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Patrons of Husbandry

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TREES

I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest Against the earth's sweet flowing brest;

A tree that looks at God all day, And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain; Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

—By Joyce Kilmer.



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OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE FOR 1928-1929

Master	GEO. R. HARRISON
	Sebastopol, Sonoma County
Overseer	Gazelle, Siskiyou County
Lecturer	MRS. IDA M. CLENDENING Campbell, Santa Clara County
Steward	STANLEY B. SMITH Los Gatos, Santa Clara County
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Chaplain	MRS. MARY B. LINDLEY Santa Cruz, Monterey County
Treasurer	Sacramento, Sacramento County
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Gate Keeper	Cedarville, Modoc County
Ceres	MRS. ALICE WILLIAMS Gazelle, Siskiyou County
Pomona	MRS, FAY LOOSLEY Pittville, Shasta County
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ROY I. CHURCH	Petaluma,	Sonoma	County
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F. L. HUNT	Napa	a. Napa	County

Fifty-sixth Annual Session of

California State Grange

FIRST DAY-TUESDAY

In accordance with the provisions of Article IV of our Constitution, the State Grange of California assembled in fifty-sixth annual session on Tuesday, October 16, 1928.

The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock A. M. in Foresters' Hall, Marysville, by the Worthy Master, Brother George R. Harrison, and opened in regular form in the Sixth Degree.

The Flag Service was given, Sister Alice S. Harrison acting as standard bearer, the Grange singing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The Assistant Steward, Brother W. Halbert Smith, and Lady Assistant Steward, Sister Grace Biggs, assisted by Brother and Sister Barnes, of Orchard City Grange, took up the passwords.

Divine Blessing was invoked by the Worthy Chaplain, Sister Mary B. Lindley.

Opening song, "Sowing the Seed."

Roll call of officers found the following in their respective stations: Master, George R. Harrison; Overseer, H. A. Craig; Lecturer, Ida M. Clendening; Assistant Steward, W. Halbert Smith; Chaplain, Mary B. Lindley; Secretary, Martha L. Gamble; Gatekeeper, F. L. Roberts; Ceres, Alice Williams; Pomona, Fay Loosley; Flora, Elva M. McBride; Lady Assistant Steward, Grace Biggs; Pianist, Cordelia Aylward; Members of the Executive Committee, F. L. Hunt and W. J. Dorris.

Brother Charles J. Sutton, of Sebastopol Grange, was appointed by the Worthy Master to act as Steward during the session on account of the absence of the Worthy Steward, Brother Stanley B. Smith.

Roll call of Granges found delegates from the following Granges present: Pomona Granges-Mendocino, Modoc, Napa-Lake, Sacramento, Santa Clara, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Tulare. Subordinate Granges-Adin, Alturas, American River, Ander-Antelope, Aromas, Bennett Valley, Beswick, Bogus, Canby, Cedar, Community, Coyote, Danville, Davis Creek, Dorris, Eastern Yuba, East Palo Alto, Fall River, Forestville, Fort Romie, Gazelle, Geyserville, Gilroy, Golden State, Gold Hill, Greenfield, Greenhorn, Guenoc, Hallwood, Happy Camp, Hornbrook, Indian Valley, Janesville, Johnstonville, Little Shasta, Lookout, Madeline Plains, McArthur, Milford, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Mount Bolivar, Mount Lassen, Napa, Oakdale, Orangevale, Orland, Poplar, Progressive, Rio Linda, Sacramento, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Scott Valley, Standish, Sunnyvale, Tulare, Two Rock, Ukiah, Valley Oaks, Western Yolo, Windsor.

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

Delegates who had not yet received the Sixth Degree were admitted, escorted by the Assistant Stewards.

Recess was declared for the purpose of admitting some of Marysville's city officials, who desired to welcome California State Grange to their fair city.

The Hon. Walter Kynoch, the Mayor, extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the citizens of Marysville; Mr. Mat Arnoldy, president, and W. C. O'Brien, secretary, of Marysville Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the Grange on behalf of that body; Professor Curtis E. Warren, principal of Marysville High School, assured us that the schools of Marysville were very glad to have us meet in their city, and all stated they would be pleased to do everything in their power to make our stay in Marysville pleasant.

Worthy Master, George R. Harrison, responded fittingly to the words of welcome, and, on behalf of the Grange, expressed the pleasure the members felt in holding the fifty-sixth annual session in Marysville, and thanked the gentlemen for their words of welcome and their good wishes.

The Grange was again called to order.

A telegram of greetings and good wishes from A. H. Ahlf, President of California Farm Bureau Federation, was read by the Worthy Master.

Recess was declared until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON

Grange was called to order at 2:20 P. M. The passwords were taken up.

Song, "The Grange Is Marching On."

The Committee on Order of Business, Brother Craig, chairman, made a partial report, which, on motion of Brother Tait, of East Palo Alto Grange, seconded by Brother Scott, of Sebastopol Grange, was adopted.

Brother Joseph Holmes, chairman of the Credentials Committee, made a partial report, which was accepted.

Worthy Master Harrison requested Past Master E. T. Pettit to take the chair.

Brother Harrison then read his annual address, as follows:

MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange, in fifty-sixth annual session assembled:

In making this, my seventh annual report, to you, here in this thriving city of Marysville, made famous over threequarters of a century ago by its gold mining operations, and still producing the precious metal by modern methods within but a few miles of its corporate limits, I feel that we should remember that it was here in this same city, forty-two years ago to the very day, the fourteenth annual session was called to order by State Master Brother S. T. Coulter, of Santa Rosa. During this interval of nearly half a century the great grain farms in this valley have been transformed into orchards and vineyards; farming has become intensive, specialized and highly mechanical, but the economic problems of agriculture which were engaging the attention of the Patrons of Husbandry in that day have the just as obscure and exasperating counterparts in our time. The canning peach industry of this very sections has, during the season just drawing to a close, been subjected to misfortune which cannot but be reflected in the lives of those who live in this city, as well as in the lives of those farmers who produced this fruit in the adjoining counties as well as in this county of Yuba. Nor are peaches alone in this distressed condition this year-table, juice and raisin grapes; figs, apples and other of our deciduous fruits have in their production, even upon the best lands, brought near to financial disaster those farmers who produced them. Our co-operative marketing agencies who were engaged in distributing these commodities have suffered discouragement almost to the point of dissolution, and have caused the movement, of which California has been so justly proud, to receive a setback which probably will require the better part of a generation to overcome. Our deficiency in this regard has been our inability to develop the high character of leadership which had the energy, brains and integrity to carry these co-operative agencies to the successful goal which they must reach if agriculture in this State shall ever become a business undertaking with a reasonable financial hazard.

Banking

Last year I called your attention to the growth of branch banking. Today it is difficult to find a locally-owned "hometown" bank of any size in rural California. I recognize the advantage, along certain lines, of large banking units. However, I still believe that in the interest of agriculture, this subject should have a fair and impartial investigation by a committee of farmers, appointed from all of our statewide agricultural organizations.

Taxation

The last session of our State Legislature authorized the appointment by our Governor of a tax commission which should make a comprehensive investigation of our tax situation in California, and report to our Chief Executive, making such recommendations as it felt were necessary to more fairly and more equitably distribute our rapidly increasing tax burdens. To carry on this work, \$75,000 was appropriated. Our farmers unitedly pledged their support to this measure. and it was carried. The California State Grange, in conjunction with the California Farmers' Union, on May 21st, 1928, presented a brief written by the chairman of our legislative committee, to Governor Young and the California Tax Commission, setting forth the entire case of agriculture as its interest in this matter of taxation exists. When it was learned that a special session of the Legislature was going to be called to place upon the ballot an amendment to our State Constitution which would reduce the rate of taxation upon our banks over 50 per cent, the chairman of our legislative committee, Brother Knight, at the request of Mr. Garrod and myself, sent a letter to Governor Young on August 22d. This constitutional amendment appears upon the ballot as Amendment No. 3.

The agricultural organizations of California are united upon this tax policy. They should do all in their power to convince the next session of our State Legislature that action looking toward a more equitable distribution of our burden of the cost of government should come immediately.

This program, in the main, divides itself into two parts:

First—Some of the burden of taxation should be taken from our farmers by the immediate adoption of a personal income tax similar to that used by our federal government. This would assure that those who were able to pay would bear the burden, and this form of tax is the least possible of shifting.

Second—The next session of our State Legislature should immediately place upon the ballot for the general election in 1930 an amendment to our State Constitution which would take from the users of the services of publicly-owned utilities the exemption from state taxation which they enjoy today.

Agricultural Distress vs. Real Estate Promotion

There is a great cry all over this nation today, in an attempt by some enthusiasts to request Congress to pass an EMERGENCY tariff act which would be in the nature of a horizontal increase over present customs duties. Such a suggestion could not but merit the disapproval of the Ways and Means Committee, and utterly disregards the fact that tariffs are only effective in securing higher prices for domestic producers when home consumption exceeds production. those commodities whose production already exceeds our domestic consumption, EXPORT BOUNTIES alone will yield relief, and then only within certain well-defined limits. We commend the position taken by the National Grange at its Cleveland session, last November, upon the export debenture as a method of assisting American agriculture to a higher price level upon those commodities of which we produce an appreciable exportable surplus. No tariff revision can be possible as a means of farm relief which is not securely based

upon a comprehensive study of the necessity of each commodity, and then ONLY when the domestic consumption exceeds American production.

The farmer is the only class of our American people who would calmly allow government agencies, designing politicians and selfish real estate promoters to take money wrung from him through taxes to increase competition for him by bringing MORE land under cultivation and production. I most highly commend to the thoughtful consideration of this body the resolution which will be brought to you from the Pomona Grange of Sonoma County, as adopted by it on July 28th, 1928, at Santa Rosa - that no more Federal or State funds be used for reclamation, irrigation or development projects that will tend to increase agricultural production until what is already produced shall return to the farmer something on a parity with what is already received by industry and labor. On this subject the farmers of California and the nation should refuse to allow any city or political group to intimidate them, and should insist that their fellow citizens stop regarding those who make their living by agriculture as "easy marks," and open to the exploitation of any selfish group or clique who may care to use our farmers to its personal advantage. The State Granges of Idaho, Oregon and Washington are all desperately engaged in this battle under the leadership of their Masters, and especially Brother Goss, of Washington, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Grange. If the Columbia basin project alone should be forced through Congress by our Federal Reclamation Service under Dr. Elwood Mead, the Chambers of Commerce of Oregon and Washington, and the real estate promoters would make millions by this measure. Nearly two million acres of land would be added to that already under cultivation by the expenditure of public moneys of from 300 to 500 millions of dollars, and this at a time when our farmers who are at present producing are suffering the severest economic distress, while those engaged in most other industries are enjoying a record prosperity. I suggest that our legislative committee be instructed to carry this matter before the other farm organizations of California, and that the Washingon representatives of the three great national farm organizations be most heartily thanked for the splendid work which they did in writing their joint letters to Congress under date of February 8th. 1928.

The Grange in California

During the last year we have organized twelve new Granges and two Juveniles. Five new counties have been added to our Grange family. Glenn, with three, the San Joaquin Valley has three, Lassen County five, and Plumas one—our baby Grange—Indian Valley, located at Taylorsville, The last six were organized by Brother R. P. Van Allen, of Modoc County. Our membership has shown, in most cases, a fine enthusiasm and healthy growth. The next year opens under most favorable auspices. Let each and every member strive to make his Grange a little bit better during the coming year, as it is the Grangers who try to make each year better who are the ones who are really doing something to make their Grange something more than a social center. Whenever enthusiasm and definiteness of purpose lag, let us go back to our ritual for a new inspiration. Ritualistic work, well done in our Subordinate and Pomona Granges, is a sure guarantee of high purpose and fair mindedness in both our public and private relations. Mrs. Harrison and I have not visited as many of the older Granges this year as formerly, as we have tried to give to the newer and weaker Granges as much time as possible. In June we attended both the Oregon State Grange, at Rainier, and the Wash-Ington State Grange, at Chehalis. One day there was a joint picnic at Longview, Washington, of both State Granges. This picnic was attended by over 3000 Grangers. At Chehalis I took State Master Goss's place in the Sixth Degree upon a class of 365 candidates. It was estimated that there were over 1200 Grangers in the room, and perfect order was maintained without any effort of the officers. Saturday, June 9th, there was a joint meeting of Masters and some of the Executive Committee of California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. This was held in the large hotel at Longview. There were about 25 present, and at noon all were entertained at a splendid luncheon, compliments of the hotel. Owing to its being right at the close of both of the State Granges, and each Master having many things to look after. we did not have much time to discuss matters. We adjourned, to meet in Pendleton, Oregon, December 14th. I know that much good came from our visit to those two State Granges, as well as from the short conference at Longview.

There is one matter that I feel I must call to your attention, and that is the lack of interest shown at the primaries

by the farmers, especially the August primary, when so many failed to register. On one of my visits I found that out of 128 voters in that precinct, 42 had failed to register. This was just four days before registration closed for this year. Is it any wonder that we lose at the elections?

There will appear upon the ballot this year the same old request to vote more bonds upon the taxpayer. One that is before you is ten million dollars for grade crossing work. I am opposed to voting any more bonds for any kind of road work until we have given the gas tax a good tryout to see if it is not sufficient for all road purposes.

I must call your especial attention to the most desperate battle that the farmers of California have been called upon to fight, where not only the welfare of agriculture but the future of the whole state is at stake. I refer to the attempt to destroy political bossism forever in our State Legislature. To do this Amendment No. 1 upon the ballot on November 6th must be passed with a good majority. Urge every one to vote "Yes" upon Amendment No. 1, and guarantee a safe and honest Legislature.

I wish that many from California might attend the sixty-first annual session of the National Grange at the birthplace of the Grange, Washington, D. C. I have certificates which I will be pleased to furnish you. The date is November 14th to 23d, inclusive.

Law Enforcement

There is one sad thing in this State, as in all States, and in most communities, and that is to see people who pose as respectable, law-abiding citizens, openly denouncing the Eighteenth Amendment to our national Constitution, and also law enforcement officers, who, instead of trying to do their sworn duty, are in reality helping to defeat the law and changing public opinion on a question so vital to a clean, honest government. I hope this State Grange will go on record for enforcement of all laws and will pledge this organization in support of same.

Death of National Secretary Charles M. Freeman

It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of our National Secretary, Brother Charles M. Freeman, of Ohio. Brother Freeman has served the National Grange as its Secreary for nearly twenty-six years. The National Grange has lost a valuable officer, and the State of Ohio a most respected citizen. All will miss his pleasant words, and the warm hand-clasp that he had for all. His work is finished. The Master of the Great Grange has called, and he has answered. I am asking that all Masters who have not already done so will at their first meeting, drape their Charter for a period of thirty days, as a mark of respect for our departed Brother.

In Memoriam

Death has also visited our Granges during the year just passed. I am asking all delegates to inform the Memorial Committee if in their Granges there has been a death of either Master or wife, or Past Masters or wives, during the year, and at a time selected by the Memorial Committee we will hold our regular memorial services. I urge all to attend this service.

In Conclusion

Brothers and Sisters, the work of the hour is before you, and the people of this great State are watching to see what action this organization takes upon the various matters that will come before this body.

Patrons, do your duty!

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE R. HARRISON, Master.

The address of the Worthy Master was referred to the Committee on Division of Labor.

Worthy Master Harrison again took the chair. The following committees were appointed:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Good of the Order—E. T. Pettit, Cupertino; Lee Dudgeon, Soledad; F. W. Loosley, Pittville; Mrs. Carrie Holmes, Sacramento; Mrs. Cora B. Scott, Sebastopol; Mrs. Frank Dimke, Janesville.

Order of Business—H. A. Craig, Gazelle; George Sehlmeyer, Elk Grove; A. Bruckner, Calistoga; Mrs. Mae Church, Petaluma; Mrs. Glenn C. Talbott, Madeline.

Legislation-G. S. Knight, Petaluma; Ralph H. Taylor,

Sacramento; Frank L. Hunt, Napa; Roy I. Church, Petaluma; Joseph Holmes, Sacramento; A. T. Jones, San Martin.

Education—Mrs. Fay Loosley, Pittville; Mrs. Ida M. Clendening, Campbell; Mrs. Hazel Roberts, Cedarville; Mrs. B. R. Tingley, Orland; Mrs. Lydia N. Jonier, Lookout.

Constitution and By-Laws—E. T. Pettit, Cupertino; Granville Libby, Middletown; F. O. Jones, Napa; Mrs. Harry Barnes, Campbell; Mrs. W. S. Trumbo, Alturas.

Co-Operation—E. K. Clendening, Campbell; W. J. Dorris, Alturas; W. V. Griffith, Geyserville; Mrs. Minnie Hartley, Napa; Mrs. Nettie Holmes, Sacramento.

Home Economics—Mrs. Ella C. Braughler, Sacramento; Mrs. Mae Sutton, Sebastopol; Mrs. Alice Williams, Gazelle; Mrs. Jessie M. Lowe, Standish; Mrs. Annie L. Tait, East Palo Alto.

Welfare—Mrs. Grace Biggs, Isleton; Mrs. A. T. Jones, San Martin; Mrs. Ida M. King, Petaluma; Miss Fannie L. Gamble, Santa Rosa.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Agriculture—F. L. Roberts, Cedarville; M. F. Lowe, Standish; Peter McGarva, Likely; M. P. Howard, Redding; Mrs. R. L. Burk, Butte City; Mrs. W. G. Lovejoy, Morgan Hill; Mrs. Anna C. Daniels, Gold Hill.

Roads and Highways—A. M. Green, Canby; B. R. Tingley, Orland; Burt Stevens, Coyote; E. C. Kooser, Anderson.

Fire Insurance—Thomas Jacob, Visalia; A. Van Maren, Fair Oaks; Walter Bray, Hornbrook; Louis G. Shattuck, Middletown; C. F. Chantler, Gilroy.

Conservation—Charles Le May, Yreka; Clyde Eddie, Potter Valley; Mrs. Mae Baker, Porterville; Mrs. F. L. Roberts, Cedarville.

Credentials—Joseph Holmes, Sacramento; M. T. Hunt, Sacramento; W. R. Gage, San Jose; Mrs. Eunice Peterson, Sonoma; Mrs. A. Brucker, Calistoga.

Finance—Charles J. Sutton, Sebastopol; W. A. Trumbo, Alturas; R. P. Van Allen, Adin; Max Schultz, Healdsburg; Mrs. Walter Martin, Elk Grove.

Assessment and Taxation—Frank L. Hunt, Napa; Pete Wilshusen, Soledad; Dr. E. R. Tait, East Palo Alto; W. V. Griffith, Geyserville; J. N. Watt, San Francisco.

Claims and Grievances-Victor C. Scott, Sebastopol; M. P.

Howard, Redding; Mrs. Kate Wood, Danville; Mrs. Veva Talbot, Santa Rosa; Mrs. Maude Van Allen, Adin.

Mileage and Per Diem—Harry Barnes, Campbell; George Cheesbrough, Bogus; W. B. Perry, Taylorsville; M. Ramsey, Johnstonville; Mrs. Clyde Eddie, Potter Valley; Mrs. C. F. Chantler, Gilroy.

Resolutions—Roy I. Church, Petaluma; F. S. Clifton, Reedley; H. H. Kauffman, Mountain View; Charles J. Sutton, Sebastopol; Mrs. F. O. Jones, Napa; Mrs. Van Huffman, Glenn.

Division of Labor—Granville Libby, Middletown; M. G. Lovejoy, Morgan Hill; W. W. Wells, Watsonville; Mrs. W. E. Gage, San Jose; Mrs. F. M. Swim, Ukiah; Mrs. Otto Hoenig, Sunnyvale.

Dormant Granges—E. K. Clendening, Campbell; H. A. Craig, Gazelle; Elmer Peterson, Sonoma; Mrs. Walter Bray, Hornbrook; Mrs. Belle Leroux, Geyserville.

Juvenile Granges—Mrs. Minnie Church, Petaluma; Mrs. Alice E. Williams, Gazelle; Mrs. Minnie Eddie, Potter Valley; Miss Helen High, Happy Camp; Mrs. Abbie Shaffer, Fall River Mills; Mrs. Alice S. Harrison, Sebastopol.

Fifth and Sixth Degrees—W. Halbert Smith, Greenview; Charles J. Sutton, Sebastopol; Mrs. Ida M. Clendening, Campbell; Mrs. Grace Biggs, Isleton; Mrs. Elva M. McBride, Antelope; Mrs. Fay Loosely, Pittville.

Feast of Pomona—M. T. Hunt, Sacramento; W. J. Dorris, Alturas; H. C. Lolmaugh, Marysville; G. W. Swingley, Marysville; Mrs. Ada Saunders, Sacramento; Mrs. Anna C. Daniels, Gold Hill; R. P. and Mrs. Maude Van Allen, Adin.

Home Beautification—H. G. Keesling, San Jose; Mrs. A. Van Maren, Fairoaks; Mrs. J. H. La Rue, Dinuba.

Memorial—Mrs. Mary B. Lindley, Santa Cruz; Mrs. Alice S. Harrison, Sebastopol; Mrs. Carrie Holmes, Sacramento; Mrs. Maude Van Allen, Adin.

Brother H. A. Craig, Worthy Overseer, read his report, which was accepted.

OVERSEER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:
In rendering this, my seventh annual report as Overseer
of California State Grange, I want to congratulate the
Grangers of California on having the opportunity of meeting

here in Marysville, the county seat of Yuba County, a city of some 8000 population, and a rich county that did not have a Grange two years ago. We are proud to welcome our new brothers and sisters in our Grange family, and wish to cooperate with them in every way for the betterment of not only Yuba County, but for the betterment of the great State of California, and of our nation, and of all humanity.

Siskiyou County sends greetings for a pleasant and har-

monious session.

Yours fraternally,

H. A. CRAIG, Overseer.

The Worthy Lecturer, Sister Ida M. Clendening, read her report. The report was accepted.

LECTURER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

In submitting this, my annual report of the work of my office for the past year, it is with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I can report that it has been a successful year; that the many faithful and efficient Lecturers throughout the State have accomplished much for the good of the order. Great interest in the work has been manifested by the Lecturers, and by the respective Granges which they serve. Many worthwhile programs have been presented.

It has been a busy year for me. I began by writing to each Lecturer of the State, congratulating them on the splendid opportunity they have to contribute to the success of Grange meetings, urging them to take up the work, earnestly striving to fulfill their obligations to their ability.

I have attended a meeting of each Pomona Grange of the State, at which time I held lecturers' conferences, the Lecturers of each county having been previously notified to be present or send some one of their Grange as a representative. The hearty response, their loyal co-operation, the interest manifested, our congenial and appreciative talks together, and the exchange of ideas have proved helpful, as shown in the reports of each Lecturer's subsequent work. In my own county it has been my privilege to interview each Lecturer personally, giving instruction and encouragement.

The Lecturers' conference, held at the last session of California State Grange, was enthusiastically indorsed by all who

attended, and I trust we shall have many of the Lecturers meet with us this year.

The quarterly reports to the State Lecturer, required by the Constitution and By-Laws of California State Grange, have been sent in by most of the Lecturers, and it is very gratifying that out of all the Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers, I have to report of but nine delinquents; that is, those who never have reported at all. It is also with pleasure that I can announce that the Lecturers of the new Granges are, many of them, proving themselves faithful to their trust in the manner in which they are taking up the work, the kind of programs presented, and their promptness in sending in quarterly reports, showing they have been well instructed.

Through the medium of the official organ of California State Grange, the Napa Grange Bulletin, the Lecturer's work is being featured. Outlines of programs presented are published, and at our conferences Lecturers have testified that they receive many helpful suggestions. I wish to thank the members of the Executive Committee and the State Grange for that service.

I wish also to thank the many friends and Patrons for courtesies shown me in my efforts to fulfill the duties of my office, the hospitality extended to me, the assistance given to me by Pomona lecturers, and the opportunity I have to serve you.

Fraternally submitted, IDA M. CLENDENING, State Lecturer.

Brother W. Halbert Smith read his report, which was accepted:

ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

It is with pleasure that I report for duty with California State Grange assembled here at Marysville, Calif.

Notwithstanding the fact that my occupation has somewhat led me away from the farm and the attendance of Grange meetings, my thoughts are still with the Grange, and I hope that I may help to make this a very pleasant and profitable session.

As I have nothing special to report, I remain, Fraternally yours,

W. HALBERT SMITH,
Assistant Steward.

The Worthy Chaplain, Sister Mary B. Lindley, read her report. The report was accepted.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

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

Once again, by the blessing of a Kindly Providence, we are assembled in annual convention. May we, as Patrons of Husbandry manifest our gratitude to God by a spirit of earnestness and devotion to the ideals of our beloved order; and by a re-consecration of our lives in helpful services to our respective sommunities, to the state, and to the nation. And may we also co-operate heartily with other agencies working for saner and more friendly international relations.

Herbert Hoover says one way to raise the ideals of a people is for "Every Citizen to become intelligently interested in the politics of the Country." Citizenship begets obligation; obligation begets responsibility. Less than one-half of the qualified voters of the United States register and vote. President Coolidge says, "Those who will not govern themselves will be governed." Another, aptly says, bad men are elected to office by good people who stay at home on election day. Shall we not, as Patrons of Husbandry, be one hundred percent American, and consider our vote our Political Prayer?

Science and invention have advanced more in the last one hundred years, than in all preceding time. However, conquest of Nature is not so important as conquest of Human Nature: and progress toward new invention not so important as progress toward the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth, as it is in Heaven. Howard Savage, National Commander of the American Legion says, "A nation, even though it be a world power and rich as Croesus, is sick when its Spiritual side is neglected." A clasp of the hand is better than a rifle shot. The happiest nation is not that which possesses the largest battallions; but that nation which labors in peace and produces abundantly. Shall we not as Patrons of Husbandry work for the ushering in of that glad day which with the eye of Faith, the Prophet Isaiah saw when, "Nation shall not lift up sword against the Nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

To the new Granges and individual Patrons thereof, we extend a very hearty greeting and welcome to our circle. Find the niche where you can best serve and do with your might what your hands find to do.

Respectfully submitted.

MARY B. LINDLEY, Chaplain.

The Treasurer, Brother J. N. Watt, being absent, the Secretary read his report as follows. The report was referred to the Finance Committee:

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grayour Treasurer submits the following report:	range:
Balance on hand October 1, 1927\$ 5,037.32	
Received from Secretary since Oct. 1, 1927 7,802.52	
Interest Coupons on U. S. bonds	
Interests on Educational Fund 66.80	
Interest on General Fund 107.42	
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	\$13,051.46
Total disbursements	5,987.03
Balance cash on hand October 1, 1928	\$ 7,064.43
Balance in Bank in General Fund\$ 5,319.97	
Balance in Bank in Educational Fund 1,744.46	
U. S. Government Bonds 900.00	
Total funds on hand Oct. 1, 1928 Fraternally yours,	\$ 7,964.43

J. N. WATT, Treasurer, California State Grange.

Sister Martha L. Gamble, Worthy Secretary, read her report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange of California: We are glad to see this fifty-sixth annual session of this State Grange so well attended. It speaks of interest in the Order.

While we cannot report a very great increase in point of membership, we have made a substantial gain in the number of Granges, twelve Suborinate Granges having been organized this year, viz: Madeline Plains, Johnstonville, Milford, Janesville, and Standish in Lassen County; Orland, Golden State and Jacinto in Glen County; Ripon and South San Joaquin in San Joaquin County; Oakdale in Stanislaus County, and Indian Valley in Plumas County. Two Juvenile Granges—Gazelle and Sunnyvale—have also been organized.

We now have eight Pomona and eighty-three Subordinate Granges.

An accurate tally of the number of members cannot be given, as a number of the Secretaries have not yet sent in their reports for the September Quarter, but there are approximately 2463 members in the Pomona Granges and 8232 members in the Suborinate Granges.

Santa Clara Pomona is still the largest county grange, with Siskiyou second, and Sonoma third.

Of the Subordinate Granges Napa leads with 349 members, Orchard City has 283, Sebastopol 239, Bellevnue 229, Gilroy 220 and Petaluma 206. There are thirty-three Subordinate Granges that have over one hundred members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

For quarterly dues\$4	,613.87	
For fees	744.50	
For merchandise	394.15	
From National Grange for organization	450.00	
For bonds redeemed	1,600.00	
For interest (retained by Treasurer)	211.62	
Total receipts		\$ 8,014.14
Balance October 1, 1927		5,037.32
		\$3051.46
Disbursements		
To National Grange—		
For Sixth Degree Certificates\$	63.00	
For State Grange dues		

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For organization work	842.11	
For merchandise	221.50	
Mileage and per diem, State Grange ses-		
sion in Stockton	451.97	
Salaries for the year—		
Master\$400.00		
Lecturer 100.00		
Secretary 420.00	920.00	
Miscellaneous, including printing Journals,		
Rosters, Grange Bulletin, Constitution		
and By-laws, etc., mileage and expenses		
of Master and Lecturer, visiting		
Granges	2,875.81	
- Crungos		
Total disbursements		\$ 5,987.03
Balance in the Treasury, Oct. 1, 1928		\$ 7,064.43
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Summary		
Total receipts for dues, fees, merchandise		
and miscellaneous	7.802.52	
Interest, retained by Treasurer—		
On general fund\$107.42		
On educational fund 66.80		
On bonds 37.40	211.62	
Oil boilds		
		\$ 8,014.14
Balance October 1, 1927		5,027.32
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		\$13,051.46
Total disbursements		5,987.03
Total dissarssing		
Balance October 1, 1928		7,064.43
Total Assets		
In general fund	\$5,319.97	
In educational fund	1,744.40	
In bonds	900.00	
	\$7,964.43	
Engtornally submitted		

Fraternally submitted,
MARTHA L. GAMBLE, Secretary.

