and have a class of about 15 to be initiated. American River Grange put on the First and Second Degrees, and Rio Linda Grange put on the Third and Fourth Degrees. Both teams did the work beautifully. The morning of the day the First and Second Degrees were put on, we were shocked by the sudden death of one of the applicants, Brother Hiltabidle.

In the early part of the summer, our Grange was saddened by the death of two of our charter members, Brother Ames McGee and Worthy Past Master Mann.

On July 28th, Elk Grove Grange presented the gavel to Orangevale Grange. The program will be long remembered by those present. We hope to present the gavel to Rio Linda Grange in the near future.

Fraternally submitted,

J. L. PATTERSON.

#### ORCHARD CITY

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Orchard City Grange has made a steady growth during the year of 1926. We have gained forty-seven new members, making our present enrollment two hundred eighty-two (282). The prospects for the coming year are very encouraging.

February 22, we celebrated Old Settlers Day, which is a yearly event in Campbell. Our Grange prepared a lunch, which was served cafeteria style; from this a tidy sum was added to our building fund.

We had the pleasure of entertaining the Pomona Grange once during the year.

Past State Master, Brother Pettit, inspected our Grange, and he complimented the Degree Team very highly on their efficient work.

The most outstanding event of the year for our Grange took place in the early part of the year, when the Grange voted unanimously to buy a lot and build our own hall. The Executive Committee bought a tract of land, which was subdivided into fourteen lots. Two of these lots are held by the Grange; the rest were sold, the members taking a major part of the lots sold. As soon as a sufficient sum has been accumulated in the building fund, a hall will be erected on these two lots.

In May, our Grange was favored by a visit from members of the State Grange Executive Board, including State Master, Brother Geo. R. Harrison, and Sister Harrison; State Secretary, Sister Martha Gamble; Past State Master, Brother F. L. Hunt, Brother Roy Church and Brother F. L. Stice.

Last month, our Grange placed an exhibit in the Prune and Apricot Exposition, held at Mt. View. This exhibit carried off a cash prize of twenty-five dollars. The net proceeds will be placed in the building fund.

The future looks bright, indeed, for Orchard City Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS SHELLEY, Master.

# PETALUMA

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

As Master of Petaluma Grange No. 23, I have the pleasure of submitting the following report:

During the past year we have held twenty-four (24) regular meetings.

We have lost by demit, two members, and two by death. Twenty-nine (29) members were initiated, the membership now being one hundred and sixty-two (162), with more applications on file. Our average attendance at meetings is fifty-five (55).

We subscribe for the State Grange Bulletin 100 per cent, and send one to each Grange family. Three dozen new song books were recently purchased.

The following people were entertained:

Our Worthy State Master, and Mrs. Harrison, whom we are always glad to welcome, and to listen to their words of counsel and advice; Inspector Brother Sutton, who mented the officers on their splendid work. Brother spoke briefly on co-operation. Pomona Grange met with us in February, as is the custom each year. We had a splendid meeting and a record attendance. One of the best entertainments of the year, which was greatly appreciated, was furnished by Bellevue Grange. Clarence Lea, our Congressman, spoke at one of our meetings, giving us an account of his travels through Europe, which was very interesting and instructive. At another meeting, Attorney Dole gave a vivid description of the life of Abraham Lincoln.

One of the events of the year was the Christmas Tree. A member of the Grange assumed the role of Santa Claus. Presents were given to the children, and an interesting

program followed.

Two dozen card tables were recently purchased. The ladies of the Grange have made some dainty covers for these tables.

We know that one of the reasons why our members so enjoy coming to the meetings is because of the delicious refreshments. A new committee is appointed each month,

and refreshments are served at every meeting.

As usual, we held our annual picnic in July, at Park, and this year it was the best ever. There was a large attendance from both our Grange and the neighboring Granges. The Sisters provided a splendid basket which all enjoyed heartily. After dinner, games, dancing, and swimming were indulged in, and enjoyed by both young and old.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. KING, Master.

#### POPLAR

To the California State Grange.

On behalf of Poplar Grange No. 359 I submit the following report for the year 1925-26.

We are one of three Granges in Tulare County which for

some reason does not seem to be a strong Grange county. We have neither gained nor lost much in membership during the last year.

Financially it has been a good year and as we own our hall, we feel quite firmly rooted in the community. With the interest and good fellowship which exists among our small group we are looking forward to a rather more prosperous year to come.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. CLOER, Master. By MRS. H. H. TAGGARD, Alternate.

# POTTER VALLEY

Worthy Master, Officers and Members,

Of California State Grange:

On behalf of the Patrons of Potter Valley Grange No. 115, I submit the following report:

Our membership is about the same as last year. Though we have lost a few through non-payment of dues we have gained many new members in return.

A few of our members have moved away. Among them our Worthy Chaplain and husband.

We regret very much to learn that Brother J. G. Newman, Past Master, and his wife, Matron of the Juvenile Grange, are preparing to leave soon.

We enjoyed a visit from State Master Harrison and wife, who left a renewed Grange spirit with us all. Brother and Sister Harrison's visits are always looked forward to with pleasure.

We also enjoyed a visit from Brother Clendening, who had recently organized our neighbor Grange in Ukiah. We were invited to the Ukiah Grange on their first meeting, where our officers filled the chairs. Brother Knight was present and gave a fine talk on the beginning of the Grange. A banquet was served and a general good time was enoyed by all.

Our Grange set aside a day and asked the people of the community to assist in the work of cleaning the cemetery. A lunch was provided by the sisters and the idea proved a wonderful success.

The Grange was invited to the Redwood Valley Grange and our Degree Team exemplified the third and fourth degrees to a class of candidates. Over sixty of our members weer present, and were entertained by a lovely program and supper.

We had the pleasure of entertaining a few of the members of Ukiah and Redwood Granges at one of our meetings and a class was instructed in the third and fourth

degrees by the Ladies Degree Staff.

We were very fortunate in having our hall saved from a recent fire which destroyed four buildings across the street. The Grange extended a vote of thanks to the people who helped to save the building. The damage has been repaired and as a safeguard against another fire two new fire extinguishers have been added to our hall.

Fraternally,

CLYDE EDDIE, Master.

## PROGRESSIVE

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

Another Grange year is drawing to a close and it gives me pleasure to report that Progressive No. 400 of Healdsburg has had a pleasant and profitable year. We are gaining in membership and general interest and future prospects seem favorable. The attendance at our meetings is very good.

We have a newly organized ladies' degree team for the Third and Fourth degrees and they put on the work in a very creditable manner. We also have an officers' march as a part of the opening, and use the new regalia presented to the order by Brother and Sister Travis.

In August we entertained Pomona Grange, serving dinner and having a program for the lecture hour. Brother S. S. Knight was present and gave a most interesting and instructive talk on some of the amendments which are to be voted upon this election.

We also delivered the traveling gavel to Bellevue where we put on a program and spent a pleasant evening. These social visits among the Granges of the County are always occasions of much enjoyment. State Master and Mrs. Harrison have visited with us several times and they are always most welcome guests.

At Christmas time last year we planted a redwood tree in the Plaza in town and hope in years to come it will be used as a community Christmas tree.

Death entered our midst and took therefrom two highly esteemed brothers, A. J. and Alen Galloway.

Crops of various kinds have been good in our section of the County, but prices are rather discouraging.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. BAILHACHE, Master.

# REDWOOD VALLEY

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

Redwood Valley Grange No. 382 sends Greetings.

I am glad to report our Grange in a very prosperous condition. In the last year we have missed but one regular meeting. The attendance has been fairly good and the interest in Grange work quite keen. Some much needed improvemnts have just been completed—a well, walled with brick and cement, was dug at the rear of the hall, and anterooms were built on the front. We are soon to apply a coat of paint to the outside, which will add much to the appearance of our hall.

On our last meeting night, October 8th, Brother and Sister Harrison and members of the Potter Valley and Ukiah Granges met with us and the "Mendocino County Pomona Grange" was organized and officers elected and installed, with a charter list of 56 members.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN FINNE, Master.

Reported by Hazel S. Smith, Alternate.

# RIO LINDA

To the Worthy Master and Officers of the State Grange:

This is the third year a master from Rio Linda Grange, No. 403, has answered the roll call of California State Grange. We rejoice in being one of the family of this organization of our farming class.

