

# **Journal of Proceedings**

**Forty-Second Annual Session**

**1914**

**California State Grange**

**Patrons of Husbandry**

## Social Features of the Session

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#### Tuesday Evening

Reception tendered by Sacramento County Pomona.

Address of Welcome - - - Judge Peter J. Shields

Vocal Solo - - - - - Prof. Wm. Bland

Response to Address of Welcome - - -

Joseph Holmes, Master California State Grange

Piano Duet - - - Misses Gould and Slawson

Address - - - - President Benjamin Ide Wheeler

"Relation of the University to Agriculture"

Vocal Solo - - - - - Miss Almerine Baker

Reading of Letter from Governor Johnson

Vocal Solo - - - - - Mrs. W. C. Brill

Address - - - - - Mrs. Kate D. Hill

"Interesting the Children on the Farm"

Vocal Solo - - - - - George W. Slawson

Refreshments

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#### Wednesday Forenoon

Automobile Excursion tendered by Patrons of Sacramento County.

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# Forty-Second Annual Session of the California State Grange

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY.

FORENOON.

The California State Grange was opened in ample form in the fifth degree, at 11 A. M., October 20th, 1914, in Y. M. C. A. Building, Sacramento, by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes.

The Assistant Steward and the Lady Assistant Steward were assisted in taking up the A. W. by Sister Phillip Van Maren and Brother John Ellis.

After an opening song, "Sowing the Seed," the roll of officers was called and the following responded: Worthy Master, Worthy Lecturer, Worthy Steward, Worthy Assistant Steward, Worthy Chaplain, Worthy Treasurer, Worthy Secretary, Worthy Gate Keeper, Worthy Ceres, Worthy Lady Assistant Steward and Worthy Pianist.

The following officers were appointed to act pro tem: Worthy Overseer, F. L. Hunt; Worthy Pomona, Sister A. Van Maren; Worthy Flora, Sister Susie E. Stover.

The following were then introduced and obligated in the fifth degree: Brother and Sister F. W. Ellis from Ruthersford Grange, Brother E. M. Billings from Silverado Grange, Brother and Sister L. Campbell from Dairyville Grange, Brother Dunovant from Greenfield Grange, Brother James Dukes from Ramona Grange, Sister A. R. Gallaway from Progressive Grange, Sister F. W. Volz from Cotati Grange, Brother W. G. Webb from Visalia Grange and Brother C. J. Clark of Oakland Grange.

Grange then closed in the fifth degree and opened in the fourth degree.

The Worthy Master called upon the following Past Masters to come forward and occupy chairs at his right: Daniel Flint, W. W. Greer, W. G. Worthen, W. V. Griffith and E. T. Pettit. Each responded in a brief but touching speech.

The Worthy Master then appointed the following commit-



tees and substitutes on committees. The completed list was as follows:

Order of Business—Brothers F. L. Hunt, Peter Hanson, Sisters Joseph Jackson and Caroline Emery.

Credentials—Brothers F. L. Hunt, H. F. Dessau, L. Campbell, Sister Jennie Dudgeon.

Division of Labor—Brothers John A. Ellis, W. V. Griffith and John F. Petersen.

Resolutions—Brothers N. A. Griffith, W. W. Greer, A. P. Southworth, E. M. Billings, G. W. Worthen, Sisters T. G. King and C. Van Kepple.

Press—Sister Kate D. Hill, Brother H. G. Keesling, Sisters A. C. Paris and Harriet Pettit.

Constitution and By-Laws—Brother E. T. Pettit, T. G. King, F. W. Ellis, Sisters F. W. Volz and Roy Church.

Fifth and Sixth Degrees—Brothers George W. Hack, W. V. Griffith, Sisters W. V. Griffith, Frankie Greer, M. J. Worthen and Martha Gamble.

Finance—Brothers A. R. Gallaway, S. H. Stone, C. Von Kepple and James Dukes.

Pomona Feast—Brothers S. L. Stice, A. Van Maren, Sisters F. W. Ellis and Nina Williams.

Mileage and Per Diem—Brothers P. V. Bartos, E. V. Jones and Warren Morse.

Good of the Order—Brothers W. W. Greer, F. L. Hunt, H. F. Blohm.

Legislation—J. E. Weisendanger, W. A. Bates, W. G. Webb, Sisters S. S. Slawson and Joseph Jackson.

Education—Sisters Eliza J. Farrell and Della V. Howell and Brother G. R. Harrison.

Co-operation—Brothers G. W. Worthen, Peter Hanson, Roy Church and Sister Philip Van Maren.

Woman's Work—Sisters Minnie Church, Jennie Gould, Huldah Laumann and A. P. Southworth.

Charity—Sisters A. Van Maren, Della V. Howell, E. V. Jones, Jennie Dudgeon and H. G. Keesling.

Good Roads—Brothers George W. Hack, H. R. Borrette and Ray Gould.

Conservation—Brothers Thomas Jacob, A. G. Fultz, W. E. Stewart and Sister A. C. Keesling.

Pleasure Ground—Brothers W. A. Bates and C. Melton.

Dormant Granges—P. V. Bartos, Sisters Jennie Gould and Kate D. Hill.



On Invitation to the National Grange—Joseph Holmes, W. W. Greer and E. T. Pettit.

Fraternal Fire Insurance—Temporary Board of Directors: Thomas Jacob, E. T. Pettit, W. B. Whitney, W. E. Stewart, W. H. Livingston, A. Van Maren, F. L. Hunt.

Grange Headquarters at Panama Pacific Exposition—Brothers W. V. Griffith, Thomas Jacob, H. G. Keesling and Sisters O. E. Borrette and Carrie Holmes.

Memorial to Father Kelly—Brothers H. G. Keesling, G. W. Worthen and E. T. Pettit.

A recess was then taken until 2 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON.

Grange was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. The word was taken up. Opening song, "The Good Old Farm."

The roll of Subordinate and Pomona Granges was then called and the following responded: Antelope, Bennett Valley, Capital, Castoria, Cotati, Dairyville, Dinuba, Elk Grove, Forestville, Fort Romie, Geyserville, Gold Hill, Greenfield, Lincoln, Live Oak, Mountain View, Napa, Orange Vale, Orchard City, Poplar, Potter Valley, Prairie Center, Progressive, Ramona, Rutherford, Sacramento, Sacramento County Pomona, San Jose, Santa Clara County Pomona, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Silverado, Sonoma County Pomona, Tulare County Pomona, Two Rock, Valley Oaks, Visalia.

Granges responding later in the session were: American River, Aromas, Oakland, Petaluma, Tulare.

The Committee on Order of Business offered a partial report which, on motion of Brother Pettit, duly seconded, was adopted.

A short recess was taken to enable the Committee on Credentials to prepare their report.

Grange was called to order after recess and the Committee on Credentials made a partial report which, on motion of Brother Bartos, duly seconded, was adopted.

Worthy Master Joseph Holmes requested Worthy Past Master E. T. Pettit to take the chair while he read his report, which was, after reading, referred to the Committee on Division of Labor.

#### MASTER'S REPORT.

##### INTRODUCTION.

Patrons, in presenting this report to the Forty-second

Annual Session of the California State Grange, I feel that this great responsibility should be met in a spirit worthy of those who have occupied these positions before us, and the questions and subjects that concern our Order, our country and mankind, should receive our most earnest and thoughtful consideration, and be decided in such a manner that it will redound to the honor of the Grange, the advancement and benefit of the American Farmer.

We are glad to meet in the Capital City of this great State under such favorable circumstances. We have had an abundant harvest, for which remunerative prices have been received.

#### WHEAT CROP.

Alexander Dana Nuyes writing of this says:

The Wheat Crop for 1914 is estimated at 900,000,000 bushels; 18 per cent larger than 1913, and more than 40 per cent of 1911, and what is perhaps the most singular of all recollections suggested by the estimate for 1914 is that exactly ten years ago, when our wheat crop was only 552,000,000 bushels the prediction was general among the best experts in home and foreign centers of the grain trade that our capacity as a wheat exporting nation was likely to decrease. In the year 1913 we exported 99,300,000 bushels.

The fruit crop in California as a whole was never better. Prices not quite so good as last year.

#### EXCEEDS 1913 BY 1,745 CARS; STATE MAY SET NEW RECORD.

"Fruit shipments for the year totaled 12,321½ cars, according to figures given out by the California Fruit Distributors yesterday. On the like date last year the total was 10,576½, making the increase this year 1,744½ cars. With the season well along toward the close, practically all shipments now are the later varieties of grapes—it seems very probable California will set a new record in deciduous fruit shipments this year. Comparative figures given out by the California Fruit Distributors are:

	1913.	1914.
Cherries .....	230 ¾	166 ¾
Peaches .....	2358 ¾	2144
Apricots .....	158 ¾	382

Plums .....	1706 ½	1906 ½
Pears .....	2406	2608 ½
Grapes .....	3707 ½	5086 ¾
Miscellaneous .....	9 ½	27 ¼

Totals ..... 10,576 ½ 12,321 ¼

Shipments Saturday were 96 cars, of which 5 ¾ were pears, 87 ½ grapes, and 2 ¾ miscellaneous."

### CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

We are pleased to report a substantial increase to our Order, nine subordinate Granges having been organized and added to our number; also a marked increase in membership in our subordinate Granges, thereby strengthening them and extending their influence.

We are proud of the gain, but it is far below what it should be, and we trust that steps may be taken and movements set on foot at this session that will result this coming year in adding more than a hundred-fold to our numbers.

In my travels over the State I found the Patrons active and alert and anxious for the growth and prosperity of the Order. It was my good fortune to meet with some of them at their annual picnics, notably Sacramento county, Pomona at Elk Grove Park, Live Oak Grange at Kelseyville in Lake county, Oakland Grange at Moswood Park, all enjoyable occasions, and the attendance attesting to the popularity of these Grange gatherings.

I have visited during the past year, Granges in Tehama, Lake, Sonoma, Santa Clara, Monterey, Merced, Tulare, Alameda, Napa, Placer and Sacramento counties.

Time and space forbids any extended report on any one of them singly suffice to say I found them in an active and flourishing condition, imbued with the desire to see the Grange flourish both intellectually and numerically.

Realizing the necessity for better meeting places for some of our subordinate Granges, at this time would recommend that this State Grange subscribe at least Fifty Dollars toward the building of any new Grange Hall under its jurisdiction.

### DEPUTIES.

Deputies have been commissioned for the year as follows:  
Monterey County—Brother Lee Dudgeon.

Sacramento County—Brother Geo. Schlmeier.

Sonoma County—Brother D. M. Winans.  
Sonoma County—Brother Peter J. Hanson.  
Napa and State-at-Large—Brother F. L. Hunt.  
Alameda County—Brother Geo. Rounsvell.  
State-at-Large—Brother C. F. Collins.

The deputy work has been faithfully and conscientiously done and the effort put forth and the results obtained will, I trust, be laid before you in a detailed report from them.

At this time I would recommend that an expert Organizer be secured, one who can devote his whole time to the work, one who is thoroughly informed and posted in Grange work and doctrine.

I find that this plan is being carried on in other States and is successful in building up the Order. But individual effort must not cease. Let our slogan for this year be at least one new member from each one of us, and if we do that our membership will be doubled.

#### NATIONAL GRANGE.

It was a great pleasure as well as our duty to attend the 47th Annual Session of the National Grange, which convened in the City of Manchester, New Hampshire. Thirty State Masters answered to roll call, and from that time to the end of the session, activity and dispatch marked the proceedings.

Wyoming was added to the galaxy of State Granges.

During the year four hundred and thirty-one subordinate Granges were organized, Pennsylvania making the best showing, with an addition of fifty-three; Nebraska next, with forty-five.

The Worthy Treasurer, Sister McDowell, reported total resources of the National Grange, October 1st, 1913, as Nine-fifty-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Three 04-100 Dollars.

A record was made in the number of members taking the seventh degree, 5,459 being initiated.

An amendment to the digest was carried permitting subordinate Grange to elect officers if so desired in November. This has since been ratified by two-thirds of the State Granges and went into effect on April 30th, 1914.

The digest now reads: Officers, how chosen; in the subordinate Granges they shall be chosen annually at a regular meeting in December. Provided such States as may desire elect in November.



I would recommend that our own Constitutions be amended to conform with the above paragraph.

We extended an invitation to the National Grange to hold their annual session of 1915 in California, and expect to renew the same this year, and trust that our invitation will be effective, for we know this would be one of the best means of increasing the influence and membership of the Grange in this State. According to resolution the Cypher Code of the secret work of our Order was issued by the Executive Committee of the National Grange. We received our allotment, and distributed them to the Masters of subordinate Granges. We believe it to be a most complete and satisfactory means of obtaining the secret work.

I would recommend that a few minutes of the time of this session be devoted to exemplifying the secret work, so that we all may become more familiar and efficient in the same.

#### EDUCATION.

The Grange, National, State and Subordinate, has always been to the forefront in matters of education.

I am pleased to say, that this State Grange has proved her faith by her works; and has provided by resolution to give members of our Order a Scholarship at the State University. This offer has been taken advantage of by one of our young brothers.

This plan has my approval so far and the obligation in the present case will be carried out.

Yet I wish to bring to your attention a part of the report on this subject by Brother Gardner, Past Master of the Massachusetts State Grange, in which he says:

The work of our Educational Aid Fund, for helping young people help themselves in getting an education by making them moderate loans to get through college or other institutions of learning beyond the high school has broadened rapidly, until between thirty and forty Massachusetts young people are now in school getting the education which will increase their life efficiency and enhance their value to the world who are there because the Grange loans them money to go on terms which they can reasonably meet. While some personal subscriptions have aided our fund for this purpose, most of it has come from the Grange itself. The State Grange started the fund with \$1,500, and thousands of dollars more

have been raised by local Granges, often representing a great deal of hard work, all of whom share therefore in the natural pride in so great an undertaking as this. This is the Massachusetts plan and has been adopted by other State Granges and I would recommend its adoption by this State Grange.

#### FIRE INSURANCE.

The State Grange Fire Insurance Committee has been hard at work in devising ways and means in getting the Grange Fire Insurance Company in operation.

Their conclusion and plans will very likely be brought before you. It behooves every Patron to take an active interest in this company and render it all the assistance he can.

We feel assured that it will give you a safe and satisfactory insurance at fifty per cent of the premium of the old line companies.

Grange Fire Insurance Companies are a success and doing a large business.

Other States—In New York State under control of the Grange the fire insurance amount to \$126,000,000, Kansas \$18,000,000, Colorado and Connecticut, did not give figures in their reports to the National Grange, but stated that their companies were doing a very satisfactory business, and we hope in our next report to be able to say that our own Grange Insurance Company has made substantial headway.

#### GRANGE PAPER.

The Executive Committee as per your order made arrangements with Brother P. M. Smith of Mountain View to publish a Grange paper monthly, under the auspices of the California State Grange, and the sum of twenty cents per member per year was the amount agreed upon, to be paid in quarterly installments by the State Grange.

Though dissatisfaction has been expressed by some of the members at not receiving their paper regularly, yet the paper on the whole has proven of great value in keeping us in close touch with one another and thus we have been stimulated and encouraged in the work. Since writing this I have learned that the publisher does not wish to renew the contract.

For a more full and comprehensive report of all Grange proceedings in the United States, I would call your attention



to the National Grange Monthly, published by authority of the National Grange, edited and supervised by some of the ablest and most progressive members of our Order. I feel assured that the best thought, talent, work and informations of the Grange will be laid before you, therefore I cheerfully recommend that this paper be taken and found in every Grange home in California.

The question of continuing or discontinuing the Grange paper should be taken up by you at this session.

#### PEACE.

As we meet on this occasion we feel that we are more than blessed, in that we can meet here in peace and comfort. The one thing to detract from our pleasure is that in distant lands, rumors of war have come to be a sad reality and the earth is being drenched with blood, accompanied with the dire results of trouble, and turmoil, sickness and sorrow, destruction and death. Thousands of lives are being sacrificed. We ask why?

I wish to quote from National Master Wilson: "In this great emergency let us support absolutely the President of the United States in his appeal for complete neutrality and every Patron in this country be found loyal to his purpose. If ever the temperance in language, which our Order so wisely counsels, is needed, now is the time and for that temperance in speech on the part of all the people that will keep the United States true to the high ideals of national duty in a world-wide emergency which President Wilson so earnestly recommends. Let the Grange in this hour of great need exert all the influence for peace in individual and community life of which it is capable and again will its wisdom be justified and its worth be appreciated."

Not to my knowledge has co-operation been carried on to any extent in this Grange this year. A few figures I have learned from other Granges, as follows:

Grange co-operative buying in Orange county last year amounted to \$300,000.

Yorktown Grange co-operative buying of feed alone amounted to \$14,000.

The co-operative buying of feed and groceries in Cortland Grange amounted to over \$7,000 last year.

Genesee Valley Grange reported nearly \$14,000 worth of business last year.

Rushford Grange saved \$5,000 by co-operative buying last year.

One Genesee County Grange bought \$30,000 worth of supplies, another bought 30,000 pounds of sugar.

I bring these facts before you and hope thereby to stimulate you to like effort. If you will look around and investigate among your members you will find that you will need many things in common, which if bought at wholesale will prove quite a saving, leaving money in your pockets for other purposes.

The Committee on Co-operation will doubtless make a report and submit measures for your consideration and approval.

#### LEGISLATION.

There are probably more amendments to the State Constitution for your consideration and ratification this year than ever before and as some of these measures are very important to our welfare, and are too numerous to mention at this time, I would suggest that at least one half day of this session be given to discussing them in detail.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

Since last we met in annual session Death has entered our ranks.

We are reminded that in life we are in the midst of death, so let us remember that we must needs die.

It is just and proper that we pause in our labors, and pay a tribute of respect to their memory. May their unselfish lives and kind deeds be an inspiration to us to tender a more consecrated service to humanity.

The Worthy Chaplain will make arrangements for the proper observance of Memorial Exercises.

#### IN CONCLUSION.

There are new faces in our midst, new voices to be heard in our counsels. I bespeak for them a cordial reception from you. May the friendships and fraternal ties here formed be as lasting as life itself.

The labors of this session are now in your hands. I rely on your calmness in deliberation.

All the measures that come before us may not be decided



to suit each one of us, but let us remember the motto, "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH HOLMES.

The Secretary read a communication from the Worthy Overseer, regretting his inability to be present.

The Worthy Lecturer read her report.

Moved by Brother P. V. Bartos, seconded by Brother N. A. Griffith, that the report be adopted and portions relating to the good of the Order be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order, and it was recommended that the report be read in every subordinate Grange. Carried.

#### LECTURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange, Greeting: In reading the report of the Committee on "Good of the Order," given at last year's meeting, I was very much impressed with the following idea:

"Bearing the title of an office is not fulfilling its duties" and that to be a good Patron means to be an enthusiastic Patron. Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. Get enthusiastic and you will enthuse others. It is more contagious than the plague, and not nearly so fatal. When you do a thing do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your personality. Try how much you can do rather than how little you need do. There is no doubt but the efficiency of the Grange would be doubled and quadrupled if each member were as active and enthusiastic in the work as he should be. Brother Varey, Master of New York State Grange, in an address to his membership, put it in this way: "If you can't pull, push, and if you can't do either please get out of the way."

So I have pulled and pushed, and I have not gotten out of the way, because I believe that just as soon as the officers and members of the Grange learn to take the Grange more seriously and stop hiding its light under a bushel that the Grange spirit will overflow the State.

For months, through the "California Grange" monthly, I have tried to get into print suggestions, plans or criticisms, from Lecturers of subordinate Granges, that would help build up the Lecturer's work, but have not had any response, so must conclude that the Lecturers' Page was not

read; that there is lack of interest, or appreciation. The good that may be accomplished through the Lecturers' office is not fully realized.