Brother F. C. Roberts, Worthy Gate Keeper, read his report, which was accepted.

GATE KEEPER'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As I stated in my last report to you, I will endeavor to perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

Will say that I am glad to be on duty again, and will perform those duties at your command.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. ROBERTS, Gate Keeper.

Worthy Ceres, Sister Alice E. Williams, Worthy Pomona, Sister Fay Loosley, Worthy Flora, Sister Elva McBride, Worthy Lady Assistant Steward, Sister Grace Biggs, and Worthy Pianist, Sister Cordelia Aylward, read their respective reports. The reports were accepted.

REPORT OF CERES

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

Autumn, the harvest time, with its beautiful profusion of color has come again, and with it this reunion of kindred hearts.

Grange seeds that have been sown, for the past 55 years, in our beautiful state, seem to have grown in abundance, and Ceres, the Goddess of the harvest, could desire nothing more than to hope that she might be able to encourage and assist in a still greater harvest for this and the years to come.

Fraternally yours,
ALICE E. WILLIAMS, Ceres.

REPORT OF POMONA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange in this Fifty-sixth Session Here Assembled:

We meet once more to work our problems out together. Let the fruit of our minds make easier the production of the fruit of our acres. Let us lend always, a helping hand to our brother in his vexations and trials.

FAY LOOSLEY, Pomona.

REPORT OF FLORA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

It is a great pleasure to greet you at this 56th Annual Session of the State Grange. May it be a profitable session, and may each and every member attending, carry home enthusiasm to their respective Granges, and a warm spot in their hearts for the Brothers and Sisters who, sometimes, are seen only once in a year.

Fraternally submitted.

ELVA M. McBRIDE, Flora.

LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I am happy to greet you in another annual session of our order in the city of Marysville. I trust that our meeting in this new field of Grange work will add much to the strength of the Grange in this county.

I shall be pleased to serve the members of the new Granges in any way I can, and am happy to welcome them into our order.

Fraternally submitted.

GRACE B. BIGGS. Lady Assistant Steward.

PIANIST'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange: It is indeed a great pleasure to be with you again as your pianist.

I assure you the Music Committee will do all within its power to make the session of this State Grange harmonious and happy. In order to do so we ask the members to co-operate with us and join heartily in singing, and I know you will then feel the inspiration and joy that music lends to each and every one.

As we go home to our respective Granges may we strive to have only that music which will lift our hearts and minds to better and higher thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

CORDELIA AYLWARD, Pianist.

Song, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

The Secretary read the report of the Executive Committee. This report consisted of the minutes of the meetings held by the committee during the year. The report was adopted.

A telegram of greeting from the Worthy Treasurer, Brother J. N. Watt, was read by the Worthy Master.

The roll call of Granges for the introduction of Master's reports, and of resolutions without debate was next in order. The following reported:

Pomona Granges—Modoc, Sacramento, Santa Clara, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Tulare; Subordinate Granges—Adin, Alturas, American River, Anderson, Antelope, Aromas, Bennett Valley, Beswick, Bogus, Canby, Cedar, Coyote.

A question of continuing the meeting coming up for decision, it was decided to continue until six o'clock.

The roll call continued: Danville, Davis Creek, Dorris, Eagle, East Palo Alto, Fall River, Forestville, Fort Romie reported.

Brother Mark T. Hunt, Master of Sacramento Pomona Grange, moved that the following letter be sent to the Peach Growers Convention at Yuba City.

Marysville, Calif., Oct. 16, 1928. To the Canning Peach Growers,

Yuba City, California:

The California State Grange, in Annual Session assembled in Marysville, send greetings and best wishes for success in your efforts to obtain a fair price for your produce.

GEO. R. HARRISON, Master. MARTHA L. GAMBLE, Secretary

The following resolutions were introduced and referred:

By Brother Libby regarding providing metal plates, etc. Referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

By Sonoma Pomona Grange—One relating to the increase in the cost of education. Referred to the Legislative Committee.

One regarding nomination of officers. Referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

One regarding Bridge and Highway Districts, referred to the Committee on Legislation.

From Coyote Grange, regarding the Boulder Dam Project, referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

From East Palo Alto Grange, one relating to the resolution passed by Sonoma Pomona Grange, regarding the increased cost of education. Referred to the Legislative Committee.

One relating to resolutions passed by Sonoma Pomona Grange, regarding Reclamation and Irrigation, etc. Referred to the Legislative Committee.

The question of whether the Grange banner should be stretched across the street was brought up, and on motion of Sister Peterson, seconded by Sister Williams, a committee of three was appointed to see that the banner was stretched across the street, providing the plan was feasible, and permission could be secured. The committee appointed was Brothers A. Gould, Elmer Peterson, and Chas. J. Sutton.

Brother Gage was appointed a committee of one to see that a proper base for the flag of our country was obtained so that the flag could be in its proper position in the hall.

After a number of announcements had been made, Grange was closed in regular form until 9:30 Wednesday morning.

Evening

At eight o'clock p. m. the members assembled in Foresters' Hall where a get-together, get-acquainted meeting was held, and an impromptu program, consisting of community singing, solos, duets, readings and speeches was carried out.

The new delegates, who had never represented their respective Granges before were introduced individually to the

assembled members.

All who were present passed a very enjoyable evening.

SECOND DAY- WEDNESDAY

California State Grange was opened in regular form in the Fourth Degree at 10 a.m., Worthy Master Geo. R. Harrison, presiding.

Opening song, "Sowing the Seed."

Brother A. T. Jones, Master of Santa Clara Pomona Grange, inquired as to the proper method of saluting the flag in the Grange, whether the members should place the right hand over the heart when the flag is brought into the hall, or when the "Star Spangled Banner" is sung.

The Worthy Master replied that there was nothing in Grange laws requiring that the flag be brought into the hall just previous to the opening of the ceremonies, but in his opinion, it was a nice thing to do, and if done, the members should stand when the flag is borne into the hall, and the hand should be placed over the heart on the first note of the "Star Spangled Banner."

Roll call of officers found all present except the Worthy Treasurer, Brother J. N. Watt, and Brother W. J. Dorris, member of the Executive Committee. Brother Dorris was attending to duty elsewhere.

The Roll of Granges was called. Delegates from all the Granges except Bellevue, Dinuba, Eagle, Elk Grove, Hat Creek, Jacinto, Macdoel, New Enterprise, Petaluma, Redwood Valley, Ripon, South San Joaquin and Walker responded.

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

Brother Stevens, master of Coyote Grange, requested that the resolution introduced by Coyote Grange be referred to the Committee on Legislation instead of to the Committee on Resolutions as previously referred. The request was granted.

A telegram from Leon O. Whitsell, president of California Railroad Commission, and a member of Petaluma Grange, expressing his disappointment at being unable to attend this session of the State Grange and conveying his best wishes for a successful meeting, was read by the Worthy Master. The Worthy Master read, also, a telegram from Brother Geo. H. Hecke, expressing his good wishes for a successful meeting and his hopes of being with us before the close of the session.

Sister Williams requested permission to introduce a resolution at once. Permission being given, Sister Williams introduced a resolution protesting against the Rodeo Amendment which will appear on the November ballot. Resolution referred to the Legislative Committee.

Brother H. A. Craig, as chairman, made a further partial report for the Committee on Order of Business. The partial report was adopted.

The roll call of Granges for introduction of Master's reports and of resolutions without debate was continued. The following reported: Napa-Lake Pomona, Eastern Yuba, Gazelle, Geyserville, Gilroy, Golden State, Gold Hill, Greenfield.

Song, "America."

Greenhorn, Guenoc, Hallwood, Happy Camp, Hornbrook, Indian Valley, Janesville, Johnstonville, Likely, Little Shasta, Lookout, Macdoel, Madeline Plains, McArthur, Milford, Morgan Hill reported.

The following resolutions were introduced: One from Morgan Hill Grange, relating to the resolution from Sonoma Pomona Grange, regarding the increased cost of education. Resolution referred to the Legislative Commmittee.

Another one relating to the Boulder Dam Project was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Announcements.

Recess declared until 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of holding the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance meeting, and at the same hour, in another room, the Lecturer's conference.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

And especially those who are members of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association, greetings:

Another year in the history of our association is a matter of record. Since our meeting in Stockton a year ago, our business has shown a steady growth, and while we met with some losses, one amounting to \$4,500, our balanace sheet still shows a small sum in our favor, as will be shown by the Secretary and Treasurer's report.

The policies of the association are limited in amount, not to exceed \$4,500 on any one risk, and the Premium collected is less than half that charged by Old Line or Stock Companies and I wish to call attention to the fact that members of our association have saved over \$30,000 in premiums since our organization, on the amount they would have had to pay old time companies for the same average.

Our association is a money saving, instead of a money-making association, and every member of the Grange that has property insurable under our By-Laws is invited to share these benefits.

THOS. JACOB, President.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association:

We are pleased to report another year of progress and prosperity for our association. During the last year the amount received for premiums exceeds that received the year before by nearly a thousand dollars and the mount of insurance exceeds that written the previous year by well over \$300,-000.00.

As will be seen by the following financial report, we have now passed the million and a half dollars' worth of insurance on our books and are well on the way toward the second million.

During the year ending October 1, 1928, we have had the following fire losses:

Policy No. 926, Inigo Jones, Hat Creek. House and contents, \$450.00. Adjusted by Vernon G. March.

Policy 574, Charles F. Lawrence, Sebastopol. Partial loss of contents of house, \$15.00. Adjusted by G. R. Harrison.

Policy 808, Henry E. Beck, Sr., Happy Camp. Partial loss of contents of house, \$25.00. Adjusted by L. H. High.

Policy 1182, Mrs. Alice Alford, Greenview. Partial loss of roof, \$30.00. Adjusted by Raymond F. Dyer.

Policy 804, Agnes Baker, Elk Grove. Partial loss of contents of house, \$13.96. Adjusted by George Schlmeyer.

Policy 1322, Mrs. H. C. Hansen, Lincoln. Loss of house and contents, \$350.00. Adjusted by A. Van Maren.

Policy 1235, L. S. McAfee, Santa Rosa R D. Loss of house and contents, \$4,500.00. Adjusted by S. L. Stice.

These losses were all promptly paid after adjustment.

More and more Grange members are taking advantage of the very low rates we offer, but there are still many who do not get that advantage that probably would if they would only take time to investigate the opportunities offered.

Nothing but cordial, friendly and fraternal good fellowship exists in the ranks of our association and we see no reason why it should not continue to advance as it has from the very start.

Following is the financial report for the year:

ANNUAL REPORT

Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association October 1, 1927, to October 1, 1928

Quar	ter	Endin	g	New Busine	ess	Added Ins.	Renewals	Premiums
Dec.	31,	1927		94,520.00	\$	7,633.00	\$ 25,620.00	\$1,512.62
Mar.	31,	1928		74,680.00		2,620,00	16,665.00	1,097.98
Jun.	30,	1928		100,521.00		2,730.00	14,150.00	1,376.51
Sep.	30,	1928		124,513.00		6,309.00	33,610.00	1,950.63
To	otals			394,234.00	\$	19,292.00	\$ 90,045.00	\$5,937.74

Cancella- Loss by Loss by
Quarter Ending Expirations tions Fire Renewals
Dec. 31, 1927\$ 3,645.00 \$ 11,910.00 \$ 450.00 \$ 30.00
Mar. 31, 1928 13,065.00 9,500.00 40.00
Jun. 30, 1928 10,789.00 4,300.00 30.00 2.90
Sep. 30, 1928 14,145.00 8,000.00 4,863.96 1,185.00
Totals\$416,644.00 \$ 33,710.00 \$ 5,383.96 \$1,217.90
Summary
New business for the year\$394,234.00 Added Insurance
Total new business for year\$ 413,526.00
Expirations \$41,644.00
Cancellations 33,710.00
Loss by fire
Loss by renewal1,217.90
Total loss for year\$ 81,955.86
Net gain for year\$ 331,570.14
Insurance in force October 1, 1927\$1,303,881.00
Insurance in force October 1, 1928
Fraternally submitted.
F. L. HUNT, Secretary.
REPORT OF THE TREASURER
Of Grange Fraternal Insurance Association
Balance on hand October 1, 1927
Received from F. L. Hunt, Secretary
Received as interest
Received as interest
Received as interest
Received as interest
Received as interest. 1,097.19 Total. \$24,978.48 Disbursements by warrants. 6,658.87 Balance Oct. 1, 1928. \$18,319.61 \$17,931.29
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AFTERNOON

Grange called to order at 3:30 p. m.

Brother F. O. Jones, Master of Napa Grange, moved that the action taken by the three state-wide Farm Organizations, viz.: The California Farm Bureau Federation, the California State Grange, and the California Farmers' Union to inform California farmers concerning the vicious methods and reprehensible practices which the Hearst papers are resorting to in attempting to misrepresent the purpose of patriotic citizens of California in securing yes votes upon proposal No. 1, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Sister Peterson, Master of

Sonoma Valley Grange and carried.

The roll call of Granges continued. Mountain View, Mt. Bolivar, Mt. Lassen, Napa, Oakdale, Orangevale, Orchard City, Orland, Petaluma, Poplar, Potter Valley, Progressive, Redwood Valley, Rio Linda, Rutherford, Sacramento, San Jose and Santa Rosa reported.

Song, "The Grange Is Marching On."

Roll call continuing, Scott Valley, Sebastopol, Silverado, Sonoma Valley, Standish, Sunnyvale, Tulare, Two Rock, Ukiah, Western Yolo, Windsor, Mendocino Pomona, Community, Dinuba and Elk Grove reported.

The Worthy Master spoke of the absence of Past Masters

W. G. Worthen and W. V. Griffith.

Brother A. T. Jones, seconded by Brother C. J. Sutton and Sister A. E. Williams, moved that telegrams be sent to Brother and Sister W. G. Worthen; Brother and Sister Griffith, and Brother and Sister Hanson, expressing our regret that they were unable to attend this session of the State Grange.

The Worthy Master requested that Past Masters E. T. Pettit, Joseph Holmes and Frank L. Hunt attend to sending the telegrams immediately.

The following resolutions were presented and referred:

From Napa Grange, relating to presenting the Past Masters and retiring Masters of this State Grange with a suitable jewel. Referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

From Napa Grange, relating to nominations in the election of officers. Referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

From Orland Grange, relating to the stealing of poultry, etc. Referred to the Committee on Legislation.

From Orland Grange, relating to bovine tuberculosis. Referred to the Committee on Legislation.

From San Jose Grange, favoring No. 6 on the November ballot. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

From San Jose Grange, stating that San Jose Grange is opposed to any movement that would in any way obstruct the carrying out of any plan to improve our present school system, etc. Referred to the Committee on Education.

From Sonoma Valley Grange, relating to accident insurance for school children. Referred to the Legislative Committee.

From Sonoma Valley Grange, regarding the ineligible alien clause in the Federal immigration act. Referred to the Committee on Legislation.

By Brother Tait, regarding the appointment of Pomona Masters as Deputy State Masters. Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Brother Harrison, on behalf of Sister Harrison and himself, thanked all who had contributed so generously by their presence and by their expressions of good will in making their golden wedding anniversary celebration one of the happiest days of their lives—a day long to be remembered by all who witnessed the ceremonies of that evening.

Mrs. Harrison, when called upon, told something of the wedding trip of fifty years ago.

A telegram of greeting from R. V. Garrod, President of the California Farmers' Union, was read by the Worthy Master. Announcements.

Grange was closed in regular form until 9:30 A. M. Thursday.

EVENING

At 8 o'clock P. M. the Worthy Lecturer, Sister Ida M. Clendening, presented the following program for the enjoyment of the assembled members, and as a sample of a balanced program for the "Lecturer's Hour" in Pomona and Subordinate Granges. It is needless to say the program was thoroughly enjoyed::

Lecture Hour Program, California State Grange, at Marysville, October 17, 1928.

- I. Selections by instrumental trio—"The World Is Waiting for the Sunshine," "Kiss Me Again"—Marysville High School boys.
 - II. Vocal duet-"The Bells of St. Mary's"; encore-Mrs.

- D. A. Gloster and Mrs. George Stevens, accompanied by Mrs. Leon Smith, of Modoc County.
 - III. Group of songs-Mr. F. O. Jones, of Napa Grane.
- IV. Solos—"The Sweetest Story Ever Told, and "Love Came Calling"—Mrs. C. W. Peters, of Marysville.
- V. Novelty "Kitchen Orchestra" members of Guenoc Grange, Middletown, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck.
- VI. Group of songs—"Rain"; "Sunshine in Rainbow Valley"; "The Big Brown Bear"—Mrs. Minnie Raub, of Marysville High School.
- VII. —Address—"Where Are We Going?"—Sam H. Cohn, of the State Department of Education, Sacramento.

At 9:30 o'clock memorial services were held under the direction of the Worthy Chaplain, Sister Mary B. Lindley, as follows:

Memorial Program

Song—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"—Audience. Prayer—Scripture reading. Music. Talk by the Chaplain.

EULOGIES

- 1—Sister Elsie B. Carey, wife of O. H. Carey, Master of Tulare County Pomona Grange No. 5. Eulogy, Brother Thomas Jacobs. Flowers, Sister Baker.
- 2—Sister Cynthia Eddie, wife of William Eddie, Past Master of Potter Valley Grange No. 115. Eulogy, Brother A. L. Ford. Flowers, Sister Swim.
- 3—Sister Clara M. Bates, wife of W. A. Bates, Past Master of Dinuba Grange No. 342. Eulogy, Brother D. R. Deming. Flowers, Sister Deming.

4—Brother J. P. Munger, Past Master of San Jose Grange No. 10. Eulogy, Brother W. E. Gage. Flowers, Sister Gage.

- 5—Sister Cordelia Farnham, wife of A. L. Farnham, Master of Antelope Grange No. 161. Eulogy, A. F. McBride. Flowers, Sister McBride.
- 6—Brother E. R. Junior, Past Master of San Jose Grange No. 10. Eulogy, Brother Gould. Flowers, Sister Gould.
- 7—Sister Julia Schulp, wife of Peter Schulp, Past Master of Dinuba Grange No. 342, and Past Master of Tulare

County Pomona Grange No. 5. Eulogy, Brother F. S. Clifton. Flowers, Sister Clifton.

8—Brother Alden Noys, Master of Sacramento Grange No. 12. Eulogy, Brother M. L. Hunt. Flowers, Sister Della Pettit.

9—Brother Charles M. Freeman, Secretary of National Grange. Eulogy, Brother George R. Harrison. Flowers, Sister Alice Harrison.

10—For all departed ones. Eulogy, Brother Holmes. Flowers, Sister Carrie Holmes.

Song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" (Mizpah).

THIRD DAY-THURSDAY

California State Grange was called to order at 9:25 A. M., and opened in regular form in the Fourth Degree. Worthy Master George R. Harrison in the chair.

Opening song, "It's a Good Thing to Be a Granger."

Roll call of officers found all present except the Worthy Treasurer, Brother J. N. Watt, and Brother Roy I. Church, member of the Executive Committee. Brother Church was present later.

All of the Granges responded to Roll Call of Granges except Bellevue, Dinuba, Eagle, Jacinto, Macdoel, New Enterprise, Redwood Valley, Ripon, South San Joaquin, Walker.

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

Brother George Sehlmeyer moved that the time limit for the introduction of resolutions be 10:30 Friday morning. Seconded by S. S. Knight.

Brother Jones made a motion that the resolution be amended so that the time limit be 12:30 this day. Seconded by Brother Tait. Amendment lost.

Sister Petersson moved to amend that the time limit be 6 o'clock P. M. Seconded by A. T. Jones. Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

Brother Knight rose to a question of personal privilege, stating that Brother and Sister T. G. King had been elected alternates from Petaluma Grange, but as they thought they could not attend the session, he and Sister Knight had been elected. Now Brother and Sister King were present, and he desired that they be accorded the privilege of representing Petaluma Grange instead of himself.

The Worthy Master, taking into consideration that Brother

and Sister King had been the first choice of Petaluma

Grange, accorded that privilege.

A telegram of greeting and good wishes for a successful and profitable meeting was received from Brother A. C. Hardison. Brother Hardison had hoped to be present, but stress of business prevented.

Moved by Brother Tait, Seconded by Brother Sutton, that the action taken at the last session regarding the joint sessions of the Legislative, Taxation and Resolutions Committees, be rescinded. After some discussion the motion carried.

Brother Libby, chairman of the Committee on Division of

Labor, reported as follows:

We, your committee to whom was referred the Master's address recommended that that part of it referring to taxation be referred to the Committee on Legislation; that part relating to agriculture be referred to the Committee on Agriculture; that part regarding reclamation to the Committee on Legislation; that part referring to law enforcement be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order, and all of the splendid messages to the personnel of the membership everywhere.

On motion of Brother Clifton, seconded by Brother Knight, the report was adopted.

Resolutions were presented and referred as follows:

From Sonoma Pomona Grange, protesting bringing increased acreage under cultivation by the use of public funds. Referred to the Committee on Legislation.

From Sonoma Pomona Grange, relating to taxation of banks and their auxiliary organizations. Referred to the

Committee on Legislation.

From Community Grange, relating to the county unit system of education. Referred to the Committee on Education.

From Rio Linda Grange, relating to keeping a register of all attending State Grange sessions, and providing visitors' badges, etc. Referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

At the request of the Worthy Master, Brother and Sister Norton escorted Brother and Sister Canfield, members from Ohio, to the Master's station, where they were made welcome and presented to the members. Brother Canfield responded briefly to the words of welcome.

Brother Charles Wood, of Danville Grange, moved that a telegram be sent to Sister Caroline Emery, Past Chaplain of this State Grange, regretting that she was unable to be present at this meeting. Motion carried.

The three Past State Masters present were requested to

attend to the sending of the message.

At the request of Brother Knight, Brother Dilley was invited to sit in with the joint sessions of the three committees, viz., Legislation, Resolutions, and Taxation.

Deputies' reports were called for. The following-named deputies repsonded by reading their reports, as follows:

REPORT OF DEPUTY E. K. CLENDENING

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

The ceaseless march of time has again brought us together in our annual meeting to give an account of our

gleanings and service rendered to our order.

Notable as the records are in other States for new Granges organized, California holds a leading place among the various States that have contributed to the splendid successes of the past year. And while my part in this record is small, I feel that, taking into consideration the time spent, I have accomplished something toward the betterment and permanency of our order.

For the past few years fully 50 per cent of my effort was spent in revival work-a work that does not always appear in the records. During the year I organized one Juvenile Grange at Sunnyvale, in my home county, and one Subordinate at Orland, Glenn County, and I want to make this comment: That of the several Granges I have organized I never felt the same degree of security and satisfaction that I felt in the organization of Orland Grange, with 100 charter members. Situated in a community that already has sufficient farm population to permit the Grange to grow, the possibility for agricultural development is great, and an organization like the Grange should find many opportunities for community service. I was also relieved of the uncertainty of an infant Grange being left alone, to stumble along without someone to guide and direct it.

The Master of Orland Grange is a Past Master of an Eastern Grange-one who understands the work of the order, and believes in its principles, and, if given a fair share of the support of the members, will, I am sure, achieve success. I cannot close my report without saying something of the gleanings and impressions I gained. The application of Grange principles is needed throughout the rural districts. This demand should be recognized and met. The day has gone by when men and women of affairs will be satisfied to rest on past achievements. A forward-looking policy is demanded. There is a militant spirit among many of those engaged in agriculture. Many have become discouraged and have lost faith in any form of organization to help them. Confidence must be built up. As an organization we should not dwell too long on matters of little value and overlook the problems of today that call for our study and solution.

The work of the Grange is little known in this county. Our agricultural papers that go into the farm homes of this and adjoining counties carry very little information about our organization and our work. The prospective member must be called on and the principles of our order explained and interest aroused as to its benefits. And our work here at this session will have some bearing in the future growth of the order in this county. Personal opinions must not prevent us from formulating and agreeing on some constructive work of outstanding importance.

Fraternally submitted,

E. K. CLENDENING, Deputy, State and National.

REPORT OF DEPUTY H. A. CRAIG

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

I will not take much of your time, or use many pages of paper, in telling you that I did but little extension work for the Grange during the past year, but, as usual, I have added one more county to our Grange family since the last State Grange meeting.

I did the first work of the year in Yolo County, giving assistance to Western Yolo Grange and prospecting for more

Granges in the county.

With the co-operation of the members of Western Yolo Grange, many members were added to the membership of that Grange. They elected officers for the year 1928, and in the latter part of January, Brother and Sister Harrison installed the new officers in their usual able and earnest manner.

After spending a good deal of time endeavoring to organize more Granges in Yolo County, and being unsuccessful, I started for home with instructions to call upon Mr. C. O.

Freeman, at Butte City, in Glenn County, which is about 30 miles from here as the crow flies. The name of Mr. Freeman was given to Brother Harrison by a sister of Mr. Freeman, who livees in another part of the State, and who is a member of the Grange.. She wanted her brother to have a Grange in his county. It was the opinion of those with whom we talked the first two days that a Grange could not be started at that time, but Mr. Freeman, being well and favorably known, and willing to give of his time, proved to be a good helper, and so, on February 20th, the first organization meeting was held in Codora schoolhouse and the officers elected and installed. From that time on I had lots of good help from the new Grangers, and on the 27th of February completed the organization of Golden State Grange No. 429, with 70 charter members, and I believe that Golden State Grange holds the record for adding the greatest number of new members, for in the first three weeks of its existence 48 were added to the roll, 44 taking the work at one time.

I was called home on business after the organization of Golden State Grange, and was away from the work for some On my return to Glenn County, Brother Van Hoffman and others assisted me, and we organized Jacinto Grange No. 431. But before it was completed the sickness of a sister in the East caused me to leave the field, and the work was completed by Brother E. K. Clendening, with a charter membership of 92, on March 30th. Brother Clendening also organized a Grange at Orland, with a charter membership of 101. After these three Granges were completed and the Grange principles became better known, Glenn County was a fertile field for Grange organization, for they need and want more organizations in agriculture. It is to be regretted that more work could not have been done at that time. Brother Clendening could not take more time just then, and I did not return from my Eastern trip until May, which made it rather late for effective work.

I had the pleasure of being with Brother and Sister Harrison when they visited the new Granges in Glenn County, May 28th, 29th and 30th; also the Anderson Grange, in Shasta County; Gazelle Grange, in Siskiyou County, and the Siskiyou County Pomona Grange, at Dorris.

In June, when Brother Harrison was in Siskiyou county, he informed us that he could not return to inspect and

score the Granges of the county, and requested me to do the work for all Granges wishing it. I regret that but one Grange asked to be scored. They have a very creditable score, and I am sure that many of the others would have scored extra well by applying a little time in practice. My observation of other Granges is that those doing the best ritualistic work are stronger and usually accomplish things more worth while, and that those that neglect the ritual soon weaken in membership and lose the Grange spirit.

I have enjoyed thoroughly my work in trying to make California a better Grange State. For when we have organized the farmers in an order like the Grange, we feel

that we are doing some sort of good in the world.

This has been our banner year in Grange organization work, and Brother Van Allen should have our vote of thanks for his good work in the many Granges he has organized in Lassen County.

Yours fraternally, H. A. CRAIG, State and National Deputy.

REPORT OF DEPUTY GRANVILLE LIBBY

Worthy Master:

As your Deputy for Napa and Lake counties, it gives me pleasure to report a condition of splendid progress and activity among the Granges in my jurisdiction. I have visited, during the year, all the Granges in the two counties, and found them all trying to live up to the high ideals of our order. I have investigated several prospects for new Granges but have organized none.

My territory is quite well covered with units of other farm organizations, which makes it difficult for the Grange to get a hold, but I am glad that friendly feeling exists between the Grange and all other farm organizations. I endeavor in every way to promote this friendly feeling, for I

believe it to be the best for all concerned.

In the early summer I arranged a series of meetings under the plan of the traveling gavel, and to accompany the gavel in its wanderings, we provided a record book to be transferred from one Lecturer to another in turn; thus symbolizing the importance of the Lecture hour in the Grange work. This series of meetings is not yet complete, but is being carried out with a healthy vigor and enthusiasm, resulting in a larger acquaintance, increased attendance

and closer co-operation. Soon after my appointment I accepted an invitation from Mendocino Pomona Grange to officiate at installing officers at a joint installation of the officers of the Mendocino County Granges. This pleasant visit was held in Ukiah, and was largely attended. I was glad to meet with these good Patrons, and noted with pleasure among those present some old-time friends who were charter members of Redwood Valley Grange, which I organized a few years ago.

Brothers and Sisters, as we meet again in this our annual convention, how great is the pleasure of renewing old acquaintance and greeting the many new friends. We meet, not as strangers, but extend and receive the warm hand-clasp of Brother and Sister. These are indeed the rightful attributes of our fraternity, and should be enjoyed to the utmost. But our State meeting is also a time for work, and every hour brings its duties.