We hold meetings the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Our meetings on the whole, are well attended. We realize we are greatly handicapped by not owning a hall-

We have given considerable time lately to our drill team.

Through invitation we went to Orangevale last Saturday night and assisted with putting on the Third and Fourth degrees for a class of forty (40).

For the concrete part of our meetings we aim to have one or more live local projects on hand to encourage argument and debate.

Lately we finished putting up a large double steel arch over the intersection of two main avenues. Another matter the Grange attended to was the naming of all roadways in our settlement which required about forty names.

State District Inspector, Sister Hack of Sacramento, paid us an official visit in September.

Fraternally submitted,
GEORGE F. WILSON, Master.

# RUTHERFORD

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Rutherford Grange No. 371 has made excellent progress by gains in membership during 1926. So far twenty-six members have been initiated, other applications are pending. There have been a few demits granted, but old members are still loyal.

Of the new members, one has substituted as Steward. One was immediately elected Assistant Steward. Our pianist filled her office at her second meeting. By these confessions you will see that our meetings would have been very poorly administered but for the able, live, loyal and capable members new to the work.

Our Grange Hall furnishes a room for the Branch County Library which is supervised by a Rutherford Grange member,

Brother John F. Cole, as chairman of the Library Committee, has been very painstaking in improving the physical condition of the room, with bookcases and other conveniences.

Visits from many neighboring Grangers have been enjoyed throughout the year with profit to our work, particularly the visit of Deputy State Master Hawke and Silverado-Grange Master Winkleman, who demonstrated the unwritten work.

Our chairman of Committee on Roads happens to be one of the County Supervisors. He has kept us in close touch with the road work of the County.

Rutherford Grange has also co-operated with the Boys" and Girls' Club work of the Farm Advisers' office and furnished a room for girl's club work.

The Lecturer has provided enjoyable programs, especially the three evenings devoted to celebrating the Graces,—Ceres, Pomona and Flora, when instructive papers on the legends and history of the offices were presented by the incumbents.

The biggest thing of the year is the monthly dances, when the Old American Social dances are given with an orchestra composed of musicians who played the same music for dances twenty-five years ago in one neighborhood. An admission charge of \$1.00 per couple, includes the supper. As many as two hundred and fifty people have been present. The morale of the evenings is very gratifying. The usual police officers are dispensed with since they are unnecessary. While little money has been made, Rutherford Grange members feel recompensed for the work entailed by the delightful social and neighborly atmosphere of the crowd enjoying good, clean dancing.

The inspection of our Grange by State Master Harrison brought out a reward for the faithful and persistent effort of the officers in striving for improvement in Grange work. Rutherford Grange accepted the State Master's suggestion to ask for an organizer to increase the membership.

In fact, the year 1926 finds Rutherford Grange facing the end of the year with satisfaction and faith that the personnel of the membership will carry on to greater things.

Fraternally submitted.

S. J. WELLMAN, Master Rutherford Grange.

## SACRAMENTO

Worthy State Master, Officers and Patrons of California State Grange—Greetings:

Sacramento Grange has been holding regular meetings

during the year. Much of the success of our Grange this year has been due to our Lecturer, Sister Della Pettit, whose untiring efforts in forming tableau for our Degree work has proved a great success.

In May we had our annual Strawberry Festival at the home of Past State Master, Joseph Holmes and wife.

Rio Linda Grange conferred the Third and Fourth Degrees for us on a class of seven and the work was very beautifully done and greatly appreciated.

We entertained them by giving a playlet entitled, "Sacramento Grange's Gossip Club," and if you think there are not some talented actresses in Sacramento Grange, we invite you to see for yourse by visiting us in November when we will stage another play.

Our Brother's Night was a big success. It is surprising what the brothers really can do, both in entertainment and refreshments.

At our last meeting, held Saturday night, Octoger 16th, the amendments that will appear on the ballot for the November election were explained and discussed.

A donation was given to a sick sister from another Grange and flowers sent to our own sick brothers and sisters.

Our Worthy State Master and wife inspected our Grange in September when we conferred the Third and Fourth Degrees on a class of three.

Our meetings are now held on the first and third Saturdays of each month and we will be pleased at all times, to have Patrons of other Granges visit with us.

We extend to the Grangers of Santa Clara County our Cordial Greetings and Best Wishes for a very happy meeting.

MRS. PEARL HACK, Master.

## SAN JOSE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

In this hour of fraternal communion San Jose greets you and bids you welcome.

Santa Clara proffers hospitality, her domicile, her chattels: these are yours; our time is yours and we are here to offer aid in the research for truth, and to faithfully discharge the various duties to which we may be assigned.

We await your commands, and assure hearty co-operation in the endeavor to promote the general welfare and the welfare of the Order.

We devote two hours each week to an earnest endeavor to achieve the purposes for which our organization is maintained and feel that that endeavor meets with a fair degree of success.

A capable, painstaking committee on Legislation keeps the Grange and the community informed of the merits and defects of the public questions that so frequently puzzle the elector when at the polls.

This committee has recently given much time to the consideration of the proposed Amendments to the State Constitution that are to appear on the November ballot, approving some and rejecting others.

Other committees toil with mildew and cutworms, with aphis and puncture vines on the farm; with shield glass and lunch cans, debris and billboards on the highways; and urge, in the interest of common decency, that the public be shown the beauty of cleanliness with the hope that that exhibit will serve as an inspiration to beautify our thoroughfares. We are not unmindful of the National Grange behest that we increase our membership and have made some effort during the year to enroll additional laborers.

This effort has not yet borne much fruit but we are now considering plans to make enlistment more attractive, and have reason to believe that our quota will be reached in the near future.

Subjects presented from time to time by our Worthy Lecturer have been reviewed by the Grange with profit. These subjects included forest conservation, law enforcement, home beautification, etc., etc.

Following the suggestion that some of the work of the Standing Committees might be merged to advantage with that assigned the Lecturer early in the year, we placed two of these committees subject to the call of that officer.

The suggestion seems not without merit but more time for experiment is desired before giving it unqualified endorsement.

San Jose rejoices in Grange work and offers a fervent prayer that success may attend your endeavors.

Fraternally submitted, ISAAC GOVER, Master.

# SANTA ROSA

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

In making this report for Santa Rosa Grange No. 17, P. of H., for the year ending September 30, 1926, we have no very striking changes to enumerate but have worked together with the other Granges of the county toward the betterment of our position, socially, politically, and economically, and trust our efforts joined with those of the other parts of the state and nation may produce the best results, for the most people.

Our Worthy State Master and Mrs. Harrison installed our officers in January, and have paid us many pleasing visits since. State Lecturer, Sister Clendening, and Deputy, Brother Clendening, visited our Grange and the State Secretary, Sister Martha Gamble, is present at all our meetings in this, her home Grange.

We lost in August, our oldest member, Sister Annie Carey, who was nearly 90 years of age, yet very seldom missed a meeting, either of our own, or Pomona Grange.

We received a very pleasant visit from Geyserville Grange at our last meeting in September, the occasion being the bringing of the Traveling Gavel by them to Santa Rosa, who returned it to Sonoma Grange on October 25th, from which Grange it started on its round of the county. Past State Master W. V. Griffith, Lecturer, and members of Geyserville Grange gave a very interesting program for the occasion; after which supper was served and thoroughly enjoyed by the 125 members present. We also had with us that evening, our Pomona Master, Wesley Beach, who gave us the history of the origin of the "Traveling Gavel."

Our Grange picnic was held in the grove at the residence of Brother N. A. Griffith—a beautiful place, where, amid ferns and cool spring water, the natural and the artificial blend so well together, that it is hard to tell where the one ends and the other begins.

Our finances received a donation of \$80.00 from the Grange Sisters Club, which meets monthly at the homes of the members.

Our Ladies Degree staff do very efficient work in conferring the Third and Fourth Degrees.

We have literary programs, in which the members show great interest.

And, although not showing the increase in membership some of the Granges do, we feel that, altogether, we are holding our own among the leading Granges of the State.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. LAZENBY, Master. By S. H. STONE, Alternate.

## SCOTT VALLEY

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

It is with pleasure that I bring you the fraternal greetings of Scott Valley Grange, No. 386.