To further try to enthuse my co-workers in the Pomona and subordinate Granges, I have written two hundred and ten (210) letters, the responses to which were not very encouraging. When you consider that this way was the only way of communication, as the distances are so great that railway expenses would be too heavy to admit of the personal touch which is, of course, the most satisfactory.

All Lecturers have received blanks for the quarterly report. If all had complied with Section 3, Article 7, of the By-Laws, which they have promised to do "on their sacred honor" I should have received, for the three quarters of my term of office, about one hundred and forty (140) reports, instead of which I have received sixty-seven (67), from thirty-three (33) Granges. That the Lecturers of these Granges have been busy and have had co-operation from the members the following report will show:

There have been about one hundred (100) debates, one hundred (100) special speakers have presented special subjects, about three hundred (300) subjects have had general discussion in which fifteen hundred (1,500) members have participated.

Many special days, such as Flora, Ceres, Pomona, Children's Days, holiday celebrations and picnics, have been observed. If all the Granges had reported what a splendid record for the year's work would we have to give!

The topics discussed show a great variety of subjects, which demonstrates that the Grange workers have their fingers on the pulse of the times, and are noting the many new ideas, and ideals that are appearing on the horizon, and fortunate indeed is the Grange and its members, whose leaders have them prepared to meet and understand these questions before they have passed the zenith of public interest. These Granges are playing a constructive part at the formative stage of vital movements which effect farm people and farm interests.

From Lecturers' reports I must congratulate the members of Alpaugh, Danville, Sebastopol, Greenfield, Porter Valley and several others. My conclusions, after studying the Lecturers' work in the various Granges, through the reports sent me, and not sent me, lead me to strongly recommend,

to the end that our work, interest and enthusiasm be not wasted.

1. A closer bond between the Master and the Lecturer. Between the Lecturer and the Chairman of the Committees on Conservation, Charity, Education, Good Roads, Woman's Work and Good of the Order.

2. The degree work be done at stated times, or, that a strong effort be made to handle this work with less loss of time, for waste of time with this work always means the crowding out of the Lecturers' Hour.

3. That at least four (4) programmes, one (1) on Rural Education, Rural Legislation, Rural Civics and Good of the Order, be given consideration by each Grange, during the year.

I have had the pleasure of attending Grange meetings and giving a talk on some special subject at Napa, Sacramento, Pomona, Forestville, Petaluma and Sebastopol, and the great pleasure of attending the fortieth anniversary of Two Rock Grange. I gave a talk on "Social Grange Work" at the Fruit Growers' Convention at Davis; presented the Grange idea of School Credits for "Home Industrial Work" to the California Club of San Francisco, and gave the opening talk a "History of the Grange Movement" at the Sonoma Union High School Agricultural Fair.

I have sent out special programs on School Credit for Home Work, Home Economics and Immigration to eight (8) Granges. I only wish I could have had the pleasure of, in some way, helping all. This is not much for the year just passed, but let us pledge ourselves anew to stand and work together during the year, for:

There are matters of vital importance in State and Nation now pressing for solution and there is no body of people more capable of assisting than the Grange. I trust that through the magnifying of the Lecturer's Department we may not fall behind, but that in every battle for the right we may be found in the van, leaving out of sight personal preferences, all prejudices and pre-conceived opinions and presenting a solid front in favor of every movement that shall count for the upbuilding of humanity, the advancing of the interest of our calling and the improving of ourselves.



"We stand in the fields  
Where the wide earth yields  
Her bounties of fruit and grain;  
Where the furrows turn  
Till the plowshares burn  
As they come round and round again;  
Where the workers pray  
With their tool all day  
In the sunshine and shadow and rain.  
"And bid them tell  
Of crops they sell  
And speak of the work they have done;  
We speed every man  
In his hope and plan  
And follow his day with the sun:  
And grasses and trees,  
The birds and the bees  
We know, and we feel every one;  
And out of it all  
As the seasons fall  
We build our great temple alway  
We point to the skies,  
But our footstone lies  
In the commonplace work of the day;  
For we preach the work  
Of the needy earth  
To love and to work—is to pray."  
Respectfully submitted,

KATE D. HILL, Lecturer.

The Worthy Steward read his report, which was adopted.

#### **WORTHY STEWARD'S REPORT.**

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

The duties of the Steward are confined almost wholly to the sessions of the State Grange, and for this reason the report from this office will be brief. I have tried to keep the property of the Grange which is in my keeping in good condition, but found it necessary to ask the Worthy Lady Assistant to take care of the robes of the three Graces.

I will endeavor during this session to be prompt and courteous in the performance of the duties of my office.

Indications are that the present session will be both in-

teresting and profitable and all should work together to make the Grange stronger and greater in this State.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE SEHLMAYER.

The Worthy Assistant Steward read his report, which was adopted.

### ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT.

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

While I have had no official duties to perform since my election to this office, yet I have been awake to Grange work and have not missed a chance to attend the meetings of the subordinate and Pomona Granges and am trying to further the cause wherever I can.

ROY I. CHURCH, Assistant Steward.

### WORTHY CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

The Worthy Chaplain made a verbal report which, on motion of Brother George Hack, duly seconded, was tendered a rising vote of thanks.

It was moved by Brother Billings, seconded and carried, that the Worthy Chaplain be requested to prepare this report for the Journal of Proceedings.

After a song, "Onward Marching," the Worthy Treasurer read the following report, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

### ANNUAL STATEMENT, TREASURER CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE, P. of H.

(October 1913-1914.)

	Receipts.
October 25, 1913, from Joseph Holmes, check.....	\$2,890.92
October 25, 1913, from Secty-En'd warrant.....	246.30
January, 1914, from Secty-En'd warrant.....	397.99
March 7, 1914, from Secty. check.....	78.75
April 1, 1914, from Secty. check.....	325.58
April 1, 1914, from Secty-En'd warrant.....	11.00
April 7, 1914, from Nat. dues.....	27.83
April 11, 1914, from Secty-En'd warrants.....	287.86
May 26, 1914, from Secty-En'd warrants.....	20.50
May 26, 1914, from Secty. Check Sunnyvale.....	6.90
June 1, 1914, interest on deposit.....	51.59

August 29, 1914, by endorsed warrants.....	435.23
October 8, 1914, by endorsed Nat. dues, warrants...	30.92
October 8, 1914, by check from Secty.....	404.54

Total receipts for year.....\$5,215.91

## DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR.

1913.

Oct. 11, S. L. Stice, warrant 337.....	\$ 5.00
Oct. 11, C. E. Wingate, warrant 338.....	34.55
Oct. 11, W. B. Whitney, warrant 339.....	61.00
Oct. 11, D. M. Winans, warrant 340.....	16.20
Oct. 11, N. W. Hunt, warrant 341.....	90.15
Oct. 11, Thos. Jacob, warrant 343.....	13 60
Oct. 11, A. Van Maren, warrant 344.....	8.40
Oct. 25, Harry H. Stone, warrant 345.....	50.00
Oct. 25, C. J. Fitts, warrant 346.....	60.00
Oct. 25, S. L. Stice, warrant 347.....	5.00
Oct. 23, A. Van Maren, warrant 348.....	10.00
Oct. 25, Chas. F. Collins, warrant 349.....	14.10
Oct. 25, Thos. Jacob, warrant 350.....	17.60
Oct. 25, E. T. Pettit, warrant 351.....	2.00
Oct. 25, M. Farrell, warrant 352 (Nat. dues).....	62.89
Oct. 25, Mrs. Emily Jacob, warrant 354.....	30.00
Dec. 23, F. W. Cooke, warrant 355.....	110.20

1914.

Jan. 9, to A. Van Maren, warrant 356.....	8.00
Jan. 9, to N. W. Hunt, warrant 357.....	118.10
Jan. 9, to P. W. Murphy, warrant 358.....	12.00
Jan. 9, to S. L. Stice, warrant 359.....	7.00
Jan. 9, to Jos. Holmes, warrant 360.....	8.00
Jan. 9, to Francis & Francis, warrant 361.....	4.75
Jan. 9, to C. F. Collins, warrant 362.....	10 00
Jan. 9, to Kate D. Hill, warrant 363.....	20.35
Jan. 9, to C. E. Wingate, warrant 364.....	25.85
Jan. 9, to Harry H. Stone, warrant 365.....	50.00
Jan. 9, to D. M. Winans, warrant 366.....	54.85
Jan. 9, to M. Farrell, warrant 367.....	27.83
Jan. 19, to D. M. Winans, warrant 368.....	11.00
March 4, to P. M. Smith, warrant 369.....	111.30
April 8, to A. Van Maren, warrant 370.....	10.50
April 8, to Thos. Jacob, warrant 371.....	16.00



Dairyville, Merced, Forestville, Valley Oaks, Cotati, Silverado, Rutherford and Ramona.

There are 46 subordinate and 4 Pomona Granges in good standing.

The total membership of the subordinate Granges is 3,219 and of the Pomona Granges 532.

The financial condition of the order is good, as the following itemized account will show:

Date—1913.	Source.	Dues and Fees.	Supplies.	Total.
October 1, balance in Treasury.				\$2,934.42
October 23, 5th and 6th Degree...	\$ 78.00			78.00
October 31, October Receipts...	360.87	\$6.75		367.62
November 30, November Receipts		.60		.60
December 31, December Receipts	110.29	21.75		132.04
1914.				
January 31, from Emily B. Jacob				15.00
January 31, January Receipts..	247.64	11.95		259.59
January 31, from National Grange for organizing .....				50.00
February, 28, February Receipts	29.40	32.80		62.20
March 31, March Receipts.....	82.30	18.10		100.40
March 31, National Grange for organizing .....				100.00
April 30, April Receipts.....	277.55	13.20		290.75
May 31, May Receipts.....	82.71	30.45		113.16
June 30, June Receipts.....	173.65	27.10		200.75
July 31, July Receipts.....	232.44	6.50		238.94
July 31, National Grange for organization .....				50.00
August 31, August Receipts.....	68.25	2.65		70.90
Sept. 30, September Receipts...	138.70	4.75		143.45
		\$1,881.80	\$176.60	\$5,207.82

#### EXPENDITURES.

National Grange .....	\$ 84.80
Organizing .....	254.10
Supplies .....	166.15
Miscellaneous .....	1,897.08
	\$2,402.13

#### RECAPITULATION.

In Treasury, October 1, 1913.....	\$2,934.42
Total receipts from Dues and Fees.....	1,881.80

April 8, to D. M. Winans, warrant 372.....	45.60
April 8, to F. L. Hunt, warrant 373.....	7.10
April 8, to N. W. Hunt, warrant 374.....	162.59
April 8, to F. W. Cooke, warrant 375.....	15.00
April 8, to Jos. Holmes, warrant 376.....	82.17
April 8, to Chas. W. Collins, warrant 377.....	40.00
April 8, to P. W. Murphy, warrant 378.....	17.00
April 8, to S. L. Stice, warrant 379.....	9.50
April 8, to W. E. Stewart, warrant 380.....	5.50
April 8, to W. H. Livingston, warrant 381.....	26.00
April 8, to P. M. Smith, warrant 382.....	104.20
April 8, to Harry H. Stone, warrant 383.....	50.00
April 8, to M. Farrell, warrant 384.....	26.05
May, to Geo. Sehlmeier, warrant 385.....	17.60
July 7, to Harry H. Stone, warrant 386.....	50.00
July 7, to P. M. Smith, warrant 387.....	197.95
July 7, to N. W. Hunt, warrant 388.....	140.70
July 6, to Francis & Francis, warrant 389.....	6.00
July 7, to Jos. Holmes, warrant 390.....	62.55
July 7, to Kate D. Hill, warrant 391.....	63.85
July 7, to A. Van Maren, warrant 392.....	8.50
July 7, to S. L. Stice, warrant 393.....	14.00
July 7, to Thos. Jacob, warrant 394.....	15.93
July 7, to W. V. Griffith, warrant 395.....	10.05
July 7, to F. L. Hunt, warrant 396.....	48.65
July 7, to E. T. Pettit, warrant 397.....	15.00
July 7, to M. Farrell, warrant 398.....	30.92

Total disbursements for year.....	\$2,358.63
Receipts .....	\$5,215.91
Disbursements .....	2,358.63

Balance in treasury September 30, 1914.....\$2,857.28

M. FARRELL,

Treasurer California State Grange, P. of H.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Worthy Secretary read her report, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It is with pleasure that I am able to report the organization since we last met of nine new Granges—Cloverdale,

Total receipts from Merchandise.....	176.60
Received from National Grange for Organization	
Work .....	200.00
Returned to Grange by Emily Burnham Jacob....	15.00
Interest on Grange Funds retained by Worthy	
Treasurer .....	51.59
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,259.41</b>
<b>Expenditures .....</b>	<b>2,402.13</b>

Balance in Treasury October 1, 1914.....\$2,857.28  
 Fraternally submitted,

NELLIE, W. HUNT, Secretary.

### REPORT OF GATE KEEPER.

The Worthy Gate Keeper offered the following report:

As your Gate Keeper was not able to find any report from a Gate Keeper either in the National or State Journals of Proceedings, I was of the opinion that possibly it was not necessary to make a report, but experience taught me differently.

Some of our members who have belonged to the Grange nearly as long as the writer has lived, come to the outer gate without the pass word, therefore I would suggest that the Master in each subordinate Grange in the State should at least once each year have all their members give the signal and password at the outer gate on entering the hall. I would recommend that this be done at the meeting just preceding the State Grange. This would enable the members to carry out the law to the letter if need be.

While the office deprives the holder of getting the full benefit of these sessions, I certainly appreciate the honor of being enrolled as one of the officers of the California State Grange and am perfectly willing to fill the office to the best of my ability.

Fraternally submitted,

LEE DUDGEON, Gate Keeper.

### CERES' REPORT.

Worthy Ceres offered the following report:

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

I thank the "Giver of all good that He has permitted us again to meet each other here in this glorious cause."



Having done no official work during the past year my report consists of the simple teachings of Ceres. She must encourage Patrons to labor with diligence and prudence and to garner the harvest carefully and gratefully. But a deeper, broader lesson is learned by the husbandman who plows and plants and sows in the full faith that harvest shall follow seed time, that as he sows so shall he reap, physically, mentally, morally and religiously.

Faith, the lesson of Ceres is the force that holds us to our duties in adversity and rewards us in prosperity. It is by faith that the wonderful deeds of earth are wrought, by faith the impossible becomes possible, resulting in a reality. It is the man of large faith in the necessity of his work, who accomplishes results.

Ceres urges you to have faith in yourselves, faith in your brothers, and sisters, and faith in the grand principles of our noble Order.

May you work together, for "faith without works is dead," till the Order, "Patrons of Husbandry," shall become as great a power for good in our dear California as it is in many of our sister States.

Fraternally submitted,

CAROLINE EMERY, Ceres.

The report of Worthy Pomona was read by the Secretary.

### POMONA'S REPORT.

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

It is with sincere regret that I am not able to meet with you this year and enjoy the meetings of the State Grange, for these sessions are one of the happy events of the year.

California has been abundantly favored this season in her large crops and the good prices for most of them. Nowhere are greater opportunities offered than here in our State, where we have the variety of soil, the splendid climatic conditions, and the great diversity of crops.

A scientific knowledge of farm husbandry is being taught and studied more each year, as success financially depends much on how and when a thing is done and under what conditions.

While we are striving for financial success let us be cheer-

ful and happy, seeing the small pleasures about us each day and may we be broad and generous to all humanity.

Fraternally submitted,

EDNA HARTLEY, Pomona.

The report of Worthy Flora was read by the Secretary.

### FLORA'S REPORT.

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

These beautiful flowers which greet the members at this session of the State Grange, adding, with their fragrance and beauty, to the cordial welcome extended us by the Patrons of Sacramento county, express, better than words, the place flowers have come to fill in our daily lives and the interest that is being taken in their cultivation,

An interest that is increasing year by year and is not confined to any one locality or class of people; for rich and poor alike can enjoy these blessings, which nature has so profusely spread around us, and feel the influence which their presence gives.

There is no one industry which engages the attention of so many people in which the commercial spirit enters so little, as the cultivation of flowers; and, one may add, nor any other industry that gives to the worker more reward for his labor.

It is an avenue through which the love of the beautiful finds visible expression; and, nowhere are better opportunities afforded for cultivating the beautiful, than in our own State.

Everywhere we see flowers blooming, in public places and in the home garden, while no gathering, whether public or private, seems perfect without them.

The flower exhibits that are held in the Spring and Fall have proven most helpful in introducing to the public new flowers, as well as showing the possibilities of the old when they are given thoughtful care and attention, and have done much to raise the standard and increase interest in their cultivation.

While the work that is being carried on by Luther Burbank at the Santa Rosa Experimental Farm has brought fame to California, it has also given flower growing an added dignity and importance.

The display of flowers will be an important feature in the Panama Pacific Exposition next year, where the visitors may feast their eyes not only on the bounties of the forest and farm, but of the garden also, and carry away with them favorable impressions of California as a land of sunshine and flowers.

Let us as Patrons of Husbandry do our part toward beautifying our different sections; encourage the planting of trees and vines, keep the road-sides free from weeds and make our own home gardens more attractive; and let us not forget that, whatever we do, strive to do it well.

Fraternally submitted,

JENNIE M. SAUNDERS, Flora.

Worthy Lady Assistant Steward read the following report:

#### LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

My report as Lady Assistant Steward will necessarily be short, as my duties are confined almost entirely to the meetings of the State Grange.

I appreciate the honor bestowed upon me and hope I may perform my duties satisfactorily.

Fraternally submitted,

ORA GOULD, Lady Assistant Steward.

F. L. Hunt, State Deputy, offered the following report, which on motion of Brother N. A. Griffith, seconded by Dr. Dessau, was adopted:

#### DEPUTY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It is with a considerable degree of pleasure that I offer the report of work done by me since I received a Deputy's Commission authorizing me to organize new Granges. The only reason that the degree of pleasure referred to is not greater, is because I have not done more work.

In submitting this report, I wish at the outset to refer to the very pleasant associations that have come to my lot while I have been engaged in Grange work. Wherever I have undertaken to do any organization work, I have always been very cordially received and greatly assisted by local residents of the locations in which I have worked.



Last April I received word from Calistoga which led me to believe that a Grange could be organized there. When I went to investigate the matter, I was met by Bro. L. C. Martin, who spoke very encouragingly of the prospect and afterwards rendered me very valuable assistance. After making quite a thorough canvass in the vicinity of Calistoga, and securing a nice list of charter members, I called a meeting for organization. At this meeting Silverado Grange was organized by the election and installation of a full set of officers, the office of Worthy Master being filled by Bro. T. L. Brecheen.

A second meeting was then called for the purpose of exemplifying the ritualistic and unwritten work. At this meeting, which occurred on April 11th, the charter list was closed with 39 charter members. The worthy State Master was present and instructed the new Grange in the work of the first four degrees in a very thorough and able manner. Upon visiting the new Grange about a month after its organization, I found the members earnestly at work and still taking in new members.

About a month after Silverado Grange was organized, I received a call from one of Rutherford's most progressive farmers who wanted me to try for a new Grange there. I immediately took the matter up and made a visit to Rutherford and there met Bro. Charles. During my first conversation with Bro. Charles, he informed me that he thought we could get about 15 or 20 names on a charter list for a new Grange. You may imagine how agreeably we were surprised then, when we finally closed the charter roll of Rutherford Grange with 78 members.

Much the same line of work was pursued in the organization of Rutherford Grange as was done with Silverado Grange. At the first meeting Bro. Charles was elected Master and the zeal and enthusiasm shown by him in Grange work afterwards proved that the members of Rutherford Grange could not have made a better selection.

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to refer to Rutherford Grange and its work since its organization. The fact that it was organized with the largest charter list of members of any Grange in the State, was not enough to satisfy its members. It has been necessary for them to have a series of special meetings in order to take in new members that have been constantly seeking admission ever since they were

organized; until now they have a membership of 133 members, and 11 more applications. Although this Grange is yet less than five months old, it is already making preliminary arrangements to build a Grange Hall.