As we listen to the reports from the various Granges there is unfolded to the observing mind a story of intense human interest—a story recording success or perhaps failure; a story of how minds are trained for good citizenship and right living; a story of cheerfulness and courage succeeding depression and loneliness. And over all and through all is the atmosphere of co-operative effort to improve the condition of agriculture. Who can measure the moral and mental uplift that is quietly and constantly emanating from our Grange, broadening and blessing the lives of the membership through all this broad land of ours. Our beloved California is blessed beyond most other parts of the country, but even here stalks the spectre of discouragement, of economic and legislative injustice, of a surplus of products and a shortage of financial returns.

It is the duty of this State Grange to carefully consider these questions and to do all that is in its power to relieve the distress of the farmer.

Let us not forget, however, that no solution of the farmer's problems will be permanent that does not do equal justice to all other industries. Patrons, let us approach these problems in a spirit of reasonable optimism, asking no favors, subservient to no man, to no industry, to no political interests; seeking only a fair field and equality for all. The friends of agriculture everywhere are trying to solve these problems. Organized farmers have long been fighting this battle. Let

us not be weary in well-doing. A firm belief in the final triumph of the eternal principles of truth and justice will

enable us to see a star of hope above the horizon.

To inspire and help us in our deliberations, let us remember the splendid, militant words of our ritual, and may they be like unto an armor for Christian Soldiers, "As members of our glorious fraternity, we can justly claim to belong to the true nobility of the land."

I am glad to be with you and work with you to make our meeting pleasant and profitable. And to this end may the Great Master endow our leaders and those in authority with wisdom and courage commensurate with the great work

they have to perform.

Fraternally submitted,

GRANVILLE LIBBY.

REPORT OF DEPUTY JOSEPH HOLMES

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:
As the Deputy for Sacramento County, I beg leave to sub-

mit the following report of my labors:

I have been in the Grange rooms of all the Granges in the county at least twice during the year, and made an inspection of each Grange on the following dates:

Sacramento Grange, September 1, 1928.

New Enterprise Grange, September 14, 1928.

Rio Linda Grange, September 19, 1928.

American River Grange, September 22, 1928.

Elk Grove Grange, September 26, 1928.

Valley Oaks Grange, September 28, 1928.

Orangevale Grange, October 3, 1928. Antelope Grange, October 10, 1928.

In January, installed the officers of Antelope Grange.

January 28, attended a community meeting called by American River Grange for the purpose of interesting the community in building up this Grange. We are sure some good was done, as that Grange is now in a very prosperous condition, due to the untiring efforts of the Master, Margaret Robinson, and her faithful corps of officers.

There are eight Subordinate Granges in Sacramento County, all in good working condition. New Enterprise Grange, recently organized, would be benefited by some assistance, as they are mostly young members, and have not had the experience in lodge work as some of the other

Granges have had, but there is spelndid material there for a successful Grange.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH HOLMES.

REPORT OF DEPUTY F. W. LOOSLEY

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Another successful year has passed in Eastern Shasta County. Owing to the distance from the Granges west of the mountain, I have been unable to visit them.

The three Granges east of the mountain are in a thriving condition.

I have installed the officers and done what inspection was desired.

There is no new territory in Eastern Shasta.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. LOOSLEY.

REPORT OF DEPUTY R. P. VAN ALLEN

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

It is with pleasure that I make the following report as Deputy for Modoc, Lassen and Plumas counties:

On March 21st I received my commission as Deputy, and your instructions to organize Granges in Lassen and Plumas counties. On April 23d I started a charter list at Standish, Lassen County. On April 27th I organized Standish Grange No. 433, with 42 charter members. On April 26, 27, 28, I secured a charter list of 59 members for Janesville Grange No. 434, closed the charter, and held the election of officers.

On May 6th the Worthy Master instructed me that he would meet me at Janesville, May 24th, on his way to Oregon and Washington. He met me in the postoffice at Susanville, at noon, May 24th, he and Mrs. Harrison driving from Red Bluff that morning, covering 107 miles. About his first words were, "Let's get busy!"

We started a charter list for the Milford Grange, and the next day one for Johnstonville Grange. On the evening of May 24th Worthy Master Harrison installed the officers of Janesville Grange.

On May 26th, Brother and Sister Harrison, Mrs. Van Allen and myself secured more names on the Johnstonville and

Milford list. We held the first meeting at Milford that evening. During our canvass we found a Mrs. De Forest, who was a member of the Grange 40 years ago in Lassen County. Several of our charter members remember that their parents were Grange members 40 years before. I believe Indian Valley Grange, in Plumas County, is using the old Bible which the Grange used in those days.

Brother and Sister Harrison leaving for the north on May 27th, Milford Grange No. 436 was organized June 4th with 37 charter members; Johnstonville Grange No. 437, June 7th, with 41 charter members; Madeline Plains Grange No. 438, June 9th, with 53 charter members, making five

Granges in Lassen county.

I had some difficulty in this work—one was the old, pessimistic excuse that IT COULDN'T BE DONE! Another was, "There is already a good, strong farm organization; why do we need another?" And the last was, the people had known me for ten years.

On July 27th, I organized Indian Valley Grange No. 439, at Taylorsville, Plumas County, with a charter list of 40 members, making six Granges in three months, with a total

membership of 272.

They are all doing nicely in the degree work, also increasing their memberships.

I am sure you will know them by their good works.

And now, Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters, with best wishes for the youngsters, I introduce you to the babies—Plumas and Lassen County Granges.

Fraternally yours,

R. P. VAN ALLEN, District Deputy, Modoc, Lassen and Plumas Counties.

REPORT OF DEPUTY GEORGE SEHLMEYER

Shortly after the session of California State Grange at Stockton, the Executive Committee directed that work be continued in San Joaquin County.

Organization was first undertaken in what is known as the Castle District; at the same time work was begun at Lodi, Ripon and Waterloo.

With the exception of Lodi, most of this section had been quite thoroughly canvassed by National Deputy W. W. Deal.

Determined opposition of other farm organizations establishing Granges in San Joaquin County made work there

exceedingly difficult. However, after a large amount of effort, a Grange was organized at Castle School, with a charter list of 25. Elmer P. Ladd was the first Master of this Grange. Later a Grange was organized at Ripon, the movement at Lodi and Waterloo failing.

Ripon Grange was started with a charter list of 32. Arthur

Roberts became the first Master of the Grange.

Later in the year a Grange was organized at Oakdale, Stanislaus County, with a charter list of 54. J. E. Maxwell, a Seventh Degree member of the Grange, became Master. You have heard the report of this Grange at this session.

GEORGE SEHLMEYER.

Deputy F. S. Clifton made a verbal report.

On motion, the reports were accepted.

Brother Van Allen was given a rising vote of thanks for his splendid work in organizing so many Granges in so short a time.

Brother Ralph H. Taylor, executive secretary of the Agricultural Legislative Committee, and a member of Sacramento

Grange, was presented to the members.

Brother Taylor spoke of the news letter he sends to the Masters of every Grange when the Legislature is in session. These letters give information as to what is going on in the Legislature, and how the members vote on questions affecting agriculture. He urged the Masters to take these letters to their respective Granges and have hem read, that the farmers of this State may become more familiar with the bills, etc., that come up for enactment, and the action taken. He also urged every member to impress upon their friends and neighbors the necessity of voting "Yes" on No. 1 on the November ballot.

Brother F. L. Roberts suggested that hereafter, when any very important talk was being made, that every delegate be given a chance to hear it, and to this end that word be sent to committees meeting in other rooms.

Brother Craig submitted a further partial report on Order

of Business.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Moved and carried that recess be taken at 12 noon, and

that the Grange reconvene at 1 o'clock P. M.

Brother Sehlmeyer presented a resolution relating to the adoption of the plan sponsored by the Sacramento Region Citizens' Committee as a means of reducing the tax burdens of the farmers, etc. Referred to the Committee on Taxation. Brother Barnes urged all those entitled to mileage and

per diem to hand in their bills promptly.

Sister Williams spoke of the length of some of the Master's reports, and stated that while they were interesting, it consumed a great deal of time to read them, and thought that they could be condensed advantageously. She moved that in future the reports of Masters of Granges be limited to 300 words; that the Secretary, when sending out credentials, notify the Masters that if reports exceed 300 words they will not be accepted. The motion was supported, but when voted upon was lost.

Recess was declared until 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON

Grange was again called to order at 1:15 P. M.
Brother Jerry D. Saylor, a member of the Grange in
Oregon, appeared before the Grange to tell the members
about the United Artisans' Life Insurance Association.

Brother Pettit, chairman of the Committee on Constitu-

tion and By-Laws, made a partial report, as follows:

On the resolution from Napa Grange, relating to nominations for officers, the committee reported favorably, and recommended its adoption. Brother Pettit moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by several Brothers.

The Worthy Master stated that since there was not yet a fair representation of delegates in the hall, if there was no objection the vote on the motion would be postponed.

Brother Pettit, chairman of the Good of the Order Committee, made a report on the resolution relating to the appointment of Pomona Masters as State Deputy Masters. The committee reported adversely.

Moved by Brother Libby, seconded by Brother Van Allen,

that the resolution be not adopted. Carried.

The special order of business—that of selecting a place of meeting for 1929, was taken up.

Brother M. P. Howard, Master of Mt. Lassen Grange, invited California State Grange to hold its fifty-seventh annual session in Redding, Shasta County.

Brother George Sehlmeyer read an invitation from the Chamber of Commerce and others to hold the next meeting in Sacramento.

Like invitations were read by the Secretary to hold the

next annual session in San Francisco; in Oakland and in Asilomar.

Brother Craig spoke in favor of holding the meeting in Redding.

Sisters Elliott, Church and Clifton were appointed tellers. Ballot was taken, resulting almost unanimously in favor of holding the 1929 session in Redding.

The tellers were excused with thanks.

The resolution from Napa Grange, relating to nominations for officers, came up for consideration. After considerable discussion pro and con, the question was put, and the motion lost.

Sister Braughler, chairman of the Committee on Home Economics, read the report of that committee. On motion of Brother Gage, the report was accepted.

Song, "Boost the Grange."

Sister Belle Leroux read the report of the Welfare Committee. The report was accepted, on motion of Brother Shattuck, seconded by Sister Bertha Wells.

Brother Jones, of Napa Grange, moved that when the Secretary sends out the credential blanks, she include a letter requesting the Masters to keep their reports within a 300-word limit. Motion seconded and carried.

Brother Pettit requested that a special committee be appointed to report on the resolution from Napa Grange relating to jewels for Past Masters and Retiring Masters.

The Worthy Master appointed Brother Gage, of San Jose

Grange.

Brother Gage reported favorably on the resolution, and moved it be adopted. Seconded by Brother Shattuck, of Guenoc Grange.

The Master requested Brother Lovejoy, of Morgan Hill

Grange, to take the chair.

The question was put by Brother Lovejoy, and carried

unanimously.

Brother Knight, on behalf of the Committee on Legislation, reported favorably on the resolution relating to bovine tuberculosis. Brother Knight moved that the resolution be adopted. By vote, it was ordered.

On the resolution regarding the ineligible alien clause of the immigration act, the committee recommended that the resolution be not adopted. Brother Knight moved that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion seconded. After a lengthy discussion as to whether the report of the committee, or the resolution, should be voted upon, Sister Peterson, of Sonoma Valley Grange, moved that the resolution be laid upon the table. Seconded by Brother A. T. Jones. Motion lost.

The Worthy Master, who had again assumed the chair, ruled that according to the 1928 Digest, the Grange must be guided by parliamentary practice, as laid down by Roberts' Rules of Order (revised). Brother Knight's motion was then put and carried.

Brother Libby, on behalf of the several Deputies, presented the following resolution, which was adopted on motion duly made and seconded:

Whereas, According to the law governing the organization of new Granges, dues from the charter members cannot be collected in advance; and,

Whereas, It seems desirable that some provision to that end should be forwarded; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Worthy Master of the State Grange of California be instructed to present this matter to the National Grange for consideration.

At 4 P. M. the Grange adjourned to the Auditorium. The regular officers surrendered their chairs to the officers of Rose Degree Staff of Bellevnue Grange, Sonoma County. This staff, composed entirely of young ladies, conferred the First and Second Degrees upon a class of four candidates in a very beautiful and impressive manner.

Recess was declared until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING

Grange was called to order at 8:30 P. M. Song, "California for Me."

The officers of the State Grange surrendered their chairs to the officers of the Degree Staff of Rio Linda Grange, Sacramento County. This degree staff conferred the Third and Fourth Degrees upon a class of candidates in excellent style.

Grange was closed in the Fourth Degree and opened in the Fifth Degree.

The officers of the degree staff from Modoc Pomona Grange then took the chairs, and in a splendidly efficient and effective manner conferred the Fifth Degree upon Mrs. Abbie L. Shaffer, J. A. Shaffer, Charles N. Ferguson, Mrs. Mary A. Crawford, Master Ramsey, N. A. Leonard, Mrs. Nellie Fay, E. W. Fay, A. H. Bosworth, Katherine McQueen, C. W. McQueen, Mrs. Teresa Dimke, F. J. Dimke, Clarence Taylor, Harvey Evans, Jessie M. Lowe, M. F. Lowe, M. A. Lauff. W. B. Perry, E. Hess, C. E. Kooser, Mrs. C. E. Kooser, Mrs. Clara Wilbur, Mrs. Anna C. Daniels, George E. Daniels, Mrs. Mabel Robertson, Mrs. Mary N. Talbott, Glenn Talbott, Marion P. Howard, Mrs. Emily Howard, Stephen Arthur, A. Thorner, Mrs. Clara Vestal, Mrs. Mary C. Bower, Mrs. Grace S. March, Mrs. Rose Wiedemann, Will Rose, Mrs. Ethel Rose, S. E. Wood, Miss Louise M. Grant. J. W. Lolmaugh, Mrs. Cora Lolmaugh, Miss Phyllis Gould, Donald McBride, Laurence Bufford, Virginia Bufford, Thelma McComber, Mrs. Annie McMahon, J. S. Kohle, W. F. Ladd, Mrs. Josephine Ladd, F. M. Dutra, Mrs. Savarin Anderson, M. C. Anderson, Clifford Thorner, Mrs. Sarah Kerrison, Mrs. R. L. Burke, P. C. Lolmaugh, J. C. Hess, Mrs. J. C. Hess, Mrs. H. C. Cook, H. C. Cook, W. J. Sliger, Mrs. Fray Sliger, Herman Wurm, Mrs. Cecelia Wurm, Reita Plantz, Bessie Gibson.

Grange was then closed in the Fifth and opened in the Sixth Degree, which was conferred upon the following named members by the officers of the State Grange:

Max H. Schuetz, Mrs. Juantia Schuetz, Mrs. Kathleen M. Burnham, Charles Le May, Mrs. Carrie Le May, W. S. Trumbo, W. R. Heryford, Ida May Heryford, Mrs. R. L. Burke, Louis S. Shattuck, Mrs. Lillian W. Shattuck, Marion P. Howard, Mrs. Emily Howard, R. D. Roberts, Hazel M. Roberts, Mrs. Abbie L. Shaffer, J. A. Shaffer, A. M. Green, Mrs. Rachel Green, Mrs. Mattie P. Watson, F. J. Dimke, Mrs. Teresa Dimke, Charles N. Ferguson, Mrs. Mary A. Crawford, Isaac S. Davis, Margaret A. Davis, C. N. Mc-Queen, Mrs. Katherine McQueen, W. B. Perry, Clarence Taylor, Mrs. Elizabeth Tingley, Masten Ramsey, Glenn C. Talbott, Mary N. Talbott, Clara F. Wilbur, N. A. Leonard, Mrs. Nellie Fay, E. W. Fay, A. H. Bosworth, M. F. Lowe, Harry Evans, M. A. Lauff, Jessie M. Lowe, Mrs. Ethel Bence, Rodney Gregg, Mrs. C. E. Kooser, C. E. Kooser, E. Hess, George E. Daniels, Mrs. Anna C. Daniels, Mrs. Mabel Robertson, Stephen Arthur, A. Thorner, Mrs. Cora Castro, J. M. Castro, Mrs. Clara J. Horn, Mrs. Mattie Haight. Mrs. Emma Haight, Mrs. Clara Vestal, Mrs. Mary C. Bower, Joseph Rust, Mrs. Grace S. March, Mrs. Rose E. Wiedemann,

Mrs. Irene R. McRae, Albert C. Buchta, Mrs. Maude Buchta, S. C. Wood, Mrs. Ethel Rose, Will Rose, L. A. Johnson, Cornelia Johnson, Miss Louise M. Grant, James Coakley, Mrs. Annie Coakley, Miss Phyllis Gould, Donald McBride, Laurence Bufford, Virginia Bufford, Mrs. Phyllis McGarva, Mrs. Mary Reid, Mrs. Phear Porter, G. Lansing Hurd, William F. Ladd, Mrs. Josephine Ladd, Howard Pepperdine, Miss Eleanor Reid, Mrs. Agnes Wall, Edmund H. Wall, M. C. Anderson, Mrs. Sarah Kerrison, Thelma McComber, P. C. Lohmaugh, J. C. Hess, Mrs. J. C. Hess, Mrs. J. H. Beach, H. C. Cook, Mrs. H. C. Cook, Miss Reita Plantz, Miss Bessie Gibson, Daniel Gloster, Mrs. Elizabeth Gloster, C. D. Moffitt.

At the invitation of Worthy Flora, the members repaired to the dining-room and partook of the Feast of Pomona from tables bountifully spread with various kinds of fruits, nuts, raisins, olives and melons, and beautifully decorated with flowers.

After the feast, Grange was closed in form until 9:30 A. M. Friday.

FOURTH DAY-FRIDAY

The State Grange of California was called to order at 9:40 A. M. by the Worthy Master, George R. Harrison.

Grange was opened in the Fourth Degree in regular form. Brother and Sister Scott, of Sebastopol Grange, assisted in taking up the passwords.

Song, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

The roll call of officers found all present except the Worthy Treasurer, J. N. Watt.

Roll call of Granges found all the Granges represented except Bellevue, Dinuba, Eagle, Jacinto, Macdoel, New Enterprise, Redwood Valley, Ripon, South San Joaquin and Walker.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved. Brother Knight spoke of the Fruit Growers and Farmers' Convention, to be held in Riverside in November. He stated that the Worthy State Master's name appeared on the program, and he thought the Worthy Master should attend the meeting.

Sister Peterson moved that if the date of the Fruit Growers and Farmers' Convention did not conflict with the State Master's plans to attend the National Grange session, that he be requested to attend the meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

Brother Knight spoke, also, of the joint meeting of the Masters and Executive Committees of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, to be held in Pendleton, Oregon, December 14, 1928, and thought this State Grange should be represented at that meeting.

On motion of Brother A. T. Jones, seconded by Brother R. P. Van Allen, the Worthy Master was requested to attend the meeting in Pendleton, if, in his judgment and that of the Executive Committee, it is justified.

Brother Charles J. Sutton, chairman of the Finance Committee, read the report of that committee, which was adopted on motion of Brother S. H. Stone, seconded by Brother Shattuck.

Brother Tait inquired why there were no Granges in the southern part of the State.

Brother Harrison replied that an attempt had been made to organize the southern part of the State, but was not successful.

Brother Tait suggested that as conditions had changed very materially since that attempt had been made, another one might be more successful, and moved that a sum not to exceed 25 per cent of the money in the treasury, be expended in placing Deputies in the southern part of the State to organize Granges in that section, if possible.

The motion was seconded by Brother H. H. Koffman, of Mountain View Grange.

Brother Libby, speaking to the question, considered that the State Master and the Executive Committee should have perfect liberty in regard to organization work. Discussion by Sister Harrison, Brother Hunt and others. Motion was lost.

Brother Roberts, chairman of the committee on Agriculture, submitted the report of that committee. The report was accepted.

Brother Craig, as chairman, read a further partial report for the Committee on Order of Business, which, with previous partial reports, was submitted as the final report of that committee. The report was adopted on motion of Sister Joiner, seconded by Brother Shattuck.

Recess was declared for the purpose of receiving William

John Cooper, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and a member of the Governor's Council.

Mr. Cooper was escorted to the Master's station by the Assistant Steward, where he was welcomed and introduced to the members. Mr. Cooper addressed the Grange, and gave some reasons why the attempt was being made to reorganize the Department of Education. The plan was to make the department more effective. He explained the reasons for reorganization, and recommended them to the members for their careful consideration.

After Mr. Cooper had departed, Grange was again called to order.

The report of the Committee on Assessment and Taxation, Brother F. L. Hunt, chairman, was read, and, on motion, adopted.

Brother Hecke, Director of Agriculture, was escorted into the meeting by Brother G. Lansing Hurd, of Santa Rosa Grange.

Brother Hecke was given a very cordial welcome by the Worthy Master and presented to the members.

In responding to the welcome, Brother Hecke said that he represented, not only his department, but also Governor Young. Governor Young was deeply interested in the conditions that affect agriculture.

Upon request, Brother Hecke gave his views on overproduction of foodstuffs.

Brother Sehlmeyer, speaking of the peach situation, said that no man had been more able, more honest, and more helpful to the peach growers of California than the Director of Agriculture, Brother G. H. Hecke.

Brother Harrison being compelled to leave for the balance of the forenoon, requested Past Master E. T. Pettit to preside in his absence. Brother Pettit took the chair.

Brother Knight continued with the report of the Legislative Committee. On the resolution relating to the expenditure of public money for flood control, the committee reported favorably.

Brother Sehlmeyer moved to amend that the erection of Boulder Dam or any other project for storing water be added to the resolution.

Brother Shattuck moved that the amendment be tabled. Seconded by Brother Brucker, and carried.

Brother Knight moved that the report of the committee be adopted.

The noon hour having arrived, recess was declared until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON

Grange was called to order at 1:45 P. M., Brother Pettit still in the chair.

This being the hour for the special order, the election of a member of the Executive Committee, Brother Hurd, Brother Taylor and Sister Mueller ware appointed tellers.

Vote was taken, and Brother Roy I. Church was reelected for the term of three years. The tellers were excused with thanks.

Brother Harrison resumed the chair.

Brother Harry Barnes, chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, read the report of that committee. The report was adopted on motion of Brother Sehlmeyer, duly seconded.

Brother Knight again renewed his motion that the report of the committee on Resolution relating to flood control be adopted.

Brother Sehlmeyer rose to a point of order that when an amendment is pending on a question before an assembly, if the amendment is tabled, the question is carried with it.

Brother Sehlmeyer's point was sustained. Brother Knight continued with the report.

The committee reported favorably on the resolution relating to the Agricultural Legislative Committee's State trademarks proposal. Brother Knight moved the adoption of the report. Motion seconded and carried.

On the resolution relating to State accident insurance for school children, the committee recommended that the following be substituted:

Resolved, That the State Grange recommends that the State Legislature provide a law to permit school trustees, when they so desire, to take out compensation insurance from the State fund to cover injuries to its children in transit to and from school and while under the jurisdiction of the school.

On motion, the substitute was adopted.

On the resolution relating to the substitution of more modern forms of transportation on branch lines, etc., the committee reported favorably. Brother Knight moved the adoption of the report. Seconded. Discussion followed. Motion was lost.

The resolution relating to the wholesale stealing of poultry, etc., the committee indorsed. On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The resolution against the measure known as No. 21 on the November ballot, the committee reported favorably. On motion, the report of the committee was adopted.

On the resolution relating to roads, bridges and highway districts, the committee reported favorably. Brother Knight moved that the report of the committee be adoped. Carried.

On the resolution protesting against financial aid for reclamation, irrigation or colonization, etc., the committee recommended the adoption of the resolution. Brother Knight, seconded by Brother Tait, moved the adoption of the resolution

Brother Sehlmeyer moved to amend that all reference to Boulder Dam be stricken from the resolution. Seconded by Brother Brucker. Carried. Resolution as amended carried.

The committee reported favorably on the resolution relating to the increase in the cost of education, and recommended its adoption. Brother Knight moved that the report of the committee be adopted. Seconded by Brother Shattuck. Brother Charles Wood offered an amendment eliminating the statement that much of the increased cost has been in the interest of the organized instructors, etc. Seconded by Brother Jones, of Napa Grange. Amendment carried. Resolution as amended carried.

Brother Pettit, chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, reported that in reference to the resolution from Modoc Pomona Grange, relating to the payment of the traveling expenses of delegates to the State Grange sessions, the committee was opposed to any expenditure for that purpose that would require a raise in membership dues to Subordinate Granges, but recommended that an allowance be made, not to exceed 3 cents a mile one way, to each voting delegate attending the entire session, including new Grange delegates, etc., and that the Lecturer's traveling expenses be paid on the same basis.

Brother Pettit moved the adoption of the resolution. Discussed freely. Resolution adopted.

Sister Lowe, of Standish Grange, recited an original poem about the organization of Standish Grange.

Brother Dorris, as chairman, read the report of the Committee on Co-Operation. The report was accepted on motion of Brother Dorris, seconded by Brother M. T. Hunt.

Sister Minnie Church, chairman, read the report of the Committee on Juvenile Granges. Report accepted, on motion of Sister Harrison, seconded by Sister Loosley.

Brother Joseph Holmes made a full and complete report for the Credentials Committee. The report was accepted.

The Committee on Education, Sister Fay Loosley, chairman, reported favorably on the resolution from San Jose Grange, opposing any movement that would obstruct the carrying out of any plan to improve our present school system. On motion, the report was adopted.

On the resolution relating to the county unit system of school administration the committee reported adversely. Sister Loosley moved that the report of the committee be adopted. Seconded by Brother Jones, of Napa. Carried.

After some discussion about the inspection and scoring of Granges, it was, on motion, decided that the Worthy Master and his Deputies inspect and score the Granges, the Worthy Master to inspect as many as he could conveniently.

Upon request, the Worthy Master read the score of those Granges that had been scored.

Brother Sutton, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, read the resolutions of thanks as prepared by that committee. They were adopted by a rising vote.

Brother E. K. Clendening, chairman, read the report of the Committee on Dormant Granges. The report was accepted.

Brother Pettit, chairman of the Committee on Good of the Order, reported that the committee approved of the resolution relating to obtaining publicity by means of metal plates, etc., but believed that a nominal charge should be made for the plates, and recommended that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for action or to use their own judgment.

Brother Libby moved that the resolution be substituted for the report of the committee.

Brother Roberts moved that the resolution be laid on the table. Seconded and carried.

On the resolution referring to the registration of delegates and providing badges for same, the committee reported favorably. Brother Pettit moved the adoption of the report. Carried. That part of the Worthy Master's address referring to law enforcement the committee unanimously approved. Brother Pettit moved the adoption of the report. Carried.

Brother W. Halbert Smith made a verbal report for the

Fifth and Sixth Degree Committee.

Brother Jones moved that a special vote of thanks be extended to the Pomona Feast Committee and to the Committee on Fifth and Sixth Degrees. A rising vote of thanks was given.

Sister Lindley, chairman of the Memorial Committee, read the report of that committee. The report was received.

On motion of Brother Dudgeon, duly seconded, the approval of the minutes of the last day's session was left to the Executive Committee.

The members joined hands, forming a circle around the altar, and sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," after which the fifty-sixth annual session of the State Grange of California was closed in regular form in the Fourth Degree.

MARTHA L. GAMBLE, Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AS ADOPTED BY CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

CREDENTIALS

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to make the following final report:

Credentials have been presented by the following delegates from their respective Grange:

POMONA GRANGES

Mendocino Pomona—A. L. Ford, Master.

Modoc Pomona—F. L. Roberts, Master and wife.

Napa-Lake Pomona—Granville Libby, Alternate.

Sacramento Pomona—M. T. Hunt, Master and wife.

Santa Clara Pomona—A. T. Jones, Master and wife.

Siskiyou Pomona—Mrs. Alice Williams, Master and husband.

Sonoma Pomona—Chas. J. Sutton, Master and wife.

Tulare Pomona—O. H. Carey, Master.

SUBORDINATE GRANGES

Adin-Robert P. Van Allan, Alternate and wife. Alturas-W. S. Trumbo, Master and wife. American River-Grace Biggs, Alternate and husband. Anderson-E. C. Kooser, Master and wife. Antelope-Raymond Lauppe, Master. Aromas-Mrs. M. H. Warner, Alternate. Bellevue-Not represented. Bennett Valley-Mrs. Veva A. Talbot, Master and husband, Beswick-Harry Evans, Alternate. Bogus-Geo. Cheesbrough, Alternate. Canby-A. M. Green, Alternate. Cedar-R. D. Roberts, Alternate and wife, Community-W. W. Wells, Alternate and wife. Coyote-Burt Stevens, Master and wife. Danville-Chas. J. Wood, Alternate and wife. Davis Creek-W. R. Heryford, Master and wife. Dinuba-Not represented. Dorris-W. L. Evans, Alternate and wife. Eagle-Not represented. Eastern Yuba-Geo. W. Swingley, Master and wife. East Palo Alto-Dr. W. R. Tait, Master and wife. Elk Grove-Geo. Sehlmeyer, Alternate and wife, Fall River-Abbie L. Shaffer, Master and husband. Forestville-N. C. Nielsen, Alternate. Fort Romie-Pete Wilshusen, Alternate. Gazelle-Charles Copple, Alternate. Geyserville-Mrs. Belle Leroux, Master. Gilroy-C. F. Chantler, Master and wife, Golden State-Mrs. R. L. Burke, Master. Gold Hill-Geo. E. Danlels, Master and wife. Greenfield-Mrs. Ethel Bence, Alternate. Greenhorn-Chas. Le May, Alternate and wife. Guenoc-Louis Shattuck, Alternate and wife. Hallwood-H. C. Lolmaugh, Master and wife, Happy Camp-Miss Helen High, Alternate. Hat Creek-Vernon S. March, Master and wife. Hornbrook-Walter Bray, Master and wife. Indian Valley-W. B. Perry, Master Jacinto-Not represented. Janesville-F. J. Dimke, Master and wife. Johnstonville-Masten Ramsey, Master. Likely-P. B. McCarva, Master and wife.