We have had a fairly successful year for the Order. We have lost a number of members, a few suspended for nonpayment of dues, and a number moving to other localities to reside, but during the year we have gained fourteen members by initiation, one by demit, and one reinstated, who are good working Grangers. We have held all regular and two special meetings, with quite a good attendance of members. With one or two exceptions, the attendance of our officers has been excellent. Our Lecturer has given us good programs, and has devoted part of the Lecture Hour to the discussion of agricultural topics, which have been both educational and instructive. We entertained our Pomona Grange in April, with a large attendance, and it is always a pleasure to entertain such a loyal bunch of Grangers.

We finished paying for the improvements made on our hall last year, and our hall and all the furnishings are now free from debt, a fact that makes us feel very proud.

We discuss thoroughly all resolutions sent to us for our consideration. Our Grange stands always ready to help in anything for the benefit of the community. We look forward to an active winter season; some of our plans consist of organizing a Degree Team, and a Grange Orchestra. A number of our members have taken advantage of the Grange Fire Insurance.

With heartiest greetings to all Grangers, and extending them an invitation to visit us at any time, I am,

Fraternally yours,

MRS. W. B. SMITH, Alternate.

## SEBASTOPOL

To the Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Sebastopol Grange No. 306, Sonoma Co., sends Greetings.

It is with pleasure that I can report growth and increased strength for Sebastopol Grange during the year 1926.

We have held all regular and several special meetings during the year.

We have seven standing committees, as follows: Legislative, Resolution, Good Roads, Farm and Orchard, Relief, Entertainment and Publicity, and Social. The committees have all been very active and brought in good reports.

We have a Ladies Degree Team, of which Sister Dodds is Master, and which, I feel safe in saying, is one of the leading teams of the County.

During the year we have united with other Granges in giving dances, which proved a great success, socially as well as financially.

We have entertained Sonoma County Pomona Grange; a large number were in attendance, and a splendid meeting held. We have also entertained several of the Subordinate Granges, and have exchanged visits, which have all helped in strengthening our Grange, and given us a better understanding of the activities of the other Granges.

All legislative matters are carefully and thoroughly gone over, and acted on for the best interests of Agriculture. Our Worthy Lecturer has furnished splendid programs and brought to us several noted speakers, among them Honorable Senator Slater, who always has a splendid address, and Honorable Clarence Lea, our United States Congressman, who addressed the Grange at our last meeting, dealing with international problems, and more especially discussing the debt of France.

We have a large number of young people who are very active and earnest in Grange work.

It was our privilege to visit Progressive Grange of Healdsburg, and put on a program and surrender the traveling gavel to them. This proved a very enjoyable evening.

Our Worthy State Master, Brother Harrison, with Sister

Harrison, is always in attendance when not away visiting other Granges. They are always willing to assist in any way they can be of service.

Our membership at present is 242. The prospects for the coming year look good for an increased membership and to greater achievements in Grange work.

Fraternally sugmitted.

H. E. OWENS, W. M.

#### SILVERADO

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

On October 1, we had a membership of 106, 57 sisters, and 49 others.

Due to a contest for membership, our Worthy Lecturer, Sister Short, had been staging, S\(\mathbf{I}\)verado is growing by leaps and bounds. A large number of applications will be balloted on at our next meeting. The average attendance has been 40, with a maximum of 69.

Our educational committee took an active part in bringing a bond issue before the voters, for a new grammar school.

Sister Short organized a Drill Team, which made a splendid showing at our last meeting. We all enjoyed the visit of Brother Harrison and Sister Harrison, and many of us had the pleasure of meeting them again at Pomona in Napa.

Silverado has been quite active of late, and will continue to be so for some time to come.

Fraternally submitted,

J. P. WINKELMAN, Master.

# SONOMA VALLEY

Worthy State Master and Officers of the State Grange, Sonoma Valley Grange No. 407 sends you Greetings.

I beg to submit the following report. Our last year can be termed a good Grange year for us. Our attendance has been excellent.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Pomona Grange last

November, and expect another visit from them shortly.

We have purchased and paid for a piano, which has helped to add pleasure to our meetings. The sick have been remembered with potted flowers and have been visited by our Sick Committee.

We are fortunate in being close to the present and past State Masters, George R. Harrison and Frank L. Hunt, who have honored us with their presence on several occasions; as also have the officers of Sonoma Pomona and Napa Pomona Granges. The visits of Worthy State Master Harrison have always been accompanied by his inseparable companion and co-worker, Mrs. Harrison.

The crops in our vicinity have been fair, with returns not any too good; showing the need of closer co-operation of the farm interests, which, it is hoped, the Grange will be largely instrumental in bringing about.

There have been several resolutions presented and passed at our meetings, which have been forwarded for your consideration and approval.

Our membership in good standing is very encouraging, and we are receiving new applications frequently.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. JOHNSON, Delegate.

## SUNNYVALE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Sunnyvale Grange is just celebrating its first anniversary this week. As with most infant organizations, we have found the year fraught with dangers and weaknesses. However, under the splendid fraternal interest of the older and stronger Granges with which we are surrounded, and the gracious and devoted supervision of Deputy State Master Clendening, and his efficient wife, State Lecturer Ida Clendening, we have had the difficulties minimized so that we feel that we have a promising future.

We are indebted to State Master Harrison and his most gracious and capable helpmate for a happy evening last month. And their inspiring presence and words of encouragement have added to the interest and enthusiasm of the Grange.

Our Grange has led in a movement for a much needed

subway under the Southern Pacific tracks at Sunnyvale. We participated in the Annual Prune and Apricot Exposition with a booth.

We have several candidates on the road, and the outlook for a healthy growth is most encouraging.

FraternaEy submitted,

C. G. MARSHALL, Master.

#### TULARE

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

Tulare Grange No. 198 is not in as prosperous a condition as I would like to be able to report it. It holds regular meetings the first Saturday afternoon of each month, except July and August, in Woodman's Hall, Tulare.

During the year just passed we have taken in one brother and one sister by initiation, and lost one brother and one sister by death. The present membership is 16 brothers and 22 sisters; average attendance about 20.

We enjoyed a visit from our Worthy Master and his wife, also from the Worthy State Lecturer and Brother Clendening. Pomona Grange met in Tulare twice during the year.

The extremely dry season and low price for most crops has had a discouraging effect on the Grange as well as other things. We are hoping for a more favorable season and better conditions the coming year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted, THOS. JACOBS, Alternate.

#### TWO ROCK

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Two Rock Grange No. 152 sends Greetings.

The year 1926 has been most successful and prosperous for our Grange. We have nearly doubled our membership, made many improvements to our hall and grounds, and through the untiring efforts of our members, accomplished much social and educational good in our community.

We have taken in forty-eight new members since January 1st, bringing our total membership to one hundred. Death has taken from us our Past Master, Brother Geo. W. Gaston.

In July we joined Petaluma Grange in forming a Degree Team, and put on the Fifth Degree at the Pomona meeting in Santa Rosa.

We have enjoyed several visits from our Worthy State Master, Brother Harrison, and Sister Harrison.

On September 13th, we were inspected by Brother Chas. Sutton, Deputy.

Perhaps the most notable betterment to our Grange this year has been the bringing into our Order practically all the young people of our community, who have taken great interest in Grange work and activities.

Our Juvenile Grange is thriving. We have had several of its older members join the Subordinate Grange this year. Fraternally submitted,

HENRY NISSON, Master.

#### VALLEY OAKS

To the Officers and Members of California State Grage, Valley Oaks Grange sends Greetings.

I am glad to report the continued prosperity of Valley Oaks Grange. We have held meetings regularly twice each month, with a very good attendance, and have initiated six new members into our Order.

During the month of May, Valley Oaks Grange visited the Elk Grove Grange and furnished the entertainment by giving a play and recitations. The following week they gave the same play to help the Ladies Civic Club during their carnival.

On June 25th, Valley Oaks was honored with a visit from the Worthy State Master and his wife, the State Lecturer and her husband, and the State Flora.

July 5th, and also July 25th, Valley Oaks gave picnics along the Mokulumne river, near Lockeford.

August 28th, Sacramento Pomona Grange No. 2 held their meeting in our hall and visited our community fair, given by the Valley Oaks Grange and Galt Farm Bureau, Aug. 27-28. The Fair netted the Grange and Farm Bureau over \$100. Our Grange is working with the Galt Center for the improvement of roads, and tries to help in every way for the betterment of the community.