Early in the present month at the request of the Worthy State Master, I went to Ramona in San Diego county for the purpose of getting the Grange work started in the lower end of the State. Previous to going there, I had secured names of about 20 of the progressive farmers there. To each one of these I wrote a personal letter and sent appropriate Grange literature. In the letter written I told them about when I would be in that vicinity and what my object in going there was. In this way the field was prepared ahead so that when I arrived on the scene of action no time was lost in preliminary work. I immediately proceeded to make a canvass for charter members, and was very ably assisted in the work by Brothers Brownhill, Baldwin and James Dukes. After only a short canvass, I called a meeting and Ramona Grange was organized by the election of a full set of officers, with Bro. Jas. Dukes as Worthy Master. When the organization was completed at the second meeting (at which time I gave the members full instructions in the ritualistic and secret work) we found that we had a charter list of 73 members, which, it will be remembered, was only five less than Rutherford Grange was started with.

While in San Diego county I visited two other locations and spread the Grange doctrine in each one, and while no organization work was done in either place, I feel that good seed was sown which may result in some good work later on.

Time and space will not permit me in a report of this kind to enter as fully into the work of these new Granges as I would like to do. When I remember that these reports are printed in our Journals and that they are paid for by the page, I am constrained to cut the report as short as I can consistently.

Before closing, however, I must take this occasion to express my thanks and appreciation for the cordial and kindly manner in which I have always been received and for the valuable assistance that has been so generously given me by those who assisted me in the work.

Fraternally submitted,

F. L. HUNT, Deputy.

Deputy George Sehlmeier offered the following report, which on motion of Brother Gallaway, seconded by Brother Jackson, was adopted:

### DEPUTY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Early last January I received a letter from Galt stating that the people of that community desired some information regarding the Grange.

A meeting was called on January 10th in the Auditorium of the Galt High School and arrangements made for speakers in behalf of the organization of a Grange. I invited the Worthy State Master, also Worthy Past Master Pettit. There was a large attendance and all indications seemed favorable for organizing a Grange.

On January 17th I received my commission as a Deputy and on February 7th I organized Valley Oaks Grange No. 368 with a charter list of thirty-five members. Since organization Valley Oaks Grange has made rapid strides in gaining new members, having at present a membership of ninety-eight, and all indications are that Valley Oaks will soon be one of the largest and strongest Granges in Sacramento county.

As my commission is confined to Sacramento county, and this county is already pretty well organized, I have not been able to organize any more Granges.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE SEHLMAYER, Deputy.

Brothers George B. Rounsevell and Peter Hanson made verbal reports of their work as Deputies.

The Worthy Master instructed the members as to the correct manner of making the voting sign.

Brother W. W. Greer announced that an automobile trip for the members had been arranged for the following forenoon.

Brother A. Van Maren announced that a reception would be tendered the Patrons in the lobby of the Travelers' Hotel this evening at eight o'clock.

Grange closed until Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

**SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.**

The first session of the second day was opened in ample form at 3 o'clock p. m. by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes.

After an opening song, "Bud and Bloom," the minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Order of Business was adopted.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS.****FIRST DAY.****TUESDAY—FORENOON.**

1. 11 o'clock a. m. Opening in the fifth degree.
2. Roll call of Officers.
3. Calling the roll of Subordinate Granges, and presentation of Credentials.
4. Appointment of Committees.

**TUESDAY—AFTERNOON.**

1. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Report of Officers.
4. Calling the roll of Subordinate Granges for the introduction of reports and resolutions without debate.
5. Motions and Resolutions.

**TUESDAY—EVENING.**

Public reception by Patrons of Sacramento county in the lobby of the Travelers' Hotel.

**SECOND DAY.****WEDNESDAY—FORENOON.**

9 o'clock, automobile excursion tendered by Patrons of Sacramento county.

**WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON.**

1. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.
2. Report of Committee on Order of Business
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.



4. Calling roll of Subordinate Granges for the introduction of reports and resolutions without debate.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Motions and Resolutions.
8. Reports of Committees.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING.

1. Lecturer's Hour.
2. Exemplifications of Unwritten Work.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. New Business.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY—FORENOON.

1. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.
2. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Calling of Roll of Subordinate Granges for the introduction of reports and resolutions without debate.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Reports of Committees.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON.

1. Unfinished Business.
2. New Business.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Motions and Resolutions.

THURSDAY—EVENING.

1. Reports of Committees.
2. Unfinished Business.
3. 8:30 p. m. Memorial Exercises.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY—FORENOON.

1. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. New Business.

## FRIDAY—AFTERNOON.

1. Election and Installation of Officers to fill vacancies.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Unfinished Business.

## FRIDAY—EVENING.

Conferring the fifth and sixth degrees, followed by feast of Pomona.

The hours of meeting shall be from 9 o'clock a. m. to 12 m., from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., and from 7:30 p. m. till such a time as the Worthy Master shall declare the meeting closed.

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

Fraternally submitted,

F. L. HUNT.

PETER HANSON.

MRS. JOSEPH JACKSON.

MRS. CAROLINE EMERY.

Moved by Brother Warren Morse, seconded by Brother Roy Church, that we have a photograph of the members taken next Thursday afternoon before calling to order at 2 o'clock p. m. Carried.

The Committee on Credentials made a further partial report, which was adopted.

## REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES.

## AMERICAN RIVER.

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

As Master of American River Grange I respectfully present the following report:

We have held eighteen meetings during the past year, which were very well attended by all the members and a great deal of interest manifested. Our funds are not as large as they might be at present, owing to the fact that we have recently painted our hall white, making it in harmony with the nice new school house which is built directly beside it.

Our Grange consists of sixty-four members. We initiated one member during the year. The reason for not taking in

a larger class being that all the available people are members now.

We had many pleasant meetings during the year, one in particular being our installation of officers, when Worthy Past Master A. D. McDonell acted as installing officer.

We have recently purchased a strip of land adjoining us so as to make our grounds larger and give us more room to arrange our surroundings in an artistic manner.

Under the circumstances American River Grange has done very well during the past year, considering that a number of our members have sold their homes to the Natoma Consolidated and moved to a new locality. But in a few years when this big project is settled by a large number of families we expect to have as prosperous a Grange as there is in the State.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES E. ROBINSON, Master.

ANTELOPE.

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

As the Master of Antelope Grange No. 161 I beg to submit the following report:

We hold our meetings on the first and third Saturdays of each month. We have 54 members in good standing, having lost 3 by death, 3 by demit and 2 by non-payment of dues.

Sacramento County Pomona Grange met with us on the 6th day of June and our Sisters prepared a feast for the occasion, after which we listened to a very able program prepared by our Worthy Lecturer, Sister A. C. Paris.

We have not taken in any new members this year, but hope to now, as the busy season is over.

I regret to state that our meetings this summer have not been very well attended, owing largely to the harvesting of the crops preventing the members from attending.

We have ten acres planted to Eucalyptus trees that are doing nicely. On this ten-acre tract we intend to build a hall.

Fraternally submitted,

R. D. GOULD, Master.

## AROMAS.

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

It affords me great pleasure to meet with you in the State Grange. I have been deprived of this pleasure for quite a number of years, through no fault of mine, as there has been no Subordinate Grange in the part of the State where I had my home. When Aromas Grange was organized I had the honor to be one of the charter members and served as its Master for the first term of its existence. Circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from enjoying the pleasure of meeting with you last year.

Aromas Grange is in a prosperous condition. While we have lost some members by reason of their removal to other parts of the State we have taken in enough new members to hold our own. We have an average attendance of thirty members at our meetings. By holding public meetings and giving entertainments we are getting more people interested in our Grange. Our young members gave several theatrical performances, to which we charged a small admittance fee, and thereby created a social fund. One evening we cleared \$28.00. We cleared sufficient to purchase a complete set of dishes by giving an ice cream social.

Our work has been largely along social lines and we are much gratified at the results. A number of farmers have come here within the last few years and they appreciate a social gathering place. We make them feel that they are among friends and they are soon convinced that the Grange is truly the ideal farmers' organization and unite with us.

We have been favored with several visits from Past Master E. T. Pettit and I assure you that he is always welcome. We receive great encouragement from him and his advice furnishes food for thought.

Brother Lee Dudgeon has also visited us several times and we are always delighted to see and listen to him.

We sustained a great loss when our Worthy Master, W. B. Jones, moved to Santa Clara county. Our loss is their gain, for no doubt he will affiliate with one of the Granges there.

Our present Master, E. E. Robbins, is only twenty years old, but what he lacks in years and experience he makes up in enthusiasm, and I feel certain that he will try hard to ad-



vance the interests of Aromas Grange and of the Order in general. We regret that he could not spare the time to attend this session of the State Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

H. F. BLOHM, Alternate.

#### BENNETT VALLEY.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Bennett Valley Grange and its membership are wide awake to all Grange interests and are a power for good in our community. We always deal with the big problems as they come up, and while they are not always settled to our liking, yet we know that we have done our best in shaping them.

The size and quality of the ballot for the next general election is just now claiming our attention. We are doing our best to fit ourselves to vote understandingly thereon.

In January last our Worthy Master paid us a visit and installed our officers, also helping in many other ways.

We held our regular anniversary May picnic with a good attendance and every one had a fine time. We also celebrated the Nation's Day with another fine picnic and appropriate ceremonies.

Our hall was built in 1873 and was in need of repairs, so this year it has been fitted up in first class shape inside and out with new ceilings, paint, etc.

Our membership is growing steadily and although our improvements keep our treasury empty, yet when we need more money we can always hustle for an entertainment of some kind and always get the money.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER HANSON, Alternate.

#### CAPITAL.

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

Capital Grange No. 305 extends a warm fraternal greeting not only to those in actual attendance at this, the forty-second session of the State Grange, but to those detained at home from various causes, whom we have had with us in other years and whose faces we miss, but whom we remember as one member of a family remembers the absent ones.

The work of Capital Grange has been along social, educational and fraternal lines rather than along those of business co-operation.

Our Grange is composed of thirty-two members and we are justly proud of our literary and musical talent; also of our degree work. Though comparatively a small Grange we have done our full share of the county work, which is under the control of the Pomona Grange.

On the whole we feel that we have done fairly well and look with renewed confidence toward the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

W. W. GREER, Master.

#### CASTORIA.

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

Castoria Grange No. 322, P. of H., meets in French Camp on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, except during July and August, when, owing to the busy season, we meet once a month.

We have a feast on the first meeting of each month, which is heartily enjoyed by all and which we believe promotes good fellowship among our members. Our friends are also most cordially welcomed. Our Grange is in good condition financially. We have a nice little hall, electrically lighted, at which the young folks gather to dance and spend social evenings.

Our Grange has lost some members by removal, but as quite a number of new comers are settling in our community, we hope to materially increase our membership during the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

HULDAH R. LAUMANN, Alternate.

#### COTATI.

To the Worthy Master and Members of California State Grange:

Cotati Grange regrets that Worthy Master James S. Lockie is unable to attend the meeting of the State Grange because of an accident he received over two months ago and from which he has not yet recovered.

Cotati Grange No. 369 was organized by D. M. Winans at Cotati, Sonoma county, on February 12th, 1914, with 46

members. We having lost 19, initiated 4, have now a membership of 31, with more interested.

On July 2nd we had with us Worthy Past Master Griffiths of Geyserville, who instructed us in degree work, and who also conferred the third and fourth degrees on a class of four. At the conclusion of the degree work, we all partook of the "harvest feast."

Our regular meetings are held on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month, and while the attendance has been small, we have missed no meetings, but now with the ending of the busy season we hope more interest will be taken. It being but a few months since our Grange was organized, we have little to report, but hope to have more at the next meeting of the State Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. F. W. VOLZ, Alternate.

#### DAIRYVILLE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Dairyville Grange No. 367 was organized December 13, 1913, by Brother Charles F. Collins, with 59 charter members. Brother William Boggs was elected Master. Some of the charter members soon moved away, others quit attending and it became very hard to get a quorum together for the transaction of business.

On May second our Worthy State Master met with us. Our Master having resigned, Brother L. Campbell was elected to fill the vacancy.

During the time the Grange has been organized there have been 72 members enrolled. Four have been given demits, a number have been dropped for non-payment of dues and some have withdrawn until the membership at present is reduced to 30 members.

The Grange has assisted in establishing an alfalfa meal mill, which has not yet been a financial success, owing to the market condition for the product. It has also been largely instrumental in getting a cheese factory established, which is now making good.

We have purchased our own piano, and now that the busy season is about past, we will begin to take up the problems coming before a new colony with renewed vigor.

Fraternally submitted,

L. CAMPBELL, Master.

## DANVILLE.

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

Once before in the history of Danville Grange a woman was elected Master, and as both the Grange and the woman happily survived the experiment there was apparently no apprehension felt when another woman was elected last year to fill that important office, so I stand before you, Master of the Danville Grange, proud of the title and proud of the honor it surely confers.

On being installed I was much impressed with the words: "Attend to every duty promptly and keep constantly before the minds of the members the important fact that the great and grand object and the crowning of our organization is to educate and elevate the American farmer." I then resolved always to open promptly and never to infringe on the Lecturer's time. Thus encouraged our Worthy Lecturer responded with most interesting and instructive programs for every meeting, so good that we were asked to have the Lecturer's hour open.

Several months ago we began a study of the Amendments. The Worthy Lecturer secured parties qualified to explain each Amendment chosen to be discussed and invited the public to attend. The local paper reporting these meetings referred to our Grange as the most progressive Order in the county.

Flora Day was observed the third Saturday in March. Worthy Flora, Sister Bertha Stelling, was crowned queen of the day. A poem for the occasion was written by Sister Charlotte Wood. Flora then presented each Patron with a choice assortment of chrysanthemum slips and told explicitly how to grow the gorgeous flower. Geraniums were set out in beds around the hall and our two charter members, Sisters Cynthia Wood and Mary A. Jones, each planted a tree, beautifully exemplifying faith and hope. In April a fine new flag was unfurled with very impressing ceremonies.

With the assistance of the Danville Lodge of Odd Fellows Fourth of July was creditably celebrated and a neat sum added to the treasury.

At the request of Alameda County Fair Association a committee was appointed to take charge of farm produce.



We exhibited and won the first prize and the silver cup for the best arrayed and decorated exhibit.

To Flora, Pomona and Ceres and the committee on decorations must be given much credit for our achievement.

The Committee on Good Roads, a standing committee in our Grange, has accomplished a great deal towards improvement of our roads.

Though we have gained only seven members, three by initiation and four by affiliation, we have the assurance of a large class in the near future.

We had rejoiced that the Angel of Death had not called a member during the year. But late Saturday evening the news came that Sister Mary Baldwin had been called to her heavenly home. Many here knew her well, for it was her yearly pleasure to attend the State Grange as long as her health permitted.

"She was good as she was fair,  
None—none on earth above her!  
As pure in thought as angels are,  
To know her was to love her."

We have not missed a meeting during the year. We meet, as this Grange has done for the past forty years, on the first and third Saturdays at 2 p. m.

All Patrons are cordially invited to visit us.

Fraternally submitted,

NINA E. WILLIAMS, Master.

DINUBA.

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

On behalf of Dinuba Grange I wish to report that we are just about holding our own in membership, having at present 81 members. Also that we are in good condition financially.

We meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. At these meetings we take up the issues of the day and the great problems that relate to our interest and welfare.

We are very much interested in the water problem as it relates to irrigation. Also to the impounding of the great amount of surplus water which now goes to waste and causes great destruction. We believe this surplus water

should and could, if properly impounded, be used for the creation of power and for irrigation purposes. It is the opinion of our Grange that the water problem is the most paramount issue before the people of the State of California.

We also endorse the report of the commission appointed by the Postmaster General regarding the feasibility of the Postoffice Department acquiring the telegraph and telephone systems throughout the country, believing that it would promote greater efficiency and aid the commercial interests in the United States. We also endorse Senator Lewis' bill providing for the acquirement of these commodities through the Postoffice Department.

We endorsed and commended the Postmaster General for his good work in connection with the Parcel Post system.

We hope that the State Grange will see fit to take up and aid in solving the pressing issues that agriculturists are so vitally interested in.

Fraternally submitted,

P. V. BARTOS, Master.

#### ELK GROVE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As Master of Elk Grove Grange No. 86 I am pleased to report that this Grange is in a flourishing condition, financially and otherwise.

During the past ten months we have initiated twelve new members and have ten more to be taken in soon; also a good prospect of as many more.

The social side of the Order has not been overlooked. We have had an occasional lecture open to the public. All of which has been of much benefit to the Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

A. A. KRULL, Master.

#### FORESTVILLE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange.

Worthy Brothers and Sisters:

As Master of Forestville Grange No. 367 I have the honor of submitting the following report:

Forestville Grange was organized by Brother D. M. Winans January 3, 1914, with 72 charter members and has since gained by initiation 23 members, making a total of 95. We

soon outgrew our first place of meeting, I. O. O. F. Hall, so we now meet in Forestville Hall, which is not very well fitted for lodge work, but is large and good for public meetings, such as we have during Lecturer's hour. Our work consisted mostly of degree work during the early part of the year. Later we took up questions of interest to the entire community, the most important of which were street-grading and signs at cross roads. We were instrumental in improving the appearance of the waiting room and the sanitary conditions at our electric depot and at present have a committee working for a reduction in light rates. I am glad to say that all parties concerned were glad to help us. During the Lecturer's hour from time to time we have had a number of lectures and discussions which have always been open to the public. One of the most important was the lecture by Horticultural Commissioner Bremners on orchard pests, spraying, etc. We have had the pleasure of entertaining the Pomona Grange at an all day meeting in June. Later on Sister Hill gave us a most interesting lecture. At one of our meetings Brother Whitney of the Highway Commission explained the types of road proposed. Prof. Mathews favored us with a lecture on soil fertility at one of our September meetings. At our last meeting we had a good roads meeting with a number of prominent speakers, also an illustrated lecture by Prof. Norton. At our next meeting we will have a speaker to discuss the proposed amendments. While we have not accomplished all that we desired, we feel that we have a good start and hope that you will hear a much better report from us next year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. VAN KEPPEL, Master.

#### FORT ROMIE.

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

I bring greetings from the Brother and Sister Patrons of Fort Romie Grange No. 358 and hope that we may have a pleasant and profitable meeting at this 42nd annual session of the State Grange.

On November 15th of last year we had with us Worthy Past Master E. T. Pettit, and his good advice and assistance at that meeting will be long remembered.

On January 24th Worthy State Master Joseph Holmes came to our Grange and installed our officers. This meeting was made public, and the creditable way in which the Worthy Master performed the installation ceremonies, and the eloquent remarks he made aroused considerable enthusiasm among our members and friends, and was as "good seed sown on good ground."

We are sorry to say that we have not had all smooth sailing at Fort Romie, but at the same time we are exceedingly glad that the smooth sailing has overbalanced the rough seas. With the ever untiring efforts of our members, we have been able to keep the moral weed crop down.

It is with regret that we report the loss by death on December 4th, 1913, of a charter member and faithful Brother, Roy Scott.

Since our last report we have held 25 meetings, initiated 19, admitted by card 2, dropped for non-payment of dues 6, demitted 8, withdrawn 3, died 1. Membership on October 1st: 38 Brothers and 30 Sisters, making a total of 68.

Fraternally submitted,

LEE DUDGEON, Master.

#### GEYSERVILLE.

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

It is with pleasure that I submit the following report for Geyserville Grange No. 312, located at Geyserville, Sonoma county:

We hold our regular meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 2 o'clock p. m.

We have met regularly with one exception, this being on account of inclement weather and high water. Our meetings are fairly well attended and the interest is good. Our Worthy Lecturer gives our members plenty to do during the Lecturer's hour, thus giving us splendid literary programs.