Little Shasta-Isaac S. Davis, Master and wife.

Lookout-Mrs. Lydia Joiner, Master and husband.

Macdoel-Not represented.

Madeline Plains-Glenn C. Talbott, Alternate and wife.

McArthur-F. W. Loosley, Master and wife.

Milford-Chas. W. McQueen, Alternate.

Morgan Hill-W. G. Lovejoy, Master and wife.

Mountain View-H. H. Kauffman, Master and wife.

Mt. Bolvar-C. N. Ferguson, Alternate and wife.

Mt. Lassen-M. P. Howard, Master and wife.

Napa-F. O. Jones, Master and wife.

New Enterprise-Not represented.

Oakdale-E. W. Fay, Alternate and wife.

Orangevale-N. A. Leonard, Alternate and wife.

Orchard City-Harry Barnes, Master and wife.

Orland-B. R. Tingley, Master and wife.

Petaluma-T. G. King, Alternate and wife.

Poplar-Mae Baker, wife of Master.

Potter Valley-Clyde Eddie, Master and wife.

Progressive-M. Schuetz, Master and wife.

Redwood Valley-Not represented.

Rio Linda-E. R. Ostrom, Alternate.

Ripon Not represented.

Rutherford-Mrs. M. O. Floaten, Alternate.

Sacramento—Joseph Holmes, Alternate and wife.

San Jose-W. E. Gage, Master and wife.

Santa Rosa—S. H. Stone, Alternate and wife. Scott Valley—W. L. Lewis, Master and wife.

Sebastopol-V. C. Scott, Master and wife.

Silverado—A. Brucker, Master and wife.

Sonoma Valley—Eunice Peterson, Master and husband.

South San Joaquin-Not represented.

Standish-M. F. Lowe, Master and wife.

Sunnyvale—Otto Hoernig, Alternate.

Tulare—D. R. Deming, Alternate and wife.

Two Rock-Minnie Church, Alternate.

Ukiah-F. M. Swim, Master and wife.

Valley Oaks-W. F. Ladd, Master and wife.

Walker-Not represented.

Western Yolo—J. C. Gose, Alternate and wife. Windsor—F. T. Welch, Master.

JOSEPH HOLMES
M. T. HUNT
W. E. GAGE
EUNICE L. PETERSON
MAY L. BAKER
JENNIE M. BRUCKER
Committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Tuesday, October 16, 1928

10:30 A. M.—
Opening of Grange in Sixth Degree.

Roll call of Officers.

Roll call of Granges and presentation of credentials.

Opening in Fourth Degree.

Introduction of new delegates.

Introduction of City Officials.

2:00 P. M.—

Reports of Officers.

Report of Executive Committee.

Reports of Granges and introduction of Resolutions.

Announcements. Closing

Wednesday

9:30 A. M.-

Opening of Grange in Fourth Degree.

Reports of Committees

Announcements.

Unfinished business.

Reports of Deputies.

2:00 P. M.—

Grange Fire Insurance Meeting. Lecturer's Conference.

Unfinished business

Miscellaneous business. Reports of Committees.

Announcements. Closing.

7:30 P. M.-

Lecturer's Hour.

Memorial Services.

Thursday

9:00 A. M.-

Fixing closing hour for introduction of resolutions.

Unfinished business.
Miscellaneous business.

1:30 P. M.-

Deciding place of meeting for 1929. Introduction of resolutions. Unfinished business.

4:00 P. M.-

Exemplification of First and Second Degrees by Rose Degree Staff of Bellevue Grange.

7:30 P. M.-

Exemplification of Third and Fourth Degrees by Degree Staff from Rio Linda Grange.

Conferring of Fifth Degree by Degree Staff from Modoc Pomona Grange.

Conferring of Sixth Degree by State Officers.

Pomona Feast.

Friday

9:30 A. M.-

Unfinished business.
Miscellaneous business.
Reports of Committees.

1:30 P. M.-

Special Order—election of Executive Committee member. Reports of Committees. Unfinished business. Miscellaneous business. Closing of Grange for 1928.

DIVISION OF LABOR

Worthy Master and Patrons:

Your Committee on Division of Labor beg leave to report as follows:

That part of the Masters Address referring to taxation should be referred to the committee on legislation. That part referring to Agricultural Distress, to the Committee on Agriculture; that part relating to Reclamation to the Committee on Legislation. That relating to Law Enforcement to the Committee on Good of the Order, and all of the

splendid messages we would recommend to the personnel of the membership everywhere.

Fraternally submitted,

GRANVILLE LIBBY
M. G. LOVEJOY
W. W. WELLS
MRS. W. E. GAGE
MRS. F. M. SWIM.

Committee.

LEGISLATION

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

We, your Legislative Committee, to whom a number of resolutions were referred, beg leave to report as follows:

On the resolution favoring indemnifying owners for the destruction of tuberculosis cattle, the committee report favorably.

On the resolution asking the Grange to re-state its position on the "Ineligible Alien Clause" of the Federal Immigration Law, the committee report unfavorably, on the ground that such action is not necessary at this time.

On the resolution relating to the collection of dues from Charter members before the dispensation is received, the committee report favorably.

On the resolution relating to the expenditure of public moneys for flood control, the committee report favorably.

On the resolution regarding the "state trade-mark proposal, the committee report favorably.

On the resolution from Sonoma Valley Grange relating to accident insurance for school children, the committee offers a substitute and reports favorably thereon.

On the resolution relating to the substitution of more modern forms of transportation, etc., on branch lines, the committee report favorably.

On the resolution relating to the wholesale stealing of poultry, etc., the committee reports favorably.

On the resolution regarding Initiative Measure No. 21, known as the Anti-Rodeo Bill, the committee report favorably.

On the resolution relating to bridge and highway districts, the committee report favorably.

On the resolution protesting against national or state financial aid for the Reclamation, Irrigation or Colonization of Land, etc., the committee reports favorably.

On the resolution relating to the increased cost of education, the committee report favorably.

RALPH H. TAYLOR
FRANK L. HUNT
ROY I. CHURCH
A. T. JONES
JOSEPH HOLMES
S. S. KNIGHT, Chairman.

TAXATION

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

We, your Committee on Taxation beg leave to report: On the resolution pertaining to New Legislation Governing the Taxation of Banks and Their Auxiliary Corporations, the report is favorable.

On the resolution favoring the plan sponsored by the Sacramento Regional Committee of taxing publicly owned public utilities, the committee reports adversely.

F. L. HUNT, Chairman PETE WILSHAUSEN DR. E. R. TAIT

Committee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Your Committee on Good of the Order, to whom was referred that part of the Worthy Master's address referring to Law Enforcement, beg leave to report that we unanimously approve that part of the address.

The resolution relating to publicity by means of metal plates, the committee approves, but believes that a nominal charge should be made for same, and recommends that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee.

The resolution regarding the keeping of a register at future State meetings, and providing badges for delegates and visitors, the committee approves.

On the resolution providing for the appointment of Pomona Grange masters as Deputy State Masters, the committee reports unfavorably.

E. T. PETIT, chairman LEE DUDGEON F. W. LOOSLEY MRS, CARRIE HOLMES strongest of the single organizations.

And Agriculture is no exception. It will not be freed from trade dominance until all the agriculturists unite to do battle. Many farm organizations all striving for the same end, but each following a line of approach of its own, must often clash. The Peach producers will naturally want cheap beeft and the best to buy the other man's product as cheaply as possible and both making no profit. Hence, the many farm organizations, each following its own line of approach, but all strivions, each following its own line of approach, but all strivions, each following its own line of approach, but all strivions, each following its own line of approach, but all striving for the same end, are but little stronger than the

All great changes in human affairs have come about only through a preponderance of force.

enemy.

The World War was going against the Allies until all Allied Armies were set upon the enemy at the same time.

to defeat Mapoleon.

Our Civil War was not won until a concerted, unabated movement of all available forces was made against the

Magna Charta, that great document upon which the English Common Law of today rests, was instituted only by a preponderance of force. It took the united effort of Europe

CO-OPERATION

Committee.

CHARLES J. SUTTON MRS. GEO. SEHLMEYER M. A. SCHUETZ CARRIE R. HOLMES W. S. TRUMBO,

Respectfully submitted,

Officers and Members of California State Grange.

Your Finance Committee have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer and find them correct, and kept in a very neat and comprehensive manner.

The committee recommends that the Treasurer's and Secretary's records be accepted as correct.

FINANCE

MRS, CORA B, SCOTT MRS, FRANK DIMKE, Committee,

The Grange is primarily a fraternal organization; but the founder of the order recognized the fact that true fraternity cannot exist where the people are in economic distress. So the Grange has always worked to better the economic condition of its membership.

Your committee notes with pride, the commendable advance the California State Grange has made, and is making in cooperative work with other farm organizations of the State; but, important as this work is, it can only be regarded as a beginning.

It appears to your committee that a permanent farmers high Executive Committee or a farmer's Congress, to be composed of representatives from each and every agricultural organization of the State, in proportion to its membership, should be organized to determine the economic and legislative policies of the district farmers, and the way to get results.

Tariff

We especially commend that part of the Master's address wich deals with the tariff upon farm products. The present tariff allows large importations of foreign agricultural products to be sold in our markets in competition with American agriculture, at a price which holds the price of American production down to a point which does not afford an American standard of living for the American farmer or else is dumped into an existing surplus, only to add to the American farmer's difficulties.

The American Farmer demands the same degree of protection upon his products that American industry is now receiving upon its output.

Legislation

These days we hear much about needed farm legislation, but, let us ask, are we doing our best to secure the enactment of such legislation? Your Committee thinks not. It thinks that the most effective way to put over farm measures is for the farm organizations to secure, for the benefit of their membership, a statement from legislative candidates, both Federal and State, before election as to their position upon needed farm measures.

Co-Operative Buying

Your Committee commends to the Subordinate Granges, the principle of Co-operative buying and selling. This method of trading is proving a great success in many eastern Granges. The Granges of Siskiyou County are using the plan and are well satisfied with the results. Their Pomona Master will gladly furnish their plan of operation to any Grange writing to her for it.

E. K. CLENDENING
W. J. DORRIS
W. E. GAGE
MRS. MINNIE HARTLEY
MRS. JENNIE DUDGEON.

Committee.

HOME ECONOMICS

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

Here in our Fifty Sixth Annual Session, the fraternal spirit finds a broader outlet, as we greet the members from all parts of our great State.

The Grange is recognized as being the best organized body of farmers for promoting home economics, and now that the work has gained recognition in our Order, let us realize our opportunities and urge its study in our respective communities.

We realize no definite plan for this work can be carried out, but all Home Economics Committees should be alert to suggestions, ever awaiting to make life better, more comfortable, and more efficient in the home, and in the Grange.

The Home represents a power not to be underestimated, and the influence of the home is reflected in the community which surrounds it.

The rural resident is requiring more and more of his home as to environment, equipment, and social and educational opportunities for himself and family. We believe that the Grange has done more to elevate ideals as to rural life and rural living, than any other agency.

Your committee is satisfied that no question confronts us of more vital import, or is more critically pertinent than that of the future of rural life in America, and we as a committee, again urge that the Home Economics Committee of Subordinate Granges, take up this great work in their respective Granges and demand at least a half hour for their programs at each meeting.

> ELLA C. BRAUGHLER MAE SUTTON VERNIE B. CLIFTON A. L. TAIT JESSIE M. LOWE ALICE E. WILLIAMS.

> > Committee.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

In reference to the resolution from Modoc Pomona Grange, presented at last year's session of this State Grange, pertaining to the payment by the State Grange of the necessary traveling expenses of delegates to the State session, your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, begs leave to report that we are opposed to any expenditure for this purpose that will require a raise in membership dues to Subordinate Granges.

We would, however, recommend that an allowance, not to exceed 3c a mile one way, be allowed each voting delegate who attends the entire session of the State Grange to be estimated from their home to the place of meeting of the State Grange.

We also recommend the Lecturer's traveling expenses be paid on the same basis.

To meet this extra expense, the membership dues to the State Grange may be increased, not to exceed 3c per quarter, per member of Subordinate Grange members, and 2c per quarter for Pomona Grange members.

We also recommend that the By-Laws be amended in accordance with this recommendation.

Regarding the resolution from Napa Grange pertaining to nomination of officers, we would recommend its adoption.

E. T. PETTIT GRANVILLE LIBBY F. O. JONES MRS. HARRY BARNES MRS. W. S. TRUMBO.

Committee.

EDUCATION

Worthy Master and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows: On the resolution relating to the County Unit System of School Administration, the committee report unfavorably.

On the resolution from San Jose Grange opposing any movement that would in any way obstruct the carrying out of any plan to improve our present school system, etc., the committee report favorably.

FAY LOOSLEY LYDIA N. JOINER HAZEL N. ROBERTS IDA M. CLENDENING W. E. GAGE ELIZABETH TINGLEY

Committee.

AGRICULTURE

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

Your Committee on Agriculture beg leave to submit the following report.

Since there have been no resolutions on agriculture referred to our committee for our consideration, our report to you is very brief, not because there are not matters of interest that we might mention in the interest of agriculture, but that we believe, should we attempt to go into definite details and problems of agriculture, we would be taking up too much of your valuable time.

M. P. HOWARD
P. B. McGARVA
ANNA C. DANELS
F. L. ROBERTS, Chairman.
Committee.

DORMANT GRANGES

The records show, that very few Granges have been lost during the past few years. And we attribute the reason, to the close contact the State Master and wife, together with the State Lecturer, have had with the members. These visits we highly commend. We believe however that all new Granges should be visited more than once. The encouragement and instruction given during the first few months is very important to the officers and members, and would greatly strengthen their chances for continuous existence.

Three Granges have not reported to the Secretary during the past two quarters, and we trust that the proper efforts will be put forth to revive the interest in the work and restore their good standing. As these Granges have been organized a short time, we believe their delinquency was caused by one or more of the following reasons:

Wroug leadership by one or more of its leading officers in not having sufficient interest and enthusiasm for the work, or holding the confidence of the members.

The failure to give any effort toward community service, and we recommend that after a new Grange is organized, that the members in other Granges, where the distance will permit, show their interest in the new organization by frequent visits. If these recommendations are carried out, we believe they will largely prevent Granges from becoming dormant.

E. K. CLENDENING MRS. BELLE LEROUX MRS. LOLA BRAY ELMER PETERSON H. A. CRAIG

Committee.

WELFARE

Feeding the hungry, helping the fatherless and widows, is a command well observed by members of our California Subordinate Granges.

During the past year much assistance has been freely given to the Red Cross, for Francisco dam victims, the Florida storm disaster, for families in distress, and many community projects, such as care of neglected cemetery, flowers to the sick and aiding boys and girls' clubs.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GRACE BIGGS
MRS. IDA M. KING
MRS. A. T. JONES
FANNIE L. GAMBLE
Committee.

MEMORIAL

The Memorial Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Simple and appropriate exercises were arranged for in honor of loved brothers and sisters who have passed away during the year. A detailed program of same will appear in Journal of Proceedings.

JUVENILE GRANGES

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

We, your Committee on Juvenile Granges, submit the following report:

There were seven Juvenile Granges at the beginning of the year. Two new ones were organized and one resumed meetings, and two have not been meeting, but have not surrendered their charters; and several Granges are soon to organize Juveniles.

We are afraid the value and opportunity offered by Juvenile Granges are not fully appreciated; by inquiry, we find those Granges having a Juvenile Grange think them a strong means of securing members and a help to attendance; but great care has to be exercised in the selection of the Matron as she is the one who is training your future members.

Juvenile Grange work should appeal strongly to any one interested in community work and deserves to receive more attention than any other subject the Grange could select to foster.

All matters pertaining to the better education of the young in schooling them in practical vocations can be handled in a Juvenile Grange, if the Matron is alive to the opportunities presented.

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE CHURCH ABBIE L. SHAFFER HELEN E. HIGH MINNIE EDDIE ALICE E. WILLIAMS ALICE S. HARRISON

Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following Resolutions of Thanks:

As we are drawing near the close of our fifty-sixth Annual session in Marysville, a very pleasant and profitable meeting, we desire to extend thanks and appreciation to the following:

To the city of Marysville, through its Mayor, Mr. Kynock, for hospitality shown, and for the use of the Pacific Auditorium.

To the Chamber of Commerce, through the President and Secretary, for their very cordial welcome; to the Merchants' Association and the Marysville High School, through the Principal, Mr. Warren, for their very enjoyable program.

To the Rose Degree Staff of Bellevue Grange; to the Degree Staff of Rio Linda Grange; and to the Degree Staff from Modoc Pomona Grange for so ably and beautifully conferring the various degrees of our Order and for their very beautiful drills used in conferring the degrees.

We also thank the local and Associated Press for their attentiveness and the generous publicity given the Grange and its meetings.

Thanks are given Hotel Marysville, the management of the Auditorium and employees, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for their special services, and to the Diamond Match Company for the use of lumber.

We thank all who have contributed to our pleasure and comfort.

We recommend that a copy of this report be spread upon the minutes, and a copy be given to the local press.

Your committee wishes to report that all resolutions that were referred to this committee were carefully considered by the joint committees and have been reported back by one of the committees.

ROY I. CHURCH CHARLES J. SUTTON LUCIA M. JONES F. S. CLIFTON H. H. KAUFFMAN VAN HUFFMAN

Committee.

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MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Worthy State Master and Officers of California State Grange:
Your committee on Mileage and Per Diem, find the following State Officers, Subordinate Masters or alternates and

ing State Officers, Subordinate Masters or alternates and their wives or husbands, and subordinate lecturers entitled to payment as follows:

State Officers

Overseer, H. A. Craig	
Lecturer, Ida M. Clendening	11.40
Chaplain, Mary B. Lindley	13.20
Steward, C. J. Sutton	
Assistant Steward, Herbert Smith.	
Treasurer, J. N. Watt-No charge	
Gate Keeper, F. L. Roberts	
Ceres, Alice Williams	
Pomona, Fay Loosley	
Flora, Mrs. Elva McBride—No charge	
Musician, Cordelia Alward	9.60
Lady Assistant Steward, Grace Briggs	6.20
	\$169.42
Delegates From New Granges	
Oakdale, Mr. Fay and wife	\$ 28.00
Golden State, Mrs. Burke	9.24
Madeline, Mr. Talbott and wife	72.40
Janesville, Mr. Dimke and wife	
Milford, C. W. McQueen	
Standish, M. F. Lowe and wife	
Johnstonville, Masten Ramsey	
Indian Valley, W. B. Perry	17.25
Orland Grange, B. R. Tingley and wife	20.48
	\$346.29
Lecturers	
Lecturers Milford, Mrs. C. McQueen	\$ 7.30

Sunnyvale, Mrs. Ina J. Wurz.

Alturas, Mrs. Mattie Watson 17.50

Sacramento, Mrs. Della Pettet.....

	1.00
Mt. Bolivar, Rodney Gregg	7.98
Standish, Mrs. Mable Robertson	
Janesville, Clara D. Wilbur	
Bogus, G. W. Cheesbrough	
Little Shasta, California Caldwell	8.52
Rutherford, Betsey Rust	
Canby, Mrs. Rachel Green	
Morgan Hill, Mrs. E. L. Norton.	
Hornbrook, Jennie B. Clauson	9.00
Bennett Valley, Mrs. Mary Cook	4.86
Sonoma Pomona, Fannie L. Gar	nble
Dorris, Mrs. Ella Evans	14.31
Geyserville, Ethel Rose	7.26
Happy Camp, Helen High	15.44
	\$183.52
Recapitu	lation
State Officers	\$169.42
Delegates of New Granges	346.29
Lecturers	183 52
	\$699.23
Fraternally s	submitted,
	HARRY BARNES, Chairman,
	MASTEN RAMSEY
	MRS. CLYDE EDDIE

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

W. B. PERRY

GEO. W. CHEESBROUGH MRS. C. F. CHANDLER

Committee.

Endorsing Action of State Master

Whereas, the Agricultural Legislative Committee of California, at San Francisco, on July 17, 1928, with the presiding officers of the State-wide farm organizations present and not dissenting, determined upon a policy and published a

statement covering the matter of a "state trade-mark" proposal as outlined by the Sacramento Region Citizens' Council;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the California State Grange at this, its 56th annual session at Marysville, California, October 19th, 1928, do hereby make this statement and this policy a part of the record of this meeting as a means of showing its approval of the action of our State Master.

The following is the official action of the Agricultural Legislative Committee of California at its annual meeting, July 17, 1928, referred to above:

The Agricultural Legislative Committee of California is opposed to the so-called "State Trade-Mark Proposal" as presented through the Sacramento Region Citizens' Council, though it believes in the fundamental soundness of the principle of standardization, grading and honest labeling of agricultural commodities, because there are features of the Proposal which are believed not to be practical or workable under existing conditions, and which, were they to become law, would prove inimical to the best interests of agriculture and of the State as a whole. This is particularly true of that portion of the proposal which would set up another State Department whose duties would conflict materially with those of the existing State Department of Agriculure, thus creating endless confusion and turmoil; and also of that portion which would provide for the appropriation of funds by the State to create a revolving fund to advertise throughout the world the State Trade-Mark, even the said revolving fund is to be reimbursed out of the fees received for the use of the Trade Mark. This will in effect put the State in the advertising business, a move which it is believed would prove wholly unsound because of the tendency to political control of the State body expending such moneys as well as inability of a public agency effectively and economically to expend its advertising funds in full co-ordination with the sales promotion plans of the private agencies which must dispose of their agricultural commodities in the markets of this country and of the world. Futherfore, the existing law already provides for the voluntary use of a state trade-mark on properly graded and labeled commodities, but extensive advertising of a State Trade Mark in foreign harkets might very easily, and probably would result in the boycotting of California products in other states and in foreign countries in order to preserve their home markets for their own producers, and the more active advertising campaign on a locality basis, i. e., advertising a California label rather than a commodity label, the more quickly would the home producers develop such campaigns.

Resolution Upon New State Legislation Governing the Taxation of Banks and Their Auxiliary Corporations

(Introduced by Sonoma Pomona Grange)

Whereas, It has been conceeded by all well known research agencies that for the last six or seven years farming as an industry has been subjected to taxation tremendously out of all proportion as compared with other industry and commerce, when considered upon the basis of its ability to pay, its gross or net earning power or the stability of its capital investment, and

Whereas, The Grange in the County of Sonoma, the State of California, and in the nation, has been exerting its utmost energies for several years to bring about a more equitable distribution of the tax burden, and

Whereas, Under our present state legislation, the banks of California, which have enjoyed a prosperity practically unparalleled (in the history of financial institutions) within the last few years and which through the use of auxiliary corporations have been escaping taxation which many far-seeing patriotic citizens believe they should have in justice borne, have been paying about 11 per cent of their net earnings to tax collectors, and

Whereas, Recent decisions of Federal Courts seem to indicate that our legislation governing the taxation of national banks must be immediately amended in this state or we shall be without any means of taxing such banks, and

Whereas, Statements have been made which would seem to indicate that the recommendation of the California Tax Commission will be that the banks of this state and their auxiliary corporations be taxed upon a basis of about 4 per cent of their net income, which is believed to be a sufficient rate to insure the collection by the state of an amount of money about equal to that which has been derived from banks under our present legislation, therefore be it

Resolved, That the California State Grange hereby expresses as its belief that a higher tax rate than 4 per cent on banks would be justified in the face of the fact that for several years past taxes have been avoided by our banks

through the use of auxiliary corporations and that during this period the banking business has been in a highly prosperous condition.

Regarding Collection of Dues (Introduced by the Deputies)

Whereas, According to the law governing the organization of new Granges, dues cannot be collected in advance, and

Whereas, it seems desirable that some provision to that end

should be provided, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Worthy Master of the California State Grange be instructed to present this matter to the National Grange for its consideration.

Requiring Register and Badges (Introduced by E. R. Ostrom)

Resolved, That at all future meetings of the State Grange a register be kept of all persons attending such meetings. That all visitors and delegates be furnished a suitable badge designating them as visitors or delegates, and that they be required to wear said badges during the days when the State Grange is in session.

Resolution Protesting Bringing Increased Acreage Under Cultivation by the Use of Public Funds (Introduced by Sonoma Pomona Grange)

Whereas, On July 2, 1924, at Santa Rosa, the Executive Committee of the California State Grange, in its regular quarterly meeting, unanimously endorsed a resolution protesting against "any movement within this state or nation, which will allow either national or state financial aid of any nature whatsoever (other than a deferring of payments upon obligations already incurred by actual settlers) for the reclamation, irrigation or colonization of land" which resolution was made a part of the legislative program of the 52nd annual session of the California State Grange on October 24, 1924, at Santa Rosa as Article No. 2, Section (a) and which resolution was adopted in toto on November 9, 1925, at the 53rd annual session of the California State Grange at Sacramento and which was also adopted by the 59th annual session of the National Grange on November 19, 1925, at Sacramento, and

Whereas, At the annual meetings of the California Farm Bureau Federation and the California Farmers' Union held in November and December of 1925, respectively, similar if not identical resolutions were adopted, and

Whereas, The experience of the State of California in land settlement, conducted under state auspices and with state financial aid has reflected anything but glory upon our commonwealth to say nothing of the questionable morality of any public procedure which brought poverty, disappointment and misery to many innocent families, and

Whereas, The history of many of our Federal land settlement projects has been in the main, largely a reflection of the disastrous experiences which the State of California has had, and

Whereas, For the last six years, the outstanding problem before the American nation and the one which has been foremost in the minds of our patriotic and far-seeing citizens as well as the members of Congress during these late years, has been the disposal of our farm surpluses, and

Whereas, At the very time and simultaneously with the agitation for Federal legislation and appropriation of public funds which would help to make possible the disposal of our agricultural surplus, so that our American farmers might be kept from complete financial ruin by the over production of farm crops, there has been a constant urge from real estate promoters and urban consuming groups to secure Federal legislation and the appropriation of public money to bring tremendously large new acreages under cutlivation, viz: (a) One million eight hundred thousand acres in the Columbia Basin Project—Senate No. 1462 by Dill and H. R. No. 7029 by Summers—at an estimated cost of three hundred million dollars.

(b) The establishment of ten model agricultural rural communities in the southern states upon reclaimed swamp land principally—Senate No. 1462 by Curtis and H. R. No. 8221 by Crisp—at an estimated cost of ten million dollars.

These projects mentioned are but instances taken from several proposed measures of similar import now before the 70th congress, and

Whereas, On February 8, 1928, the accredited representatives of the three great nation-wide farm organizations (The National Grange, The American Farm Bureau Federation, The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America) at Washington, D. C. over their joint signatures, sent to every member of the 70th Congress, a letter stating that

each of these nation-wide groups of farmers, had in annual meetings "repeatedly gone on record as opposing any legislation which would look toward placing any further acerage under production or additional producers upon farms, until agriculture has been restored to economic parity with other forms of industry and commerce," therefore be it

Resolved, That the California State Grange in this its regular annual meeting held in Marysville, California, October 16-19, 1928, do most respectfully request our State Master and its Executive Committee and the Master of the National Grange and its Executive Committee to do all within their power to make effective the resolutions which have been adopted in this matter and that we ask them and our legislative committee to, if possible, secure the active co-operation of all other farm organizations to an identical end.

EDUCATION

(Introduced by San Jose Grange)

Resolved, That California State Grange is opposed to any movement that would in any way obstruct the carrying out of any plan to improve our present school system, or that would in any manner hinder the same.