We trust the session of the State Grange may be a pleasant one for all who attend, and regret that I could not be present.

Fraternally submitted.

H. R. MULLINS, Master. By ERWIN HAUSCHILDT, Alternate.

#### WALKER

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

Walker Grange is just holding its own. We have thirtyone members. We rent our hall. Our finances are fair. The members are so far apart that our meetings are not all that one might wish.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER W. MORGAN, Master.

#### WINDSOR

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

At this, the close of the second year in the history of Windsor Grange, it is my pleasure to report that we have increased our membership, given public service, and kept the Grange idea active in our community.

Our Grange has held two well attended meetings each month since organizing; the officers have been faithful in attendance, and the drill team well versed in their duties.

Our Grange programs have been along constructive educational lines, and have been accessible to all who wished to attend. As a community social center, we have, in the Grange, a place where the young people of our town may enjoy themselves in a wholesome and friendly atmosphere. I can honestly and proudly say that I can turn over to my successor in the Master's chair, a Grange in good working order, with no bills, money in the treasury, and, lastly and most important, A Grange With A Future.

MARY M. CARTER, Master.

#### REPORTS OF JUVENILE GRANGES

#### DINUBA JUVENILE

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Dinuba Juvenile Grange No. 5, I will report as follows:

We have a membership of 37, and meet regularly twice a month. The children open and close the Grange without the ritual, and carry out the business and literary programs in a very creditable manner. We are now planning an exhibition of articles made during the summer, and in conjunction with the Subordinate will hold a Carnival, whereby the public can see the work of the children, which will add to the interest as well as the funds of the treasury.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
MRS, F. S. CLIFTON.

#### EAGLE JUVENILE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange, Eagle Juvenile Grange No. 9 sends Greetings:

Our Grange has a membership of about 30.

The attendance has not been so good, especially among the officers, all wishing to hold the Master's chair.

In April we asked the Subordinate Grange to assist us in a bazaar. With the money made, a silk flag was purchased.

During the summer, interest was very hard to keep up, but the Fair helped to revive interest, when the Juveniles were allowed to make a few dollars selling dish towels and holders.

We hope for a more prosperous coming year.

Fraternally submitted.

OLGA M. TAYLOR, Matron Eagle Juvenile Grange No. 9.

#### HORNBROOK JUVENILE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange, Hornbrook Juvenile Grange No. 4 sends Greetings.

We have had a very successful year, having initiated a large number of new members. We have lost two of our

members to the Subordinate Grange, and now have a total membership of 45.

The opening and closing ceremonies are put on without the use of the manuals.

In addition to our regular Lecture Hour program, each meeting, some member of the Subordinate Grange comes in and gives us an interesting and encouraging talk. The Subordinate Master appoints members, each meeting, for this purpose.

Owing to the increase in our membership, it was necessary to rent an adjoining hall for the use of the Juveniles, until Hornbrook Grange builds a new hall, in the spring, when suitable quarters will be provided for the Juvenile Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. E. R. GREIVE, Matron. WALLACE GIBESON, Master.

### LITTLE SHASTA JUVENILE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Little Shasta Juvenile Grange No. 10 was organized December 18, 1925, with seventeen charter members. We have since initiated five others.

We gave a card party in the spring, to raise money to buy regalia, etc. We are planning an entertainment in November, to raise funds for a piano.

At every meeting we have a Lecturer's program, in which every member takes part. We have also helped the Subordinate Grange many times in their Lecture Hours.

The Grange has voted to take up the study of trees, as their next Lecture Hour sugject. They plan the study of wild flowers and birds, in the spring.

Nearly every Juvenile member knows his part without the use of a ritual.

We consider a Juvenile Grange a fine training for children, besides the active influence it has in getting a great many parents to attend Subordinate Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

GLADYS HAIGHT, Matron.

#### TWO ROCK JUVENILE

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

I beg leave to submit my third report for Two Rock Juvenile Grange. The members are very much interested in their Grange work, and respond to Lecture Hour without fail. Have had one evening's program public, with a small admission charge; and one program just for the Subordinate Grange.

Have had a small loss in members, on account of moving away; but have had a small gain in number, anyway. Two have joined the Subordinate Grange, but still retain their membership in the Juvenile. We seldom have an absent mark for any of our members.

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE CHURCH, Matron.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AS ADOPTED BY CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

#### CREDENTIALS

Worthy Master and Patrons:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that we find 58 Subordinate and eight Pomona Granges, represented by one hundred and seven delegates, as follows:

Adin No. 414—R. P. Van Allen, Master, and wife. Alturas No. 406—Mrs. W. J. Dorris, Master's wife. American River No. 172—L. F. Biggs, Alternate, and wife. Anderson No. 418—Dr. E. E. Martin, Master, and wife. Antelope No. 161—R. F. Gould, Master, and wife. Aromas No. 316—Chas. Buckingham, Alternate, and wife. Bellevue No. 374—John Ford, Master, and wife. Bennett Valley No. 16—Joseph Talbot, Alternate. Beswick No. 396—E. V. Griffith, Alternate. Bogus No. 397—Arthur Jones, Master. Cedar No. 402—J. W. Stiner, Alternate, and wife. Coyote No. 412—John Alden Shepherd, Master, and wife. Danville No. 85—W. J. Harper, Master, and wife.

Davis Creek No. 404-Harry Crowl, Alternate. Dinuba No. 342-C. W. Earhardt, Master, and wife. Dorris No. 393-Chas. E. Cross, Alternate, and wife. Eagle No. 411-Olga Taylor, Alternate. East Palo Alto No. 409-W. S. Wardlaw, Master, and wife. Elk Grove No. 86-Geo. Sehlmeyer, Alternate. Fall River No. 422-H. F. Crichton, Master, and wife. Forestville No. 367-Henry Thomas, Master, and wife. Fort Romie No. 358-Elinor Jane Gonzales, Alternate. Gazelle No. 380-Mrs. C. F. Babcock, Alternate. Gilroy No. 398-C. H. Emlen, Master, and wife. Greenfield No. 357-Geo. Hawley, Master and wife. Greenhorn No. 384-Henry Le May, Alternate, and wife. Guenoc No. 373-C. M. Morin, Master. Happy Camp No. 395-Horace Phillips, Alternate. Hat Creek No. 421-A. L. Doty, Master, and wife. Hornbrook No. 391-Mrs. Cynthia Lange, Alternate. Likely No. 405-D. E. Van Loan, Master, and wife. Little Shasta No. 399-J. E. Rohrer, Master, and wife. Lookout No. 415-Mrs. Barbara Fulcher, Alternate. McArthur No. 420-F. W. Loosley, Master, and wife. Morgan Hill No. 408-J. H. Harkness, Master, and wife. Mountain View No. 332-H. H. Ainsworth, Master, and wife.

Mt. Bolivar No. 218-R. M. Hayden, Master, and wife. Napa, No. 307-Dwight W. Addy, Master, and wife. Orchard City No. 333-Louis Shelley, Master, and wife. Petaluma No. 23-J. J. King, Master, and wife. Poplar No. 359-Mrs. Lottie Taggard, Alternate. Potter Valley No. 115-Cylde Eddie, Master, and wife. Progressive No. 400-J. T. Bailhache, Master, and wife. Redwood Valley No. 382-Hazel Schelford Smith, Alternate. Rio Linda No. 403-Geo. F. Wilson, Master, and wife. Rutherford No. 371-Mrs. M. D. Floaten, Afternate. Sacramento No. 12-Mrs. Pearl Hack, Master. San Jose No. 10-Isaac Gover, Master, and wife-Santa Rosa No. 17-S. H. Stone, Alternate, and wife. Scott Valley No. 386-Mrs. W. B. Smith, Alternate. Sebastopol No. 306-H. E. Owens, Master. Silverado No. 370-J. B. Winkleman, Master, and wife. Sonoma Valley No. 407-M. F. Johnson, Alternate. Sunnyvale No. 416-C. G. Marshall, Master, and wife.