Our membership last year was 63. It is now 92, a net gain of 29. As has been the custom of our Grange for the past several years the first meeting in May was dedicated to Flora. On this occasion we entertained the Sonoma County



Pomona Grange. This meeting was conceded by all present to be the largest and one of the best Pomona meetings ever held in the county. A class of 32 was obligated in the fifth degree and more than 200 enjoyed the splendid feast prepared by the good Sisters of our Grange. The Worthy State Lecturer, Kate D. Hill, who is also Lecturer of our Pomona Grange, met with us on the above occasion and very ably assisted with the program.

At the Sonoma-Marin District Fair held at Santa Rosa, August 31st to September 5th inclusive, our Grange made an agricultural and horticultural exhibit that received cash prizes aggregating \$87.50, also a diploma for the best hops.

We feel, that all things considered, we have done fairly well during the year just past and it is our aim and ambition to do still better during the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. ELLIS, Master.

#### GOLD HILL.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It affords me great pleasure to represent Gold Hill Grange No. 326 and to meet you all here at this session of the State Grange. While our Grange has not gained in membership during the year it is stronger and in better working shape.

The Worthy State Master, Joseph Holmes, accompanied by members from other Granges, paid us a visit, which we enjoyed very much.

We held as usual our annual picnic, also a harvest picnic.

Our Grange Hall has been thrown open to the public on several occasions, when we have been discussing topics of public interest.

We mourn the loss by death of our Worthy Lecturer, L. C. Gage, who had also on several occasions represented Gold Hill at the State Grange. We have lost a true and faithful member. We believe that without a good Lecturer the Grange is like a ship at sea without a rudder.

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. PETERSON, Master.

## GREENFIELD.

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

Greenfield Grange No. 357 send greetings with the hope that you will have a prosperous and fruitful session. Our Grange has had a prosperous year. We meet on the second and fourth Friday evenings in the Town Hall. We have missed no regular meetings, but have held two special meetings, at which the third and fourth degrees were conferred upon twenty-three second degree members. Our membership consists of forty-seven Brothers and thirty-six Sisters, a total of eighty-three members.

Worthy State Master Joseph Holmes visited our Grange on January 23rd and installed our officers for the year. We were glad to have him come and received much benefit from the instructive talk that he gave us.

Our Grange observed Arbor Day by planting many trees in our cemetery and public school grounds.

We celebrated July Fourth with a basket picnic in our town park and had a good literary program, including a fine speech by Prof. Von Norman of the College of Agriculture of the University of California.

Early in the year our Sisters organized a degree team and since then have conducted all the degree work.

Our Lecturer has been unsparing in his efforts to make our Lecturer's hour interesting. We have had debates on important questions, short plays, readings, music, etc., which have been greatly enjoyed and have been of benefit to our members.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. DUNOVANT, Alternate.

LINCOLN.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Lincoln Grange has held its regular meetings during the year until the first of July, when, owing to the rush of work with the fruit crop, a vacation was taken until September.

During the year we increased our membership by seventeen, all by initiation. The third and fourth degrees were very credibly exemplified by the Orchard City degree team.

We are still troubled with that old Grange complaint, "light attendance." I hardly know what to suggest as a

remedy, though it has occurred to me that if we could have practical talks by some one who was qualified to give them along lines of better farming, it would not only interest the members, but would be a benefit to the community.

Fraternally submitted,

D. F. REGAN, Master.

#### LIVE OAK.

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

I regret exceedingly not being able to attend the State Grange sessions this year. I had been looking forward to this event with much pleasure.

Live Oak Grange has been growing very rapidly during the past year. Our present membership is forty-eight Brothers and thirty-six Sisters, making a total of eighty-four members.

We have met regularly the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month, except during the rush of the fruit season.

The most pleasurable event of the season was a picnic held at Soda Bay on the shores of beautiful Clear Lake. Worthy Master Joseph Holmes of the California State Grange was with us and was the orator of the day.

Our Grange has been greatly interested in the subject of "Consolidation of Rural School Districts." I am sending a copy of a report from a committee appointed by Live Oak Grange which I think well worth reading before the California State Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES A. BENSON, Master.

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW.

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

Mountain View Grange No. 332, P. of H., has 257 members, and has held 24 regular meetings, and one special meeting, during the year. The special session was the occasion of a lecture on "The Farm Adviser" by Prof. Crocheron of the University of California.

Our Legislative Committee has been diligent in trying to explain the measures to be voted upon, that are of especial

interest to Grangers. The Farm and Orchard Committee also have been active in their department at all times. We have been directly interested in the High School Agricultural Club, and feel that the past year has been one of interest and profit to us all.

We regret the loss of one member by death and two by demit.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL FARRELL, Master.

NAPA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

This is the seventeenth time Napa Grange has been represented in this body and each time we feel just a little stronger and more servicable than at the last session.

In November of last year we held a meeting that made history in our Grange.

Worthy Past Master Griffith conferred the third and fourth degrees upon a class of ten, after which we repaired to the banquet room for the feast of viands and harvest of information. Our Worthy State Lecturer, Sister Kate D. Hill, told us of the necessity of publicity for all our activities, and I realize that we must heed her admonition if we keep our faces to the light.

The Chairman of our County Board of Supervisors told us the value of the grape industry in Napa county and Brother Robert P. Hill told us of grape values in Sonoma county.

The teacher of Agriculture in our High School and the Methodist minister told us what a Farm Adviser could do for us.

The District Attorney instructed us in the laws governing the appointment of a Farm Adviser, and the foremost editor in our county was present to carry out our publicity scheme.

Napa Patrons are proud of the two new Granges in our county and we will aid and assist them whenever it is in our power to do so.

On May 2nd we held our annual picnic at the Elks' recreation grounds and invited the class in Agriculture from the High School to be our guests for the day. Since then we have held two feasts, to which we invited our neighboring Patrons and the Professor and students of Agriculture in our High School.



At our last meeting our Legislative Committee supplied us with an adviser on the various amendments to be voted on soon.

Our County Farm Adviser and our County Horticultural Commissioner are members of our Grange. We will continue our interest in the welfare of our county in all lines that directly interest Patrons.

OLIVE E. BORRETTE, Alternate.

# OAKLAND.

Report of membership of Oakland Grange No. 35, P. of H.:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Number of members at close of quarter ending September 30, 1913.....	24	40	64
Admitted during year.....	1	5	6
	25	45	70
Dimitted during year.....	1	..	1
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Number of members at close of quarter ending September 30, 1914.....	24	45	69
Members admitted or applications received at meeting of October 14, 1914.....	3	3	6
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Total number of members on October 14, 1914 .....	27	48	75

DR. H. F. DESSAU, Master.

# ORANGEVALE.

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

Orangevale Grange is still on the map with a slight increase in membership for the year. We had 59 members at the close of the September quarter, having admitted 14 during the year by initiation and lost three by dimit, two of whom were our Worthy Master, M. Bonner Flinn and his wife. They were faithful workers in every office to which they were chosen. We mourn the loss by death of one of our youngest members, Forest Braden.

We pay especial attention to matters pertaining to co-operation and public work. A committee appointed by our Grange organized the "Orangevale Fruit Growers Exchange." Our roads have been improved by the working in conjunction of our Good Roads Committee and the Supervisors of our county.

We have our ups and downs, as all do, but look for a brighter year in 1915.

Fraternally submitted,

WARREN M. MORSE, Master.

#### ORCHARD CITY.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

After another prosperous year for the people of our vicinity it again becomes my pleasant duty to report the condition and proceedings of Orchard City Grange.

We have held 23 regular and four special meetings during the year with a fair attendance, even during the busy season of fruit harvest. We close a very satisfactory year with a membership of 62 Sisters and 61 Brothers, although we have fallen short of accomplishing the results our hearts desire.

During the year death has claimed our beloved Sister, Mrs. Estella Parso. Her death was a great shock to the entire community.

On May 12th we entertained Santa Clara County Pomona Grange at an all day session. All enjoyed the usual good time. These Pomona meetings are an unfailing source of instruction and pleasure.

On June 20th we enjoyed a picnic at the home of Brother and Sister Bohnett, who are noted for their hospitality as well as for their activities along Grange lines. It is, however, to the meeting of the State Grange that our members who can attend, look forward with most eager anticipations, knowing that the sessions are always interesting and instructive, replete with entertainment and fond associations.

May this session exceed all previous records.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. WIESENDANGER, Master.

## PETALUMA.

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

Petaluma Grange No. 23 sends a cordial greeting with best wishes for a profitable and successful season.

Our Grange meets the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Membership to date is seventy, with eight applications to be acted upon, four having taken the first and second degrees.

Our financial condition is satisfactory, having at all times sufficient cash on hand to meet all current expenses.

The Lecturer's hour is generally the gem of the meetings, as we have often been complimented on our literary and musical talent. No Grange program seems quite complete without music's sweet melodies. Our Worthy Lecturer has done good work in furnishing topics for discussion.

The "Good Roads" and "Eight Hour Law" being among the subjects discussed, we are doing our utmost to promote the welfare of the former, as the welfare of the nation demands that the comforts of country life shall keep pace with the comforts of city life.

As for the "Eight Hour Law," every good Patron of Husbandry should make an earnest endeavor to defeat the same, as the passage of the bill would work a great hardship on the farmer, particularly during fruit season.

Our Divine Father has seen fit to take into the Great Grange above, three of our noble workers—Past Master Wm. Dent, Brother Orton Hubbell and Sister H. I. Phennenger.

Though all were quite advanced in years, having reached the autumn of life, still their wise counsel is sadly missed. We take comfort in the thought that our loss is Heaven's gain. Peace to their ashes.

We have recently purchased a new set of Officers' badges; also a set of rituals.

On April of this year, Pomona Grange No. 1, of Sonoma county, started a contest among the Subordinate Granges, as to which should secure the greater number of credits. Prizes of \$10, \$15 and \$20 being offered the Grange scoring first, second and third.

This is not a campaign for new members—rather to encourage the interest and attendance of those already belonging to the Order. Credits are given on a percentage of attendance at meetings; also for debates, speeches, readings, etc.

This plan has started a friendly rivalry that augurs well for the outcome. From the oldest members to the youngest, all are united in putting forth their best efforts to win the first prize.

Our Grange attended the Flora Day celebration at Geyserville, May 9th, being the regular meeting of Pomona Grange. An auto truck was secured so that a longer visit could be enjoyed. Twenty-four of our members availed themselves of the opportunity of having a good time. All reported a most delightful outing—one long to be remembered with pleasure, as Geyserville Grange proved a most hospitable host.

In conjunction with the other Granges of the county, our Grange materially assisted in making a creditable showing at the Apple Show at Sebastopol. Also we assisted in the Grange exhibit at Santa Rosa during the District Fair, a member of Petaluma Grange being awarded first prize for the most creditable display of apples.

We are looking forward with pleasure to a visit from our highly esteemed Worthy State Master, Joseph Holmes.

On September 12th, our regular meeting day, a public chicken pie dinner was served in the forenoon by the good Sisters of the Grange, whose fame has spread far and wide for their proficiency in the culinary art. The affair being well patronized, the proceeds were donated to the Grange. A part of this fund has been used as a relief fund. Two families have been assisted during the year, one by hiring a nurse, the other by a cash donation.

In conclusion I wish to say that harmony and good will characterize all our efforts in Grange work.

Fraternally submitted,

T. C. KING, Master.

#### POPLAR GRANGE.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

It is with feelings of regret that I am not able to meet with you at our annual session of the State Grange, but I



shall look forward with great interest to the very interesting and helpful report of the good work that will be done, which I feel sure will be brought to us by our alternate.

Our work the past year has been somewhat broken on account of our Master-elect being called east the first of the year before he was installed. His place was temporarily filled until July in the hope of his being able to return and take up his duties. But upon receiving word from him at that time that he would be unable to return, I was elected Master for the remainder of the year.

We have held twenty-two regular meetings during the past year. Our attendance has not been large, but our Lecturer has furnished us with good programs consisting of music, debates, plays, and discussions of farm problems and of current topics of local interest, all of which have been interesting and helpful.

We have at the present time 99 members in good standing. While we have had, for several reasons, a falling off in numbers during the past year, we seem to have no lessening of interest, and we have a class of eight ready for the first two degrees at our next meeting.

Our Treasurer's report shows that our bills are all paid and that there is a small balance in our treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. O. TAGGARD, Master.

#### POTTER VALLEY.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Potter Valley sends greetings and wishes you a pleasant and harmonious session.

The year just ended has been the best and most productive of good results, of any, for years in the Potter Valley Grange.

Our meetings have been full of interest and the attendance good. Our membership has been doubled and the end is not yet.

But all has not been sunshine, for death has entered our fields and claimed for its victims, two of our most beloved and cherished members, namely: Brother Wm. Eddie and Sister Burgess.

Brother Eddie was Master of our Grange for nearly thirty years and the Grange owes its existence today to him more perhaps than to any other member. We all miss him.

Sister Burgess was a daughter of Brother Eddie and only survived him a few months. Sister Burgess had an amiable disposition and a large circle of friends.

In response to an invitation Brother Pettit, Past Master of the California State Grange, met with us on the fourth day of April and instructed a class of twenty-four young men and women in the third and fourth degrees, after which the usual feast was spread.

During the lecture hour an open meeting was held. Brother Pettit, in an able address, told of the many good things which the Grange had accomplished. His remarks were well received by an appreciative audience.

An all-day meeting was held on June twentieth, when Brother Griffith of Geyserville, Past Master of California State Grange, visited us and instructed a class of twelve in the third and fourth degrees. He, too, gave us a good talk and much encouragement.

Our Worthy Lecturer has an interesting program at each meeting, which adds much pleasure.

The Grange had a very attractive booth at the Hop Festival in Ukiah this Fall and was awarded some first premiums.

We had 19 regular and two special meetings during the year. We added eighty new chairs and painted the front of our store building. The store was remodeled by adding new shelves, counters and floor.

Financially we are in good condition and are improving.

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members last report.....	31
Number of members initiated.....	36
Number of members reinstated.....	7
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Total .....	74
Withdrawn .....	2
Death .....	2
Present membership.....	70

We have 10 applications for membership to ballot on at our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. JONES, Master.

## PRAIRIE CENTER.

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

In presenting to you the second annual report of Prairie Center Grange I will state briefly the condition of the Order at that place, and some of the principal questions that have been discussed and the attitude of the Grange regarding them.

We have been unfortunate in that four of our most faithful members, all of them officers in the Grange, have decided to make their future home in Southern California. While we regret that we must lose them, we trust our loss will be their gain.

Owing to bad weather we missed one meeting during the year just passed.

We have discussed many important questions during that time and taken positive action in regard to a number of them.

While the attendance has not been as good as we would wish, the interest manifested by those present has largely made up for the lack of numbers.

We have held two open meetings, had two debates, and one meeting for the especial benefit of the children, all of which were greatly enjoyed.

Our finances are in fair condition and we have enough money on hand for present use.

Numerically we have just about held our own, gains and losses being almost equal.

We favor a farm credit system that will permit farmers to borrow money directly from the government through its own special agents, without the intervention of bankers or of their representatives.

We also favor the amending of the Torrens Land Law to the end that we may be relieved from the exactions of abstract companies that collect arbitrary and unreasonable fees for their services, to simplify and lessen the cost of making transfers of land titles.

We are opposed to the eight-hour and minimum wage law.

We have, in emphatic terms, expressed our intention of opposing the issuance of bonds for road purposes and object to paying twice for the same piece of work, as is required by the bonding system.

We believe that economy is as necessary in public as in private business, and that the road to prosperity is not along broad avenues paved with mortgages and bonds.

C. MELTON, Master.

#### PROGRESSIVE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Progressive Grange has passed a pleasant and profitable year. We have gained nine new members, but have lost six from different causes. Our membership at present consists of 26 Brothers and 47 Sisters. Our officers are faithful and efficient and we look forward with hope to another year, having faith in our Order and its aims and purposes.

Fraternally submitted,

A. R. GALLAWAY, Master.

#### RUTHERFORD.

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

It is a pleasure for me to be here today and offer the report for one of California's new Granges.

On May 29th, of this year, Worthy State Master Joseph Holmes and Worthy State Deputy F. L. Hunt came to Rutherford, Napa county, and completed the organization of Rutherford Grange No. 371. At a previous meeting we had met with Brother Hunt and elected our officers.

While, as you will notice, ours is yet a youthful Grange, we believe we have a pretty lively youngster, and I think you will pardon me when I say we feel proud of that youngster.

When we were organized we had a charter roll of 78 members. Since that time we have had so many applicants seeking admission that we have been obliged to have seven special meetings, besides our regulars, in order to keep up with our work. In connection with these special meetings, we have had five harvest feasts. At our last feast, which was held on October 15th, 125 Grangers occupied seats besides our visitors. Just previous to this feast, we had conferred the third and fourth degrees on 15 candidates. At the present time we have 133 members and 11 applications.

The only occasion on which we have had opportunity to show ourselves publicly, was at the St. Helena Vintage Festival, which was held in St. Helena from September 4th to



September 7th. As this was our first appearance in public, we feel, I think, a pardonable pride when it is considered that we took a beautiful silver cup as first prize for the best horticultural exhibit. Besides this prize Brother N. P. Cole took a cash prize of \$15.00 for the best decorated automobile, which amount he very generously turned in to the Grange treasury. The Sisters took another cash prize of \$5.00 for the best display of jams and jellies, and the Vintage Festival Committee gave us a special prize of \$25.00 for the best display of agricultural implements, automobiles, live stock, etc.

At the present time we have a committee appointed to devise ways and means for the purchase of a lot and the erection of a Grange Hall. At the next annual session of this State Grange, we hope to be able to report some substantial improvement along this line.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. ELLIS, Master.

#### RAMONA.

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

It is with pleasure that I am able to report that Ramona Grange, the baby Grange in the State, is in a healthy condition.

Ramona Grange No. 372 was organized on September 28, 1914, by Brother F. L. Hunt, with a charter membership of 73. We hope to reach the hundred mark before the year is ended.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES DUKES, Master.

#### SACRAMENTO.

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

It affords me pleasure to report Sacramento Grange as, a live wire in Grange work during the past year. Perhaps much of the advancement and progress we have accomplished is largely due to the fact that at the last election of officers for the State Grange, one of our most faithful, talented and honored members was elected to the Master's office. The honor thus conferred on our Master became an inspiration with all of our members to make this the best year of our

existence as an Order. We are not only proud of our growth in membership, but more so of the fact that our new members are such as to insure the future advancement of Sacramento Grange in all that makes for a higher type of intelligent manhood and womanhood, better qualified to perform aright the duties of American citizenship.

Sacramento Grange is proud of the fact that four of her members have been called to the State Master's chair, the first of which is still an active and faithful worker in our ranks and by his presence and eloquence does much to enliven our meetings and add interest to the same. Sacramento Grange meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, and while much of our time has been given to degree work, yet under the masterful leadership of our talented Worthy Lecturer, Sister Nauman, who is always prepared to present for our consideration some interesting question for discussion, much educational work has been accomplished.

Sacramento Grange annually holds an anniversary meeting, inviting the members of other Granges to join with us in celebrating the birthday of our Order, and with oratory, music and song, recount the victories won in the past and plan for other achievements to be attained in the future.

During the past year we have held 25 meetings. We have received by initiation 41 members and on demit cards four members, 21 Brothers and 24 Sisters, making a total addition for the year of 45. We have lost by suspension for non-payment of dues, eight members, leaving us a net gain of 37, making our total membership now 127.

In addition to attending all the meetings of our Grange, I have accompanied our Worthy State Master on one visit each to Bowman and Gold Hill Granges, and attended six meetings of Valley Oaks Grange, at which I was permitted to assist in the degree work.