Pertaining to the High Cost of Education (Introduced by Sonoma Pomona Grange)

Whereas, On July 22, 1925, at Santa Rosa, the Sonoma County Pomona Grange adopted a resolution attempting to call to the attention of the citizens of the state the fact that nationally, state wide and in our own county, the cost of education had increased within the period since the beginning of the World War far in excess of the increase within the same time of either the assessed valuation of property for taxation, the number of pupils enrolled or the population of the state or nation, and

Whereas, In the publication of these facts through state and national channels, the farmers were subjected to unjust criticism by many well-meaning citizens who in their ignorance either questioned the accuracy of the statements made or regarded the whole subject of education almost in the light of a fetish and discussion of its method and machinery therefore taboo, and

Whereas, Recent figures given out of the Bureau of Education of our national government show that the per capita cost of education in this nation in 1913 was \$38.31, in 1916 \$49.12, in 1920 \$64.16, in 1925 \$98.45, and in 1926 102.05, or an increase of 166 per cent in thirteen years, and

Whereas, In California the cost of elementary education per capita was \$37.51 in 1913, in 1916 38.04, in 1920 \$61.99, in 1925 \$90.38, and in 1926 \$97.15, or an increase of about 160 per cent within thirteen years, while the similar figures for the cost of education in our secondary schools were \$90.96 in 1913, \$76.72 in 1916, 172.87 in 1920, \$187.35 in 1925, and \$190.91 in 1926 or an increase of 110 per cent within this period, and

Whereas, The assessed valuation of all property in the United States was about \$750.00 per capita in 1912, about \$1,153.00 in 1920, and about \$1,377.00 in 1926, representing an increase of but 84 per cent for the fourteen year period, and

Whereas, The assessed valuation of all property in California was about \$1,025.00 per capita in 1909, about \$1,325.00 in 1920, and about \$1,700.00 in 1926, representing an increase of but 66 per cent in this 17 year period, and

Whereas, The estimated national wealth in this nation was about \$1,950 per capita in 1912, about \$2.750 in 1920, and but \$3,000 in 1927, or an increase of about 64 per cent within this fifteen year period, and

Whereas, The figures published by the Bureau of Education of our Federal Government show in 1890 our national population was about 63 million, and our public school expenditures were about one hundred and forty million dollars while in 1926 our population had grown to about 117 million, or an increase of about 85 per cent and our public school expenditures had become slightly over two billon dollars or an increase of about 1,320 per cent, and

Whereas, Dr. T. C. Atkeson of the National Grange in a statement published generally throughout this country recently said, "It is a well established fact that the cost of education has enormously increased beyond its efficiency. It is perfectly apparent that our educational system is saidly in need of scientific revision from the top to the bottom in the interest of economy and efficiency," and President Lowell of Harvard University has called attention in his recent statements to the inefficiency of our teaching methods and the high cost of our public schools, now, therefore be it

Resolved, That California State Grange in this its regular

annual meeting held in Marysville, October 16-19, 1928, do most respectively request the Governor of California and his Superintendent of Public Instruction to carefully and systematically consider this whole matter of the efficiency and cost of education in this state, from the broad and synoptic viewpoint of the welfare of our citizenry as a whole, and do whatever is within their power to rectify whatever abuses or evils may exist within our educational system, and

Futhermore. We request our legislative committee to secure the widest publicity possible for the facts mentioned in the preamble of this resolution, and to do whatever is within its power to assist any and all agencies in making our educational system more efficient and economical in its conduct and administration.

Regarding the Anti-Rodeo Bill (Introduced by Community Grange)

Whereas, Initiative measure No. 21, known as the Anti-Rodeo Bill, will confront voters of California at the November election, and

Whereas, Section 1 of this measure specifically prohibits every feature incidental to the necessary promotion of a rodeo show, and

Whereas, Section 1 in addition, makes it unlawful to terrify or excite any animal "by the use of prods or any other means whatsoever," which provision constitutes a barrier to the successful promotion of horse shows, racing meets, polo, circus performances, and the handling of stock at a fair, and of the making of Western pictures in California, and

Whereas, Section 2 of this measure, makes it unlawful to use a twist or twitch on any animal, or to hold or control any animal by the use of pincers or twisters, which provisions constitute an insurmountable handicap to the rancher in the proper handling of stock upon his ranch, and

Whereas, Section 6 of this measure carries a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisonment of not less than thirty days, nor more than ninety days for violation of any provisions of this act, and

Whereas, The present laws of the State of California dealing with the prevention of cruelty to animals are adequate and adequately enforced, now

Therefore Be it Resolved, that we, the California State Grange recommend a vote of No upon measure, No. 21, at the November election.

Pertaining to Bridge and Highway Districts

(Introduced by Sonoma Pomona Grange)

Whereas, Under the provisions of an Act entitled, "An act to provide for the icorporation and organization and management of bridge and highway districts, and to provide for the acquisition and construction by said districts of highways, bridges and approaches thereto and for the acquisition of all property necessary therefore, and also to provide for the issuance and payment of bonds by said districts, for the levying of taxes and the collection of tolls by said districts, and for the annexation of additional territory thereto," approved May 25, 1923, as amended, bridge and highway districts may be formed embracing lands within said district without the consent or vote of the owner of said lands, or of the electors of the county within which such lands are situated, and

Whereas, After the formation of such bridge and highway districts, the directors thereof have unlimited power to levy taxes, and

Whereas, The taxes now levied upon agricultural lands in the State of California are so high as to make it almost impossible to operate said lands at a profit, and

Whereas, The members of this Grange are of the opinion that no county should be included within the bridge and highway district without the vote of the electors of such county, now, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Pomona Grange request the Senator and Assemblymen from Sonoma County to support a measure which will be introduced at the next session of the State Legislature, the object of which measure will be to make it impossible to include within any bridge or highway district a county or a city and county without the consent of a majority of the electors of said county, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Grange, to the other Pomona Granges and to the farm organizations in the State asking them to help make this an active part of the coming State Legislative program.

Regarding the Payment of Indemnity for Condemned Cattle

(Introduced by Orland Grange)

Resolved, That the Grange favors an amendment to the State Constitution which will permit the State to pay indemnity to farmers for the condemnation and loss of tuberculosis cattle, thus enabling the State to avail itself of Federal help in the clean-up of such tuberculosis without bankrupting the owners of such cattle.

Regarding the Stealing of Poultry (Introduced by Orland Grange)

Owing to the tremendous loss to the farmers of the State by the wholesale stealing of poultry and other products, we, the California State Grange, in regular annual session, do hereby respectfully and earnestly solicit the support of all other farm organizations in securing a Bill of Protection.

We would suggest that no person or persons should be allowed to move any farm produce between the hours of sunset and sunrise without a permit from the sheriff of that county from which such products are moved; and further, that all dealers should keep a record of produce bought and from whom obtained.

Accident Insurance for School Children Introduced by Sonoma Valley Grange)

The State Grange of California recommends that the State Legislature provide a law to permit school trustees, when they so desire, to take out compensation insurance from the State Fund, to cover injuries to children in transit to and from school and while under the jurisdiction of the school.

Resolution of Recommendation to California State Grange

We, the Officers and Members of Napa Grange, No. 307, Patrons of Husbandry, request the Executive Committee of the California State Grange to present to each of the living Past State Masters of the California State Grange a suitable jewel as a token of appreciation of their services in behalf of the Order.

It is also respectfully requested that hereafter, each retiring State Master likewise be presented with a similar jewel upon the expiration of his term of office. The cost of said jewels not to exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars each.

REPORTS OF POMONA GRANGES MENDOCONO

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Mendocino County Pomona Grange No. 10, sends greetings:

Mendocino County Pomona Grange has held five meetings since the last session of the State Grange which were very well attended.

A contest of attendance was started between the Subordinate Granges—Potter Valley, Ukiah, and Redwood Valley. The prize, a silver cup, to be awarded to the Grange securing the highest score three times. The scores to be tallied every six months, and the winning Grange to have the cup until the next scoring, or until it was outscored by another Grange or had won the cup three times. Potter Vallew won the cup the first scoring, and Redwood Valley won the second scoring.

Worthy State Lecturer Sister Clendening and Brother Clendening visited with us at our meeting in May. Their visit was much enjoyed, and we gained much valuable information from it.

At our last regular meeting a resolution opposing amendment No. 21, on the November ballot, was read and adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

A. L. FORD, Master.

MODOC

To the Officers and Members of California Grange: Greetings from Modoc Pomona Grange.

Worthy Master, it gives me great pleasure to submit to you a report from Modoc Pomona. I regret, however, to report to you a decrease in membership which is due largely by the suspension of members by our Subordinate Granges, hence are automatically stricken from the Pomona list. We have today, I am glad to state, 267 paid up members who are loyal and progressive.

On my return from our last State Grange Convention, we were asked to furnish 600 pies for the Railroad Day celebration which was held in Alturas November 11, 1927. Six hundred and twenty-five pies were delivered to the committee by the Grangers of Modoc County.

We have donated considerable money for charity work, have taken membership in KQW radio station, have also pledged ourselves for a donation of \$25.00 to any Subordinate

Grange, submitting ownership of its own hall.

By resolution, our Pomona pays for the caring for Patrons' children at our Pomona meetings. We have taken the initiative in asking the stockmen of our county for their coperation in placing pure-bred sires at the head of their dairy and beef strain herds.

Our committee on education has been very active for the extension of vocational education.

A resolution was adopted asking our representatives in Washington to declare their views on an import tariff upon agricultural products that will protect the American farmer against such importation, and asking, "Will you give your unqualified support in congress to such tariff legislation."

Modoc Pomona offers a first and second trophy cup, to the Subordinate Grange standing first and second in a three-

year contest on the following score:

Attendance of all sixteen officers. Must be on time to count attendance. Percentage of all attendance by total membership. (Divide attendance by total membership). Opening and closing without manuals. Two degrees without manuals. One tableau, in each degree. Each officers' knowledge of his duties. Gain in membership. Worth while lecture hour (must have music, entertainment, and educational features).

Percentage of paid up dues at the end of the year.

FIFTY CREDITS ON THE FOLLOWING

Each Subordinate Grange to report on at least one new variety of grain in locality.

Each Subordinate Grange to try out and report on at least five new varieties of fruit or berries or vegetables or all three.

Each Subordinate Grange make at least one soil test on at least five farms in the locality to determine the best crops suited to the locality.

At least 50 per cent of the community houses in the district of the Subordinate Grange made more beautiful.

Completion by the Subordinate Granges of at least one community project.

Boys and girls clubs organized and carried on and assisted by the Grange in every possible way if already organized.

Better dairy methods on 25 per cent of the community farms.

Better methods of poultry raising on 25 per cent of the community farms.

Each Subordinate Grange choose at least one of the following as the tenth project.

Marketing methods.

Thistle control.

Rodent control.

Caring for fruit trees.

Profitable use of barnyard manure.

Home management (income, resources, budgeting, labor, efficiency).

Co-operation of farmers to eliminate tramp labor.

Better method of having.

Better method of harvesting.

Co-operative buying.

Better farm gates.

Better farm fences.

We have invited the newly organized Granges of Lassen County to visit us at our next meeting, which will be at Likely on the 27th of this month, and trust they will all attend.

We certainly enjoyed the visit by our Worthy State Master and wife, and our Worthy State Lecturer.

In conclusion, I feel I should report to you of the wonderful services rendered by our Pomona drill team; they have never refused our request to go and help make each and every, meeting a happy one. I feel their services have been one of the most important factors in bringing new members into our beloved organization.

Fraternally submitted,

F. L. ROBERTS,

Master Modoc Pomona Grange.

NAPA-LAKE

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

Napa-Lake Pomona Grange, No. 7, Patrons of Husbandry, sends greetings:

I have the pleasure to report our Pomona Grange meets on every fifth Saturday during the year, with the different Subordinate Granges, by invitation.

We have held five regular meetings since the last State Grange session. The first meeting, an all day session, was held in Lake county with Guenoc Grange, on October 29, 1927. This meeting was well attended. During the lecture hour M. Daniel Beard of Napa, gave a very interesting talk on a recent trip through Europe.

On December 31 Silverado Grange, of Calistoga, entertained the Pomona Grange. The night was a stormy one, but a large crowd attended the meeting which began with a dinner at 6:30. Soon as the business of the Grange was disposed of a real New Years party took place. Dancing was enjoyed until twelve o'clock when the usual New Year festivities began and were enjoyed by all.

On March 31st Pomona Grange was entertained by Napa Grange at an afternoon and evening session. Worthy State Lecturer, Sister Ida Clendening, was present and held a Lecturer's conference. The Worthy Lecturer, Bro. F. L. Hunt, of Napa Grange, held the Lecture hour during the afternoon. Mr. Will C. Wood, State Superintendent of Banks, gave a talk on Branch Banking. The president of each of the Service Clubs of Napa, gave five minute talks on what these different clubs are doing for the community. A reading and a musical number completed the program.

In the evening the fifth degree was conferred on a large class of candidates by the regular officers. At this meeting a resolution was introduced to change our by-laws so the election of officers could be held on the last meeting of the year, and the installation of officers be held with the Subordinate Granges. At this meeting plans were made to have a picnic supper at the mid-summer meeting.

On June 30th Rutherford Grange Pomona members entertained the Pomona Grange at an afternoon and evening meeting. The picnic supper did not prove to be a very popular one due to our joint Fourth of July picnic, only four days later. The evening session was very well attended. Bro. W. A. Hill, Lecturer of Napa Grange preparfed the Lecture hour program, consisting of music and games.

The Fourth of July picnic, sponsored by the Pomona Grange, with Master of each Subordinate Grange on the Committee or Arrangements, was a grand success and it is hoped to have this an annual event. The horseshoe club of the Rutherford Grange, won the game of horseshoe and was presented the silver loving cup, donated by a member of Silverado Grange. The cup must be won twice in succession before becoming permanent property.

On September 29th the Pomona Grange was entertained by Guenoc Grange of Lake County. This was our first afternoon and evening meeting held in that county. It proved to be a fine meeting.

Our Grange donated ten dollars to the Napa County Committee handling the reapportionment fight. Brother John Hartley, of Napa Grange is chairman of this committee.

Brother Granville Libby, Deputy State Master, had charge of the lecture hour program during the evening. A program of home talent was given during an open meeting. Dancing closed the evening's entertainment.

Eighteen members have been added during the year. Lost two by death. Leaving a membership of three hundred and twenty.

Our next meeting will be held in Calistoga with Silverado Grange, on December 29th. The election of officers will be held.

Wishing the State Grange a successful and enjoyable meeting.

S. W. BAILHACHE, Master. By GRANVILLE LIBBY, Alternate.

SACRAMENTO

While the attendance at the meetings of Sacramento Pomona Grange, during the year, has not always been as large as was desirable, the meetings have all been full of interest, and the time so fully occupied, that early in the year we found it advisable to change the hour of opening our regular meetings, from 1 o'clock p. m. to 10 o'clock a. m., and continuing the meeting throughout the afternoon, having a recess of one hour at noontime. We find this a decided improvement, as it gives time for full discussion of all important subjects brought before the Grange by the different committees.

Our Grange has always taken a lively interest in county affairs, especially those that pertain to agriculture. Resolutions and communications from other Granges have always received prompt attention and careful consideration.

Besides our regular meetings held in Sacramento, we have held meetings in conjunction with American River, Valley Oaks, and Elk Grove Granges. Our Worthy Master, George R. Harrison, and wife, have honored us with several visits; also we have been honored by the presence of Sister Ida Clendening, State Lecturer; Brother E. K. Glendening, National and State Deputy; Sister Martha L. Gamble, State Secretary; and Brother Frank L. Hunt, State Executive Committeeman.

The Traveling Gavel, started by Pomona Grange over a year ago was returned to Pomona Grange by New Enterprie Grange with appropriate ceremony; and a new schedule has been arranged and the gavel will soon be started on its second circuit of the Subordinate Granges. We consider this as one of the best means of bringing the members of the different Granges together for a pleasant and profitable evening.

Our Pomona Grange held its annual "Grangers Picnic" on the first Saturday in May; and the net proceeds, amounting to over \$200 was turned over to our treasurer.

Our Grange maintains a membership in the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, in the name of the Master. We have also taken out membership in the KQW club, and at our last meeting voted to donate \$50 to help defray expenses of the campaign to carry Amendment No. 1, or Federal plan of reapportionment, at the coming election. A special meeting has been called for the 1st Saturday in October, principally to consider the amendments that will appear on the ballot at this election.

Fraternally submitted,

M. T. HUNT, Master.

SANTA CLARA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Santa Clara Pomona Grange, No. 4, sends greetings to the California State Grange, with the best wishes for a pleasant and profitable session.

Santa Clara Pomona Grange has held all its regular meetings, which have been well attended, instructive and

beneficial to all. Meetings have been held in East Palo Alto, Campbell, San Jose, Morgan Hill and Aromas.

We have made a net gain in membership and our financial condition is materially better than last year. Our aim is 100 per cent paid up membership by January 1st. Two Granges have already reached this mark.

Our Grange takes an active part in all matters in the County pertaining to agriculture and the farmers' interest in general.

Under the leadership of Pomona Grange, the "County Agricultural Taxpayers Organization" has been endeavoring to check the ever-increasing rate on taxation; although not entirely successful, this organization has served the farmer well.

Ten Subordinate Granges are affiliated with our Pomona, and all have taken an active part in the meetings, the programs, and the work of Pomona. No Master could wish for a more harmonious and co-operative family, and I deeply appreciate the courtesy shown me and the splendid help of the officers and members.

Our members are taking an active part in the coming election, and all will stand 100 per cent for Federal Plan of Re-apportionment, which we consider the greatest problem that has ever faced the farmers of California.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. JONES, Master

SISKIYOU

To the officers and Members of California State Grange, Siskiyou Pomona Grange Brings Greetings:

It is a pleasure to report a thriving Grange growth from the north, a fine membership of earnest workers pulling together for their mutual benefit.

We have held five of our six yearly meetings, all well attended, except the one at Happy Camp in August, but those of you who may have had the experience of that trip will understand why so few will go unless duty calls loudly. We held our fifth meeting at Bogus on October 6th with a good attendance from nine of our twelve Granges, and we will meet with Little Shasta for election of officers in December. Our lecturer, Sister Caldwell, never fails to put on a good program, and our Farmers' Hour has proven a success as at this time the farmers discuss any problems

they have met, and obtained much benefit from an exchange of ideas, often learning just where they can obtain live stock or farm produce they desire or, if for sale, they find a buyer.

For the past seven months a plan known as "Siskiyou Pomona Grange Buying and Selling Plan," has been in operation and is meeting with marked success. Orders at wholesale for more than two thousand dollars worth of goods have been handled at a saving from not lees than 10 per cent and that on up as high as 50 per cent and we feel the good work is only in its infancy.

Our Worthy Master and wife were with us at Davis, and Worthy State Lecturer Sister Clendening attended at Greenview in April; both visits from these loyal Grangers were enjoyed by our members.

Details of our many activities would be out of place at this busy session, suffice it to say we are a live bunch believing in expanding those things that will assist the financial condition of the farmer as well as furnishing him social pleasures.

With all best wishes for a joyous 56th session.

Fraternally yours.

ALICE E. WILLIAMS, Master.

SONOMA

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

I have the honor to submit the following report of Sonoma Pomona Grange. The year has been a most pleasant and successful one. Twelve meetings have been held with a large attendance. Membership October 1, 1928, was 434. Initiated during the year, 51 and by card 2. Lost by death 7, by demit 6, freed 17, suspended 10, present membership 417. At the beginning of the year a prize of \$5.00 was offered to the Subordinate Grange scoring the highest per cent of paid up members in Pomona Grange. This has been a great benefit in keeping dues paid up as each Grange is anxious to score high and gain the prize.

All committees have been doing splendid work. Several very important resolutions have been presented and carefully considered and acted upon. The Legislative and Tax Committees are represented by S. S. Knight, who very ably takes care of all matters to the best interest of agriculture.

While the crops throughout the County have been good, the prices for most all fruits have been very low. The dairy and stock men have fared well with prices good and feed plentiful. The Poultry industry has had a fairly good year.

On August 22nd, one of the greatest events ever celebrated by the Grange in this State was the reception in honor of State Master George R. Harrison and wife, it being their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The happy occasion was celebrated at Sebastopol in I. O. O. F. Hall. His home Grange, Sebastopol No. 306, assisted by all the Granges of the County acting as hosts.

As a token of love, esteem and fraternal regard for their faithful service to the Grange, a purse of \$550.00 was presented them, and later \$70.00 was added, making a total of \$620.00.

This gift was made possible by the generous donations of the Pomona and Subordinate Granges throughout the State. Past Master E. T. Pettit, Past Master W. V. Griffith and Past Master Frank Hunt were present on this occasion. On account of sickness the other Past Masters were unable to attend. Over 600 members and friends were present on this happy occasion, coming from all parts of the state. Bro. and Sister Harrison, in their very grateful and appreciative manner thanked all those who had any part in making the occasion a happy and successful one.

And now in closing, let me say I feel the Grange is being more and more appreciated and recognized for its valuable services to agriculture and education.

With best wishes for a most successful session,

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES J. SUTTON, Master.

TULARE

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

As alternates from Tulare County Pomona Grange, No. 5, we beg leave to submit the following brief report:

We meet every other month, and though the membership is limited, the interest is good. The three Subordinate Granges of the county being widely separated, only a limited number will take time from their farm work to make the long drive. Better times would undoubtedly change this condition, so we can only work on and keep hoping.

We are certainly grateful to our State Master and Sister Harrison, also our State Lecturer, Sister Clendening and Brother Clendening for their visits to our county. Conditions would be bad indeed when their presence would not inspire to better work.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. CLIFTON, Alternate.

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES

ADIN

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members:

As Master of Adin Grange, No. 414, Modoc county, I bring you greetings from our little mountain home.

Since handing in my last report of October, 1927, we have taken in six new members.

We have lost quite a number of members, many who have moved away, several by demit, and a few by non-payment of dues. For the first time, death called a beloved member from our order, Bro. Park W. Johnson, he having just returned from a three months trip in the East; and was with us the night before his death.

During the busy season we failed to have enough members out for our regular meetings, three or four times. We have had two or three special meetings. At one of these special meetings Fall River Grange visited us with two teams, and put on the Third and Fourth Degrees in a very beautiful and able manner. Lookout Grange met with us at this time with their candidates. A most enjoyable time was held at this meeting.

At the beginning of the year we began to think of plans to raise money for a Grange Home. Eleven members undertook the task of putting on a play entitled, "Mammy's Lil Wild Rose." This play was given three times and over \$200 taken in. We found the neighboring Granges so loyal and liberal in their help to us in presenting this play.

Much to our disappointment the building of a Grange Home was voted down for this year.

In June various committees from our Grange were appointed

to assist Lookout Grange in putting over a most successful "Big Valley Fair," held at Lookout the 7th and 8th of September.

On October 2 we held a joint meeting with Lookout Grange in their new Grange Hall, at which time Sister and Brother Harrison were with us, with many encouraging and helpful words.

Our membership at the present time is 28 brothers and 21 sisters.

R. P. VAN ALLEN AND WIFE,
Alternates.

MRS. LAURA KRESKE, Master.

ALTURAS

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Alturas Grange 406 Sends Greetings:

At the beginning of the New Year we moved into the Masonic Hall, where we are very comfortably located.

Our Grange is in a very satisfactory condition. We are growing in numbers and interest. Our present membership is 70 sisters and 73 brothers.

While we have lost a few members for non-payment of dues, we have taken in more than an equal number of members by initiation.

We have initiated nine since the beginning of the year, and have three applications to vote on next meeting.

We lost one beloved and esteemed member, Brother J. W. Cummings, by death.

We have held our meetings regularly every two weeks, except through the busy season of the year, June, July, and August, with a fair attendance.

Refreshments are served at the first meeting of the month. The committee on community improvements has turned in some good reports.

Another committee worthy of mention was one on the possibility of erecting a County Hospital. They succeeded in bringing it before the different fraternal orders and Supervisors with their approval, when it was taken up by our local district, who are going to erect a private hospital. This has been a much needed institution, and we consider the Grange has credit for this move.

The Bazaar Committees are busy planning for our annual

bazaar to be held some time in November, the proceeds to go into our Hall fund. We hope the Master, next fall, can report completion of a new hall.

The Worthy Lecturer has always tried to make the lecture

hour interesting.

On September 27th, we held a joint meeting with Davis Creek, Likeley and Canby Granges, and at this time we were honored with a visit from our Worthy State Master, George R. Harrison and his wife, Sister Harrison.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. TRUMBO, Master.

AMERICAN RIVER

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

It gives me pleasure to report that American River Grange, No. 172, is again in a prosperous condition. During 1927 we had difficulty in getting members interested and could hardly get enough present to hold a meeting.

We have the best hall and meeting place in the community and the loyal members were determined that it should not be lost, so a concentrated effort was made which resulted in securing a class of 28 members. Since that time meetings have been well attended and interest revived.

Our finances are in good shape and we are anticipating another successful year.

Fraternally submitted,

L. F. BIGGS, Alternate.

ANDERSON

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

Anderson Grange, No. 418, began the year with seventyeight members. Our last report to the State Secretary we had 118, an even forty gain, with no suspensions to date.

Our Grange put on a booth at the Shasta County Fair, featuring farm products and received second prize on farm display, with very strong competition. Our Juvenile Grange put on an educational booth receiving fourth prize. This work was done by their members and Matron, and all feel duly proud of the reward of fifteen dollars.

We have committees appointed on civic welfare, relief, home economics and social, for the purpose of bringing topics of interest before our Grange. Our members are quite busy during the summer, so but few of us have time to get what we could from our organization.

Fraternally submitted, CHARLES E. KOOSER, Master.

ANTELOPE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Antelope Grange, No. 161, has been progressing very favorably for the last year, with the loyal support of all the officers and members.

Our Worthy Lecturer is doing her part very well, by having an interesting program every meeting and often training the children for the entertainment.

We have taken in eleven new members, lost two by death, and a few by suspension.

On March 14 we invited Gold Hill Grange and Sacramento Pomona Grange to join us for a meeting that was well attended by 102, which we appreciated very much.

In regard to improvements, we have formed a short floor drill for seating the officers, and inaugurated a penny march which has netted \$6.81 for the last eleven meetings.

We joined in the good homes week by planting shrubbery around our hall. We have installed burglar proof screens on our windows, and still have some money in the savings account which we contemplate using for further improvements in the near future. Our present enrollment is 93,

Fraternally submitted,

R. E. LAUPPE, Master.

AROMAS

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Aromas Grange, No. 361, I submit the following report.

Our present membership is 155. We have made a steady growth, having a net gain of eleven members and have enjoyed a very successful year.

Our meetings, which have been held regularly twice a month, have been well attended, and our Worthy Lecturer

has always provided a program of some kind for our meetings, which have been both instructive and amusing.

On January 21, we held a joint installation with Gilroy, Morgan Hill, Coyote and Community Granges. There were 167 Grangers present, including our Worthy State Master, who was the installing officer, and his good wife, who assisted him.

Our Worthy State Master and wife were again with us on April 21, at which time Bro. Harrison inspected our Grange.

Aromas Grange has assisted our community in many ways. On August 15, we held a luncheon for the Watson-ville Rotary Club, the purpose of which was to have the merchant and farmer become better acquainted. U. S. Congressman, Arthur Free, was with us on this occasion. Almost two hundred were fed at this luncheon, and while it was not planned with the idea of financial profit, \$55.00 was cleared.

The Aromas Farm Center was given the free use of our building for the purpose of holding a festival to raise money to defray the expense of the various agricultural clubs to Davis, at which time they cleared over \$160.00.

Each month we give an old time dance, a modern dance, and a public whist party, all of which have become very popular in our community, and have contributed quite a little to our treasury.

We have painted our hall, at a cost of over \$200.00, have planted some trees around the border of our lot, have added new curtains to our attractive stage, and have electrified our player plane.

Our Grange picnics during the Summer months were very popular and that Grangers are good providers was always evident.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Santa Clara Pomona Grange on October 6.

While it is not possible for me to be present at this session, my best wishes are nevertheless with you.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK DELLA VEDOWA, Master.

By MURRAH H. WARNER, Alternate.

BELLEVUE

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

I regret very much that I am unable to attend this session of the State Grange. Since the last session our Grange has been very busy completing our hall. We have had what we consider a very prosperous year. We have visited several Granges in the past year and have received return visits from Grange Masters and members in return.

We have a Roll Call of 237 members in good standing which more than doubles our membership in two years. A very active part is taken in Grange work.

Our hall cost around \$4,000.00, and we have it half paid for, and look forward to having it all paid for in two years. We have held all our regular meetings during the year, and on Octobor 8 Brother Sutton, Master of Pomona Grange, inspected our Grange.

Our Grange takes an active part in agriculture and all local questions that come up before it.

Wishing you and your members a successful session, I respectfully submit this report.

CHARLES BACON, Master.

BENNETT VALLEY

To the Master and Patrons of California State Grange in Session Assembled:

As Master of Bennett Valley Grange, No. 16, located 6 miles from Santa Rosa on a county road, I have pleasure in bringing you greetings of Bennett Valley Grange which was organzed May 27, 1873, and is housed in its own hall dedicated on December 4, 1873, fifty-five years ago, since which time we have not missed celebrating our annual May Pienic. The hall is 32 by 60 feet and has a fine maple floor, a good dining room, with all the necessary equipment, antirooms convenient, a good piano, and good supply of Grange furniture. All the rooms are well lighted by electricity, as is also the Grange Campus. We are also well supplied with water. Many virgin forest trees are in and about the campus.

Our meetings are held on the first and third Saturday evening in the month and are made instructive and entaining by the zealous and energetic efforts of our Lecturer, Mrs. Mary Cook. The other officers are quite punctual at their stations and do their work well. Our Chaplain has to her credit, honor roll for two years, attending all meetings, and walking four miles on lonesome and hilly road. Both our Steward and Lecturer come long distances and are on the Honor Roll for attendance. During the past year the Grange has raised money by well conducted social dances to cover overhead in general repairs. We have held all the meetings, have entertained other Granges, entertained the Pomona at our second meeting in September; received, and returned the tractor. Have made improvements that put us in debt, but we have reduced the debt to about \$200.00. The outlook for the future is good. We are working for community advancement and improvements.

Our attendance is good considering the scope of country covered by our Grange.

We take pride in having the oldest continuous member, Sister Sarah Hanson, a charter member of this Grange. We are sorry indeed, that her health is in such a state that does not permit her to be present, but she and her husband send their greetings to you all.

Fraternally yours,

VEVA A. TALBOT, Master.

BESWICK

To the Members of the State Grange, Beswick Grange Sends Greetings for a Successful Meeting:

It pleases me to say we are getting along very nicely. We hold our meetings once a month. On the first Saturdays, and our meetings have been well attended. We have a good lecture hour, consisting of speaking, reading, singing and instrumental music.

Hoping to have a better report next year.

Fraternally submitted,

HARVEY EVANS.