Tulare No. 198—Thomas Jacob, Alternate.
Two Rock No. 125—Henry Nisson, Master, and wife.
Valley Oaks No. 368—Erwin Hauschildt, Alternate.
Windsor No. 410—Mary M. Carter, Master.
Mendocino Pomona No. 10—A. L. Ford, Master.
Modoc Pomona No. 9—F. L. Roberts, Master, and wife.
Napa-Lake Pomona No. 7—Granville Libby, Master, and wife.

Sacramento Pomona No. 2-James W. Holmes, Master, and wife.

Santa Clara Pomona No. 4-Joseph H. Bone, Master, and wife.

Siskiyou Pomona No. 6—Linnie Mueller, Alternate. Sonoma Pomona No. 1—Wesley Beach, Master.

Tulare Pomona No. 5—Frank S. Clifton, Master, and wife. Canby, Geyservike, Gold Hill, Mount Lassen, Orangevale, Ukiah, Upper Valley, and Walker Granges were not represented.

S. L. STICE, Chairman,
JAMES W. HOLMES,
MRS. J. B. ROHRER,
CHRISTINE O. AINSWORTH,
MRS. J. H. HARKNESS,
Committee.

#### DIVISION OF LABOR

Your Committee on Division of Labor would make recommendations as follows:

On the Report of the State Master-

1.—That part referring to Condition of Agriculture be referred to the Agricultural Committee.

2.—That part on Taxation be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

3.—That the part on Law Enforcement be referred to the Committee on Education.

4.—That the part on our "Un-naturalized" be referred to our Legislative Committee,

5.—That the part on Grange Halls be referred to the Good of the Order Committee.

6.—That that part on "Napa Grange Bulletin" be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

- 7.—That the part on Pomona Granges be referred to the Good of the Order Committee.
- 8.—That the part on the Juvenile Grange be referred to the Juvenile Committee.
- 9.—That that part relating to the National Grange bereferred to the Good of the Order Committee.
- 10.—That that part relating to Roads and Highways be referred to the Good Roads Committee.
- 11.—That that part referring to Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance be referred to the Fire Insurance Committee.
- 12.—That that part referring to "In Memoriam" be referred to the Memorial Committee.

F. S. CLIFTON,
HENRY NISSON,
MRS. CLYDE EDDIE.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Your Committee on Order of Business respectfully submit the following schedule:

#### Tuesday, October 19, 1926

#### 11 A. M.—

- 1. Opening the Grange in the Sixth Degree.
- 2. Obligation of Delegates in the Sixth Degree.
- 3. Grange closed in the Sixth and opened in the Fourth Degree.
- 4. Introduction of distinguished Patrons and Past Masters. Remarks by same.
  - 5. Announcement of Committees by State Master.
  - 6. Announcements.

#### 2 P. M.-

- 1. Report of Committee on Credentials.
- 2. Roll Call of Granges.
- 3. Reports of Officers.
- 4. Report of Executive Committee.
- 5. Reports of Deputies.
- 6. Reports of Granges, and Introduction of Resolutions.
- 7. Announcements.

#### 7:30 P. M.-

Reception in Scottish Rite Temple.

#### Wednesday, October 20th

#### 8:30 A. M.-

- 1. Opening Grange in regular form.
- 2. Unfinished Business.
- 3. 10:30 to 11-Address by Sam Green, on Oleomargarine.
- 4. Unfinished Business, continued.
- 5. Announcements.

#### 1:30 P. M.-

- 1. Memorial Exercises.
- 2. Address by Leon O. Whitsell, California Railroad Commissioner.
- 3. Address by Prof. R. L. Adams, State Market Commissioner.
  - 4. Fire Insurance Meeting. Lecturer's Conference.
  - 5. Announcements.

#### 7:30 P. M.-

- 1. Lecturer's Hour.
- 2. Dance in St. James Hotel.

#### Thursday, October 21st

#### 9 A. M.-

- 1. Grange opened in regular form.
- 2. Unfinished Business.
- 3. New Business.
- 4. Reports of Committees.
- 5. Announcements.

#### 1:30 P. M.-

Automobile trip through Santa Clara Valley.

#### 7:30 P. M.-

- 1. Conferring Fifth Degree.
- 2. Conferring Sixth Degree.
- 3. Pomona Feast.

#### Friday, October 22nd

#### 9 A. M.-

- 1. Opening Grange in Fourth Degree.
- 2. Unfinished Business.
- 3. Reports of Committees.
- 4. Selecting a Meeting Place for 1927.
- 5. Election of Executive Committee Member.
- 6. Discussion and Adoption of Resolutions.

1:30 P. M.-

- 1. Unfinished Business.
- 2. New Business.
- 3. Miscellaneous Business.
- 4. Closing of Session in Ample Form.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

The Committee on "Good of the Order" submits the following suggestions and recommendations:

1st. That the resolution of Brother Dudgeon, referred to this committee, be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

2nd. We concur in the resolution passed by the Lecturer's Conference, and recommend its adoption.

3rd. We recommend that the State Grange Publicity Committee be continued under the plan adopted at the 1925 session, and urge a greater activity among the Granges in securing the co-operation of the county and local newspapers in publishing worth-while Grange activities.

4th. That the limitations placed on the State Master at the 1925 session on the "Visitation of Granges" be suspended, as we believe that funds thus expended are well invested.

5th. We suggest that the Executive Committee cause to be printed and distributed to Subordinate Granges, a small pocket pamphlet containing a summary of Grange accomplishments, along the lines given by Mr. Whitsell, Railroad Commissioner, in his address before this session.

6th. The full exemplification of the secret work sometime during the State Convention.

7th. The committee strongly endorses that suggesion of the National Master, "That each Subordinate Grange put over at least one Community Project," during the year, and that in the annual report to this body the project so undertaken shall be stated, together with the degree of success attained. This will suggest valuable information for the use of other Granges.

Fraternally yours,

A. S. JONES, IDA J. SHEPARD. LEE DUDGEON.

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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

Your Committee on Legislation has considered the resolutions referred to it, and makes the following report:

- 1. On the resolutions relating to "Racing," to the "Raising of Tariffs for the Protection of American Agriculture," on the "Legislative Policy of the Grange," on "Daylight Saving," on "The terms of Senators and Members of Congress," on "The open season for Doves in District No. 1," on the Ineligible Alien Law," the Committee report favorably and recommend their adoption.
- 2. On the resolution relating to "Country Banks," on that relating to "National Reapportionment," on that endorsing the "McNary-Haugen plan," the Committee adversely, and recommend that they be rejected.

S. S. KNIGHT. Chairman, JOSEPH HOLMES, MRS. IDA M. CLENDENING, Committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

On the resolutions relating to "requesting each candidate to the United States Congress from California, etc.," and to the "wiping of fruit," the Committee report unfavorably.

On the resolution relating to the "killing of deer," the Committee recommends that this resolution be sent to the California Development Board for their consideration.

#### Resolutions of Thanks

The fifty-fourth annual session of the State Grange of California is drawing to a close. Your Committee on Resolutions feels that this convention should express thanks to all who assisted in making our meeting one of the most successful ever held, and who contributed to our pleasure and comfort by their attention.

Therefore, Be It Resolved. That we express, by a rising vote, our thanks to

The Santa Clara Pomona Grange Degree Team, whose excellence of floor work and manner of presenting the Fifth Degree set a new high standard for such work;

To the members of Santa Clara Pomona Grange, and of all the Granges in the County, including East Palo Alto Grange:

To the City of San Jose through the City Council;

To the San Jose Chamber of Commerce;

To the local "Press," for courtesies extended;

To Broadcasting Station KQW, for its co-operation;

To the Palo Orchestra, for music donated;

To the Campfire Girls of Campbell;

To St. James Hotel, for the use of a hall for dancing;

To the Unitarian Church, for the use of the church for the Memorial Exercises;

To the Traffic Officer who assisted on our tour of Santa Clara Valley:

To the Management of Scottish Rite Temple, for courtesies extended, and

To all who entertained with literary and musical numbers.

ROY I. CHURCH, Chairman, C. G. MARSHALL, MRS. H. R. MULLINS, MRS. C. H. EMLIN,

Committee.

#### FINANCE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Finance begs to report that:

We find the reports of the Treasurer and the Secretary for the year ending September 30, 1926, agree; that the accounts are clearly stated, and are, to the best of our knowledge, correct.

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC GOVER, Chairman, MARY M. CARTER, LOUIS SHELLEY,

Committee.