In closing, I wish to say in behalf of Sacramento Grange, we extend to each one of you a hearty welcome to our Capital City, and bid you look at our sky-scraping business blocks, visit our department emporiums and inspect our lovely parks and historic buildings and last but not least, observe the many beautiful and happy homes of a people who are pledged to do all in their power to make your visit with us one of pleasure and profit.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. W. HACK, Master.

## SACRAMENTO COUNTY POMONA.

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

We find it rather difficult to express in words, the cordial welcome we wish to extend to each and every member and visiting Patron of California State Grange on this occasion, while meeting with us in our home county. It is indeed an honor of which I can assure you that not alone the members of the Granges, but the whole county throughout can and will feel justly proud, and we sincerely hope that when you return to your homes it will be with a feeling that our Capital City, which means as much to you indirectly as it does to us, has also reciprocated our feeling.

As the membership of Sacramento County Pomona Grange extends to the extreme limits of our extensive county, we find it difficult to get together as often as our actual business really warrants—thus we have been compelled to curtail many things that actually need attention from this body. Considering the many different vocations in which our members are engaged, our meetings are always largely and enthusiastically attended.

We have been especially fortunate during the last year in having our genial and popular State Master with us at all our meetings, to guide us with his ever helping hand and kind influence.

As the wonderful increase in the membership of Granges added to our list during the last year indicates, he has "Cultivated with hope the seed thus planted" by his predecessors, and we can assure you that he will not neglect to leave an extensive field of "summer fallow" to his successor.

We have held eight meetings since our last report—four regular, and special meetings with the following Subordinate Granges in the county: Antelope one, Sacramento two, and Capital one. During the interims we have had committees at work on many measures pertaining to the welfare and betterment of our Grange interests. Our Grange stands for an enactment of the Red Light Bill and against the Eight Hour Law.

Our present membership numbers over 150. Our annual picnic at Elk Grove, as usual, called forth an immense gathering and netted us \$170.00.

We have generously donated our funds in a number of instances to help what we considered good causes. We appreciate the good work being done by the Rest Room Committee of California State Grange for the Rest Room at the Panama Exposition in San Francisco and annually donate \$30.00 for this cause.

We reported a year ago on a movement which was started in our Grange for the betterment of the road systems in our county. This improvement was to be under what is termed the Savage Act, which states that the work shall be done under the supervision of three commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Unfortunately I must report that when this important issue was placed before the voters a short time ago it was lost by a very small margin. It needing a two-thirds majority to carry and receiving a very flattering vote, we feel that by using a little more energy in educating the people of this city, where the good cause was beaten, we can still hope to see this movement carry and will lose no time in getting into action again. We donated \$50.00 toward campaigning for this cause.

Our Treasurer reports the sum of \$823.78 in our treasury.

At a meeting held in September, a drill team of the Pomona Grange comprised entirely of Sisters conferred the fifth degree on a class of forty members, most of whom had previously been obligated. This team will confer the same degree at some time during this session, therefore, we will allow you the privilege of passing judgment upon the excellence of their work.

Under appointment by the Board of Supervisors of this county, a committee from Pomona Grange, with the Master as Chairman, had charge of the county exhibit at the State Fair held in Sacramento last month. Through courtesy on account of it being the home county, we did not compete for prizes collectively, but many special exhibitors were rewarded handsomely for their personal displays.

In making up a yearly report, we realize that all Granges feel as we do, that there are many important and interesting items that we would like to place before you at our annual sessions which are eliminated on account of taking too much of your valuable time.

Thanking you for your indulgence and again extending you



a hearty welcome to our city and county, also expressing a firm conviction that at our next annual session many new representatives of Subordinate Granges will be with us, we are,

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

SACRAMENTO COUNTY POMONA GRANGE,

A. Van Maren, Master.

SAN JOSE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As Master of San Jose Grange No. 10 I have the honor of being its legal representative. It is also the first time that I have attended State Grange as a delegate. San Jose Grange is in a healthy condition, although I regret not being able to report a larger increase in membership. Our present membership is 117, our gains and losses for the year being exactly the same.

We meet every Saturday in the Odd Fellows' Hall from 10:30 o'clock A. M. to 12:30. These two hours are fully occupied with discussions of topics of vital importance to our Order.

Our Legislative Committee, with Brothers Babb and Pettit as principal members, are far reaching in their expectations and with a report from them before our members we do not hesitate to ask our representatives to assist in passing such laws as will be for the best interests of the agricultural industry and the betterment of our State and Nation.

Through our Legislative Committee we presented the various proposed constitutional amendments to our members for comment and suggestion. This will be our topic for discussion at our next meeting. I for one shall endeavor to have the discussion on any one of the proposed amendments of the most friendly type. I believe it would be detrimental to the interest and future growth of our Order to try to make a Brother or Sister think as I do or vote as I may, if they have their mind made up as to what they think is right or for the best interest of the greatest number of people.

It is surprising to see how many people outside of our Order are watching for the action of the Grange, not only on these amendments, but on other important questions.

Our Grange is in a healthy condition financially. Our Worthy Treasurer, G. W. Worthen, holds fast to our Grange money and insists on an economical use of our funds.

Our Grange gave a banquet a few weeks ago, principally for the entertainment of our pioneer members and in honor of the ninety-fifth birthday of our oldest member, Judge Weller. It was one of the most enjoyable events that we have had the pleasure of attending and was fully appreciated and enjoyed by the guests of honor.

Our Lecturer, Sister Harriet Pettit, is always ready with an interesting program, providing the Legislative Committee or some other committee, does not rob her of the Lecturer's hour.

Our Committees on Education and Co-operation are always awake to the needs in these lines of work. We have not been able to co-operate in either buying or selling to a degree that made it a financial success.

The following members have passed from this life since the last State Grange: Brothers Upcroft and Flosbeck.

With the best interests of our Order at heart this report is  
Fraternally submitted,

J. P. MUNGER, Master.

#### SANTA CLARA COUNTY POMONA.

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

Santa Clara County Pomona Grange has met regularly every two months during the year.

In March we met with San Jose Grange for an all day session, we had a very good meeting, and enjoyed a short but pleasant visit from the State Master.

We met with Orchard City Grange in May, where we had a good attendance and everybody enjoyed the flowers and feast furnished by the Patrons of Orchard City Grange. The rest of the meetings were held in San Jose.

We have not increased in membership very much, but have a fairly good attendance at the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. CULVER, Master.

#### SANTA ROSA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

We have the honor to submit the following report for Santa Rosa Grange No. 17:

We meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of each

month. We have held twenty-three meetings during the year, omitting one which occurred on the same week as the Pomona meeting.

Number of members 81, lost by demit one, lost by non-payment of dues one, lost by death three; gained by initiation 27.

The attendance is not as good as the programs deserve. We are fortunate in having for our Lecturer one who was formerly Lecturer for the State Grange. He provides and outlines vital and profitable topics, such as "Conservation of the Soil," "Timber," "Soil Fertility," and "Beautifying Our Homes, Parks and Roadways," "Home Life" and "Improved Methods in Our Work." Our financial condition is good.

Fraternally submitted,

N. A. GRIFFITH, Master.

#### SEBASTOPOL.

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

Our membership one year ago was 67; we initiated twenty new members during the year, making a total of 87; we lost two by demit, nine for non-payment of dues and one by death, Brother Wilson, who passed away after a serious operation in a San Francisco hospital in August, leaving us at present 75 members, with a gain of eight during the year. We have a fine Secretary and Lecturer. Our Lecturer always has something good at every meeting. Our Lecturer's hour is usually open to the public. We entertained the Pomona Grange in November, at which time they installed the new Pomona officers. The Bennett Valley Grange was with us in January and put on the work, as well as installed the officers of our Grange. The ladies' degree team of the Progressive Grange also met with us and put on the work. Past State Master W. V. Griffith has visited and helped us with good talks. Also Brother Peter Hanson. Sister Hill visited us also and gave a fine talk on Household Economics and how to make Scientific Training conform to existing conditions, whether modern or otherwise. We have had several of our prominent fruit growers meet with us and give instructions on pruning, spraying, etc. We also assisted Pomona Grange with the exhibit both at the Sebastopol Gravenstein Apple Show and Sonoma and Marin District Fair at Santa

Rosa. Our Grange meets the second Saturday in the evening and the fourth Saturday at 2 P. M. We invite all Patrons to meet with us.

Fraternally submitted,

G. R. HARRISON, Master.

### SILVERADO.

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

Silverado Grange No. 370, one of the recent arrivals in your great work, has done, we hope, a little good. We organized war, chose sides, and are now engaged in battle. Our particular efforts are to secure 100 per cent of all eligible as members. The defeated side, at the end of ninety days, must feed all members. There can be no doubt in this strife our Grange will be the victor.

Another scheme we have started is based on the doctrine that banking is an exact science, that it is cheaper for us to borrow of a bank than of a store. Therefore, we advise our members to pay cash at the store, anticipating that the store can then sell cheaper to us and thereby we shall solve a part of the problem of the high cost of living.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BILLINGS, Alternate.

### SONOMA COUNTY POMONA.

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

Again I have the honor to report to you for Sonoma County Pomona Grange No. 1.

This has been pre-eminently a Grange year, and I am pleased to be able to say that Sonoma County Pomona Grange has shared in the general prosperity and advancement along Grange lines, which have been so apparent during the past year. The increasing influence of the Grange is more readily and more generally recognized than ever before in our county. Conventions of various bodies meeting for purposes of advancement along economic or agricultural lines, readily ask for delegates from the Pomona Grange. We have passed a resolution requiring a Subordinate Grange to submit any resolution passed by them to the Pomona Grange for endorsement before acting upon it, pro-



vided that it is anything that will effect more than the strictly local interest of the neighborhood of the Grange passing such a resolution, thereby eliminating the possibility of doing something that may adversely effect the interest of residents of another part of the county.

The Pomona Grange was asked to make an exhibit at the Sebastopol Gravenstein Apple Show, which was very readily and successfully responded to. We took many first prizes and the silver loving cup for the general display. We were also requested to hold what was called a Grange Day, which was done, and the various subjects, "Objects of the Grange and Its Influence," "The Orchard," and other topics were very ably handled by the speakers and attentively listened to by as many of the large numbers present as could get near enough to hear.

We also made a feature exhibit at the Sonoma and Marin Counties' District Fair. It was a typical old time farm scene, with a cornstalk log house, well, old oaken bucket, crib of corn, and boy in the watermelon patch. Scattered through the green pasture sloping down from the house were cattle and hogs. Across the meadow in letters composed of yellow dent corn, shaded with white beans, were the words of the well-known truism, "The farmer feeds them all." The display on each side of this center piece consisted of vegetables, cereals and fruits, both green and dried in bounteous profusion and of splendid quality. As we secured about fifteen first prizes, eight or ten seconds, and a few thirds, the judges evidently considered it a display of merit. We also took the special prize for feature display.

Our quarterly meetings are held in Santa Rosa and we have met with nearly all the Granges in the county during the past year. We have been rewarded by securing many new members and otherwise benefitting the visited Granges as well as having the satisfaction, ourselves, of meeting with many who are not members of Pomona Grange. We always meet at Geyserville in May and at our last meeting there we admitted 32 new members, the largest class of candidates I have ever seen admitted to a Pomona Grange. At the new Grange at Forestville we took in twelve new members and about the same at Two Rock, on which day we also elected our officers. At our meeting in July at Santa Rosa we conferred the fifth degree in full on a large class. We also had the pleasure of a visit from our Worthy State Master, whom

we were very pleased to welcome and to have the satisfaction of listening to a very comprehensive and encouraging address from him concerning the work done all over the State and the country generally. By the influence of the Grange and its energetic members, we have organized three new Granges in our county during the past year, many of whose members have joined the Pomona Grange.

At the beginning of the year we had a hundred and ten members. We now have a total membership of a hundred and seventy-four.

Our financial condition is satisfactory. Our meetings are well attended.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. STONE, Master.

#### SOQUEL.

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

In presenting this report of Soquel Grange I regret very much that it is impossible for me to be present with you. We are rushed with our apple harvest and I have no one to leave in my place.

Soquel Grange has held twelve regular meetings during the year. We have initiated four members, lost one member by death, one by dimitt and suspended seven for non-payment of dues, one of whom has been reinstated, leaving us at the present time a membership of thirteen. Hoping you will have a profitable and enjoyable meeting, I submit this brief report.

Fraternally yours,

J. C. MORRISON, Master.

#### TULARE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Tulare Grange No. 198 has held regular meetings during the year. There has not been any great change in membership, but there has been a fair attendance and good interest.

Our annual picnic at the beautiful country park was held in connection with the other Granges of the county and was greatly enjoyed by all.

The literary programs have been good and contained many valuable suggestions, besides addresses and lectures.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. JACOB, Alternate.

### TULARE COUNTY POMONA.

Worthy Officers and Members of the State Grange:

It is with pleasure that I send to you the report that Tulare County Pomona Grange is active and doing a good work.

We have held our regular quarterly meetings as usual upon the invitation of the different Granges. The interest and attendance have been good. Our meeting of December 11, 1913, was held at Visalia, at which time we elected our officers for the coming year. The installation of officers was held at our next meeting in Dinuba on March 12, 1914, our Worthy State Master being the installing officer. Besides installing our officers, he favored us with a very interesting and helpful address. Our third meeting was at Tulare on June 11, and the fourth at Alpuagh on September 10. Our Worthy Lecturer has presented us with excellent programs, and we have had many helpful and interesting discussions, and have passed many resolutions for the good of the Order.

Our present membership is 77, a net gain of four during the past year. While we labor under the disadvantage of being a large county with but few Subordinate Granges, which necessarily means long distances to travel to the different Granges where we meet, yet we feel that we are doing a good work and look forward to a prosperous year.

Respectfully submitted;

E. S. TAGGARD, Master.

### TWO ROCK.

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

I believe Two Rock Grange has good reason to feel satisfied with its last year's accomplishments.

It has done good work in a social way by furnishing an opportunity for the members to meet and visit with their neighbors.

In a moral way every thing that comes before its members is clean and dignified and intended to appeal to the better side of life.

Its effect may be felt as an educator, for neighbors meet and exchange ideas and discuss such matters as may concern their welfare or happiness.

We have also held social and anniversary meetings of special merit. On December 16, 1913, Two Rock Grange celebrated the fortieth anniversary of its institution with a fitting program in the presence of the community in general, also of members from nearly every Grange in the county. In March the degree team of Progressive Grange conferred the third and fourth degrees on a class of twenty-two candidates. The work was most beautifully exemplified. Our Worthy State Master also being present and favoring us with an address. In May we observed Memorial Day in a fitting manner and had with us our Worthy State Chaplain. In August we entertained the Sonoma County Pomona Grange at a well attended and interesting meeting.

We have also made a substantial gain in membership, gaining twenty-seven and losing seven. Several applications are awaiting action at present.

Fraternally yours for another year of success,

ROY I. CHURCH, Master.

#### VALLEY OAKS.

Worthy Master, Officers and Patrons of California State Grange:

Initial greetings from Valley Oaks Grange No. 368.

During the closing days of 1913, several residents of Galt and vicinity, feeling the need of an organization of some nature to advance the welfare of the community, held several meetings and partially organized a Galt Farmers' Improvement Club, when some member suggested affiliating with the Grange. This resulted in a public meeting at our new \$50,000 High School building. State Master Holmes, Past Master Pettit and State Steward Sehlmeier were present and addressed us on the benefits to be derived by affiliating with the Grange. This meeting resulted in a meeting February 7th, 1914, when Brother Sehlmeier met with us and assisted in our organization and installed our officers. We started out with 38 charter members, meeting the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings of each month. We have not missed a meeting since our first one and have held two special meetings. During that time we have conferred the degrees on 53 candidates and now have two ready for their 3rd and 4th degrees. We



fully expect to have over 100 members on our first anniversary. We are greatly indebted to our State Master, also Brother Sehlmeier of Elk Grove and Brother Hack of Sacramento and several members of Sacramento and Elk Grove Granges for assisting us in getting started with our work. During the year I have had the loyal support of every officer and member. We have completed our organization. We have conferred many degrees, we have met socially, we are a good Grange, I know, because our members are good people. But I am a little in the dark as to just what we are good for. It is not enough to be simply good, we must be good for something, or we will retrograde, and I hope that the Master and members of Valley Oaks Grange may get suggestions, get instructions, get ideas at this meeting that will enable us during the coming year to be a benefit to our community, a help to the county and a credit to the State and Nation.

Fraternally submitted,

A. P. SOUTHWORTH, Matser.

#### VISALIA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Visalia Grange has not grown as we had hoped that it would during the past year, still it is holding its own in membership and has held all of its regular meetings. The attendance has been fairly good, the interest excellent and the treasury has always supplied the money for necessary expenses.

The corn growing contest, mentioned in last year's report, was brought to a close in November and three cash prizes of \$10, \$7.50 and \$5. were awarded to Lillie Kirkman, Leona Webb and Frank Webb. The children were to keep careful records of their work in growing the corn, and were to write papers telling just what they did to read before the Grange at the time of presenting the corn for examination. The paper written by Leona Webb was so good that it was printed not only in the agricultural papers of the coast and the National Grange Monthly, but in several farm papers in the east. After the prizes had been awarded the corn was exhibited at the County Fair and took first prize. When the Fair closed it was distributed among the members of the Grange to be used for seed.

The annual joint Grange picnic was again held in the

beautiful county park and every Grange in the county was well represented. The Grange can be justly proud of the fact that it is responsible for the purchasing and preservation of this grand grove of stately old oaks.

During the Lecturer's hour there have been drills in degree work, literary and musical programs have been rendered, and the members have taken part in animated discussions of such topics as Rural Credits, Good Roads, Road Bond Issues, Better Markets, The Temperance Problem and The Advisabilty of a County Farm Adviser.

Important resolutions have been adopted and lectures were delivered by Mr. Metcalf on the Universal Eight Hour Law and Horticultural Commissioner Collins on the spraying of citrus trees.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. WEBB, Master.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution relating to State Fair Bonds, introduced by Capital Grange, referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution relating to the teaching of military drill in public schools, introduced by Dinuba Grange, referred to Committee on Education.

Resolution relating to the protection of the dove, introduced by Gold Hill Grange, referred to the Legislative Committee.

Resolution relating to the establishment of Grange commission houses, introduced by Greenfield Grange, referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by Sacramento County Pomona Grange, relating to the preparing of a set of topics to be discussed by Pomona and Subordinate Granges, referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by the Worthy State Lecturer, Kate D. Hill, relating to the Travelers' Aid. Adopted.

Resolution introduced by Worthy Past Master E. T. Pettit, relating to inviting the National Grange to meet in California in 1915. Adopted.

Resolution introduced by Worthy Past Master W. W. Greer, relating to bringing homeless citizens of Belgium to this State. Adopted.

Resolution relating to securing a Grange summer home in

the Sequoia National Park, referred to the Committee on Pleasure Grounds.

Resolution introduced by Dinuba Grange, relating to Inland Water Ways, referred to Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Oakland Grange, relating to Constitutional Amendment No. 7, referred to the Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange, relating to County Bonds and State Loans, referred to Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange, relating to government ownership of electrical means of communication, referred to Committee on Legislation.

Resolution introduced by Silverado Grange, relating to Constitutional Amendment No. 2, referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution introduced by Sacramento Grange, regarding the discussion of Constitutional Amendment No. 2, referred to Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Division of Labor offered the following report which, on motion of Brother P. V. Bartos, seconded by Brother George Hack, was adopted:

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

We recommend that the portion of the Master's report relating to the appropriating of money towards building Grange Hall be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order;

That portion relating to the securing of an expert Organizer be referred to the same committee;

That portion relating to time of electing officers in Subordinate Granges be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws;

That portion relating to Education be referred to Committee on Education;

That portion concerning Fire Insurance be referred to Committee on Fraternal Fire Insurance;

That portion relating to the Grange paper be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order;

That part concerning Peace be referred to the same committee;

That portion referring to co-operative buying and selling referred to Committee on Co-operation;

That section recommending that time be given during this



session for the discussion of the proposed Constitutional Amendments be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. ELLIS.