BOGUS

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange, Bogus Grange, No. 397, Sends Greetings:

We are still on the map and though we are the smallest Grange we are one hundred per cent Grangers, doing all we can to help the cause along. We have not shown any increase in membership, but a slight decrease, according to circumstances. I am hoping for a better report in the future.

Fraternally,

GEO. W. CHEESBROUGH.

CANBY

To the Officers and Members of the State Grange, Greetings From Canby Grange No. 413:

The year has been one of more than ordinary prosperity and achievement.

Meetings have been held regularly and attendance has been very good, considering the widely scattered membership.

Our membership has been increased during the year by initiation of about fifteen men members.

We have added a spacious serving room and kitchen to our community hall, all such additions and improvements being paid for as made.

The Grange is sponsoring boys and girls club work and several very creditable projects are being carried through.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. GREEN.

CEDAR

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange:

It is with pleasure I send you fraternal greetings from Cedar Grange and beg leave to submit the following report:

We have at present a membership of about one hundred, having taken in about twenty new members since the first of the year.

Having no building of our own, as yet, we are renting a very comfortable lodge room. To this we have added during the year a little in the way of furnishings.

While our meetings have not always been largely attended, particularly during the summer months, we have endeavored to open on time and our work has been very satisfactory, due to the fact that those who do attend make the time spent much worth while.

We have a Legislative Committee and State and National matters are usually discussed at each meeting.

A few of our members have recently been dropped for non-payment of dues.

Early in the spring we entertained Eagle Grange, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

We, in connection with Eagle Grange, were the instigators of the Surprise Valley Modoc County Fair, which has grown with such leaps and bounds. Each year we have appointed an active committee to promote and assist in this work in every way possible.

During the summer we gave several dances and a play which was pronounced a huge success.

At the time of our Fair, the 28th of September, we were honored by a visit from the State Master, George R. Harrison and wife. A special meeting was called for September 29, but due to the fair we did not succeed in getting very many out, however, we had a very pleasant and profitable evening.

At the present time we have six or eight prospective members and are planning a series of social evenings including a dance October 9, in commemoration of Armistice Day.

Considering the fact that there are seven other active organization in our little town, we feel that the Grange has made remarkable growth and that the future looks very bright.

Fraternally submitted,

CARRIE A. POORE, Master.

MR. AND MRS. R. D. ROBERTS, Alternates.

COMMUNITY

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Since Community Grange, No. 388, was re-organized a little more than one year ago, we have been slowly but surely going forward. Our attendance is good and much interest is shown.

Our membership has grown from about 40 to 63 with two applications at last meeting and three on the table. Regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. A meeting is held on the 3rd Saturday which is purely social. Much interest is shown in all our meetings by the young people. We are actually doing some good, not only for the Grange membership, but for the community as well.

We have been instrumental in procuring electricity for light and power and are boosting for good roads.

We have practically closed a deal whereby, in the very near future, we will have our own Grange Hall. The agent was so sure that he gave us permission to occupy it, which we are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WELLS, Alternate.

COYOTE

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

We had a very interesting and profitable year. While we have lost eight members by demit, withdrawal, and non-payment of dues, we have taken in eleven new members, making an increase of three, with three new applications. Our attendance has been about 40 per cent with fine attendance of officers.

Our committee work has been exceptionally good, making our meetings very interesting. We have been unfortunate in electing for lecturer a business man who could not devote the time to the work, but our lecture hours have been taken up in educational and entertaining talks by members.

Lacking a drill team, Morgan Hill kindly invited us to bring our candidates there for third and fourth degrees. Our State Master and his wife, also our State Lecturer, paid us a visit.

We have taken up for discussion as our Community project a better lighting system for our Community Hall. Our financial condition is good; while our membership increase has been small, the real Grange work has been most gratifying.

Coyote Grange, together with Morgan Hill, Gilroy, and Community Granges, was most fortunate in having its officers installed by the Worthy State Master and his wife, with Aromas in their real Grange Hall. Gilroy, Morgan Hill, and Coyote Granges enjoyed their annual picnic this year.

In conclusion I would say we had a very happy and profitable Grange year.

Respectfully submitted,

BURT STEVENS, Master.

DANVILLE

Danville Grange, No. 85, sends greetings to the officers and members of the 56th annual session of the State Grange of California.

We take pleasure in presenting to you our report for the past year. Our Grange has met in regular session, each month and had a very good attendance.

Danville Grange, working in connection with the Chamber of Commerce of Walnut Creek and Danville, are very much interested in the Mokelummore Water Project as a source of water supply for the San Ramon Valley.

Our Grange reported the growth of the star thistle on the right of way of the Southern Pacific R. R. to the R. R. Co., and our County Hodticultural Commission. We received immediate response and eradication of same. Our Lecture hour has brought forth many interesting articles for our order—besides, "Most impressing memorial services for our dearly beloved sisters, who have passed on." September 26, we celebrated the 10th wedding anniversary of one of our sisters, Mrs. Anna Van Gordon with a pageant, depicting her past life of usefulness. I would like to make special mention of my relief committee, they have either written, visited, or sent flowers to every member reported ill during the past year.

On October 24, we are to have different speakers, explaining the amendments we are to vote on in November.

Fraternally submitted,

OCTAVIA G. BAUER, Master.

DAVIS CREEK

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Davis Creek Grange, No. 404, sends greetings:

I am glad to report that our Grange is in a prosperous condition.

We have missed but one meeting this year, and our attendance has been very good. The patrons seem to take quite an interest in the Grange.

We have added ten new members to our list this year, making a total of 84 members at the present time.

We have bought and paid for our hall this year; also built an addition to it.

The last meeting of the Pomona Grange was at Davis Creek, and attending this meeting were Brother and Sister Harrison. Their attendance and lectures were enjoyed by all.

Fraternally yours,

W. R. HERYFORD, Master.

DINUBA

Worthy Master and Officers of California State Grange:

Dinuba Grange, No. 342, sends greetings and reports that we have had meetings regularly and that attendance has been good.

We have a membership of 108, have lost three by death (sisters) and two by demit, but have gained in membership, and have applicants now for admission. Our financial condition is good.

Our Lecturer has presented a good program at every meeting, and enjoyed by all.

During the past year we have had as visitors, Sister and Brother Harrison, and Sister and Brother Clendening, and only wish that we could see them oftener.

Crops in our locality are good, but prices are not.

We are pleased to note that the Grange movement is coming south in our direction, Granges having been formed in San Joaquin county.

Grange No. 342 favors nomination of officers and payment of traveling expenses by State Grange of all qualified delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SHIMER, Master. By F. S. CLIFTON, Alternate.

DORRIS

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

It is with pleasure that I have the honor to again submit a report for a successful year for Dorris Grange, Number 393.

We have met regularly twice a month and our meetings have been well attended.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Siskiyou Pomona Grange in June, at which time State Master Harrison, Sister Harrison and State Overseer Craig were present.

We enjoy the privilege of having a neighboring Grange at Macdoel to exchange visits with.

We have one sorrow to record. On July 28, 1928, death called our Gate-Keeper, Brother Ed Cremeen.

Respectfully and fraternally,
HARRY A. HOLZHAUSER, Master.
W. L. EVANS, Alternate.

EAGLE

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

As our Master is absent and will not be able to make a report, I beg to submit the following:

Our Grange has lost some members during the year, but still has 43 on the roll. It has been hard to hold meetings through the summer as our membership is scattered, but we expect to do better this fall and winter.

We were assisted by Cedar Grange in entertaining Pomona Grange in April. We had a very large crowd, about 200; had a fine program, and everybody enjoyed themselves.

We bought a half interest in a piano, bought linoleum to cover the anteroom floor, also 12 nice chairs for the hall. Our finances are in fairly good condition. We have the promise of some new members soon.

We are very sorry that our Master cannot attend this State Grange Convention.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, Secretary Eagle Grange, No. 411.

EASTERN YUBA

To the Master and Members of California State Grange; Greetings:

Eastern Yuba has in the past year taken in four new members. We invited the Hallwood drill team to give the first and second degrees, and joined with Hallwood in the third and 4th degrees. We own our own piano and furniture, and have a pleasant, comfortable meeting place.

At the beginning of the year the meetings were fairly well attended, but at the present time the membership has been reduced by suspension for non-payment of dues to 15 members, and unless interest and enthusiasm can be gained from having the State Grange meet in our midst, I fear it will become necessary to surrender our charter.

We have enjoyed a visit from our State Master and wife, and Bro. E. K. Clendening.

Hoping that another year the Master may be able to render a better report, I am

Fraternally.

GEO. W. SWINGLEY, Master.

EAST PALO ALTO

Worthy State Master, Officers and Delegates of the State Grange in Convention Assembled:

As Master of East Palo Alto Grange, No. 409, I beg to present the following report of the activities of the Grange from February, 1928, to the date of this present writing.

Our membership to date comprises 184 members, 93 sisters and 91 brothers. We have taken in 20 new members since the first of January this year, but our membership has dropped a little, several members having left the district, and some have been suspended for non-payment of dues.

The attendance record of our officers is nearly 100 per cent, and the attendance of members has averaged 70 at every

meeting.

Our very valuable member and Lecturer, Sister Nickerson passed away in March and her loss has been severely felt by the Grange. Sister Drysdale, who was elected for the balance of the term has shown herself a most efficient officer and has given us most interesting programs.

The Relief Committee, under the leadership of Sister King, has performed its duty in a commendable manner, and our sick and distressed have been carefully nurtured. We are pleased to note that this committee has had the pleasant duty of carrying birthday gifts to several new Grange babies.

The Home Economics and Beautification Committee, under the care of Sister Kidder, has presented excellent reports to the Grange, beneficial household hints and cooking recipes have been exchanged. This committee also keeps a book for exchanging flowers, plants and bulbs among the members.

The Legislative Committee, Brother Reynolds, chairman,

has kept us advised on legislative matters of interest.

The Welcome Committee, consisting of a number of members, has performed its duty in welcoming our new initiates, and giving a glad hand of fellowship to new residents in the district.

The Education Committee, of which Sister Richard, is chairman, has worked hard in the interest of education, and through its efforts, has enabled the local school board to make many improvements in our school.

The Extension, or Good of the Order Committee, holds regular monthly meetings and takes under consideration many matters which are subsequently brought before the Grange

in a concise form avoiding thereby, waste of time, and useless discussion.

The Hostess Committee, whose chairman is Sister Leeds, attends to the serving of refreshments at every meeting, which are thoroughly appreciated by the members attending.

East Palo Alto Grange has had a successful and happy year through the earnest co-operation of the members, and as Master, I wish here to testify my appreciation of the efforts of the members in promoting this success.

E. R. TAIT.

Master East Palo Alto Grange, No. 409.

ELK GROVE

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

During the past year Elk Grove Grange has held regular meetings twice each month. No gains in membership were made, the number being about as reported in 1927.

Our Grange, as usual, has taken an active interest in civic affairs, including the welfare of the local schools.

At present in co-operation with Elk Grove Parlor, N. S. G. W., and Liberty Parlor N. D. G. W. the Grange is sponsoring a movement to make Elk Grove Park a public park district.

On June 29th we were favored by a visit of Sacramento Pomona Grange.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. SEHLMEYER, Alternate.

FALL RIVER

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

As Master of Fall River Grange, No. 422, I submit the following report.

The year just closing has been a very successful one for our Granges. The Worthy Master, Herbert Crichton, resigned in June, on account of leaving the county, and I was elected to take his place.

All regular and two special meetings have been held during the year, with a very good attendance of both officers and members.

We have lost two members by demit, and have initiated fourteen, making a total membership of 111 at the present time.

We still continue to co-operate with McArthur Grange in putting on the degrees; McArthur Grange putting on the first and second degrees, and our Grange the third and fourth.

The third degree team consists of twelve men, who put on a drill and exemplify the degree work without the use of manuals. The fourth degree team is eighteen ladies who also put on a military drill and exemplify the degree work without the use of manuals. We also use tableaux in both degrees.

These degree teams have conferred the degrees for Adin, Hat Creek and McArthur Granges, and expect to confer the degrees in Lookout on November 3rd.

Our Grange put on a celebration on July 4th, which was a success in every way.

We also helped at the inter-mountain fair in September by having a booth and taking part in the various contests.

All committees and officers have been faithful to their work. Our lecturer has had entertaining programs nearly every meeting.

On October 3rd we enjoyed a visit from our Worthy State Master, Bro. Harrison and wife. This was a joint meeting with McArthur and Hat Creek Granges, at which time Bro. Harrison conducted a school of instruction to all present.

At our last regular meeting on October 11th, Bro. F. W. Loosley, District Deputy, inspected our Grange.

We have a committee at work at the present time getting some of the road signs changed for the benefit of tourists traveling through our valley.

We are also working to have a monument placed on Soldier Mountain in memory of our old Fort Crook soldiers and families.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBIE L. SHAFFER, Master.

FORESTVILLE

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Forestville Grange, No. 367, sends hearty greetings and wish to state that they have very good prospects for the coming year.

In the past year we have had much friendly intercourse with the other Granges of the county, as for instance, in January we had joint installation with Sebastopol Grange, our Worthy State Master, Brother Harrison, and Sister Harrison officiating in their usual efficient and impressive manner.

We have a fine third and fourth degree team in which we take great pride.

As a source of income, card parties will be given once a month during the winter season, starting this month.

An entertainment is now being planned for the near future, which we hope will not only bring in a goodly sum of money, but what is more important, promote the real Grange spirit and pave the way for a successful year's work.

A Juvenile Grange is in the making and only awaits the official sanction and initiation, and will no doubt bring us an attendance that we otherwise would be unable to rely on. Respectfully and Fraternally submitted.

N. C. NIELSEN, Alternate.

FORT ROMIE

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

As Master of Fort Romie Grange, No. 358, P. of H., I submit the following report:

The year 1928 has not been quite as prosperous a one for Fort Romie Grange as I would like to have seen it. The attendance has not been any too good, especially among the officers. Nevertheless we have been getting along quite well, holding our regular meetings every first and third Saturdays of each month with an average attendance of from twelve to fifteen members.

Fort Romie Grange at present has a membership of seventyeight. During the year we initiated six new members and admitted one by demit. We granted demits to two and there were none dropped for non-payment of dues which shows that we are still going ahead.

At one of our recent meetings we voted to make a few needed repairs on our hall. The members decided to get together some day in the near future to repaper and paint our banquet room and to make a few other little repairs which we think will greatly improve our hall's appearance.

This year Fort Romie Grange held its third annual picnic which was quite an enjoyable affair. It was held in the Arroyo school about fifteen miles from Fort Romie on the second Sunday in May with about seventy-five present, in-

cluding members and their friends. We have given several card parties during the year, netting us a nice little sum, which will be used to send our delegates to the State Grange.

With greetings from Fort Romie Grange and best wishes for a most successful State Grange session, I am

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH H. BINSACCA, Master. PETE WILSHUSEN, Alternate.

GAZELLE

Gazelle Grange No. 380, sends greetings to the officers and members of California State Grange:

We have a paying membership of eighty-two, and have a good attendance the two meeting nights in the month.

Our lovely new hall was completed this year and the Worthy State Master and wife, Brother and Sister Harrison, were with us to dedicate it.

The Juvenile Grange is doing fine with nineteen charter members, and have taken in twelve new members. Our Juvenile Grange was organized on the ninth of April, and Sister Harrison made the kiddies happy by paying them a visit and inspecting their work.

We have initiated ten new members and have reinstated one since the first of the year, and at present have four applicants awaiting initiation.

Our financial condition is good and the future outlook is bright. With best wishes for a successful fifty-sixth session.

Fraternally submitted,

GLENN G. MAXWELL, Master. CHAS. M. COPPLE, Alternate.

GEYSERVILLE

Worthy Master, Officers and Members:

Geyserville Grange, No. 312, sends greetings and sincerely truhts that the convention now in session will prove the most profitable and successful one ever held.

I have the honor to submit the following report:

Our regular meetings are held in our own Grange home on the first and third Monday evenings of each month. We have held all meetings save one during the year with a goodly attendance of officers and members. The one meeting not held in regular session was given over to a lecture on the Constitutional Amendments, by Senator Slater to which the public was invited.

Five other speakers provided by our Worthy Lecturer talked to us, on the subjects of "Better Films," "How to Properly Draw Up a Will," "Sprays for Orchards, Gardens and Flowers," "Shipping Fruit to Foreign Countries," "Auto Insurance and Life Insurance."

We have excellent programs at all meetings due to our splendid lecturer, Mrs. Ethel Rose. Once each month we serve refreshments, and owing to our new method of appointing committees have had no confusion in arranging for our refreshments. Immediately following installation last January, one willing chairman was appointed for each month in the year, she or he, then drew on the balance of the membership for the committee.

Our financial condition is good and we are steadily, if slowly adding to our own building fund, as we are planning to have a fine large hall in place of the small one we now own.

We have earned during the year 169.98 by means of food sales, supper and card parties. We have a membership of about 90, having lost several members during the past year by their removal to other localities, and have had an average attendance of 25 at 24 meetings and two or three special meetings.

We will confer the first and second degrees on a class of 10 at our next meeting.

Our Agricultural and Home Economics Committees; also Legislative Committee and Publicity, have functioned without fail throughout the year. The decorating committee has at all times kept the hall beautiful with flowers and ferns. We have taken an active part in the Sonoma County Grange Advertising Campaign, having served myself as chairman for advertising distribution and in the preparation of the Sonoma County Folder which is being shown the members here. We furnished the program for one meeting at Windsor Grange, and also at Two Rock where we deliverd the "Traveling Tractor."

We are planning a Grange library and already several fine books have been donated. All officers of our Grange open and close the Grange and confer degrees without the use of the manual. We were greatly concerned over the fact that Sonoma county had no exhibit at the Sacramento State Fair, and noting that our county does produce practically all food products displayed by other counties at the fair, it was suggested by our lecturer that we start a campaign among the county Grangers and other farmers to interest them in preparing an exhibit for next year. A committee was appointed with our lecturer as chairman to visit all Granges in our county in the near future and tell them what we have planned.

Fraternally submitted,

BELLE LEROUX, Master.

GILROY

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Gilroy Grange, No. 398, sends Greetings:

We have had an average attendance during the year of seventy-four, have initiated 31 new members, reinstated one, granted twenty-five demits, lost thirty-four through non-payment of dues, and one by death, leaving us with a membership of two hundred and twenty.

We are working to increase our membership and show a net increase of twenty-eight before the end of the year, as urged by our Worthy State Master.

On September 18 of this year a motion prevailed that every member bring in one new member by the end of November, and failing to do this, they must provide a number on the program given at the close of the contest, or pay a fine of twenty-five cents.

At the first meeting at which I presided, February 7th, we had an attendance of three hundred, visitors being present from many neighboring Granges. Morgan Hill Degree Team conferred the third and fourth degrees in a very able manner on a class of seventeen candidates from Morgan Hill, Coyote, Community and Gilroy Granges.

The Grange spirit is fine. I have been very much encouraged and helped by the fine co-operation of the members. We have had very good reports from our standing committees. Our Worthy Lecturer has provided good programs, and refreshments are served at the close of each meeting.

Our Ladies Degree Team have conferred all four degrees in full during the year and have added several new features to their work. Colored lights are used at times which add much to the beauty and effectiveness of the work.

Our Relief Committee send fruit or flowers to all Grange homes where there is illness or bereavement.

The addition of a saxaphone has made a great improvement in the music and forms a nucleus for an orchestra.

Our last treasurer's report was very gratifying showing a substantial balance on hand.

On May 30th, in co-operation with the management of the Strand theatre we gave an entertainment which netted us sixty-three dollars and sixty-two cents (63.62).

Our Grange together with Morgan Hill and Coyote Granges held a picnic at the Uvas Dam Park on June, which was

greatly enjoyed by all.

Our major project for the year is for each member to erect a sign bearing his name at the entrance to his ranch. These signs being uniform in size and style. Many have already complied and by the end of the year we expect to complete the project.

Gilroy Grange manifested considerable interest in the building of the new University of California Deciduous Fruit Experiment Station at San Jose, which is now in process of erection, and which will be a considerable asset to the deciduous fruit industry in Santa Clara Valley as well as the whole State.

This Grange has succeeded in interesting Professor Ralph E. Smith, of the University of California in starting a project to find the cause and work out a control for a bark disease known as Diamond Canker, which is becoming a serious menace in some prune orchards in this section of the state.

Fraternally submitted.

C. F. CHANTLER, Master.

GOLDEN STATE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Golden State Grange, 429, brings greetings, and we hope this big Grange family is as glad to have us in the family as we are at being permitted to join this family.

Golden State Grange was organized by State Deputy H. A. Craig on the 20th of February, 1928, with 70 Charter members. Since then 77 have been initiated; making a total of 147 members.

Golden State Grange is the oldest Grange in Glenn County;

and Glenn County is the best in the State of California. Now there are three Granges in the County.

On May 28 State Master Harrison and his wife visited Golden State Grange and were accorded a royal welcome. We have also had visitors from Jacinto Grange, Orland, and Mt. Bolivar, Siskiyou County Grange; and we have also visited Jacinto Grange. A delegation of members of Golden State Grange, accompanied by Deputy H. A. Craig of Siskiyou County visited Sebastopol Grange on August 22d upon the occasion of the State Master Harrison, and Mrs. Harrison's golden wedding anniversary.

Owing to the Golden State Grange being so new in the work, we have not done very much in the way of work, but have had some very interesting programs, and hope as we find what we are supposed to do, to accomplish more in the coming year.

MRS. R. L. BURKE, Worthy Master.

GOLD HILL

To the Worthy Master of the 56th Assembly of California State Grange, Officers and Members:

It is with pleasure I appear before you to express the appreciation and confidence of the officers and members of Gold Hill Grange, No. 326, in your Masterful guidance for the good ship of Faith, Hope, and Charity throughout the jurisdiction of the State of California for these many years.

Our Grange owns its hall which is electric lighted, also a piano and furniture and is situated in a beautiful grove of oak trees, surrounded by some of the wonderful orchards from which are produced the "Golden Fruit" of California.

We have been obliged to drop thirteen of our members for non-payment of dues and have lost two by death. It was my solemn duty to officiate at the last services to be rendered a good and faithful charter member, H. J. Hansen, who was summoned by the Great Master of us all. We have reinstated one member, and initiated two, by the kindness of Rio Linda Grange for whom Gold Hill has developed a great affection. Gold Hill and Rio Linda have visited on several occasions. We have also enjoyed having Antelope Grange with us and in return were privileged to enjoy their wonderful hospitality.

sions, I submit this, my report. son and other officers who have visited us on several occa-With the best wishes for the State Master and Mrs. Harri-

GEO. E. DANIELS, Master.

CHEENEIELD

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

non-payment of dues, and five demits have been granted. been reinstated. A few members have been suspended for new members have been taken in and two members have a month for the past year with fair attendance. Sixteen Greenfield Grange, No. 357, has held regular meetings twice

It is hoped that this condition can be remedied in the near to be absent on initiation nights because of lengthy initiations. required to conduct initiations. Members have been known There is considerable comment regarding the length of time conduct the third and fourth degrees for three members. At our next meeting the Past Masters of this Grange will

installation of the signs with a resultant decrease in the in the vicinity of Greenfield. This action brought about the arterial stop signs at intersections along the State Highway During the year action was taken by our Grange to secure

The reapportionment measure which is to be voted on in number of intersection accidents.

field Grange. the November election has been hearfily endorsed by Green-

A reception was held in June for a newly married couple

to be incurred will be for the transportation of the players. mented by a motion picture program. The only expense Grange by a King City organization and is to be supple-Next month a play is to be staged for the benefit of this who are both active members of our Grange.

During lecture hours programs of music and educational

readings have been offered.

Fraternally submitted,

ETHEL BENCE, Alternate. TOM L. ROGERS, Master.

GREENHORN

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Greenhorn Grange, No. 384, Sends Greetings:

While we have not advanced much, yet we have held our own. We held a series of card parties during the winter months, and the proceeds went to the building fund. We now have in our fund \$1120.48.

Many of our members take advantage of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance. On March 2 we had Pomona Master Alice Williams and Master of Gazelle Grange, Glenn Maxwell, with us.

On April 14th Worthy State Lecturer Ida M. Clendening paid our Grange a visit.

We displayed a very attractive booth in the County Fair, and won first place. The prize being a 100.00 check, and also winning the silver trophy cup for the second time.

We are now studying the amendments on the ballot, during the lecture hour, Brother W. F. Barta, attorney-at-law, being the speaker at our last meeting. October 13th.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. CALKINS, Master. By CHAS. LeMAY, Alternate.

GUENOC

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

Guenoc Grange is closing a year of progress and achievement, although not so great as last year under the capable leadership of Brother C. M. Morin, one of our progressive and beloved members. When the present Master accepted the Mastership of this Grange, he decided to follow the high standard set by his predecessors in office, and we feel as though we have nothing to regret in the administration of the present year.

The year has been very beneficial to the members both socially and educationally. In the early part of the year we put on a public installation of officers, which was largely attended by both members and non-members, some of the latter becoming applicants for our degress. A short while later our State Master and his good wife, Bro. and Sister Harrison, as well as the Masters of Napa and Rutherford Granges

paid us a fraternal visit. At this meeting a class of candidates were initiated into the Order and the usual Harvest Feast was enjoyed.

On the evening of May 26th Guenoc Grange paid a fraternal visit to Silverado Grange of Calistoga, and presented to the Master of that Grange the Traveling Gavel, and presented the program of the evening. This was the first meeting of the Traveling Gavel, which is traveling through the Granges of Napa and Lake Pomona District, and which will be returned to this Grange at some later date. At this time the Guenoc Grange Kitchen Orchestra made its first public appearance and from the amount of applause, the program was a decided success. Two weeks later the same orchestra favored the members of Napa Grange with several selections. This body of ladies have received several invitations to appear before other organizations and present their program, but due to the fact that certain members could not be present the invitations were declined. Our programs for the year have been of a high order and were all well taken.

The Master and Bro. Libby, with others have paid fraternal visits to every Grange of Napa county and have enjoyed these visitations immensely. We find that these visitations tend to create a new interest among the Granges and help to make new and good friends.

We have added materially to our building fund and hope that Guenoc Grange may soon be able to erect a new home. One of our new ideas that has created a great deal of interest is what is known as the "Birthday Fund," which idea originated with our Worthy Lecturer. It is a fund into which each member contributed a penny for each year of his or her age, on the anniversary of the day of birth, and at the end of the year the accumulated moneys in the fund is to be used to give the kiddies of the Grange an old fashioned Christmas tree.

Our membership is now 104. Attendance has been fair. We have a class for degrees at our next meeting. The Grange has instituted several new ideas and have aided all questions that have arrisen in community betterment. We have passed many good resolutions, and have acted in co-operation with the Farm Bureau in their work. Many worthwhile projects have been promoted by the membership.

In closing I wish to pay my respects to the ladies of the Grange, for their willingness to act on committees assigned

them and who have organized a Grange Sewing Club, and are working to the better outfitting of our kitchen. They have willingly contributed to our programs and have furnished eats for us, and have made a good name for the culinary department of the organizations.

I wish to thank each and every Granger for their hearty co-operation in everything that has tended to benefit the order. The following members have especially aided me in my humble efforts and I wish to especially thank them for their aid and assistance. Our District Deputy G. Libby and Sister Anna B. Dashiell, who have given me aid in the many rough places during the year; to Bro. Clarence M. Morin, for his good advice and counsel in the many matters that have come before us. Sisters T. A. Read, Pearl Newcom, Lillian Shattuck, Mrs. Minnie Parriott, Ethel Copsey and Mrs. Bertha Brookins, who have assisted in many ways and upon whom has fallen the brunt of our programs and eats. In laying down the Gavel of Guenoc Grange in January, I will feel as though we have accomplished many good things and especially have we made better friends and created a better fraternal spirit among the membership.

It is with regret that I find that it will be impossible for me to attend the State Convention but my duties will not permit my doing so. However, I hope that this session will be the best and most instructive yet held in the State of California.

Fraternally

RALPH H. READ, Master. By L. F. SHATTUCK, Alternate.

HALLWOOD

To Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of the 56th Annual Session of California State Grange:

Hallwood Grange was organized in July 1927, with fortyeight charter members and have at present seventy-seven members and five candidates ready for initiation.

We have been instrumental in having our county build a new road in our locality which saves the farmers one thousand dollars per year in trucking charges alone.

Also was successful in having high school bus re-routed so that it picks up fifteen pupils who otherwise had to walk or be transported an average of one mile in order to reach the bus. It is also endeavoring to obtain a rural route which we feel will be accomplished in the near future.

In June, we were honored by a visit from the Worthy State Master and wife, also Worthy State Lecturer and husband, Worthy State Secretary and other members of State Executive Committee, also members from Eastern Yuba Grange.

Our Grange has met the first and third Friday of each month during the past year with the exception of July, August and September, when we met on the first Friday only, it being fruit harvest time and all were very busy.

Hallwood Grange feels it is handicapped, being isolated from other Granges and earnestly hopes that in the near future other Granges will be organized in our county, that we may co-operate with them for a greater good.

We wish the officers and members of the State Grange a pleasant sojourn with us and a successful session.

Fraternally submitted.

H. C. LOLMAUGH, Master.

HAPPY CAMP

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I bring you greetings from Happy Camp Grange, No. 395. Though small in numbers, Happy Camp Grange still fills a need in this community.