#### EDUCATION

Officers and Members of the State Grange of California:

That part of the Worthy Master's annual address, on law enforcement, was referred to the Committee on Education.

We endorse every word, and hope that all our members will vote so that there will be no letting up on law enforcement.

Mr. Richard Werner has just lately been appointed Commissioner of Secondary Education of Public Schools of California. He is anxious for more work in his department. If any of our High Schools are not teaching agriculture, and would like to do so, if they will communicate with Mr. Richard Werner, Commissioner of Secondary Education, Sacramento, California, he will personally go and make an educational survey, and, as a result, you may be able to get a teacher of agriculture, the State paying more than one-half of his salary. We think this is worth looking into.

We report favorably on the resolution relating to "Free County Library Service" wherever a County Library is in existence.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. LINDLEY, Chairman, MRS. J. W. DORRIS, HARRIETT L. PETTIT, Committee.

#### CONSERVATION

Worthy Master, Officers and Members:

Your Committee on Conservation reports as follows:

#### Water

We commend to the careful study of every Patron, the Farmers' Water Policy, which has been adopted by our Executive Committee, and by all other farm organizations. We hereby approve the action of our Executive Committee in adopting that comprehensive water policy, in view of which it seems unnecessary for this committee to recom-

mend any other resolution at this time on water conserva-

#### Forests

We favor adequate appropriations by the State and Nation for the protection of the forests and mountain brush cover from destruction by fire, in order that mature timber may be saved, young trees permitted to mature, and much needed water conserved.

The Calaveras Big Trees groves are the only extensive area of the Sequoia Gigantea remaining in private ownership. The recent sale of the larger of these groves to a lumbering company having renewed public interest in their preservation, we believe that the groves should be purchased by either the State or National government, to the end that they may be forever kept as a national monument and playground for all the people.

Due to the fact that protection of the birds mentioned in the resolution on "Wild Life," has only been removed for a period of one year, we recommend that no final action be taken at this time.

> ROY I. CHURCH, Chairman, MRS. HARRY BARNES, J. J. HARTLEY, MRS. C. G. MARSHALL, Committee.

#### AGRICULTURE

Worthy State Master, Officers and Members:

We, the members of the Agricultural Committee, having had under consideration the resolution relating to "The tariff on live stock products," do recommend that this resolution be presented to the National Grange at its next session, by the Worthy State Master.

DWIGHT W. ADDY, Chairman, R. P. VAN ALLEN, MRS. A. L. DOTY, F. W. LOOSLEY, F. L. ROBERTS,

Committee.

#### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, to whom was referred the resolution proposing to amend Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of California State Grange, begs leave to report that we have carefully considered the same, and report adversely thereon.

We have also considered the resolution proposing to amend Article IV, Section 1, of the By-Laws, and report that we deem the proposed change inadvisable.

> E. T. PETTIT, Chairman, CARRIE R. HOLMES, MRS. LOUIS R. SHELLEY, Committee.

#### CO-OPERATION

The subject of co-operation has been presented to this organization for many years. We recognize it as one of the chief cornerstones of our Grange structure. We have learned that, without its use, the Grange, either Subordinate, State, or National, cannot exist. As has been said, "Co-operation is the bottom, the center, and the top of all Grange work." When applied and used vigorously, the Grange is active, prosperous, and strong; and by its proportionate use is the true condition of a Grange registered, even down to dormancy, non-use, and death.

That the Grange furnishes the facilities for successful co-operation in all departments of farm life, your committee believes to be undeniable. Here is found the school for social enjoyment and improvement. Here is the opportunity for constant intellectual growth for all. Here is the broad field by which we can aid each other in achieving financial success. It is the latter feature that we suppose this committee is expected to more particularly confine itself.

Your committee recognizes the necessity for more specific education in the fundamental principles and practical application of co-operative marketing and related subjects in the economics of agriculture. An understanding, on the part of the membership, of co-operative marketing associa-

tions, and the general public, is essential to the successful operation of farm business organizations. We meet here in this city, which is the birthplace of the California Prune & Apricot Association. Here in the Santa Clara Valley, which has long been the chief center of production of dried prunes and apricots. Many of those present are members of that organization. After nine years of operation, you now know something of its possibilities, as well as its limitations. We believe, however, that co-operative marketing can never reach its greatest usefulness until the various agencies handling the growers' products co-ordinate their efforts in trying to stableize the market.

Within the last month there has appeared in the public press the announcement that the Raisin Growers Association, through its sales organization, the Sun Land Agency, have entered the prune selling game. There apparently exists some conflict between the two organizations, brought about by a difference of opinion in the plan of selling. The Prune Association sells through brokers, while the Raisin Association sells by direct distribution through its own agency and reaching the utmost consumer. The plan of selling is one which the Grange has fostered, and most of our hopes have been built on that belief. We regret, however, the apparent inability of the Raisin Association to secure the necessary prunes needed from the Prune Association instead of a commercial packer, at least until such time as their plan of selling prunes has been given a trial.

The Sun Land Sales Agency have lately added peaches and figs to its stores for distribution, and is apparently doing a good job for those products. It is obvious, of course, that they can sell a wider 'ine of products at a decreasing cost, as it has always been the purpose of the Sun Land Corporation to handle various dried fruit and nuts.

The important thing for the grower is to find a plan that will move the maximum of products at the minimum cost.

One of the important problems of co-operation is the development of a co-operative spirit or understanding throughout the rural communities. It will be of little value to set large and efficient co-operative business organizations if they are not understood and supported by those whom they seek to benefit. The producer must learn to test his

association, not by the price advantage it may offer him this year, but by the service it may render him during a term of years. Thus it is necessary to take a long time view of the movement in seffort to stableize production and distribution. There is also a real need for a better understanding and appreciation of the co-operative movement by the general public. To this end each interest must be brought to know understand and co-operate with the others. In this work, the Grange if it is to remain true to its calling, must play an important part. Our manner of organization offers a splendid opportunity for usefulness in this educational work, which is so necessary in obtaining the greatest success in co-operative marketing.

In this work we have the right to expect the support and membership of every eligible person in any community where there is an organization of the Grange.

> E. K. CLENDENING, Chairman, GRANVILLE LIBBY, CARRIE R. HOLMES, JENNIE DUDGEON.

#### ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

Officers and Members of the State Grange of California:

Your Committee on Assessment and Taxation recommends that that part of the Master's Address relating to taxation be approved.

On the resolution relating to expense incurred by Supervisors, we recommend that no action be taken.

On the resolution exempting forest trees from taxation. we recommend the adoption of the resolution with scratched section stricken out.

On the resolution regarding the consolidation of political divisions, the committee reports adversely.

FRANK L. HUNT, Shairman, S. L. STICE, J. W. WATT, MRS. LOIS CRAIG,

Committee.

#### WELFARE

To the Worthy Master and Patrons of California State Grange.

Your Welfare Committee begs leave to submit the following:

Your committee finds that each Grange has done its bit this past year for the general welfare of its community and its individual members.

The sufferers in the Florida hurricane were given Grange aid through its contributions to the Red Cross. The Boy Scouts of America, the Campfire Girls, and the American Legion were given Grange support as organizations helpful to the various communities; as were enterprises sponsored by several Chambers of Commerce, Garden Clubs, and County Fair Associations.

As helpers one of another, as brothers, the Grange members have also lived up to the teachings of their order, in whose circle the welfare of each is bound up in the good of all.

Fraternally submitted,

CLARA E. KNIGHT, Chairman. MARY B. LINDLEY, GRACE BIGGS, VINA BAILHACHE.

Committee.

#### FIRE INSURANCE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your committee on Fire Insurance makes the following report:

In the matter of the Federal Land Bank accepting our Policies, a committee of the Board of Directors visited the Bank and took the matter up with Mr. Ely; after explaining a copy of the Act under which we operate, and a short explanation of our business, he said the Bank would continue to accept our Policies.

Owing to adverse reports, we suggest that the Board of Directors notify each Grange of this action and also request the Secretary of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association to ask each Agent to have the Section of the Bylaws relative to Grange Dues read in the Grange at least twice each year.

THOS. JACOB, Chairman. MAUDE VAN ALLEN. JOHN ALDEN SHEPARD.