W. V. GRIFFITH.

JOHN F. PETERSON.

Brother H. G. Keesling offered the following report for the committee appointed to recommend a suitable memorial for Father O. H. Kelley:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your committee on Memorial to O. H. Kelley, appointed at the forty-first session of the California State Grange, held at San Jose, October 21-23, 1913, report as follows:

Believing that the erection of any monument of metal or stone would be a poor appreciation of the worth and work of the founder of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry and that some method more in accord with Grange principles should be adopted to perpetuate his memory and at the same time advance the work and influence of our Order we recommend:

1. That some plan be adopted by the National Grange which will establish a perpetual fund to be known as the O. H. Kelley Fund, and

2. That the income from the fund shall be used for active organization work or other work for the good of the Order, as shall be determined by the National Grange.

H. G. KEESLING.

G. W. WORTHEN.

E. T. PETTIT.

On motion of Brother E. M. Billings, duly seconded, the thanks of the members of the California State Grange were tendered to W. W. Greer and the other members of the committee for the enjoyable automobile ride tendered them on Wednesday morning, also to the owners of the automobiles.

Brother W. W. Greer offered a resolution permitting Geo. W. Peltier and S. Rollen Andrus to address the Grange at 9 o'clock Wednesday evening, and moved its adoption. There being no objection the motion was duly seconded and carried.

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



## EVENING.

The hour having arrived for the Lecturer's hour, the following program was presented by the Worthy Lecturer:

1. Opening song, "Let Us Faithfully Labor," by the Grange."
2. Roll Call of Officers, responding to "The Greatest Thing of Today and Why?"
3. Reading, "A Patron's Creed," by W. V. Griffith of Geyserville Grange.
4. "Our Grange Scholarship," by the holder, Harry H. Stone.
5. "Those Who Knock at Our Gates." (a) "Travelers' Aid," by Miss Mills, local Secretary Y. W. C. A., and Mrs. E. S. Simpson. (b) "Work of the State Immigration and Housing Commission," by E. J. Cunningham, Secretary Sacramento Branch.
6. Recitation, "The Dear Old Kitchen," by Sister Carrie Holmes of Sacramento Grange.
7. Song, "Sunbeams," by Miss Williams.
8. Song, "Be Faithful, O Patron," by the Grange.

After the Lecturer's hour, George W. Peltier, Chairman of the California Bonding Commission, addressed the Grange on the bonding propositions to be submitted at the coming election.

S. Rollen Andrus, Secretary of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, spoke of the "Development of California and Its Needs."

C. W. Payne of the State Agricultural Society spoke briefly and introduced Brother J. A. Filcher, who gave an eloquent address on the work and needs of the State Agricultural Society.

After a short recess Grange was called to order and the Assistant Steward and the Lady Assistant Steward took up the A. W.

The Worthy Master exemplified the unwritten work from the cypher code. A recess was taken until 9 a. m. Thursday.

## THIRD DAY—THURSDAY.

## FORENOON.

Grange was opened in ample form by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes. After an opening song, "Work for the Night Is Coming," the minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Brother P. V. Bartos offered the following motion, which was seconded by Brother E. V. Jones, and carried:

Whereas, the President of the United States has prevented our country from waging a cruel war with Mexico and has constantly endeavored to settle disputed questions in peace and harmony, and has always had in view the greatest good to the greatest number;

We desire to commend the President for his proclamation of neutrality and his offer to act as mediator between the warring nations of Europe. We respectfully urge upon the President the desirability of watching for an opportunity to renew his offer of mediation and that he use all legitimate efforts to promote universal peace.

Therefore, Worthy Master, I move that a committee of three be appointed by you to draft a suitable memorial to the President of the United States commending him for his action in these particulars.

The Committee on Credentials made a further partial report, which was adopted.

After a song, "Who Will Reap?" the report of the Executive Committee was offered by Brother S. L. Stice and the Secretary read the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee for the past year. These constituted the body of the report. The report was referred to the Finance Committee.

Letters regretting their absence were read from Brother Thomas Jacob and Brother and Sister C. J. Wood.

Brother E. T. Pettit read the report of the Temporary Board of Directors of the Fraternal Fire Association and explained the forms to be used by the Company.

A short recess was taken, after which Brother Pettit resumed his explanation of the work of the Directors.

A recess was taken until 2 o'clock P. M.

## AFTERNOON.

Grange was called to order at 2 P. M. after a song, "A Song to the Good Old Plow." The Worthy Master appointed the following as a committee to prepare a memorial to the President of the United States: Brother P. V. Bartos, Sisters Kate D. Hill and Ella M. Dow.

The Committee on Co-operation offered the following report and the chairman moved that the information which he had collected be referred to the Executive Committee, and that the report be adopted. Motion was seconded by Brother George Hack and carried:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Co-operation beg leave to offer the following report: A plan of Co-operation called the Bedford County Purchasing Plan, has been sent to your Committee from L. H. Goddard, Investigator, co-operating with the Rural Organization Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The plan we think, is worthy the consideration of the Grange, but as its explanation is given in detail and it will require considerable time to consider it and put it in operation, your Committee recommend that the report be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee with full power to modify or dispose of it as they shall see fit. Your Committee thinks that there are some features of it which are worthy of careful consideration.

It is hoped that the Grange of California will be able to organize a "Farmers' Exchange" along the lines suggested by this plan, which has been developed and presented for our consideration.

Your Committee also has a copy of the "Land Bank Law" of New York, with an explanation of it by John Dillon, the author, which he terms as a co-operation system to finance real estate mortgages for long terms and amortize the debt by small annual payments, with the privilege of liquidating at any time.

There should be a larger measure of co-operation, not only as a State organization, but as a National body as well. If the Grange and the trade in the other States had helped us sell our prunes when we were working with the C. F. A., it would have helped us materially.

Not all of our business associations have been failures.

There are the "California Fruit Exchange," "The Almond Growers' Association," "The County Mutual Fire Insurance Association," etc., which are on a sound basis and are satisfactory in their workings.

As the Grange gains in membership, men and women with new ideas and large experience will swell the ranks of those who are trying to put into practical effect the doctrines laid down in our Declaration of Purposes.

The simplest plan that will do the work is the best, as it is along all other lines.

In the distribution of products, the Parcels Post has been found simple and practical. We urge that its use be extended.

The Free Market can be started by the city or town setting aside an accessible place where growers may take their wood, hay, fruit and vegetables. If the prices and goods are right a regular trade can be worked up which will be satisfactory to the grower and the consumer. The fruit and vegetables must be fresh and the prices a little lower than the retail price, for the women will not take their market basket to market many times unless they find it to their advantage to do so.

G. W. WORTHEN.

ROY I. CHURCH.

PETER HANSON.

MRS. PHILLIP VAN MAREN.

The Committee also offered the following supplementary report:

Your Committee on Co-operation have several recommendations to make and also a few matters for your careful consideration:

We need information which the Agricultural Colleges, Experiment Stations and the National Department of Agriculture are willing to impart. It is important that we have an agency through which this information can be given to the specific farmer who needs it. There should be Granges organized in every agricultural county in the State. These Granges can be schools for the instruction of the farmer.

The fact that so many are taking correspondence courses and attending our agricultural schools is strong evidence that the farmer wants the best that can be afforded. The Grange does not afford the culture required. It must advance.



The Farm Adviser is very much needed in the Grange. Prof. Clarke has well said that the agriculture of the State for the future depends absolutely upon the development of the agricultural workers.

To lead, the Grange must be prepared for leadership. Let us co-operate with the best forces to prepare ourselves to carry on the purposes of the Order as declared by the W. O. in opening the Grange.

In the matter of distribution of products, we hope that the two agencies that we mentioned in our general report—i. e. by Parcels Post and the Free Market, will be improved and extended.

There was a resolution adopted by Tulare County Pomona Grange No. 359, relating to County Bond loans under the State law, which contemplates the co-operation of the State with the farmers, which we leave to the Legislative Committee.

Your Committee respectfully refer this body to previous reports, some of which are live wires today.

This written report will be supplemented by verbal reports explaining more fully and in detail.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. WORTHEN.

The Committee on Good Roads offered the following report which, on motion of Brother George W. Hack, seconded by Brother A. Van Maren, was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Good Roads desires to present the following report:

Whereas, good roads are an absolute necessity to fully meet the demands of business and social conditions of the present day; and

Whereas, the difference in soil conditions in California becomes an important factor as to cost of building and maintaining good roads, in many of the valley counties of our State, where the material necessary to make good roads is only to be obtained as a commercial commodity, and consequently becomes an important factor in the cost of road building; and

Whereas, the methods in vogue under the present law, permitting the expenditure of road funds has resulted in many instances in unnecessary waste of the people's money; and

Whereas, the kind of roads necessary to meet the demands of the present day can only be satisfactorily made under the supervision of an expert in road-making; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the California State Grange, that we favor such change in the organic law of our State that will place all road work under the supervision of the kind of Road Commissioner who should possess special fitness for such a position; such expert to be appointed by the Superior Judge of the Superior Court of said county; and be it

Resolved, that hereafter all road-making or repair work shall be done in a manner that gives assurance that it will be permanent and lasting; and be it

Resolved, that we favor direct taxation for the making and repair of our county roads, when the same can be properly done in this manner, but when the mileage and the character of the improvements are so great as to make direct taxation prohibitory, then we favor a bond issue for the improvements of county roads.

Most respectfully submitted by your Committee,

GEO. W. HACK.

R. D. GOULD.

H. R. BORRETTE.

The Worthy Master then declared a short recess, during which Secretary Titus of the local Y. M. C. A. spoke of the work of his organization and invited the Patrons to inspect the Y. M. C. A. building, in which the present sessions of the State Grange are being held. On motion of Brother E. T. Pettit, seconded by Brother A. Van Maren, the invitation was accepted.

After recess Grange was called to order and the Committee on Resolutions offered the following report, which was considered seriatim:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that no action be taken on the resolution introduced by Silverado Grange relating to Constitutional Amendment No. 2.
2. We recommend the adoption of the resolution introduced by Sacramento Grange relating to discussion of Constitutional Amendment No. 2.
3. We recommend that action on resolution relating to State Fair Bonds be postponed indefinitely.

The action on the above report was as follows: Section 1 was adopted, Section 2 was adopted, Section 3 was adopted. The report as a whole was, on motion of Brother Greer, seconded by Brother Blohm, adopted.

Several announcements were made and Grange stood at recess until 7:30 o'clock P. M.

# EVENING.

After recess the Grange was called to order by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes. After a song, "No Golden Harvest," the Committee on Pleasure Grounds offered the following report which, on motion of Brother N. A. Griffith, seconded by Brother Joseph Jackson, was adopted.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Pleasure Grounds beg leave to offer the following report:

1. We believe that the plan to purchase and improve pleasure grounds for the perpetual use of the Patrons of Husbandry of the State of California is not feasible at this time for various reasons, among them the following:

(a) The financial condition of the Order and the general depression in business circles, due chiefly to the European war, render unadvisable the expenditure of any of the funds of the Order or of its members for other than absolute necessities.

(b) That a resort of that nature established at any point in the State would be so remote from the homes of a large portion of the members that they could never by any possible chance share in the pleasures or benefits of such a resort.

(c) That the Government Reservations are open to the public and contain many ideal camping places.

2. We recommend that the counties of the State be grouped together. The members in each group to select such place or places as are most convenient and desirable for recreation purposes, with the understanding that any and all members of the Order from any county or from any State will be welcomed in any camp or resort that may be established.

3. We recommend that the Pomona and Subordinate Granges in the State take up this matter at once and formulate plans for carrying out the suggestions outlined in this report.

4. We recommend that the resolution relating to a Grange Summer Home in the Sequoia National Park, introduced by Tulare Grange, be referred to the Granges of Tulare county and vicinity for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MELTON.

W. A. BATES.

The Committee on Woman's Work offered the following report which, on motion of Brother Warren M. Morse, seconded by Brother C. Melton, was adopted:

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Woman's work in the home is her first and highest duty and privilege, and we believe it is now so regarded more than ever before, but the time has gone by when it is man's work and woman's work in the world outside of the home. They stand side by side and with equal responsibilities and none should close their eyes to what is needed of them.

The motto of today is "Onward, Ever Onward," and she who rests serenely on accomplished effort will find the world moving on without her.

Strive to make the Grange the social center of your community, where our boys and girls will find that amusements and social intercourse so necessary for their development and well being.

The woman's work committees of Subordinate Granges should arrange study courses in the great political and economic problems of today for at least one meeting each quarter.

We desire to call attention to the earnest effort needed from all Sisters in support of the Travelers' Aid work.

We believe all should endeavor to discourage the printing of the details of crime by the papers of today, for surely it is not fit reading for anyone.

Believing that too long has sex been taken into consideration in judging morals and character, we urge all to endeavor to impress on the rising generation that what is wrong for a girl is wrong for a boy and when the world accepts this standard the best of life is sure to be realized.



In conclusion we believe woman knows and values her greatest opportunity for:

"All agree that man is mighty;  
He governs land and sea;  
He wields a mighty scepter  
O'er lesser powers that be.  
But a mightier power and stronger;  
Man from his throne has hurled,  
And the hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world."

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE CHURCH.

JENNIE P. GOULD.

HULDAH R. LAUMANN.

HELEN M. SOUTHWORTH.

The report of the Committee on Charity was read and on motion of Brother C. Melton, seconded by Brother G. R. Harrison, was adopted.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

We, the Committee on Charity, beg to make the following report:

#### CHARITY.

It is quite appropriate that our State Grange should have a committee called the Charity Committee.

If you will go through the ritual carefully you will notice that charity is one of its fundamental points and is most beautifully alluded to in many instances.

Although the National Grange is an Order originally organized chiefly perhaps for promoting the economic welfare of the farmer by fostering the idea of co-operation among agriculturists, it should and does accomplish many things besides furthering the material welfare of its members.

Broadly speaking the very factor which makes possible such organizations as the National Grange is Charity, using the term in its broadest sense, as Paul uses it in First Corinthians, and as the term is frequently used in our own beautiful ritual. It is Charity in its broadest aspect that the Charity Committee wishes to promote in our Granges.

What is commonly spoken of as charity may not be true

charity in any sense of the word, but the mere giving perhaps from selfish motives. However, the giving of material things when it is done in the proper spirit is true charity, is most laudable and to be commended. The giving of food and clothing to the poor and the destitute, and aiding the sick and the suffering can not be other than the highest kind of charity when performed in the right spirit.

It was by means of associated charity that the first public schools were provided for the common people. It was charity that established our first hospitals, insane asylums, orphanages and homes for the destitute. In fact nearly all of our public institutions of this nature may be traced to a charitable origin. Sympathy for his suffering fellowmen has in recent years prompted man to start many movements of a truly charitable nature.

Very few of us lack in material goods so as to be objects fit for charity and if the giving of alms was all that constituted charity we would have but little need for it among ourselves.

However, if we accept Paul's view of charity every member of us, rich or poor, has a grand opportunity to practice charity daily. For everyone may, if he wishes, be pleasant with those about him, smile occasionally and speak a kind and encouraging word to every one. Would we be giving anything? We most certainly would, for we would be contributing to each other the most valuable gifts—the gifts which promote happy thoughts and kind acts—and only personal efforts and self-control is necessary to bring it all about.

That our Grange is an Order whose aim is to promote charity may be seen by quoting the following beautifully worded passage from the ritual:

"Therefore, guard against selfishness. If thine enemy hunger feed him. Do good, hoping for nothing again and your reward will be great." Here is another: "From the abundance of good things which with God's blessing your labors in Faith and Hope have produced, forget not to dispense Charity in word and deed."

"That you may enjoy your rewards dispense Charity, the flowers of brotherly love, as freely as nature spreads her flowering carpet over all the earth. And let your Charity extend to all humanity."

And again: "Let flowers be to you an emblem of Charity.

In kind words and deeds dispense Charity as freely as flowers do their perfume, and as generously as they cover all God's footstool."

If we could be anywhere near as charitable with one another as we are advised and urged to in our ritual our Grange would accomplish wonderful things. Can't we be more charitable with each other, especially with respect to each other's views, cultivate a spirit of harmony and all pull together for the Granger's cause—the cause of humanity?

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. A. VAN MAREN.

MRS. DELLA B. HOWELL.

MRS. JENNIE DUDGEON.

MRS. E. V. JONES.

MRS. H. G. KEESLING.

The Grange was then favored with a vocal solo by Miss Almerine Baker, after which the Secretary announced the arrival of a ten-pound boy to the wife of Executive Committeeman Thomas Jacob. With appropriate remarks of congratulation Brother F. L. Hunt moved that Worthy Past Master E. T. Pettit telegraph our hearty congratulations to Brother and Sister Jacob. Seconded and carried by a rising vote of all present.

The hour for the special order of business, the Memorial Services, having arrived, the Worthy Chaplain, Sister Ellen M. Dow, took charge of the meeting. Grange stood at recess until 9 o'clock A. M.

### MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Song, "The River of Time".....	Grange
Scripture Reading .....	Chaplain
Prayer .....	Chaplain
Song .....	Grange Quartette
Address .....	Rev. Henry Quickenden
Song .....	Grange Quartette
Placing Tribute of Flowers on the Altar for:	
Sister Mary Baldwin of Danville Grange.....	
.....By Sister Florence Steinmetz	
Brother L. C. Gage of Gold Hill Grange.....	
.....By Sister Nellie W. Hunt	
Brother John Simons of Elk Grove Grange.....	
.....By Brother Geo. Sehlmeier	

Brother John D. Gould of Antelope Grange....	By Sister A. C. Paris
Sister Ida Griffith of Santa Rosa Grange.....	By Sister Martha Gamble
Brother Wm. Eddie of Potter Valley.....	By Brother E. V. Jones
Brother Wm. Dent of Petaluma Grange.....	By Brother G. R. Harrison
Vocal Duet.....	Sister Myra Lloyd and Brother Harry Stone
Song .....	Grange Quartette

### FRIDAY—FORENOON.

Grange was opened in ample form at 9 o'clock by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes. After the opening song, "The Dear Old Farm," the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Brother Pettit reported that the message of congratulation was sent to Brother and Sister Jacob as ordered by the Grange.

The Committee on Finance then offered the following report which, on motion of Brother Melton, seconded by Dr. Dessau, was adopted: We have carefully examined the books and reports of the Worthy Secretary and Worthy Treasurer and we are pleased to report that we find them correct.

We have also examined the report of the Executive Committee and find the same to be satisfactory. We desire to commend the careful and painstaking work of our efficient officers, who are entrusted with the finances of our State Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. GALLAWAY.

C. VAN KEPPEL.

JAMES DUKES.

S. H. STONE.

E. M. BILLINGS.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws offered the following partial report:

We have carefully considered that part of the Master's address referring to an amendment as to time for electing of-



licers in Subordinate Granges, and recommend that no change be made in our State Constitution in this respect.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. PETTIT.

T. G. KING.

MRS. F. W. VOLZ.

Moved by Brother G. R. Harrison and seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem offered their report which, on motion of Brother Roy Church, seconded by Brother J. E. Weisendanger, was referred back to the Committee.

Brother H. F. Dessau read the following communication:  
To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange,  
Sacramento, California:

Oakland Grange respectfully urge you to kindly request our Worthy Master, Joseph Holmes, to invite the National Grange to come to California next year, 1915, for its convention, and to inform them that the City of Oakland, through its commercial and civic bodies, and the Oakland Grange No. 35, invites them to Oakland, as being the city nearest to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and being well equipped to care for their every convenience and comfort during their stay.