Last summer we donated the use of our hall for church services. Then when the matter of a church building for Happy Camp was brought up, our Grange gave its hearty support. Our brothers donated labor, such as getting out timbers and doing carpenter work on the building. We donated twenty-five dollars from our treasury to the cause and at a meeting last month, it was decided by vote of the Grange that our Lecturer is to make arrangements for an entertainment this fall, in which she is to use material from both the Grange and the community to raise funds to help finish the building which also houses the first resident minister Happy Camp ever had. Last fall our Lecturer gave an entertainment and dance at which she cleared sixty dollars for our treasury, so we feel sure we can raise a good sum for the church.

Except for the care of the cemetery, we have done very little other community work this year.

Together with Walker Grange we entertained Siskiyou County Pomona Grange in August and had an instructive as well as enjoyable meeting.

We have had a few visitors from other Granges this year.

Fraternally submitted,

C. E. GORDON, Master. By HELEN HIGH, Alternate.

HAT CREEK

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Hat Creek Grange No. 421, Sends Greetings:

I beg to submit the following report:

Hat Creek Grange is in a lively and prosperous condition having accomplished many things in the interest of Grange work. We have purchased a piano and a nice set of officer's regalia and are negotiating for the purchase of the hall we are using. Considerable work has been done on the hall by the members, and the Hat Creek Farm Bureau, now dormant, purchased a set of eighteen chairs to be used in the Grange Hall. Altogether we are much better prepared to do good work than we were a year ago.

During the year we have initiated nineteen members and lost only one for non-payment of dues. Through the efforts of our educational committee, one school district voted bonds to erect a new and modern school building, which is under construction now. This committee also succeeded in having a joint "Field Meet" for the children of the school districts represented in our Grange. This was very successful and it is hoped will be come a yearly event.

On October third we met jointly with Fall River and Mc-Arthur Granges to welcome State Master George R. Harrison and wife on their official visit. This meeting was very instructive and greatly enjoyed by all.

Fraternally submitted,

VERNON G. MARCH, Master.

HORNBROOK

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Hornbrook Grange, I take pleasure in presenting the following report:

Hornbrook Grange has had a very successful year, having initiated about forty new members. Our total membership is now 121 members.

At the last meeting of the State Grange, we were just

starting a large new hall, which we finished in six weeks time, the greater part of the labor being donated by the members.

Our Worthy State Master dedicated this hall for us on June 12th, making the second hall which he has dedicated for Hornbrook Grange.

We advise all granges to build their own hall as soon as possible, as we find the members take more interest in the Grange, where they have their own home.

Our degree team, composed of both sisters and brothers, is still on the job, and is a great help in our initiation.

Our Grange visited Little Shasta Grange and put on the Lecture Hour for them, in July, and we are now awaiting a visit from them.

We were pleased to have Brother Craig, Worthy Overseer of California State Grange, pay us a visit in September, when he inspected our officers.

Fraternally submitted.

WALTER H. BRAY, Master.

INDIAN VALLEY

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

With pleasure I make the following report of Indian Valley Grange, No. 439. We were organized July 27th by R. P. Van Allen, with a charter list of 40 members. We were pleased to entertain the Worthy State Master September 20. We had a very good meeting. Thirty members being present.

Our Worthy Master gave us a lesson of instructions followed by remarks from a number of the members.

We have moved into a new hall and have it furnished with new furniture. Also have a class of 4 candidates to be initiated next Wednesday. All members have taken an active interest in the work of the Grange and expect by next State meeting to have a more worthy report.

We look forward to meetings with the State Officers, as we are isolated from all other Granges.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. PERRY, Master.

JANESVILLE

Worthy Master, Officers and Members: Janesville Grange was organized May 10, 1928, with fiftynine charter members. We have initiated three new members.

Our meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month in Masonic Hall, Janesville. Our meetings have been held regularly with a very good attendance. Various Committees have been appointed, one being a Committee on Taxation. This committee met with the Board of Supervisors to investigate and discuss taxation in Lassen County.

On Tuesday evening, September 25, we were honored by having as visitors the Worthy State Master, Geo. R. Harrison and Sister Harrison.

The members of this Grange are planning a membership drive to take place a little later in the season.

The first officers of Janesville Grange are: Master, F. J. Dimke; Overseer, Geo. W. Randrup; Lecturer, Clara F. Wilbur; Steward, Claude Bass; Assistant Steward; Hiram Clark; Chaplain, Hulda Frazier; Treasurer, William Bailey; Secretary, Francis L. Wilbur; Gate Keeper, Howard Bass; Ceres, Lurley Clark; Pomona, Lenora Bailey; Flora, George Bass; Executive Committee, W. D. Wilbur, E. A. Jellison, E. A. Tucke.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. DIMKE, Master.

JOHNSTONVILLE

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of State Grange.

As Master of Johnstonville Grange, No. 437, I make this report:

Johnstonville Grange was organized June 7, 1928, with fortyone charter members.

We have given four new members the first and second degree and have three new applications.

We were visited by our Worthy State Master at a special meeting September 22nd. Our District Deputy Van Allen visited us at our last meeting, October 4th.

At at our last meeting, we discussed building or buying a hall. We are working with the Farm Bureau in regard to building.

Fraternally yours,
MASTEN RAMSEY, Master.

LIKELY

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Likely Grange, No. 405, Sends Greetings: In January our Grange held joint installation of officers with Alturas Grange, No. 406, and Modoc Pomona No. 9.

We have initiated twelve new members during the year.

In the spring a dance was given to raise money for community work; \$100 was cleared. This was set aside to use when we see fit.

Our Worthy Lecturer has always made our lecture hour an enjoyable one, also the Camp Fire Girls and Agricultural Club have given a few programs to help us understand their work, and show us what fine work they are doing.

On June 11, our Grange was saddened by the loss of a Worthy Brother.

During the busy season our meetings were small, but very much worth while.

Alturas Grange extended an invitation to meet with them to welcome our Worthy State Master and wife. We were very much benefited by their visit.

We also gave a dance which netted \$50.00 to help pay the expenses of the Modoc Pomona Drill Team to California State Grange.

Respectfully submitted.

P. B. McGARVA, Master.

LITTLE SHASTA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Little Shasta Grange, No. 399, sends fraternal greetings. We have had regular meetings, but with smaller attendance than we would like to see. We are hoping for better interest and attendance from now on, as farmers are not quite so busy and the evenings are getting longer. We have little to show for new members, as nearly all in the vicinity are members.

We enjoyed a visit with Worthy State Master George R. Harrison and wife. The message they brought us was appreciated by all the members present.

Hornbrook Grange put on the lecture hour about the first of July which was a real treat. We have not, as yet, returned the compliment, but expect to in the near future.

We gave a chicken pie supper September 21, 1928, for the purpose of raising money to send our delegates to the State Grange session, and cleared nearly seventy dollars (\$70.00).

Our Grange won second premium on our booth at the County Fair held in Yreka September 28, 29, 30, The amount

received from the Peter B. Kyne fund was seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), and the fair committee give an additional five dollars (\$5.00.) This leaves our finances in very good shape.

The National Grange Monthly is furnished all the officers.

Fraternally,

ISAAC S. DAVIS, Master.

LOOKOUT

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters, I Bring Greetings from Lookout Grange, No. 415:

The past year has been a prosperous one for our Grange. Each month we have held our two regular meetings besides having several special meetings during the year.

This year more than a dozen new members have been added and while we have lost a few by demit, our records show a marked gain in membership.

We are now practicing for a women's team for the first degree and a men's team for second degree work and plan to be ready soon to put on the work in a creditable manner.

The attendance of officers and members has been fairly good even during the busy season.

Among the community projects attempted and completed are: A new ceiling for our Communty church in Lookout; a Girls' Clothing Club organized and maintained; county help secured for cutting spring thistles from our highways; better dairy, poultry and farm methods encouraged; encouraging members to beautify homes by paint, shrubbery and lawns; and new varieties of grain and vegetables introduced, besides many other improvements encouraged.

Lookout Grange with the help of Adin Grange, Bieber and Providence Farm Centers, and the population at large of Big Valley, put on a very creditable Fair at Lookout the 7th and 8th of September.

Our community has long needed a larger hall so this summer the Grange took the lead and with the help of others has just completed a \$5,000 hall. In this work we were aided by Fall River, McArthur, and Hat Creek Granges, by the town of Bieber and by many private donations. This help has been gratefully accepted by our Grange.

Our Good Roads Committee works untiringly for good roads, and much credit is due them for better roads in our

community. Our biggest achievement is that we have learned to work together in our community, thereby learning the worth of real Grange Spirit.

Fraternally submitted,

LYDIA N. JOINER, Master.

MACDOEL

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

Macdoel Grange, No. 427, sends greetings and best wishes for a splendid meeting.

Our Grange is just one year old, and although our meetings haven't been as well attended sometimes, as we would like, we have missed only two regular meetings and have had some real live members. We have gained twelve new members by application and two by demit. On June second we had the pleasure of helping Dorris Grange entertain Siskiyou Pomona Grange, also a visit from Worthy Master George R. Harrison and wife, which was enjoyed by every one.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I bring the results of the recent exhibits of our 1928 Siskiyou County Fair, which was participated in by our local Grange and surrounding community. The results were far greater than we anticipated, many first places were awarded to our members for their fine exhibits of Fruits, Grains and Vegetables. Owing to the splendid showing just made we feel that it will not only be a simple matter by getting an early start next year, to not only annex many more firsts, but have the prize booth at the 1929 County Fair.

Fraternally submitted.

IRENE B. FROTHINGHAM, Master.

MADELINE PLAINS

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I, am pleased to make the following report of Madeline Plains Grange, No. 438. District Deputy Bro. Van Allan organized our Grange on June 9th, with 53 charter members.

We have held all regular meetings since we had the pleasure of entertaining Our Worthy State Master and Sister Harrison, on September 26th.

We meet in an abandoned school house, which makes a

desirable hall. We hope to soon own this building, for our home.

We have several candidates waiting for intiation at our next meeting. We all feel that we should have such an organization as our Grange.

Fraternally, submitted,

GLENN C. TALBOTT, Alternate.

McARTHUR

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

McArthur Grange, No. 420, has enjoyed another very prosperous and successful year.

The committees have been quite active, especially the legislative, road and education committees.

McArthur Grange took an active part in our Community Fair, and took first prize in the booth exhibit.

We have lost a good many members by suspension, and demit and three were taken from us by death. We have, however, more than kept our membership even by initiations. Fraternally submitted,

F. W. LOOSLEY, Master.

MILFORD

To Worthy State Master and Members of California Grange: As alternate of Milford Grange, No. 436, I submit the following report:

Milford Grange was organized June 4, 1928, by Deputy Bro. R. P. Van Allen with 37 charter members, seven of whom have not received the obligation to date. Owing to the busy season our Grange has not progressed very much, but we hope for more results in the future. As soon as other insurance lapses, many expect to carry Grange insurance.

We had a tax committee, but not much results.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. McQUEEN, Alternate.

MORGAN HILL

To the Worthy Officers and Members of California State Grange:

The officers and members of Morgan Hill Grange extends to you their best wishes for a pleasant and profitable session. The home of Morgan Hill Grange is Morgan Hill, a small agricultural community 20 miles south of San Jose on the S. P. R. and Coast highway.

Since our last report we have held our meetings regularly twice each month, with a very good attendance as our meetings are interesting and our lecturer always has a good program.

Our committees perform their duties regularly and all our officers are well versed in their work. We have two degree teams, one made up of young people, who exemplify the work in the first and second degree, and the other made up of more elderly ladies for the third and fourth degrees. All of our candidates are given the work in full.

We have at the present time 176 members, while we have taken in 28 new members in the last year, we have made a net gain of only fifteen, having lost 13, one by death, two demitted, and 10 suspended for non-payment of dues.

Saturday, June 9th the three Granges in the southern end of Santa Clara county, Gilroy, Coyote and Morgan Hill gave a bsaket picnic. A good time was enjoyed by all. Mr. Jacobson of Sacramento, head of the Bureau of Pest Control, was the speaker of the day. His address was very interesting and full of information.

July 14th Coyote and Morgan Hill Granges entertained Santa Clara Pomona Grange. Our community work for the year was to encourage greater support for our Friendly Inn, a community house in Morgan Hill. A reduction in electric rates, and in co-operating with Gilroy Grange to induce all our members to have their names printed on their mail boxes or put up a sign board with their name, and a name for their home.

Our financial condition is good. Our Grange was inspected October 12th by Bro. A. T. Jones, Master of Santa Clara Pomona. Our first and second degree team put on the work.

We are making every effort to have all our members and every one in our locality vote "yes" on Amendment No. 1.

W. G. LOVEJOY, Master.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Worthy Master and Officers of California State Grange; Mountain View Grange, No. 332, Sends Greetings:

The year 1928 began with a joint installation of Officers of Mountain View, East Palo Alto, Orchard City and Sunnyvale Granges with our Worthy Master, George R. Harrison and Mrs. Harrison acting as installing officers.

The general condition of our Grange is fairly good. There is a shrinkage of membership which we all think will be for the best interest of our Grange. We are already talking over and planning our program for next year.

All regular meetings have been held with fair attendance. Reports of committees always cover the subjects assigned to them. Discussions from the floor regarding orchard practices, etc., are always interesting. Good programs have been prepared for each meeting consisting of lectures and music.

Eight candidates await the third and fourth degrees.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY H. KAUFFMAN, Master Pro Tem.

MT. BOLIVER

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

Mt Boliver Grange, No. 218, is doing good work. We have gained in membership and have lost four members by demit.

We have over one hundred dollars in our treasury, and through the good work of our members have bought a piano, and it is almost paid for by giving dances and suppers. Our Lecture hour has been both enjoyable and instructive. We have adopted a plan to fine every member fifteen cents whenever they are called upon the second time for something suitable for lecture hour and fail, and it surely works wonders. Lecturers that have trouble in getting members on to the floor try this plan. Fines to be paid into the Lecturer's fund. We have missed no meetings. We have committees at work and at all times on both community work and refreshments. They have done some good work.

The buying and selling plan adopted by the Siskiyou Pomona Grange is meeting with favor in our Grange, and we have bought over two thousand dollars worth of provisions, roofing, machinery, etc., at a good saving.

We have had visitors from many of the Siskiyou County Granges, including Gazelle and Scotts Valley, and also our State organizer Bro. Craig, who reorganized Mt. Boliver over three years ago. Wishing you a pleasant and successful meeting and hoping that it will be possible for me to attend next year.

Fraternally, W. R. PARKER, Master. C. N. FERGUSON, Alternate.

MT. LASSEN

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

As Master of Mt. Lassen Grange, No. 417, I beg leave to submit the following report:

The year 1927 was concluded by assisting other orginzations in the community, in having a community Xmas tree, at which every child and most of the adults received an Xmas remembrance. After the regular election of officers for 1928, a public installation of officers was held at which Worthy Master Harrison, assisted by Sister Harrison, was the installing officer.

One vof our first efforts was to organize a drill team, which in a very short time, was able to do very good work and successfully initiate three classes this year. Another class is now waiting and will take the first and second degree at our next meeting.

Our membership is less this year, than last, in spite of the fact that we have secured a considerable number of new members. This is due to the fact a considerable number of members had not paid dues for a long time, but were never dropped until this year. Our present members are practically all working members, and as a result the Grange is more active in community affairs than ever before.

Our Grange has had a committee in attendance at every meeting of public interest in the last year, such as, roads, marketing, efforts toward securing the return of the farm adviser, and the extension service to Shasta county, etc. By these efforts we have helped to educate the public as to what the Grange is and stands for.

We have had several social evenings this last winter and this fall which were promoted by our lecturer. Our lecturer has provided us with a program for every meeting night but one, if there was no degree work. Her programs have all been educational and entertaining. There were several meetings this summer when she could not be present but she ar-

ranged programs for us just the same. Badges, a drill book, and other articles of equipment were added this year.

Our sick committee has sent flowers and visited members who were ill. Members and officers have visited neighbor Granges to the benefit of all.

Last spring seeds were distributed to members and all were urged to plant with a view to having something to exhibit at the County Fair this fall. The result of the spirit thus engendered, was that Mt. Lassen Grange took first prize on educational booths and numerous prizes were awarded to individual members.

The co-operation of all Granges in the county has been secured for presenting an invitation to the State Grange to hold their next meeting in Redding, the County Seat of Shasta County. We have also helped to secure the assistance of all organized bodies of Redding in making it a memorable meeting, in the event the State Grange sees fit to go there next year.

Fraternally submitted,

M. P. HOWARD, Master.

NAPA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

It is with pleasure that I bring to you most cordial greetings from the Officers and Members of Napa Grange, No. 307, P. of H.

We have enjoyed a very successful Grange year, holding two regular meetings each month with an average attendance of approximately 120 for the entire period.

At the beginning of the year we had a total of 327 members on our rolls. During the year we have lost 12 by demit, 22 by suspensions and 5 have passed on; making at total decrease of 39. We have received into our Grange 58 by initiation and 3 by demit; making a net gain of 22, and bringing our present membership up to 349.

We started our year with a boost and lots of enthusiasm by holding a joint installation of officers in the Rutherford Grange Hall, January 12, 1928, at which time the officers of Rutherford, Silverado and Napa Granges were installed into office by Past State Master Frank L. Hunt. All our meetings have continued with an ever increasing degree of interest and enthusiasm, working in excellent harmony and with the officers receiving unexeclled support and co-operation from the members.

We have been especially fortunate in having Past Masters Frank L. Hunt, John Hartley and Frank T. Ames, with their wives, Sisters Nellie W. Hunt, Minnie Hartley and Albertine Ames, continue so faithfully as active workers with us and to whom we are continuously indebted for faithful advice, wholesome counsel and valuable assistance.

Napa Grange may justly feel proud of the excellant manner in which its entire corps of officers have worked together as a single unit in their endeavors to perfect themselves in the exemplification of the ritualtistic Initiatory cere-The harmonious co-ordination of the officers and members of the various standing committees has been brought about to a large extent, we believe, by holding a number of special, informal meetings from time to time as conditions may warrant. These meetings are held at the homes of various members and we find them very beneficial not only in the training of the various officers for their respective parts, but also in that the round table conferences enable us to more successfully plan programs of action for the best interests and welfare of the order. All officers and members of standing committees are expected to be present at these meetings, and cordial invitations are extended to the membership for all who desire to participate.

One important action taken at the beginning of the year, which has proven especially beneficial to our Grange, was the appointing of a Special Membership Committee comprised of three Past Masters and their wives. The duties of this committee being to personally interview all members that become delinquent in the payment of dues and use their best influence to keep them in good standing. Upon the adoption of a revised set of local By-Laws last May, provision was made whereby this has now been established as a permanent Standing Committee. Owing to the large number of new members received during the previous two years, and the fact that we started this year with a list of 75 delinquent members, the task confronting us seemed almost stupendous. I need not dewell upon the excellent manner in which the members of this committee have performed their duties when I call to your attention the fact that it has been necessary to drop a total of only 22 for non-payment of dues.

By conferring the degrees only once each quarter—usually the two meetings in the last month of the quarter—the Worthy Lecturer is better enabled to plan ahead on his programs. This system gives us four meetings per quarter in which specially arranged programs may be enjoyed. Thus, we have been fortunate in securing a number of exceptionally good speakers in addition to several literary and musical programs and entertainments.

July 4, 1928, we held our joint annual picnic at the Teal Grove, near Calistoga. This picnic was participated in by Guenoc, Silverado, Rutherford and Napa Granges; the management and arrangements having been conducted by a general committee headed by the four Masters with their respective sub-committees. All kinds of games and competitive sports were entered into with energy and zeal, and the systematic and harmonious functioning of all the committees resulted in the occasion being a most enjoyable success and tending to bring the members of Napa and Lake County Granges into a firmer and closer fraternal relationship with each other.

The Municipal Christmas tree planted by Napa Grange some four years ago has now become a regular land mark and is the center of a beautiful and appropriate Christmas program each year, participated in by various fraternal and church organizations, under the auspices of our Grange. Plans are now under way for making this year's program even larger and better than ever before. During this year we have planted another Grange Tree. It is living and doing nicely, and graces the intersection of First street and Bell avenue, in the eastern part of Napa. Within a few years it will add greatly to the beautification of that section of the city.

An increased number of younger people have been received during the past year and we are now planning ways and means for giving them work as well as entertainment. In addition to the Horseshoe Club in which a number of them take an active interest, we have appointed a Sports Committee to organize Boys and Girls Basketball and Volley Ball Teams. Plans are also being contemplated but not yet completely perfected, whereby we hope to have a Dramatic Club organized in the near future and prepared to put on some interesting and instructive entertainments. We also hope that the organization of a Drill Team will receive due consideration and enter into our program of work for this coming year.

At our last meeting we subscribed \$25.00 toward the further-

ance of the publicity campaign on the Reapportionment measure.

At our first meeting in September we were especially honored by the presence of our Worthy State Master, George R. Harrison and Sister Harrison, at which time official inspection of our Grange was made. The initiatory ceremony for the first and second degrees was conferred upon a class of 9 candidates by our officers.

While we have endeavored to make our meetings "snappy" and full of interest to our members, always keeping in mind the firm conviction that busy workers are more congenial and companionable than idle spectators, we have also taken into consideration the important influence and psychological effect of congenial fellowship around the festive board. Due credit is therefore given the members serving on our Hospitality Committees, who have so faithfully provided appropriate and tasty refreshments for the final half hour of cheer and good fellowship at the close of all our gatherings.

Another noticeable feature connected with our Grange work this year, which we believe has been an important factor in maintaining interest and enthusiasm, has been a marked increase in the interchange of visits with neighboring Granges. At practically every meeting we have been honored with the presence of visiting officers and members from other Napa, Lake, Sonoma or Sacramento County Granges. Likewise, delegations of our officers and members have made numerous visits to those Granges in return. Our visits with the other organizations have proved especially beneficial to all of us and we trust that our visitors have been as equally well benefited through their associations with us.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month in Native Sons Hall, Napa, California. All true Patrons of Husbandry are cordially invited to visit our Grange, and we assure you that you shall always receive a warm welcome at any and all of our meetings

Sincerely and fraternally,

F. O. JONES, Master.

OAKDALE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Greetings from one of the infant members of California's great and growing Grange Family:

This first report from Oakdale Grange emulates the "Short

and simple annals of the poor," as we are not yet quite five months old, but we look forward to the future in which all our hopes center, and with confidence, for a vigorous growth and a position of influence and usefulness in the life of our community.

Oakdale Grange, No. 435, was organized by Bro. George Schlmeyer with a charter membership of fifty-three. We have received thirteen applications for membership, and consider it a lucky number. Ten of these have been elected and the remaining three have been favorably reported and await the ballot at our next meeting. We have conferred the first and second degrees on two of our candidates and expect to intiate a class of eight in these degrees at our regular meeting, October 20.

Our social activities thus far have necessarily been limited. One notable event in our young life was a fraternal visit paid, on invitation, to Ripon Grange, September 25. Valley Oaks Grange also participated in this meeting and exemplified the first and second degrees, much to the pleasure and profit of the two new Granges. It was an inspiration and delight thus to meet the veteran Grangers and old friends of Valley Oaks.

The solving of financial problems and overcoming the other handicaps incidents to the initiation of a new organization have prevented the laying of ambitious plans for the future, but we think we see the way to things worth while and expect to get well on the way during the coming Grange year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. MAXWELL, Master. E. W. FAY, Alternate.

ORANGEVALE

During the year 1928 the efforts of this Grange have not met with much success.

Membership—The drive for membership the previous year had been so thorough, there was very little material left to work on. We succeeded in bringing in three members during the year, with some good prospects for the near future. We lost one member by death, also several by removal from the district and was compelled to drop a few for non-payment of dues.

Local Benefits—Our Road Committee accomplished much in prevailing on our Supervisors of the district to improve some of our roads.

Legislative Efforts—We discussed bills and amendments that will appear on the ballot in the November election, that the

membership might vote intelligently on same.

Several Activities—During the year we entertained Sacramento Pomona Grange, and representatives from three neighborhood Granges. Gave several small functions for membership entertainment and one for the general public, which was a big success, both socially and financially.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. LEONARD, Alternate.

ORCHARD CITY

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange: Orchard City Grange, No. 333, of Campbell, Santa Clara County, the Hub of the prune industry, extends greetings.

It gives me great pleasure in submitting this report to our fifty-sixth annual session. We have had a very successful year, our membership remains about the same, with 283 members, and an average attendance of eighty-four. This year we have not grown in members, but the interest in Grange work has doubled. Our members have co-operated and worked faithfully with the officers, which has made us one of the most active and strongest Granges in the State.

We have taken a great deal of interest in legislative and civic matters. We have had well informed men to present the amendments in open meetings so that all that were interested could get a better understanding and vote intelligently on the amendments that are to be voted on at the next general election. We passed a resolution favoring the Boulder dam project, in so far as it is used for power, deevlopment, for flood control, and supplying water to land now under irrigation, and water for domestic use. But we oppose development of new lands under this project so long as agriculture is faced with a surplus of products; we also favor absolute control by the United States Government of all power developed by this project. We were not in favor of the Box immigration bill, we favored Congress appointing a commission whose duty shall be to make a thorough investigation of Mexican immigration, the need of agriculture for labor, etc.

We are one hundred per cent for the Federal plan of reapportionment.

Our civic work has mostly been confined to raising funds for our new hall. We fully expected to be meeting in our own hall before the State Grange session, but like many other farming sections of the state we received low prices for our fruit, so it was thought best to postpone the starting of the building until the winter, but this did not stop the members from continuing to raise funds. We have \$2620.00 in the building fund. Our lot is paid for. With this amount raised, the members feel that they will soon accomplish their goal. They have given card parties, fairs, food sales, as means of building up this fund. One of the latest methods used, was the making of a quilt, it was divided into eleven sections, with Pomona Grange occupying the center section, each Grange of the county was represented in a section, and any member wishing their name on the section of their respective Grange would pay 25c, they gave their signature which was transferred to the quilt. The total amount net, received was \$125.00.

At the last Pomona meeting the quilt was given to the one holding the lucky number. In our Grange we have the Grange auxiliary, which is composed of the Sisters of the Grange. They have promised to raise \$500.00 this year for the building fund. The quilt was their idea. This fall they are to have a country fair. Our Worthy Lecturer continues to give us fine balanced programs. One of her outstanding programs was given last Xmas when 24 members of the Centella Church choir sang Xmas carols. Negro spirituals, quartet singing, a number of poems in negro dialect and several other numbers were given.

Another very interesting program was given by the Matson Steamship Company. A trip to the Hawaiian Islands, showing three reels of pictures and slides of scenes. Mr. Hall, who was conducting this trip, sang songs in the Hawaiian language. On March 27th, our Lecturer's program was the celebrating of Brother Joseph Bohnett's 80th birthday. Brother Bohnett is a charter member and past master, and a loyal member to the Grange and Grange principles. Brother Frank Mitchell, first Master of our Grange, on behalf of the Grange, presented Brother Bohnett with a book containing names of all the members present, he also was presented with three beautiful shrubs.

Our Grange has its own orchestra of 8 members which is an inspiration to our Grange. They help in many ways by furnishing musical numbers on the program.

Our degree team under the leadership of Sister Clendening, has put on the third and fourth degree work three times this year, and now have another class in waiting. We all enjoy seeing this work exemplified.

In concluding, I must say a word of praise for the officers of our Grange, they have been very efficient in their duties and have co-operated with me in every respect.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY BARNES, Master.

ORLAND

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

I take pleasure in bringing to you the report of Orland Grange, No. 432. On April 6, 1928, our Grange was organized with a charter membership of one hundred. We have not since solicited for new members, preferring to get the first hundred settled in our new organization and working together. However there have been some knocking at our doors for admission, and we have initiated eight and have four more waiting to be given the degrees.

Orland Grange was fortunate in having Bro. and Sister Harrison and Brother Craig visit us May 30th. Their visit did much to encourage us in our new work.

The Grange is new in Glenn county and few people know much about it. By way of bringing it before the public, the Grange maintained a large rest room at the Glenn County Fair, October 1 to 6., and distributed literature, which seemed to have good results.

Owing to our peculiar situation in the heart of an irrigation district, where the farmers are kept busy day and night while the water is running, between April and October, we have not our best attendance. We are planning a big fall get-to-gether dinner at our regular meeting November 12th and hope this will start our autumn work with enthusiasm.

We expect to have a good time together and hope to accomplish many good things during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. TINGLEY, Master.

PETALUMA

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

The following is the report of Petaluma Grange, No. 23, from September 30, 1927, to September 30, 1928.

During the above period twenty-four meetings were held, and we have a membership of two hundred and six (206); 25 being initiated and one admitted by card. We have lost 12 members, 2 by death, 6 by non-payment of dues, 1 withdrawal, and 3 demitted.

We had the pleasure of having our Worthy State Master Harrison and wife at our meeting in January, at which time Worthy Master Harrison installed the officers for the ensuing term. We also have had a fraternal visit from Two Rock Grange, the occasion being the presentation of the Traveling Tractor and Plow. They put on a very good program and later in the evening refreshments were served.

A very enjoyable time was had at our annual picnic held July 19, at Mirabel Park on the Russian River, the day being spent in boating and games.

At our last meeting in July our Master, Brother Hobbs, tendered his resignation on account of moving away from Petaluma. This was passed upon and accepted. The Overseer, Brother Simoens, was elected to fill the vacancy, and was installed in that office in August.

The drill team has been re-organized, and they are expecting to put on some excellent drills.