#### HOME ECONOMICS

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

Your committee has little material at hand from which to make a report of work accomplished by the women of the Granges in California during the past year. Therefore, we present a few of the aims and purposes of this committee and recommend discussion on these topics in the Subordinate Grange.

1.—To assist in making our homes more attractive and comfortable within and their surroundings more beautiful.

2.—To make our Grange halls more attractive and have charge of the kitchen and dining room equipment.

3.-To encourage greater efficiency and true economy in

household management.

We recommend for the general topic to be studied during the year, that of nutrition. The health and comfort of the family, in far greater degree than is generally recognized, depends upon proper nutrition. When we realize that the majority of diseases can be traced to the diet, it becomes evident that some knowledge of the real needs of the body, as well as the value of different foods, is essential to intelligent provision for the needs of the household. This subject should be given special consideration.

MINNIE HARTLEY, Chairman, ELLA C. BAUGHLER, BERTHA A. ROBERTS, MINNIE P. EDDIE,

Committee.

#### DORMANT GRANGES

Report of Committee on Dormant Granges:

This committee begs to report that dormant Granges will cease to exist when a better understanding is had of the

underlying principals of Grange work as developed by the founders of our order. Every organization grows which performs a useful service. Every organization dies which does not. Service to the community in which it exists is the acid test by which all Grange work must be measured.

There is no community no matter how well organized, or how advanced its ideals may be, which will not profit by having a Grange spirit of fraternity and service made manifest by

fest by a wide awake, alert and active Grange.

This committee believes that, without criticizing our state and county Grange officers, it should be a well recognized part of their duties, as well as that of Granges in the neighborhood where Grange spirit seems to be declining, to do all within their power to exemplify that spirit of helpfulness and fraternalism which has been the foundation on which the phenominal success of our order has been built.

H. A. CRAIG, Chairman, MRS. PEARL HACK. MRS. LINNIE MUELLER. W. S. WARDLAW,

Committee.

#### HOME BEAUTIFICATION

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your committee on Home Beautification respectfully recommends that in addition to the action of the State Grange at its 1925 convention urging all Subordinate Granges to promote in their respective communities the plan of the Santa Clara County Flower Lovers' Club, that as far as practical Junior Flower Clubs be organized in the public schools as now in successful operation by the above named club.

HORACE G. KEESLING, Chairman, MRS. A. VAN MAREN, MRS. CLARA E. KNIGHT, Committee.

#### ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

Officers and Members:

Your committee on Roads and Highways reports as follows:

In going over the construction and maintenance of State

Highways and county roads—great care should be exercised in the expenditures of road funds. In making any recommendations it would be necessary to go into the details of road construction as well as the cost. Roads, generally, that have come under our observation, are good. As to the expense of maintenance and cost of construction, we are without the necessary data.

We are, however, in favor of the gasoline tax, No. 4, on the November ballot, as a means of increasing our permanent road construction.

We suggest that the Road Committees of the Subordinate Granges be active and make monthly reports to their respective Granges, thus getting in close touch and co-operating with their District Supervisor.

W. P. MILLER, Chairman, J. T. BAILHACHE, D. E. VAN LOAN, W. E. LINDLEY,

Committee.

#### MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem find the following State Officers, Subordinate Masters, or Alternates, and their wives or husbands, and Subordinate Lecturers entitled to payment as follows:

#### State Officers

H. A. Craig, Overseer	\$34.86
Eva Van Loan, Pomona	32.84
Linda M. Hartley, Flora	5.85
Florence Steinmetz, Ceres	4.50
Mary Lindley Chaplain	2.80
W. Halbert Smith, Asst. Steward	38.20
Grace M. Biggs, Lady Asst. Steward	7.44
F. L. Roberts, Gate Keeper	46.58
Cordelia Aylward, Pianist	7.44
J. N. Watt, Treasurer	6.00
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#### Lecturers

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Linnie Mueller, Hornbrook	.75
Mrs. Annie Crowl, Davis Creek	.80
Mrs. Della D. Pettit, Sacramento	.72
Lottie E. Taggard, Tulare Pomona 9	.12
Mrs. Vina Bailhache, Healdsburg 4	.21
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F. W. Loosley and wife, McArthur 97	.32
E. E. Martin and wife, Anderson	.80
H. Crichton and wife, Fall River 95	.32
A. L. Doty and wife, Hat Creek 89	
A. L. Ford, Mendocino Pomona	
GEO. SEHLMEYER, Chairman	
J. B. ROHRER,	
CLYDE EDDIE,	
MRS. HENRY NISSON,	
Committee	

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CALIFORNIA STATE: GRANGE

#### Relating to Racing

(Introduced by Brother Wesley Beach)

Whereas, Proposition No. 6 on the ballot is entitled "Racing," thereby erroneously giving the impression that this measure is necessary to permit the conducting of horse races, and

Whereas, the real purpose of this measure is to legalize gambling on horse races, and

Whereas, this measure seeks to lend respectability to itself by proposing to give certain proceeds to the State

Board of Agriculture for the encouragement of agriculture and agricultural fairs, and

Whereas, the economic and moral evils of gambling are too serious a curse to permit its being restored in this State after having been outlawed by the Legislature, and

Whereas, the State Grange is composed of representatives of agriculture, and in a position to speak for this great basic industry, and

Whereas, the State Grange, out of a sense of self respect and the dignity of this great industry, protests against and repudiates the attempt to gain support for this measure by the proposal to divide the proceeds of vice with the State Board of Agriculture,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the State Grange vigorously opposes the attempt to restore race-track gambling in California, and therefore opposes Proposition No. 6 on the ballot.

#### Protection of American Agriculture (Introduced by Sacramento Pomona)

Whereas, Farming in the United States of America is not at present on a basis of economic equality with industry or commerce, and.

Whereas, The markets for agricultural products in America are being swamped by imported products amounting to approximately Two Billions of Dollars import value annually, and.

Whereas, The cost of producing farm products is greater in America than in foreign lands, by reasons of the standards of living, high wages, and cost of supplies, and,

Whereas, The tariffs now in effect do not sufficiently protect the American market for the American Farmer, but give great protection to manufactured products he must purchase, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of California State Grange, that the tariff should be raised for the protection of American Agriculture, and that our National Grange should actively advocate such a policy.

#### The Grange Legislative Policy

Whereas, At the fifty-second annual session of the California State Grange, held at Santa Rosa in October, 1924, three (3) major legislative projects were unanimously endorsed:

1st. Reapportionment of California which would definitely place ONE house of the Legislature in the control of rural California.

2nd. The taxing of publicly-owned utilities in exactly the same manner as if they were privately owned.

3rd. The discontinuance of the issuing of tax free securities.

And,

Whereas, Through the united action of all of the state-wide farm organizations, the first of these proposals is now upon the ballot for the November election, and the third was made the subject of a joint resolution of the last session of our State Legislature, asking Congress to submit House Joint Resolution No. 1 of the sixty-eighth Congress to the various states for acceptance or rejection, and

Whereas, Through the lack of information on the part of the citizens of California, and the selfishness and cupidity of certain centers of population and their representatives in our State Legislature, our second proposal was defeated, although there were none who questioned the fairness, justice, equity or the necessity of its passage onto the ballot, so that the electors of California might have the opportunity of making it an amendement to our State Constitution, and

Whereas, The economic condition of California's farmers today demands that everything possible be done which will tend to bring the agricultural producers of this State onto some plane approaching parity with those engaged in other forms of human endeavor which are followed as a means of securing a livelihood, and

Whereas, The most effective remedy against the continually growing discontent of the California Taxpayer, with increasing governmental expenses and increasing taxation, seems to be in his more complete understanding of such proposed expenditures in advance of their final and unalterable determination, together with provision for his right of appeal therefrom in case of dissatisfaction with any proposed expenditure or the amount thereof.

And, whereas, This procedure has in other States proven the means of a large measure of economy in expenditures as well as of very considerable savings on purchases, bids on construction contracts and other charges against governmental units, and

Whereas, Our State Market Commission, through its Director, has within the last crop season showed the indisputable necessity of some protection being afforded the farmers of California who entrust their produce to others who act as their agents in its disposition, their losses annually from the dishonesty of these agents running into the millions of dollars each year.