OAKLAND GRANGE NO. 35.

Per Dr. H. F. Dessau, Master.

Also on behalf of Oakland Grange, tendered the California State Grange an invitation to meet in Oakland in 1915.

On motion of Brother J. E. Wiesendanger, seconded by Brother A. R. Gallaway, the invitation was accepted.

The Committee on Resolutions made a further report, recommending the adoption of the resolution relating to the Travelers' Aid, introduced by the Worthy Lecturer. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Good of the Order made the following report, which was considered seriatim.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Good of the Order beg leave to report as follows:

1. We have carefully considered the resolution presented by Greenfield Grange, relating to the establishing of Grange Produce Commission Houses, and recommend that this

resolution be referred to the Executive Committee with full power to act.

2. We recommend the adoption of the recommendations 1, 2 and 3 of the Lecturer's report.

3. We also recommend the adoption of the section of the Master's report relating to Grange Halls.

4. We recommend the adoption of that portion of the Master's report relating to the employment of an expert Organizer and refer it to the Executive Committee.

5. We recommend for adoption that portion of the Master's report relating to the National Grange Monthly.

6. We concur in that portion of the Master's report relating to Peace and recommend its adoption.

7. Regarding that portion of the Master's report relating to the "California Grange," while this Committee deems it inadvisable to enter into another contract with the publishers of the "California Grange," it is reluctant to abandon the idea of having a Grange paper published in this State. We feel that much good would result if the transactions of the different Granges could be made known to each other and we feel that this could be done in no better way than through the medium of a well conducted Grange paper.

Therefore, we recommend that the Executive Committee use its best endeavors to fill this want.

8. We recommend the appointment of a committee of nine members to present subjects to the Subordinate Granges for their consideration, as provided in the preamble and resolution introduced by Sacramento County Grange. We recommend that these subjects be sent out through the Lecturer's office.

The action on above report was as follows:

That portion referring to Grange Commission Houses adopted.

That portion referring to Lecturer's report adopted.

That portion referring to Grange Halls adopted.

That portion referring to an expert Organizer adopted.

That portion referring to National Grange Monthly adopted.

That portion referring to Peace adopted.

That portion referring to an official Grange organ adopted.

That portion relating to resolution from Sacramento County Pomona Grange adopted.

The general report was then read and the report as a whole, including the general report, was, on motion of Brother E. M. Billings, duly seconded, adopted.

## GENERAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF THE ORDER.

We, your Committee on Good of the Order, beg leave to report as follows:

When we think of the vast amount that has been said and written under the head of "Good of the Order," we might say that no more need be done; that our membership is fully informed and our officers duly instructed.

New conditions confront us; new demands are made upon us. To keep the pace we must add line upon line, effort upon effort, and and often times repeat what has been said and done before.

The Good of the Order implies a great deal. It is an almost boundless field. It includes everything pertaining to the farmer, his family, his business and his home.

It is for the Good of the Order that a stronger spirit of fraternity exists between us all.

The Good of the Order is wholly vested in the Subordinate Granges, and therein the main work must be applied. If you have busy, active, live, progressive Subordinate Granges, the State Grange will flourish, but with the Subordinate Granges weak, indifferent, sleepy and running along in the same old rut they fell into years ago, what good purpose can the State Grange serve with all its rhetoric, resoluting and good times?

We need new members. In new members there is strength. We are getting them.

Different plans of field work have been carried out successively, but this State Grange should lead the way in brightening up and infusing new light and life in the Subordinate Granges.

Where a Grange holds onto life, even in a half lifeless way, there must be a few who are unwilling to desert the Order, and these few should be given the right hand of fellowship and have pointed out to them plans that may lead to revival. But self-help, of course, should be the chief reliance. A Grange that depends entirely on outside help is a hopeless cripple.

We need leadership, but we need loyal willing followers. Our leaders will plan and labor in vain unless the membership responds in cheerful obedience to orders.

Look back over the history of the Order in this State; study the men who have been honored as Leaders. Does anyone dare assert that our failure to realize our fullest expectations can be attributed to lack of ability, loyalty, devotion or sacrifice on the part of our Leaders?

Turn the telescope inward and see if we are embracing our opportunities. Are we endeavoring to be true and faithful Patrons of Husbandry, performing the duties enjoined and aiding others in the performance of theirs?

The Good of the Order implies much painstaking work by the State Grange, in educational, legislative, financial and administrative ways; but the careful oversight of the Subordinate Granges is all important to our permanent success as an Order.

Your Committee recommends and urges that this subject be made a special order at such a time as may best suit this body, so that we may have a concentration of thought and discussion by Patrons of wider experience and success in this line of labor.

While we need sand in our Leaders, we need glue in our members.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. W. GREER.

H. F. BLOHM.

F. L. HUNT.

The Committee on Education submitted the following report, which was adopted with the recommendation that it be read in every Subordinate Grange:

It is gratifying to know that, in the rush of other activities, incident to this busy age, educational interests have not lost ground, as is evidenced by many reports from Subordinate Granges read before the State Grange at this session. While many changes have taken place in the curriculum of the public schools of late years, we feel it is still in a transitory state and the goal is a long way off.

We enthusiastically endorse the introduction of domestic science and manual training in our schools, but deprecate the fact that in many instances it is confined to the high



school, thereby denying a large proportion of our boys and girls any benefit from this special training, because of the fact that too often they leave school without entering the high school, consequently go out into the world without proper preparation for its duties beyond what has been gleaned from their text books, which too often have failed to impress them deeply. Intellectual pursuits do not appeal to all of our boys and girls at an early age as strongly as some physical effort attended with some immediate results.

We approve most heartily of the interest manifested in many Granges in the now popular and novel Agricultural Clubs emanating from our State University, where boys are permitted to experiment in scientific farming. In the same connection, practical education, we have been pleased to note good results from the system of school credits for home duties efficiently performed and would recommend its encouragement by Subordinate Granges in their local schools.

We are pleased to endorse the recommendation of our Worthy State Master in regard to the new movement operating in the Massachusetts State Grange providing an "Educational Aid Fund," to enable young people to help themselves by loaning money to them at a reasonable rate of interest. We recommend that Subordinate Granges try to bring their local school teachers into the Grange and have them assist in the programs, thus bringing in individual personal touch the parents and teachers, with beneficial results to all concerned.

We emphatically endorse the opinion expressed by our Educational Committee of last year that the fundamentals of education should never be lost sight of in the maze of cultural branches. Pupils should be persistently taught that to speak and read distinctly and clearly is one of the best evidences of education and that a clear and correct enunciation is one of the essentials, if not the first essential, of perfect courtesy and good breeding; that to read understandingly is to hold the key to all knowledge and to express distinctly enables them to give pleasure to others.

We endorse the resolution of Dinuba Grange in regard to Military Training in our public schools, as being antagonistic to the suffering interests of Peace. To inculcate the principles of Peace would receive grateful recognition from a

great majority who approve of the conservation of human life instead of its destruction.

Fraternally submitted,

ELIZA J. FARRELL.  
DELLA B. HOWELL.  
G. R. HARRISON.

The Committee on Credentials offered their final report, which was adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Credentials find that the following Granges are entitled to representation:

American River—W. H. Lauridson, Alternate.  
Antelope—R. D. Gould and wife, Master and wife.  
Aromas—H. F. Blohm and wife, Master and wife.  
Bennett Valley—Peter Hanson, Alternate.  
Capital—W. W. Greer and wife, Master and wife.  
Castoria—C. Laumann and wife, Alternates.  
Cotati—Mrs. F. W. Volz, Alternate.  
Dairyville—L. Campbell and wife, Master and wife.  
Danville—Mrs. Nina E. Williams, Master.  
Dinuba—P. V. Bartos, Master.  
Elk Grove—J. P. Jackson and wife, Alternates.  
Forestville—C. Van Kepple and wife, Master and wife.  
Fort Romie—Lee Dudgeon and wife, Master and wife.  
Geyserville—J. A. Ellis and wife, Master and wife.  
Gold Hill—J. F. Peterson, Master.  
Greenfield—J. D. Dunovant, Alternate.  
Lincoln—Warren E. Hyde, Alternate.  
Live Oak—A. G. Fultz, Alternate.  
Mountain View—M. Farrell and wife, Master and wife.  
Napa—H. R. Borrette and wife, Alternates.  
Oakland—Dr. H. F. Dessau, Master.  
Orange Vale—Warren M. Morse and wife, Master and wife.  
Orchard City—J. E. Weisendanger and wife, Master and wife.  
Petaluma—T. G. King and wife, Master and wife.  
Poplar—Della B. Howell, Alternate.  
Potter Valley—E. V. Jones and wife, Master and wife.  
Prairie Center—C. Melton, Master.  
Progressive—A. R. Gallaway and wife, Master and wife.  
Ramona—James Dukes, Master.  
Rutherford—F. W. Ellis and wife, Master and wife.

Sacramento—C. W. Hack and wife, Master and wife.  
 Sacramento County Pomona—A. Van Maren and wife,  
 Master and wife.  
 San Jose—J. P. Munger and wife, Master and wife.  
 Santa Clara County Pomona—E. T. Pettit, Alternate.  
 Santa Rosa—N. A. Griffith, Master.  
 Sebastopol—G. R. Harrison and wife, Master and wife.  
 Silverado—E. M. Billings, Alternate.  
 Sonoma County Pomona—S. H. Stone and wife, Master  
 and wife.  
 Tulare—Thomas Jacob, Alternate.  
 Tulare County Pomona—W. A. Bates and wife,  
 Alternates.  
 Two Rock—Roy I. Church and wife, Master and wife.  
 Valley Oaks—A. P. Southworth and wife, Master and wife.  
 Visalia—W. G. Webb, Master.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HUNT.  
 MRS. JENNIE DUDGEON.  
 DR. H. F. DESSAU.  
 L. CAMPBELL.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem made their final report which, on motion of Brother N. A. Griffith, seconded by Brother J. E. Weisendanger, was adopted.

# MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Worthy Master:

We find State officers and delegates from new Granges entitled to mileage and days' time for attendance, respectively, as follows:

Name and Grange.	No. days and amount allowed.	R. R. Fare.
L. Campbell and wife, Dairyville.....	3 \$ 9.00	\$8.90
A. P. Southworth and wife, Valley Oaks	4 12.00	2.30
F. W. Ellis and wife, Rutherford.....	4 12.00	5.80
James Dukes, Ramona.....	4 6.00	31.70
Mrs. F. W. Volz, Cotati.....	4 6.00	4.80
E. M. Billings, Silverado.....	4 6.00	3.60
C. Van Kepple, Forestville.....	4 12.00	8.40
Name of Office.		
Ella M. Dow, Chaplain.....		3.35
Caroline F. Emory, Ceres.....		3.35

Caroline F. Emery, Ceres.....	3.35
Roy I. Church, Assistant Steward....	4.20
Lee Dudgeon, Gate Keeper.....	8.35
Alice E. Winans, Pianist.....	4.05

P. V. BARTOS,

E. V. JONES,

W. M. MORSE,

Committee.

Several announcements were made and Grange stood at recess till 2 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON.

The Grange reassembled at 2 P. M. "Hail to the Harvest" was sung as an opening song.

The resignation of Worthy Overseer C. F. Collins was read and on motion of Brother G. R. Harrison, duly seconded, was accepted.

The Worthy Master then appointed Brothers Pettit and Munger and Sister Harrison as tellers and the following were elected:

Peter Hanson to fill the unexpired term of Overseer.

A. Van Maren re-elected as member of the Executive Committee for the term of three years.

The Worthy Master then installed Brother Hanson as Overseer.

Mrs. W. C. Brill favored the Grange with a vocal solo.

The report of the Panama Pacific Exposition Rest Room Committee was read by the Secretary of the Committee, Sister O. E. Borrette, and on motion of Brother J. E. Weisendanger, seconded by Brother Lee Dudgeon, was adopted. To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Patrons Rest Room for the Panama Pacific International Exposition, beg leave to report as follows:

We have made progress. We are very grateful to those Granges that have contributed their full quota to the Rest Room Fund to date and we hope to so interest the other Patrons that they, too, will join in this movement which will do so much to sustain California's reputation for hospitality and render to our visiting Patrons valuable service.

Six thousand, three hundred letters have been sent to the



Secretaries of the Subordinate Granges, inviting them to accept our hospitality in 1915. Many responses are coming in, recording the gratitude and interest of the Patrons throughout the United States.

We have no fears about our accommodations and surroundings in the California Building. To date we have partially fulfilled our responsibility toward paying for our beautiful location and the service that goes with it. Not counting the devotion of your Committee in dollars we can say that all bills so far contracted amount to \$96.96 and have been paid.

\$210.45 has been received this year, making the total contributions on hand, including interest, \$651.69.

We urge each Patron here to take the message home that this work is an essential duty for every California Patron and will reflect credit upon our Order as long as memory lasts, if we carry it out as the Committee has planned it.

Every California Patron is to have a host badge given him at the registration booth and every visiting Patron will have a suitable souvenir badge.

Join with us in this hospitality and educational work and make 1915 the proudest year of our lives.

Fraternally submitted,

W. V. GRIFFITH.

HORACE G. KEESLING.

OLIVE E. BORRETTE.

C. R. HOLMES.

THOS. JACOB.

The Committee on Legislation offered the following report, which was considered seriatim:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

The Committee on Legislation beg leave to offer the following report:

1. We recommend that the following resolution introduced by Dinuba Grange be not adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, assembled in Sacramento, California:

Whereas, in the month of January, 1914, an organization was created for the purpose of fundamental development, namely: First, the improvement of the inland waterways with the object of making them the carriers of our products to

our respective seaports; second, to impound the flood waters which cause such tremendous destruction; third, by thus impounding to conserve the waters so stored to be available for the purpose of irrigating the vast territories of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys, instead of having those waters idly flow by, to the detriment of the low lands; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the members of Dinuba Grange No. 342, Patrons of Husbandry, do endorse the efforts of the said, the Inland Waterway Association; and that we further recommend to the State Grange to lend to said organization such aid as lies within its power.

2. We recommend the adoption of a substitute resolution for the one presented by Gold Hill Grange, relating to the Dove.

3. We recommend the adoption of the resolution, relating to County Bonds and State Loans, introduced by Tulare County Pomona.

4. We recommend the adoption of the resolution, relating to Government Ownership of Electrical Means of Communication, introduced by Tulare County Pomona.

5. We recommend the adoption of the resolution, relating to Constitutional Amendment No. 7, introduced by Oakland Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. WEISENDANGER.

W. A. BATES.

W. G. WEBB.

MRS. JOSEPH JACKSON.

The action on the above report was as follows:

On Section 1—Laid over as unfinished business.

On Section 2—Laid on the table.

On Section 3—Adopted.

On Section 4—Adopted.

On Section 5—Laid on the table.

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial to the President of the United States offered a report, which was ordered referred to the Executive Committee for revision and full power to act.

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

EVENING.

Grange was called to order by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes, closed in the fourth degree and opened in the fifth. The meeting was placed in the hands of the ladies' drill team of the Sacramento County Pomona and the fifth degree was conferred in an impressive manner on a class of fifty Patrons. They were:

Mrs. Belle C. Baker, Mrs. Mary E. Baker, R. J. Baker, G. A. Bailey, Mrs. Ida G. Bailey, E. M. Billings, Mrs. Margarite Burden, E. M. Carpenter, Miss Lilly Clark, Miss Ida Clark, Miss Johanne Cochrane, J. R. Connelly, J. W. Daniels, Mrs. Rose Daniels, G. P. DeKay, William DeKay, Dr. Henry F. Dessau, James Dukes, J. D. Dunovant, F. W. Ellis, Mrs. F. W. Ellis, J. A. Filcher, Cora F. Fiscal, Mrs. Maggie Foster, Walter T. Foster, Mrs. Belle Fowler, Albert T. Franklin, Miss Sarah C. Franklin, Seymour Gorter, N. D. Hack, Mrs. Lavina Hack, John Herringer, Martha Herringer, Mattie Herringer, Fred Kirtlan, Mrs. Fred Kirtlan, Christian Laumann, Mrs. Huldah Laumann, Miss Myra Lloyd, Miss Maude Moeszinger, Mrs. M. Adelaide Morse, Mrs. Margaret Mote, N. R. Pendo, Robert E. Stone, S. M. Warnock, W. G. Webb, Mrs. Cora L. Williard, Mrs. F. M. Wickstrom, J. B. Yost, Mrs. Marcella Yost.

After this degree was conferred Grange was closed in the fifth and opened in the sixth degree, and Worthy Master Joseph Holmes, assisted by the State officers, conferred this degree on a class of eighty-seven. They were:

G. A. Bailey, Mrs. Ida G. Bailey, Mrs. Belle C. Baker, H. W. Baker, Joseph W. Baker, Mrs. Mary E. Baker, R. J. Baker, Paul V. Bartos, E. M. Billings, Mrs. Clara Blohm, Mrs. Ella C. Braughler, Martin Braughler, Oscar H. Braughler, Margaret Burden, E. H. Carpenter, Herbert Clark, Ida Clark, Lily Clark, Will Clark, J. R. Connelly, L. B. Cummings, J. W. Daniels, Rose Daniels, Charles W. Decater, Dr. H. F. Dessau, J. D. Dunovant, F. W. Ellis, John A. Ellis, Mrs. Ollie Ellis, J. A. Filcher, Mrs. Maggie Foster, W. T. Foster, Mrs. Belle Fowler, Albert G. Franklin, Sarah C. Franklin, A. R. Galloway, Mrs. Laura A. Galloway, Robert L. Gibbons, Seymour Gorter, Mrs. Lavina Hack, N. D. Hack, John Herringer, Mrs. Martha Herringer, Miss Mattie Herringer, Stephen Herringer, Cora Holmes, Lester J. Holmes, C. T. Horgen, Mrs. C. T. Horgen,

J. A. Huise, Mrs. May L. Huise, Fred N. Kirtlan, Mrs. Fred L. Lewis, Myra Lloyd, Mrs. Marie Mann, Margaret McDonnell, Henry Mervin, Sadie Mervin, Maud Moessinger, Mrs. M. H. Morse, Warren M. Morse, Mrs. Margaret Mote, J. P. Munger, Mrs. J. P. Munger, Mrs. H. A. Nauman, Miss Edith Northey, Mrs. Louise L. Northey, N. R. Pendo, James E. Robinson, Armstead Runyon, Myra Runyon, Peter J. Shields, Miss Ethel Slawson, Miss Lulu Slawson, Miss Alta G. Smith, Robert E. Stone, Mrs. F. W. Volz, S. M. Warnock, Mrs. S. M. Warnock, Walter G. Webb, Mrs. F. M. Wickstrom, Mrs. Cora L. Willard, John Yost, Mrs. Marcella Yost.

At the close of the initiation all present marched to the banquet room of the Travelers' Hotel, where the symbolic feast of Pomona was spread in an exquisitely decorated room.

Grange was closed in the fourth degree and a short recess was taken.

After recess Grange opened in the fourth degree in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

The Committee on Resolutions offered a resolution of thanks, which was adopted by a rising vote of all present.

All united in singing the parting hymn, and Grange was closed in regular form until October 19, 1915.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE

### GRANGE.

#### INVITATION TO THE NATIONAL GRANGE.

Introduced by E. T. Pettit of San Jose Grange.

Resolved, that the California State Grange now in session assembled do hereby extend a most cordial invitation to the National Grange to hold its regular annual meeting in California in 1915.

We assure the National Grange that every facility necessary to their comfort and convenience will be freely and amply provided.

Because of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition exceptionally low rates are assured by all transportation lines and we assure all visiting Patrons that they will be welcomed with genuine California hospitality.



## RELATING TO TRAVELERS' AID.

Introduced by Kate D. Hill of Santa Rosa Grange.