All committees have been faithful to their duties, and have accomplished a great deal for our Grange.

Several resolutions have been submitted, and passed upon during the past year.

Our Lecturer has rendered very instructive and interesting programs during the year, and our attendance has been very good. We have had an average of about sixty members a meeting.

Fraternally submitted,

J. SIMOENS, Master. S. S. KNIGHT, Alternate.

POPLAR

To Our Worthy Master and Patrons; Greetings:

As we come to the close of another year and look back over our work for the year, we feel we have made some visi-

ble progress and perhaps some good has been accomplished that we cannot see.

We have gained a few members, lost one by death but have had no suspensions. Our treasury is in good condition, and members pretty well paid up. We are sponsoring a boy scout troop which is proving of great interest to the boys.

Through the efforts of our committee, speed limit signs, as well as boulevard stop signs have been placed where they were very badly needed.

Grange interest is not as high as I feel it should be, perhaps due to the fact that we do not know the secret work of the Grange as we should like to.

We had hoped and planned this year, to ake a real study of, and put into practice much of the work that we do not know, but having failed to secure the secret work in such form as would permit us to study it, we feel we have lost ground we might have gained, but we still have hopes of doing this the coming year.

Any help or suggestions from other live Granges will be appreciated.

Fraternally,
L. C. Baker, Master.
(Read by Mrs. L. C. Baker.)

POTTER VALLEY

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Potter Valley Grange extends greetings to each and all.

We are again glad to report our Grange in fine condition, free from all indebtedness, and going ahead as usual.

We have not missed a meeting this year and have had very good attendance until the busy season. We have lost four of our members by death, and some by demit, but we have gained more than enough to keep even.

We have had visits from Ukiah and Redwood Valley Granges during the year, and are always glad to have any visitors. We have entertained the Pomona Grange once and expect them again soon.

We have had some fine lecture hours and among them a wedding ceremony which drew a very large crowd.

Our three Granges in the County, Ukiah, Redwood Valley and Potter Valley Granges, met with the Mendocino Pomona

Grange and had a joint installation of officers. Brother Granville Libby was the very able installing officer.

Almost all of our members take advantage of the Grange Fraternal Insurance. All of our members receive the National Grange Monthly and the Napa Grange Bulletin.

Our Grange donated to the Florida Relief Fund and the School. We are always anxious to help any worthy project.

Fraternally submitted,

CLYDE EDDIE, Master.

PROGRESSIVE

To the Worthy State Master George Harrison, Brothers and Sisters; Greetings from Progressive Grange, No. 400:

I herewith submit the following report:

It gives me great pleasure to report our Grange has been real active in furthering the advancement of agriculture, many members being not only active in our order and farming, but also active in co-operative organizations as well.

The financial condition of our order is good. Our dues are high enough to insure this. Two hundred dollars have been set aside for our future Grange Hall, and with careful hand-

ling of funds we hope to add to this annually.

The average attendance is good and the membership takes an active part in the discussion of all resolutions and legislative matters that come before the Grange; there being no lack of interest, nearly all participating in these discussions. This is most gratifying as it tends to strengthen the individuals, this in turn making a stronger and better Grange.

Generally speaking the farmers are not so hard pressed as a few years ago, the many new cars and improvements about

the country reflect this.

The fellowship of the Grange is good in our section and visiting to and fro is indulged in freely with the nearby Granges. Quite often as many as 25 or 30 visiting members can be seen attending neighboring Granges.

The membership is about 130, and we are at this time putting forth considerable effort to take in new candidates. As

a result several applications have been taken in.

All in all Progressive Grange is a power in the community, taking an active part in many things. The drill team is to participate in the Armistice day parade. We are proud of our drill team and their impressive work and in conclusion would

say Progressive Granges' aim is to be as the name implies—truly progressive, not only in agricultual development, but intellectually, morally, and spiritually, as well as striving ever for the advancement of mankind.

Yours very truly and fraternally, M. H. SCHUETZ, Master.

REDWOOD VALLEY

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

Redwood Valley Grange has enjoyed a very good year. While in members our roll book shows a small loss since our last report to the State Grange. We are still alive, and have several candidates to be initiated at our next meeting.

Our meetings have been well attended, and a good program furnished at each meeting.

We are sponsoring a boys and girls "Four H" Club, also the boy scouts. We are members of the KQW Radio station.

Redwood Valley Grange hos lost some of its most talented members by their moving away and calling for demits.

We were saddened by the death of two of our brothers, Brother, A. R. Sprague and Brother Geo. Pritchard.

Redwood Valley Grange Hall was treated to a coat of paint last fall.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN FINNE, Master.

RIO LINDA

Greetings from Rio Linda Grange, No. 403:

Rio Linda Grange has had a very successful year regarding membership. We have taken in 50 new members, largely due to the volunteer drive put on by Bro. R. Root, Overseer. During the last year we have lost a total of 26 members, 10 of whom moved away, 5 withdrew, and the remaining 9 were dropped for non-payment of dues. Our present membership is 127 compared with 103 in 1927, a net gain of 23 for the year.

Rio Linda Grange visited Gold Hill Grange at their installation of officers; and conferred the third and fourth degrees for Antelope Grange last spring.

We were pleased to have State Master Harrison and Mrs.

Harrison, Bro. Holmes and Mrs. Holmes, and the well known Hunt brothers visit us recently at the time of our annual inspection, but at the present don't know how we fared. We received some very helpful suggestions and constructive criticism.

We have found that a notification card sent to each family represented in the Grange resulted in a much better attendance. Also that personal attention to members, whose dues were in arrears resulted in practically all paying up to date. This has put our Grange in a better financial condition than ever before.

Fraternally.
PHILIP J. OLIN, Master.
E. R. OSTROM, Alternate.

RUTHERFORD

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Rutherford Grange, No. 371 Sends Greetings: As another Grange year is drawing to a close, I herewith submit the following report for the year:

I am glad to report our Grange in a very prosperous condition. Although we have not gained in membership we have held regular meetings and carried on the work of the Grange.

We have initiated three members. Two were admitted by card and one unaffiliated member. Five were suspended for non-payment of dues, and we lost one member by death. The membership is now ninety-seven.

On January 12th we held a joint installation with Napa Grange No. 307, Silverado Grange No. 370, and Rutherford Grange No. 371 at Rutherford. Installation ceremonies were conducted by Past State Master Frank L. Hunt, assisted by Sisters Nellie Hunt, Linde Hartley, Marian Fuller, Minnie Brucker and Annie Shepard. About two hundred were present. We also presented three of our Past Masters with jewels.

A jonit meeting of members of the Grange and the Farm Centers of Napa County, was held under the leadership of our Worthy Lecturer. The meeting was opened with the singing of "America." Mr. H. Baade, the farm advisor, then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Carr. His topic was "The World Do Move," which proved very interesting

and instructive. A song was then rendered by the Choir of Napa Grange.

The ladies of the Grange gave several public whist parties which netted us a good sum. The proceeds went toward beautifying our Grange Hall. Much credit is due our house committee in fixing drapes for our hall windows and rearranging the lighting system. Our monthly "Old Time" dances have been quite a success, also.

In June we entertained Napa-Lake Pomona Grange at Rutherford. After a very interesting meeting a picnic supper was served in the quadrangle in the rear of the hall. This out of door feature was heartily enjoyed by all present.

One of the most successful gatherings of the season was the Grange Picnic held on July 4th near Calistoga with Napa, Guenoc, Silverado and Rutherford Granges. The particular feature that attracts most attention was the horse-shoe contest between the Granges. After the final games had been played, it was found that Rutherford Grange was the victor, having won 11 games out of 12. This picnic was a decided succes and much credit is due the committee in charge for their untiring efforts. The trophy won by Rutherford Grange was a beautiful loving cup donated by Albert Mercer, jeweler of Calistoga.

The Traveling Gavel was an innovation in Napa and Lake counties this year. It was entrusted to Silverado Grange in June by Guenoc, and by Silverado Grange to Napa Grange in October. Napa Grange will come to us on the 25th of October, each time accompanied by an excellent program. Rutherford Grange expects to return the gavel to Guenoc Grange on the 27th of October. Much good is derived from these meetings, by bringing the membership of the different Granges together—it promotes good fellowship and creates enthusiasm in Grange Work.

Hoping this will be a pleasant and profitable State Grange session.

Respectfully and fraternally, GEO. C. STICE, Worthy Master. By MARGARET O. FLOATEN, Alternate.

SACRAMENTO

Sacramento Grange No. 12 has held 21 meetings since State

Grange met last year, and all meetings have been well attended. All our meetings are opened by the Flag Bearer placing the Flag at the right of the Master's Station.

On January 7, 1928, Sacramento Grange installed jointly with Sacramento Pomona, Orange Vale and New Enterprise Granges, by the Worthy State Master George Harrison and his wife. We also had the pleasure of their presence on the first meeting our new officers presided.

On May 12th, Sacramento Grange held her annual Strawberry Festival at the home of Past State Master Joseph Holmes, which was enjoyed by all present. Mr. Flavelle, editor of the Sacramento Union and Judge Peter J. Shields gave interesting addresses.

At the request of Radio Station KQW Sacramento Grange took out a membership. Also a donation to the anniversary gift of Brother and Sister Harrison was given.

The Lecturer holds her lecture hour regularly and has splendid programs. On the last meeting of each month we serve refreshments.

We have made no gain in membership this year, but the year has not yet ended.

On September 1st Sacramento County Deputy, Bro. Joseph Holmes, inspected our Grange. He gave us a good talk and encouraged each member to bring a member who had not attended a Grange meeting for some time.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. W. HACK, Master.

SAN JOSE

To the Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, San Jose Grange, No. 10, P. of H., Brings Greetings:

San Jose Grange, during the last year, has functioned as a Grange should in matters pertaining to Grange work. Legislative, co-operative, educational, etc., questions have been dealt with in a manner conducive to the best interests of all Granges.

Two outstanding features or our Grange work were the celebration of our fifty-sixth anniversary, and Past State Masters' Day.

San Jose Grange is fortunate in having two Past State

Masters in its membership, Brother E. T. Pettit and Brother George W. Worthen.

The brothers of the Grange prepared the meal on State Masters' Day in a very satisfactory manner. An excellent program was rendered under the direction of our Worthy Lecturer, assisted by Worthy Organist Sister Harronstein It is a day long to be remembered.

During the fifty-fifth anniversary celebration, dinner was served. The older members entertained with reminiscences of early Grange days. Bro. Pettit going back forty-two years, and Bro. Fisk, fifty-four years.

I regret to report the passing of five members of our Grange—Sisters Lottie C. Mintie, Mattie B. Waring, Mary G. Crittenden and Brothers James P. Munger and W. F. Powers. Brother Munger was a past master of San Jose Grange.

During the past eleven months, we have held thirty-eight meetings; have seventy-six members in good standing; average attendance twenty-five.

During the year, we have received visits from members of local Granges, among them being Deputy State Master E. K. Clendening and our Worthy State Lecturer, Ida M. Clendening.

We also received a visit from Brother Jacobs of Tulare Grange. Our Worthy Lecturer, Mary L. Brown, has conducted her office in a very efficient manner, putting on instructive and entertaining programs.

To enumerate all that San Jose Grange accomplished would take up too much of your valuable time, but I cannot close without a word of commendation to the several committees appointed by me for their support and strict adherence to duty.

Fraternally submitted, W. E. GAGE, Master,

SANTA ROSA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

The year just closing has been very successful for our Grange. The attendance has been very good and the meetings interesting. The Lecturer provides good programs.

We have initiated fifty new members, lost five by demit, and three by death.

The Grange Sisters' Club has a beautiful hope-chest which will be awarded December 1, 1928. All members are much interested in same.

Our Grange has been visited by our Worthy State Master, Brother Harrison and wife, Worthy State Lecturer Sister Clendening and State Deputy Brother Clendening, the Worthy Pomona Master and Masters and members of neighboring Grange. The Worthy State Secretary, Sister Martha Gamble, we have with us always, since she is a member of Santa Rosa Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

ASA M. SHOWALTER, Master.
S. H. STONE, Alternate.

SCOTT VALLEY

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Scott Valley Grange No. 386, Sends Greetings:

Our Grange meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. We have had a good attendance of officers and members, even during the harvest time. We gained twenty new members during the year, and expect to initiate another class in November. We lost one by demit, and four brothers by death, two being charter members. Some moved to other places and a few were suspended for non-payment of dues.

In April we joined with Mt. Bolivar Grange in entertaining Pomona Grange in Greenview. We had the pleasure of having our Worthy State Lecturer, Sister Clendening, with us at this meeting.

A series of whist parties were given last winter to raise funds for fencing the Grange lot, and early in March our Grange property was enclosed with a good substantial fence, the work being done by loyal brothers, while a number of sisters prepared a bountiful hot dinner. Whist parties will be given this winter, the proceeds to be used for further improvements.

The Greenview Agricultural Club held a Fair in the Grange Hall in September, which aroused a great deal of interest in the community.

Our Lecturer has given us good programs and secured prominent speakers who have given us helpful talks along agricultural lines. A number of our members have taken advantage of the Grange Fire Insurance.

We hope this session of the State Grange will be a pleasant and profitable one for all.

Fraternally submitted.

W. L. LEWIS, Mtaser.

SEBASTOPOL

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Sebastopol Grange, No. 306 P. of H., I have the pleasure to submit the following report:

January 2 Forestville and Sebastopol Granges held a joint installation of officers at Forestville. Brother and Sister Harrison being the installing officers. In February a new ladies' drill team was organized and a cafeteria dinner was given to purchase new robes, with a very satisfactory sum of \$77.88 being realized. The degree team, besides conferring degrees in our own Grange, has conferred the third and 4th degrees at Petaluma, Two Rock, Bellevue, Santa Rosa, and Windsor Granges. Last year we had a membership of 181 members. Since then we have lost 23 and gained 49, making a total of 207 members at present. We entertained Pomona Grange in April. Our Grange was inspected June 18 by Deputy Inspector Charles Bacon of Bellevue Grange. In July we held special memorial services for the six brothers and sisters who have passed away this year. These services were very impressive and were carried out to comply with the National Grange Program.

During the Gravenstein Apple Show which was held in Sebastopol in July, a club of Grange ladies entered an exhibit of apple by-products, winning the first prize of \$17.50. Four dozen of "The Patron" song books were purchased this year. New badges have been ordered, a dance and card party was given which netted a small sum. Sebastopol Grange took out a membership in KQW Radio station; the farmers' station of San Jose. Brothers Knight and Sutton, as a committee working for the Grange and Farm Bureau, went before the Railroad Commission and were successful in getting the local long distance telephone rates cut in half. Sebastopol Grange was co-host with all other Granges of the county for the Harrison golden wedding reception, August 22, when the heart-

iest most sincere co-operation of all Granges of the State was exemplified, more than for any other Grange function that has ever been held in the State outside the State Grange. For the benefit of those who could not attend, I would like to say that at least 600 Grangers and friends were present from all parts of the State. A \$550.00 draft was presented Brother and Sister Harrison for their golden wedding present that evening, and \$70.00 came in latter and was presented to them at our next meeting, making a total of \$620.00.

Speakers who have been on our program this year are as follows: County Farm Adviser Weinland spoke on "Potatoes and Apples"; County Probation Officer Plover spoke on the "Duties of His Office"; Knox Boude, on the "Egg Tariff"; and County Horticultural Commissioner Bremner on "Birds, the Greatest Friend of the Farmer."

Two resolutions have been passed this year. Sebastopol Grange subscribed for the National Grange Monthly as a club. A committee of several men were escorted on an all day trip through the county by the County Surveyor in order to inspect the diffrent kinds of road beds. Many different The reapportionment measure has types were inspected. been discussed at several of the recent meetings. Slater will speak on all the amendments at our next meet-Sebastopol Grange attended church in a body Sunday evening October 7th, and marched from the hall to the church where Rev. D. Naylor, who is also one of our members, had prepared special services for this occasion. procession was headed by Brother and Sister Harrison, our State Master and wife, followed by Brother and Sister Sutton Pomona Master and wife, who are all members of our Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

V. C. SCOTT, Master.

SILVERADO

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange, Silverado Grange, No. 370, of Calistoga, Napa County, Sends Greetings:

As Master of Silverado Grange, I report our Grange in a healthy condition.

While we have made no active campaign for new mem-

bers, our membership has increased over last year. We have 123 members, with 112 paid up to date.

There has been a splendid spirit of co-operation between the officers and members of our Grange, and we have held all our regular meetings with a good average attendance.

We have participated in three important Grange events during the year and have taken an interest in several community betterments.

The Traveling Gavel was brought to us by Guenoc Grange, with a delegation of 50 Guenoc Grangers, and a program that would be hard to beat.

A joint Grange Picnic was held on the Fourth of July on the ouptskirts of Calistoga under the auspices of Lake and Napa Pomona Grange with an attendance of about 600.

Silverado Grange presented the Traveling Gavel to Napa Grange on October 4th, with a program that was well received.

At our last meeting on October 9th, our Lecture Hour was opened to the public. We had with us Mr. A. L. Scarlet, of Solano county, who spoke on Reapportionment.

Silverado Grange faces the future with high hope for a better record.

Fraternally submitted,

A. BRUCKER, Master.

SONOMA VALLEY

Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California Grange:

As Master of Sonoma Valley Grange, No. 407, I am happy to bring good wishes and greetings.

Our officers were installed the first of the year by our Worthy State Master and his capable wife, Brother and Sister Harrison.

We have only taken in about ten new members during the year, but have made a special effort in keeping those who already belong interested. Our attendance is very good; membership 100.

In April our Grange was approached by the Protective Society for Girls of Oakland, asking for fruit and jellies. Our members nobly responded and at other times during the year have added generously to the same cause. We held our annual picnic in May. This was well attended

by Grangers and their friends.

Our Grange is still a member of the United Organizations of Sonoma Valley which meets once a month, the Master and her husband attending each meeting. This year we renewed membership in KQW.

We have also had a committee present at most of the meetings of the Sonoma County Grangers' Business Organization, which was organized for the promotion and advertising of

Sonoma County Products.

We have held two card aprties during the year which were a success financially and socially.

Our Grange entertained Sonoma Pomona Grange in June.

Bennett Valley Grange honored us with a visit on the evening of September 24th, when their Master, Sister Talbot, assisted by their Lecturer, delivered the Traveling Tractor, and put on an excellent program.

We plan to deliver the Traveling Tractor to Santa Rosa Grange November 10, when we hope to entertain with a

program.

Our financial condition is good, and our Grange is recognized as one of the oustanding organizations in Sonma and the Valley of the Moon.

Fraternally submitted,

EUNICE L. PETERSON, Master.

STANDISH

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

As Master of Standish Grange, No. 433, I submit the fol-

lowing report:

Standish Grange was organized by Deputy Bro. R. P. Van Allen, April 27, 1928, with 42 charter members, five of whom have not taken the obligation to date.

We have taken eleven new members by initiation and have

eleven more applicants to initiate.

We are co-operating with the Farm Bureau in every way possible.

We donated for insurance on the Community Church; also passed a resolution to donate \$1.00 to each new Grange baby to start a savings account.

We have had the pleasure of having with us State Master,

Brother Harrison, and Sister Harrison, on May 25th and September 21.

Many of our members have taken advantage of our State Grange Insurance and more will, as soon as other insurance lapses.

> Fraternally submitted, M. F. LOWE. Master.

SUNNYVALE

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Sunnyvale Grange, No. 416 sends greetings:

Our Grange is now nearing the end of its third year. We feel that good progress has been made in many ways during ing this year's work and harvest, and we hope during the coming year to improve our work a great deal. The Master is very happy to report that we have organized the Juvenile Grange, which bids fair to make good. Also at the present time it appears that we are about to win success in our Granuge project for the year, which was to get our community some improvement in Rural Free Delivery service. While at first we set out to get the Rural Free Delivery route back to Sunnyvale, we found that we would do better to ask for certain extensions of the present service, which was done and will probably be granted in a few days.

Our membership on October 1, 1927, was 37 brothers and 24 sisters, a total of 61 members. Our membership October 1, 1928, consists of 51 brothers and 26 sisters, a total of 77 members.

We have received noble assistance from Orchard City Grange and Mountain View Grange, whenever we have had a class for initiation, one or the other of them always supply a drill team to put the work on for us, and they both put the work on in beautiful form. However, our Grange is making a strenuous effort for improvement and we are now forming a drill team of our own, which we feel will be valuable advancement in our Grange work.

Fraternally submitted,
FRED PENTON, Master.
OTTO HOERNIG. Alternate

TULARE

To Members of California State Grange, Greetnigs:

As alternate from Tulare Grange, No. 198, I beg leave to submit the following report:

Tulare Grange has about 30 active members. It is one of the oldest Granges in the state, and has many pioneer members of ability. Tulare Grange has taken in seven new members during the year, and they are active members. Our present Lecturer is a new member and doing excellent work.

Our members are nearly all practical farmers, owning and working their own farms. We raise fruits of all kinds, stock and dairy products, poultry, etc. Our soil is excellent and water conditions fine.

The prices of products are good except for fruit and fruit is bringing better prices. Generally, the outlook for our farmers is brighter. Tulare Grange meets the frist Saturday of each month in an all day session, the members bringing their dinners and having a general good time and profitable meeting.

One of our members lost his house and household goods by fire. He lost more by not being insured in the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Co. The Grange has been liberal in refurnishing the new home with gifts from Grange members.

The Mooney Grove of our County is one of the achievements of the pioneers of our Grange and is one f the beauty spots of the County. It is tended and supervised by a member of our Grange.

Our attendance is good; interest and programs good; and we hope to continue to grow.

Fraternally submitted,

D. R. DEMING, Alternate.

TWO ROCK

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

Two Rock Grange, No. 152, reports a prosperous condition, having gained 21 new members. We have enjoyed large meetings. Our lecture hours have been most interesting.

We gave several card parties and dances which proved a financial success.

We have just painted our hall, installed a new furnace and are ready to decorate the interior of our hall.

We initiated a movement which resulted in securing fire apparatus for our locality.

We had the pleasure of Geyserville Grange visiting us with the Traveling Tractor. After a pleasant entertainment which Geyserville Grange presented, we enjoyed dancing.

Bellevue Grange visited us, and their drill team put on the first and second degrees for us.

Sebastopol Grange visited us and their drill team put on the 3rd and 4th degrees. We had the pleasure of having Pomona Grange meet with us in August. Our sick committee make it a special point to call on all brothers and sisters who are sick.

The reason for our healthy and prosperous condition is that our Grange co-operates in every way for the good of the Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH DANGERS, Master. MINNIE CHURCH, Alternate.

UKIAH

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Greetings from Ukiah Grange, No. 419:

I can report with pleasure a plesant and properous year. The meetings have been well attended, even through the summer months. We meet in the K. of P. hall on the first and third Fridays of each month.

We now have a memberhip of 147, having taken in 42 new members since the first of the year. We lost one by death. The Grange took charge of the funeral at the grave of Brother Dale. We lost three by demit, and eight or ten by non-payment of dues.

We have sent flowers to all members who were sick or have had death in their families.

Our Worthy Lecturer Sister Thomas, has been ill all summer and has been unable to meet with us until now. The fact that she can be with us again, makes the outlook for the Winter's work very encouraging.

Instead of the penny march we have the nickel march. This fund goes to the economic committee.

Ukiah citizens were raising funds to pay for the uniforms of the Ukiah High School Band, and we payed for two uniforms.

The Grange is sponsoring a group of girls in the "Rour-H" Club work in connection with the Farm Bureau.

Fraternally submitted.

F. M. SWIM. Master

VALLEY OAKS

To the Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange in Annual Convention, Valley Oaks Grange Sends Greetings:

As Master of Valley Oaks Grange, it gives me pleasure to extend greetings, and submit the following brief report:

Valley Oaks Grange is an active body, all regular meetings convening on time and with good attendance. All principal officers always in attendance.

Our present membership consists of 45 matrons and 39 husbanodmen, leaving a gain of three.

Valley Oaks Grange was the organizing factor of the Galt Community fair, and this year's fair, August 18 and 19, the most successful of any, netted nearly \$500.00, and did much in creating better farming and greater interest in its many branches.

On the last Friday of this month our Lecturer and committeemen, will have a real Hallowe'en party and program, at which time we expect a few new applications.

On my own behalf I am pleased that I have been made a Granger and through the kindness and esteem of the brothers and sisters of Valley Oaks Grange I am permitted the great pleasure of meeting the State Grange at this annual session. Agriculture and its allied branches is the foundation of our existence, the Grange its chief exponents, one of the most necessary organizations in existence.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F LADD, Master.

WESTERN YOLO

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange: Western Yolo Grange sends you greetings for the second time. We are still hanging on with the same membership as last year, having taken in about eighteen new members since the first of the year, and lost the same amount from non-payment of dues. We have seven applications yet to be acted upon, so I feel that we are getting ahead some.

The Worthy State Master and Sister Harrison visited our Grange and installed our officers in a most able manner. Brother Craig was with us a short time, the first part of the year, and helped us out a great deal. Brother and Sister Clendening was with us the last Monday in September, making that meeting most enjoyable. We have not had a very good attendance since the busy season started, but that season is about to close so we are looking forward to better meetings from now on.

Wishing you all success.

Fraternally submitted. JOHN R. PILGRIM. Master.

WINDSOR

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I am pleased to bring you greetings from Windsor Grange, No. 410.

Windsor Grange has now about one hundred and seventy members, a large increase since our last report. We take in new members at every meeting.

We have no drill team in our Grange, but the sister drill teams of our neighboring Granges have put on the degrees for us several times in a beautiful way, and at the same time adding very much to the sociability of the evening.

We are especially proud of the harmony existing between our own members and the other Granges of the County. We visit back and forth a great deal.

Our Lecturer is always ready with a good program, consisting of plays, music, and lectures by some prominent man or woman on some timely topic of much interest.

Our main project for the year is an attempt to form a business organization for the marketing of our farm products and purchasing the supplies for the home and the farm. Everything looks very encouraging for a success along that line.

The one object of our Grange is to do things of interest and to our immediate community, and assist others in every way we can.

> Respectfully submitted, F. T. WELCH, Master.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1929

GOOD OF THE ORDER—E. T. Pettit, Cupertino; Lee Dudgeon, Soledad; F. W. Loosley, Pittville; Mrs. Carrie Holmes, Sacramento; Mrs. Cora B. Scott, Sebastopol; Mrs. Spencer Trumbo, Alturas.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—H. A. Craig, Gazelle; C. J. Sutton, Sebastopol; Geo. Sehlmeyer, Elk Grove; Mrs. Mae Church, Petaluma; Mrs. R. Josephine Bosworth, Fall River Mills; Mrs. Elva M. McBride, Antelope.

LEGISLATION—S. S. Knight, Petaluma; Frank L. Hunt, Napa; Ralph H. Taylor, Sacramento; Joseph Holmes, Sacramento; W. V. Griffith, Geyserville; A. T. Jones, San Martin.

WELFARE—Mrs. Grace Biggs, Isleton; Mrs. May J. Sutton, Sebastopol; Mrs. A. T. Jones, San Martin; Mrs. Harry Barnes, Campbell; Mrs. Fay Loosley, Pittville; Mrs. Clara E. Knight, Petaluma.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS—E. T. Pettit, Cupertino; Harry Barnes, Campbell; Granville Libby, Middletown; Mrs. Jennie Dudgeon, Soledad; Mrs Ida M. King, Petaluma! Mrs. Eunice Peterson, Sonoma.

EDUCATION—Mrs. B. Tingley, Orland; Mrs. Lydia M. Joiner, Lookout; Mrs. M. M. Elliott, Sebastopol; Mrs. R. L. Burke, Butte City; Mrs. Carrie Poor, Cedarville; Mrs. W. E. Gage, San Jose.

CO-OPERATION—E. K. Clendening, Campbell; W. J. Dorris, Alturas; M. B. Lovejoy, Morgan Hill; Mrs. Neeie Holmes, Sacramento; Mrs. E. B. Tait, Palo Alto; Mrs. Nettie Harbine, Sebastopol, Rt. 2.

HOME ECONOMICS—Mrs. Alice E. Williams, Gazelle; Mrs. W. J. Dorris, Alturas; Mrs. Ella C. Braughler, Sacramento; Mrs. May Sutton, Sebastopol; Mrs. F. S. Clifton, Reedley; Mrs. Jennie Lowe, Standish.

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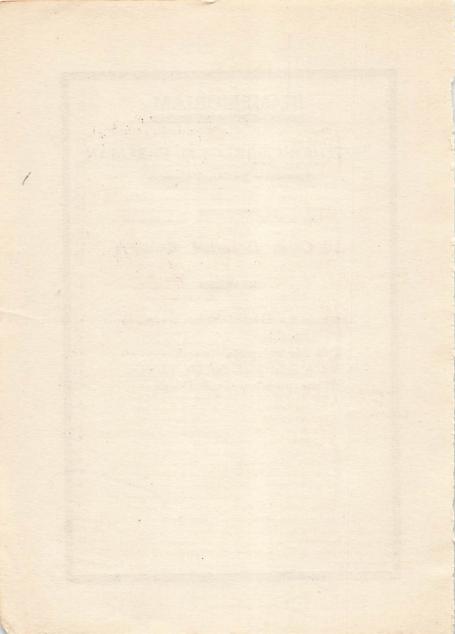
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Secretary National Grange

All Other Departed Members

There is no Death! What seems so is transition;

This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portal we call Death.



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