Therefore Be It Resolved, That we, the members of the 54th annual session of the California State Grange, meeting in San Jose, October 19th-22nd, 1926, do unanimously request the Officers and the Legislative Committee of this State Grange to devote their utmost energies to having our next State Legislature place upon the ballot at the November election, 1928, an amendment to our State Constitution identical to A. C. A. No. 4, by Hartranft of the 46th session of the California Legislature, and

That we further request our Officers and the Legislative Committee of the State Grange to urge the adoption in this State of laws requiring the preparation and publication by all subordinate taxing units of a budget or items of proposed expenditures which must have reasonable publicity and a public hearing at some place within the district where the tax is to be laid, before final adoption by the constituted authorities, and

That we also request our Officers and the Legislative Committee of this State Grange to see that some suitable measure (if possible, one drawn by our State Market Commission) be introduced into the next session of our State Legislature, which will fully protect the farmers of California in their dealings with any and all parties who may act as their agents in the sale of their produce, and that such California statutory law be reinforced by agreemennts within the trade under the supervision of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture, as its Chief has so admirably outlined in his "white list" proposal, and

Furthermore, That we ask our Legislative Committee to carry this resolution before the annual meetings of the other state-wide farm organizations of California, and request their active co-operation in bringing this legislative program to a successful conclusion.

#### Relating to Daylight Saving

(Introduced by Silverado Grange)

Whereas, there is a movement on foot to enact a "Daylight Saving Law" for California, which would set all clocks ahead one hour on the last Sunday in April until the last Sunday in September each year, and

Whereas, such a law, which is in itself contrary to all laws of nature, would work a great hardship upon those engaged in agricultural pursuits, therefore be it

Resolved, that California State Grange, P. of H., does hereby go on record as being bitterly opposed to the enactment of any such law.

#### Relating to the Terms of Senators

(Introduced by Tulare Pomona)

Whereas, there exists a growing demand for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, making the terms of Senators and Congressmen begin the first December following their election, instead of a year later, as at present, and

Whereas, there exists many valid reasons for such change, primarily the enactment of undesirable legislation by the retiring members, therefore

Be It Resolved, by Tulare County Pomona Grange No. 5, in regular session assembled, September 9, 1926, that California State Grange be asked to initiate concerted action by the various Pomona, Subordinate, and State Granges to secure such amendment.

#### Relating to the Dove Season

(Introduced by Dinuba Grange)

Whereas, California State Fish and Game Law provides that the open season for the killing of doves in District No. 1 is September 1st to September 30th, and

Whereas, in said District No. 1, many young doves are still in their nests and many eggs are still unhatched. Therefore, open season at that time leaves many young to die for want of care by parent birds, and

Whereas, said Law provides that, fifteen doves per day, or thirty per week, may be killed by hunters during the open season, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, members of California State Grange, meeting in regular session at San Jose, do recommend that said Law be amended to read, open season for doves, October 1 to October 31, in said District No. 1, and that the limit of bag be ten per day, or twenty per week, for each hunter.

#### Relating to the Ineligible Alien Clause

(Introduced by Sonoma Pomona)

Whereas, the California State Grange and the National Grange for many years past firmly stood upon the principles involved in the so-called "ineligible alien" clause of the Johnson Immigration Bill,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that, in this, our fifty-fourth annual session, in San Jose, October 22, 1926, we ask our State Master to request the National Grange to re-affirm its position as being unalterably opposed to any change in the ineligible alien clause of the Johnson Immigration Bill.

#### Relating to Tariff on Live Stock Products

(Introduced by Modoc Pomona)

Whereas, The Agricultural and Livestock resources of the United States are susceptible of great expansion to the point where they will support double, or more, than the present population, and

Whereas, In the event of war with a foreign power, the self-sustaining nation which is independent of other nations for the maintenance of its people and its armies, is independent of foreign tonnage, its production of food-stuffs being a fundamental element, even ahead of the cannon and the saber, in successful warfare, and

Whereas, History teaches that no nation can permanently endure which is not rooted in the soil of its forefathers, and

Whereas, Large quantities of foreign agricultural and livestock products are imported and sold in our markets, to our own people, in competition with the products of our farmers and stockmen, because of the want of the development of much of our resources, resulting from the fact that the profits derived from agriculture and livestock are not on a par with the profits derived from other home industries.

Now, Therefore, Resolved, That the tariff wall against the sale of foreign agricultural and livestock products in our country should be so high and so tight that such products cannot break through, and that it should be so maintained, until such a time as our agricultural and livestock resources are developed to the saturation point, and

Further Resolved, That the Master of the California State Grange take a copy of this resolution to the National Grange, at its next meeting, for its approval, after which a copy shall be furnished all Grange legislative committees, that this may become the fixed policy of the Grange organization, and guidance for its legislative action.

#### Relating to the Taxation of Forest Trees

(Introduced by Dorris Grange)

Whereas, statistics show that more than nineteen million acres, or approximately one-fifth the total land area of this State, is within government owned national forests, and

Whereas, the California Forest Protective Association has placed a valuation of \$300,000,000 on all national forest resources in this State, and

Whereas, returns to the Counties on this vast public resources is only eight-tenths of one cent on each \$100.00 of valuation, and

Whereas, the average tax rate for privately owned taxable property in the State, is more than Two (\$2) Dollars to each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars of valuation, and

Whereas, the entire natural resources of the State and Nation should bear by the means of taxation, the governmental financial burden, and Whereas, the withdrawal or exemption of any portion of our resources from taxation, necessarily places a greater burden on other taxable property, and

Whereas, all this vast area within the National Forest Reserves is withdrawn from taxation, and is incapable of private acquisition,

Now, Therefore, We, The State Grange of California, an organization devoted to the promotion of the best interests of agriculture, go on record, and declare that we are emphatically opposed to any increase of the land area within National Forests; and oppose the withdrawal or exemption of any other National resource from taxation.

#### Relating to Free County Library

(Introduced by Sonoma Valley Grange)

Whereas, Farm Relief legis: ation has been pending for several years, with little hope of success, and

Whereas, the buck has been quite forcibly passed to the farmers to relieve themselves, by both our President and our Congressional delegation, and

Whereas, the leaders in our various farm organizations have no concrete program to offer,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Sonoma Valley Grange No. 407, P. of H., recommends that the California State Grange recommend the California County Free Library Service, where such exist, as a means to enable the rank and file of the rural population to educate themselves in such a way as to throw more light on this problem of Farm Relief.

#### Regarding the Napa Grange Bulletin

(Introduced by Lecturers' Conference)

The Lecturers of the Subordinate and Pomona Granges of California, in their conference assembled at this, the 54th annual session of the California State Grange, held at San Jose, on the 20th day of October, 1926, recognizing the splendid service which has been performed by the Napa Grange Bulletin, in giving publicity to Grange work im

this State, most respectfully request, by the presentation of this resolution, unanimously adopted by us, that the California State Grange commend the Executive Committee and the Lecturer of this body, for giving us this service this past year, and hope that it may be continued.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

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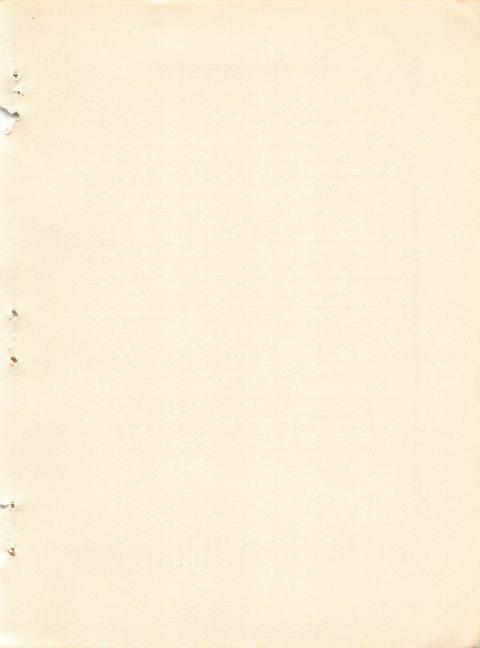
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CREDENTIALS—S. L. Stice, Petaluma; James W. Holmes, Sacramento; Fred Bayliss, Hilt; H. H. Ainsworth, Los Altos R. R., Mrs. J. B. Rohrer, Montague; Mrs. J. H. Harkness, Morgan Hill.

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