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CALIFORNIA STATE  
GRANGE

*Patrons of Husbandry*



1923

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

## Social Features of the Session

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RECEPTION TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 16, 1923

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, DINUBA

### Program

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| Musle .....                             | Dinuba Orchestra  |
| Welcome Song .....                      | Dinuba Grange Chorus  |
| Welcome to Our City .....               | Mayor Andrews   |
| Welcome from Chamber of Commerce .....  | J. J. Lushbaugh   |
| Violin Duet .....                       | Bonnie Burum, Pauline Walters<br>Accompanied by Mrs. Kelley |
| Welcome from Tulare Pomona Grange ..... | W. E. Lindley   |
| Response .....                          | Geo. R. Harrison, Master Calif. State Grange                |
| Tenor Solo .....                        | S. H. Johnson   |
| School Work in Dinuba .....             | Major F. M. Powell  |
| Violin Solo .....                       | Wilna Wyllie  |
| Reading .....                           | Mrs. J. Humiston  |
| Violin Solo .....                       | Mrs. J. Hyman   |
| Dinuba Grange Trio .....                | Messrs. Shimer, Gilliam, and Cary<br>Dinuba Orchestra.      |

### THURSDAY

One hundred mile drive through Tulare County in automobiles.

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(Organized July 15, 1873)

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Held in High School Gymnasium

Dinuba, California

October 16-19, 1923, inclusive

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Next Session begins October 21, 1924

**OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE**  
**FOR 1923 AND 1924**

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| Master .....                 | GEORGE R. HARRISON<br>Sebastopol, Sonoma County.          |
| Overseer .....               | H. A. CRAIG<br>Gazelle, Siskiyou County.                  |
| Lecturer .....               | GEORGE SEHLMeyer<br>Elk Grove, Sacramento County.         |
| Steward .....                | A. C. WILLIAMS<br>Visalia, Tulare County.                 |
| Assistant Steward .....      | STANLEY B. SMITH<br>Los Gatos, Santa Clara County.        |
| Chaplain .....               | MRS. MARY B. LINDLEY<br>Dinuba, Tulare County.            |
| Treasurer .....              | M. FARRELL<br>Mountain View, Santa Clara County.          |
| Secretary .....              | MRS. MARTHA L. GAMBLE<br>Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.       |
| Gate Keeper .....            | W. HALBERT SMITH<br>Greenville, Siskiyou County.          |
| Ceres .....                  | MRS. FLORENCE STEINMETZ<br>Danville, Contra Costa County. |
| Pomona .....                 | MRS. MARGARET J. KLEAVER<br>Dunsmuir, Siskiyou County.    |
| Flora .....                  | MISS LINDE M. HARTLEY<br>Napa, Napa County.               |
| Lady Assistant Steward ..... | MRS. GRACE BIGGS<br>Isleton, Sacramento County.           |
| Pianist .....                | MRS. MARY L. SHORT<br>Calistoga, Napa County.             |

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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| FRANK L. HUNT ..... | Napa, Napa County           |
| ROY I. CHURCH ..... | Petaluma, Sonoma County     |
| A. VAN MAREN .....  | Fairoaks, Sacramento County |

# Fifty-first Annual Session OF California State Grange

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FIRST DAY—TUESDAY

FORENOON

The fifty-first annual session of the State Grange of California convened at Dinuba, Tulare County, October 16, 1923, and was opened in ample form in the Fifth Degree at 11 o'clock A. M., by Worthy Master Geo. R. Harrison.

The annual word was taken up by the Assistant Steward, Stanley B. Smith, and the Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Grace Biggs, assisted by W. P. and Mrs. Florence Miller of Bellevue Grange.

In the absence of the Worthy Chaplain, Mrs. Mary B. Lindley was appointed to fill the office.

Opening song, "We Bid You Here Welcome."

The following officers were present at roll call: Master, Geo. R. Harrison; Overseer, H. A. Craig; Lecturer, Geo. Sehlmeier; Asst. Steward, Stanley B. Smith; Treasurer, M. Farrell; Secretary, Mrs. Martha L. Gamble; Ceres, Mrs. Lulu C. Eipper; Pomona, Mrs. W. L. Kleaver; Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. Grace Biggs; Pianist, Mrs. Mary L. Short.

The Worthy Master appointed Mrs. Mary B. Lindley, Chaplain, and Mrs. Mary A. Gilliam, Flora, for the session. He also appointed Bro. Bates as temporary Gate Keeper.

The Asst. Steward and Lady Asst. Steward retired and introduced Geo. M. Hachmann of Beswick Grange, Albert and Mrs. Eugenia Bucher of Geyserville Grange and Steven H. Johnson of Danville Grange, who were obligated and instructed in the Fifth Degree.

The roll of Granges was called. The following Granges were found to be represented by duly accredited delegates: American River, Antelope, Aromas, Bellevue, Beswick, Bogus, Community, Danville, Dinuba, Edgewood, Elk Grove, Forestville, Fort Romie, Gazelle, Geyserville, Gilroy, Greenfield,

Greenhorn, Guenoc, Happy Camp, Hornbrook, Little Shasta, Mountain View, Napa, Orange Vale, Orchard City, Petaluma, Poplar, Potter Valley, Sacramento, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Scott Valley, Sebastopol, Silverado, Tulare, Two Rock, Valley Oaks, Visalia, Monterey Pomona, Napa-Lake Pomoma, Sacramento Pomona, Santa Clara Pomona, Siskiyou Pomona, Sonoma Pomona, Tulare Pomona.