Realizing that the only way adequate moral protection can be given to travelers in all parts of the country is through co-operation between all organizations, centered in one organization such as the Travelers' Aid; be it

Resolved, That we endorse the work of the Travelers' Aid; and, be it

Resolved, that the California State Grange hereby subscribes the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), thus becoming a sustaining member.

RELATING TO BRINGING HOMELESS CITIZENS OF  
BELGIUM TO THIS STATE.

Introduced by W. W. Greer of Capital Grange.

Be it resolved, that we, the Grange Association of the State of California, commend and heartily endorse the plan of the California Development Board in bringing to California the industrious citizens of Belgium made homeless by the ravages of a terrible war; and, be it further

Resolved, that we commend it as being the one thing most important to the upbuilding of our State and the industrial growth of our cities, and that we hereby pledge our hearty moral support to the plan.

## RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRICAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

Introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange.

Whereas, Article 1, Section 8, of the Constitution of the United States says, "Congress shall have power to establish post offices and post roads," and this power has been declared by the Supreme Court of the United States to be an exclusive power of the federal government (96 U. S. Reports p. 784), and further in a unanimous opinion, held that the telegraph being a means of transmitting intelligence came within this grant of power; and

Whereas, Professor Morse, the inventor of the telegraph offered his patent to the government, saying that it was "an engine for good or evil," which all opinions seem to concur

in desiring to have subject to the control of the government, rather than have it in the hands of private individuals or associations; and

Whereas, Hon. Cave Johnson, the then Postmaster General, in his annual report for the year 1845 urged that the control of so valuable an agency for the diffusion of intelligence should be left in the hands of the government, where its operations would be conducted for the benefit of the public; and voiced the opinion that the telegraph being greatly superior in dispatch to that of the public mails, would secure to itself much of the business that had hitherto been transacted through them, and to that extent diminish the revenues of the Post Office Department; and

Whereas, nearly every succeeding Postmaster General aware of the aforesaid fact and of the grave difficulties that have arisen from time to time, between the government and certain of the telegraph companies, which have declined and still decline to furnish such facilities as are deemed essential to the perfect success of the Signal Service, has recommended government ownership of the telegraph, and since its invention, of the telephone also, as an essential part of the postal system; and

Whereas, more than seventy (70) bills have been introduced into Congress for the purpose of establishing a postal telegraph, and nearly a score of committees of the House and Senate have reported favorably on the proposition; and

Whereas, statistics from seventy-five (75) leading countries of the world show that the government owns and operates the telegraph in all except Bolivia, Cuba, Cyprus, Hawaii, Honduras and the United States, and that economy, good service and general satisfaction have characterized the national service abroad, while in this country the people are annually taxed vast sums for which they receive no adequate returns; and

Whereas, it is generally recognized that opposition is confined to the capitalists controlling the present private system of telegraphs and telephones; and

Whereas, the United States Senate, by resolution No. 242 on January 12th, 1914, directed the Postmaster General to send to the Senate the results of the investigation he had been making, regarding government ownership and control of means of communication, with a view to the acquisition by the government of the telegraph and telephone facilities to



be operated as an adjunct to the Postal Service, and that in connection therewith he send all of the data and information that has been acquired by such investigation, together with a copy of all reports that have been made thereon by any committee or persons appointed by him for the purpose of making such investigation; and

Whereas, the report prepared at the direction of Postmaster General Burleson, by a Departmental Committee, consisting of First Assisant Postmaster General, the Chief Clerk of the Department, and the Superintendent of the Division of Salaries, was so comprehensive in its scope, so convincing in its arguments that the most skeptical must accept their conclusion. That the only way to afford to the people the complete and modern postal facilities that the Constitution makes it the duty of the government to provide is to put into effect the following recommendations of said Committee:

1. That Congress declare a government monopoly over all telegraph, telephone and radio communication and such other means for the transmission of intelligence as may hereafter develop.

2. That Congress acquire by purchase at this time at appraised value the commercial telephone network, except the farmer lines.

3. That Congress authorize the Postmaster General to issue at his discretion and under such regulations as he may prescribe, revocable licenses for the operation, by private individuals, associations, companies, and corporations, of the telegraph service and such parts of the telephone service as may not be acquired by the government.

Whereas, Article No. 1, Section 8, of the Constitution of the United States gives to Congress the exclusive power to coin money and the Federal Supreme Court has rendered the decision that "to coin" means to make of any material whatsoever; and

Whereas, by the National Bank Laws the banks are privileged to draw interest upon bonds and also to receive upon them from the Government National Bank notes equal in amount to the par value of the bonds by paying a tax of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1 per cent semi-annually if the bonds bear 2 per cent of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 per cent, if the bonds bear interest above 2 per cent; and

Whereas, under these laws the people are compelled to pay to the banks interest on the bonds, also interest for the use

of the bank notes, beside a considerable share of the banks just share of taxes; and

Whereas, William J. Harris of the Census Bureau, reports the present indebtedness of the United States to be nearly \$3,000,000,000.00, and the per capita indebtedness of some of the States above \$10.00, to which is added county, town and municipal debts; and

Whereas, under the Constitution and existing law Congress has authority to issue Treasury Notes; therefore

Resolved, by the California State Grange, in regular session assembled, that we affirm our belief that constitutional prerogative justice to our people, the progress and honor of our Nation demand that Congress take action in accordance with these recommendations of the Postal Department, but we most earnestly protest against the purchase of the telegraph and telephone systems by an issue of bonds, but pray that Congress shall use the power invested in it and pay for the same with full legal tender U. S. Treasury Notes.

Resolved, that these resolutions be presented to the National Grange of 1914, by our State Delegates.

#### RELATING TO COUNTY BONDS AND STATE LOANS.

Introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange.

Whereas, under our State law the National Banks are privileged to use County Bonds as security upon which to borrow ninety per cent (90 per cent) of the face value of said bonds from the State Treasury at two per cent (two per cent) interest; and

Whereas, the County pays officials to levy and to collect the taxes required to pay the bonds and the accrued interest; and

Whereas, about four-fifths (4-5) of such bonds are paid by taxes levied on farm or "outside" property; and

Whereas, this money thus loaned to National Banks is, in part, our perpetual school fund, which Oregon and several other States loan to their farmers on farm mortgages; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the California State Grange in regular session assembled, that we favor and pledge ourselves to earnestly work for a law or an amendment to the present law that will enable the counties to borrow or to secure loans on their bonds from this fund directly from the State, without the intervention of banks, on the same liberal terms; and farmers



to borrow on farm mortgages in accordance with the Oregon law or some more favorable plan; be it also

Resolved, that measures shall be taken by the State Grange, through its Legislative Committee, to enlist all Subordinate Granges in the subject, to the end, that they may assist by petition or otherwise, our Legislative Committee, to secure favorable consideration of the same by our State Legislature.

# RELATING TO THE TEACHING OF MILITARY DRILL IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Introduced by Dinuba Grange.

Whereas, a number of bills have been offered in the California Legislature advocating the teaching of military drill, and some of arming the young boys with rifles in our public schools; it is

Resolved, by the California State Grange now in session, that we do oppose such atrocious suggestions; that we do not favor any system of military practice that would give the boys wanton ideas about human life. No occasion should be neglected to impress upon our children the horrors that follow in the wake of war, the flower of a country cut off in its youth, the poverty, the disease, the unspeakable anguish of mind and body.

# RESOLUTION RELATING TO PREPARATION OF TOPICS FOR SUBORDINATE GRANGES.

Introduced by Sacramento County Pomona Grange.

Whereas, the year of 1914 has opened to the Grange a door of opportunity, and invites us, as an Order, to enter therein and help ourselves to the many good things she holds out for our acceptance—

Now, the important question is, shall we gather for ourselves the priceless gems that are thrown in our pathway.

Sacramento Grange has said, Yes, and has appointed a committee to present the proposition to our Pomona Grange, and requests you, not only to join with us, but to become our leader in trying to achieve our high ideals.

We wish to call attention to the actions of the last session of the California State Grange, that in the election of officers our Order was put in charge of personalities whose fidelity to the principles of the Grange gives to them an influence sufficient to lift our Order into that high position

where, if rightly supported by its members, will make the Grange an important factor in shaping public opinion; which shall crystalize into laws which shall be just and equitable to all people in our glorious State, and to accomplish this grand result; be it

Resolved, by Sacramento County Pomona Grange No. 2, that a committee be, and is hereby created, to consist of nine members, the Worthy Master of the California State Grange to be Chairman, and he is hereby given power to appoint the additional eight members of said committee, and in selecting same he is not restricted to Sacramento county.

The duty of said committee shall be, as soon as possible, to select twelve or more subjects to be taken up for discussion by the Subordinate Granges in California, said subject to be so arranged and designated by number that the several numbered subjects shall be considered by each Grange at their first monthly meeting, and so on, the action of each Grange to be published in our official organ, as well as in the local press of the locality where said Grange holds its meetings; and

Further, whenever there is a Pomona Grange in any county, all Subordinate Granges within its jurisdiction must report their action to said Pomona Grange for approval; and be it

Resolved, That in the selection of questions to be considered, that our committee be requested to name the following:

1. Proposed Constitutional Amendment providing that only tax payers and their wives be allowed to vote on any bond proposition.
2. Constitutional Amendment making eight hours a day's work for all labor in all vocations.
3. Constitutional Amendment providing for a minimum daily wage scale.
4. Constitutional Amendment to abolish capital punishment.
5. Home rule in taxation.
6. Question to place all taxes on land.
7. Question how to equalize taxes on land and what is their object in seeking so to do.
8. Government Ownership of Public Utilities:
  - (a) Federal.
  - (b) State.
  - (c) Municipal.

- (d) If decided in the affirmative, for whose benefit they shall be operated for—all the people or for the employees of such utility.

9. Workingman's Compensation Law. Is the present law right and just between man and man?

10. Income tax laws. (a) Federal. (b) State.

11. Are our public schools conducted in such a manner as to obtain the best results?

12. Should the owner or owners of their private properties have the right by practice as well as law to manage their holdings?

13. To what extent is Socialism practical to bring better conditions to the human family?

14. Salaries of our public officials. Are they just or unjust to the taxpayer?

15. How far is government under obligation to provide employment for the unemployed?

16. Pensions. When and to whom shall they be paid?

The questions above mentioned are intended to be suggestive only.

Further, we believe that the program that may be selected should be printed in folder form by the State Grange and sold to the Subordinate Granges at cost.

#### RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 2.

Introduced by Sacramento Grange.

Whereas, the question as to whether California is to be wet or dry is to be voted on at the coming November election; and

Whereas, there are many members of our Order who are large growers of wine grapes and are necessarily financially interested in favor of the wet; and

Whereas, there are also many members of the Grange who, by reason of religious principles and conscientious scruples, are in favor of a dry State; and

Whereas, there is no middle ground proposed in the question as presented to the voters at the coming election; and

Whereas, all members of our Order, whether they favor the wet or the dry, may be good Patrons of Husbandry; therefore, be it

Resolved, by Sacramento Grange No. 12, that we deem it inadvisable to introduce any resolutions for consideration by

the Grange relative to Constitutional Amendment No. 2, known as wet or dry, believing by so doing it will eliminate a heart-burning question, and exalt those cardinal principles of our Order of Faith, Hope and Charity among our members; and be it

Resolved, that our delegates to the coming session of the State Grange are requested to present the foregoing preambles and resolutions, and ask the adoption of same.

#### RELATING TO THANKS.

Introduced by Committee on Resolutions.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, desire to offer the following:

Resolved, that the thanks of the California State Grange be extended to the local committees for their efficient arrangements for the comfort and entertainment of the visiting Patrons.

To Governor Johnson for the courtesy extended to us in the invitation to visit the Capitol.

To the officials of the Folsom State Prison and to many other officers for kindnesses shown.

To the Chamber of Commerce and to the citizens of Sacramento for their aid in providing automobiles for the excursion.

To J. L. Flanagan and the management of the Travelers' Hotel for favors extended.

To the local Y. M. C. A. for their kindly interest.

To the Press of Sacramento for its generous notices and reports of the meetings.

To Benjamin Ide Wheeler and Judge Peter J. Shields for many valuable ideas presented by them in their addresses at the reception.

To the musicians, whose talent gave delight on that occasion and during the sessions of the Grange.

To the Reverend Henry Quickenden for his address at the Memorial services.

Finally, we desire to thank all who in any way contributed to the pleasure and success of this meeting.

Fraternally submitted,

E. M. BILLINGS.

G. W. WORTHEN.

MRS. T. G. KING.

MRS. C. VAN KEPPEL.



**STANDING COMMITTEES.**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**—W. W. Greer, Oak Park, Sacramento; Dr. H. F. Dessau, Oakland; H. F. Blohm, Aromas; Mrs. G. W. Worthen, San Jose; Mrs. W. V. Griffith, Geyserville.

**LEGISLATION**—F. L. Hunt, Napa; E. M. Billings, Calistoga; C. Van Keppel, Forestville; Mrs. Lee Dudgeon, Soledad; Mrs. S. S. Slawson, Sacramento.

**EDUCATION**—Mrs. Nina Williams, Tassajara; Mrs. M. Farrell, Mountain View; Mrs. Della V. Howell, Porterville; Wesley Beach, Santa Rosa; James Dukes, Ramona.

**CO-OPERATION**—Geo. W. Worthen, San Jose; George R. Harrison, Sebastopol; A. P. Southworth, Galt; Mrs. J. Jackson, Elk Grove; Mrs. M. Adelaide Morse, Folsom, R. R. No. 1.

**WOMAN'S WORK**—Mrs. Minnie Church, Petaluma; Mrs. J. L. Patterson, Folsom, R. R. No. 1; Mrs. E. V. Jones, Potter Valley; Mrs. F. W. Volz, Cotati; Mrs. O. A. Collins, Merced.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**—Peter Hanson, Santa Rosa; John A. Ellis, Geyserville; J. T. Peterson, Lincoln; A. G. Fultz, Kelseyville; Mrs. D. A. Dunlap, Napa.

**CHARITY**—Mrs. R. D. Gould, Antelope, Sacramento county; Mrs. L. Campbell, Los Molino; Mrs. W. A. Bates, Dinuba.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES.**

**GOOD ROADS**—G. W. Hack, Sacramento, R. R. No. 3; F. W. Ellis, Rutherford; Jas. E. Robinson, Mayhews; D. F. Regan, Saratoga; T. G. King, Petaluma.

**CONSERVATION**—Thomas Jacob, Visalia; Henry Hoerl, Lathrop; P. V. Bartos, Reedly; Mrs. W. H. Livingston, Greenfield.

**PLEASURE GROUNDS**—A. E. Burnham, Healdsburg; C. Melton, Lindsay; J. P. Munger, San Jose.

**DORMANT GRANGES**—Lee Dudgeon, Soledad; E. S. Taggard, Porterville; Mrs. S. H. Stone, Santa Rosa, R. R. No. 2; Mrs. A. Van Maren, Fair Oaks, R. R. No. 1.

**TO ARRANGE FOR GRANGE HEADQUARTERS AT THE PANAMA EXPOSITION IN 1915**—W. V. Griffith, Geyserville; Thomas Jacob, Visalia; H. G. Keesling, Campbell; Mrs. O. E. Borrette, Napa; Mrs. Joseph Holmes, Sacramento, R. R. No. 3.

## TABULATED REPORT OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES, OCTOBER, 1914

Names of Granges	No. of Members Close of Last Year	Gains				Losses				Total No. of Mem- bers at Date			
		By Initiation	By Demit		By re-in- st'm't	With- drawn Demit	Death		From other causes	Brothers	Sisters..		
			Brothers	Sisters..			Brothers	Sisters..					
Alpaugh .....	20	17	18	8		2	3	1		34	21		
American River.....	37	33				1	1		4	33	31		
Antelope .....	36	28				1		2	3	30	25		
Aromas .....	38	20	5	5		1			5	37	25		
Bennett Valley .....	50	36	5	6	1	1	2		2	53	39		
Bowman .....	12	11	4	7			3	5		13	13		
Capital .....	17	34	1			2	2		6	12	20		
Castoria .....	24	32		3			1		11	14	15		
Cotati .....			2	2		1	5		1	20	11		
Cloverdale .....										20	12		
Dairyville .....			6	1	1					48	19		
Danville .....	40	53	1	2					1	41	54		
Dinuba .....	41	42	4	2					4	42	39		
Elk Grove .....	30	41	5	5	1	1		1	1	5	34		
Forestville .....			9	10					2	42	46		
Fort Romie .....	41	26	10	7	1	5	6	1	6	40	28		
Geyserville .....	26	37	16	16	1	1	1		2	40	42		
Gold Hill.....	23	16						1		22	16		
Greenfield .....	47	31	10	7	3	2	6	4	9	47	33		
Lincoln .....	25	27	10	7	1	1	1			35	34		
Live Oak.....	26	9	23	29			2	1		48	36		

Merced .....			5	5				2	1						26	12
Mountain View.....	108	108	12	14	2	2		1	1		2	5			116	123
Napa .....	51	30	11	5					1	1	2		10	1	50	33
Oakland .....	21	39	4	6					1						24	45
Orange Vale.....	27	24	10	4					2	1	1	0	1	1	33	26
Orchard City.....	61	64	6	9	3	1	1	1	4	9	1		5	4	61	62
Petaluma .....	38	38				1			1	2	1		1	2	35	35
Poplar .....	68	53	8	8		1							21	17	55	45
Potter Valley.....	15	16	18	18			1	6			1	1	1	1	32	28
Prairie Center.....	27	17	14	8					1				8	5	32	20
Progressive .....	26	44	2	6	1				2	2	1			1	26	47
Ramona .....															50	24
Rutherford .....			19	29											73	49
Sacramento .....	44	46	18	18	3	5			1		1	2	3	62	65	
San Jose .....	58	59	1	3	3	1			2	2	2		1	58	59	
Santa Rosa.....	32	27	13	14							2	2		1	43	38
Sebastopol .....	37	30	5	12			2	3	2		1		6	4	35	41
Silverado .....			3	3									6	1	24	14
Soquel .....	12	6	3	1							1		5	3	9	4
Sunnyvale .....	20	24	1	1			1	1	1	1	2		1	5	18	20
Tulare .....	23	12												1	23	11
Two Rock.....	34	34	12	16								2	4	2	42	46
Upper Lake.....	22	15											6	3	16	12
Valley Oaks.....			24	30											46	45
Visalia .....	18	16	2	3									1		19	19
Totals .....	1272	1211	316	483	19	20	11	16	48	43	21	10	140	116	1713	1532
Sacramento Co. Pom....	49	69	16	31							1	4	17	61	82	
Santa Clara Co. Pom....	70	65	8	10	2	1			2	3	1		7	5	70	68
Sonoma Co. Pom.....	57	53	32	36			1	1	1	1	1		1		87	87
Tulare Co. Pom.....	35	38	3	4								2	1		36	41
Total .....	211	225	59	81	2	1		1	3	4	2	2	13	24	254	278

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

**In Memoriam**

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**Brother William Eddy**

**Past Master**

**Potter Valley Grange, Potter Valley, Cal.**



**In Memoriam**

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**Brother William Dent**

**Past Master**

**Petaluma Grange, Petaluma, Cal.**

**In Memoriam**

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**Brother John Simons**

**Past Master**

**Enterprise Grange, Walsh Station, Cal.**

**In Memoriam**

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**Brother J. D. Gould**

**Past Master**

**Antelope Grange, Antelope, Cal.**

**In Memoriam**

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**Sister Ida J. Griffith**

**Wife of Master N. A. Griffith**

**Santa Rosa Grange, Santa Rosa, Cal.**



**In Memoriam**

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**Sister Mary Baldwin**

**Wife of Past Master**

**Danville Grange, Danville, Cal.**

**In Memoriam**

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**Sister Mary Freeman**

**Wife of Past Master**

**Two Rock Grange, Petaluma, Cal.**

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