The Worthy Master appointed special committees as follows:

Credentials—John Hartley, L. F. Biggs, F. E. Stelling, Mrs. Margaret Robinson, Miss Myra More.

Division of Labor—Roy I. Church, W. H. Fox, Ralph Gordon, Mrs. Chas. La Rue, Mrs. Carrie Holmes.

Resolutions—Lee Dudgeon, W. V. Griffith, S. S. Knight, Mrs. Stephen Johnson, Mrs. Mae Sutton.

Fifth and Sixth Degree—J. N. Watt, E. K. Clendening, A. C. Williams, Mrs. Mary A. Gilliam, Miss Jennie Bray.

Press—H. G. Keesling, Mrs. Florence Miller, H. L. Gunn. Pomona Feast—Thos. Jacob, C. Van Kepple, George Bray, Mrs. Jennie Dudgeon, Mrs. Minnie Hartley.

Finance—W. P. Miller, W. R. Coupland, C. J. Sutton, Mrs. Clara Knight, Miss Myra More.

Mileage and Per Diem—Stanley B. Smith, Granville Libby, Arthur Jones, Mrs. Minnie Eddie, Mrs. Mina Humiston.

Memorial—Mrs. Mary B. Lindley, Mrs. Alice Harrison, Mrs. A. Van Mar'en, Mrs. Laura Stice, Mrs. Mary G. Williams.

The list of standing committees with appointees to fill vacancies was read as follows:

Good of the Order—W. V. Griffith, W. H. Smith, A. C. Williams, Miss Fannie L. Gamble, Mrs. Minnie V. Bocchio.

Legislation—F. L. Hunt, S. H. Stone, Lee Dudgeon, Mrs. Eugenia Bucher, Mrs. Mary L. Short.

Education—S. H. Johnson, Mrs. Mary B. Lindley, Mrs. Margaret J. Kleaver, Mrs. Eliza J. Farrell, Mrs. Della B. Howell.

Co-operation—Geo. Sehlmeier, John Hartley, W. E. Lindley, Mrs. Lulu C. Eipper, Mrs. Daisy Van Kepple.

Charity—Mrs. Carrie Holmes, Mrs. Lois Craig, Mrs. Clara Knight, Mrs. Lulu C. Eipper, Mrs. Daisy Bray.

Order of Business—H. A. Craig, Wm. Eipper, J. H. La Rue, Mrs. Ida M. Clendening, Miss Myra More.

Constitution and By-laws—E. T. Pettit, F. S. Clifton, E. C. Abbott, Mrs. Mary G. Williams, Mrs. Della B. Howell.

Home Economics—Mrs. Minnie Church, Mrs. Florence Miller, Mrs. Grace Biggs, Mrs. Mary A. Gilliam, Mrs. Alice Williams.

Good Roads—A. Van Maren, Thos. Jacob, J. N. Watt, Mrs. Ida Soper, Mrs. J. J. Murphy.

Taxation—Joseph Holmes, Chas. La Rue, Roy I. Church, Mrs. Alice Abbott, Mrs. Rose Seavy.

Conservation—E. K. Clendening, J. J. Murphy, Joseph H. Bone, Mrs. May Barkway, Mrs. May Church.

Grange Vacation—S. L. Stice, Joseph Bone, Walter Seavy, Mrs. Jennie Dudgeon, Miss Myra More.

Dormant Granges—Granville Libby, W. W. Wells, Arthur Jones, Mrs. Maggie E. Turner, Mrs. Minnie May Elliot.

Juvenile Granges—Mrs. Alice Williams, Mrs. Shimer, Mrs. Kate Van Maren, Mrs. Kate Wood, Mrs. Nettie Harris.

Home Beautification—Miss S. E. Wood, Mrs. J. H. La Rue, Mrs. Mary G. Williams, Mrs. Margaret J. Kleaver, Mrs. F. S. House, Mrs. Harry Barnes.

State Grange Music—H. L. Gunn, James Kenyon, Mrs. Cordelia Alyward, Mrs. Mary L. Short, Mrs. Janette Murphy.

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

Bro. S. L. Stice moved that those not delegates be excused from giving the salutation upon entering or leaving the hall. The motion was seconded by Bro. S. S. Knight and carried.

The Assistant Steward escorted Brothers W. V. Griffith, E. T. Pettit and Frank L. Hunt, Past Masters of this State Grange, to the Master's station. The Worthy Past Masters were greeted by the Worthy Master and given seats at his right. The Worthy Master then presented the Past Masters in turn to the assembled members. The Past Masters addressed the Grange briefly.

On motion of Bro. Watt, the Worthy Lecturer was given one hour Wednesday evening for a "Lecturer's Hour."

Announcements were made.

Recess was declared until 1:30 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON

Grange was called to order at 1:45 P. M.

The A. W. was taken up by the Assistant Stewards and their assistants, after which the Grange proceeded with business.

The committee on Order of Business made a partial report which, on motion of Bro. Libby, was adopted.

Past Master W. V. Griffith at the request of the Worthy Master assumed the Chair.

Worthy Master Harrison then read his annual address.

### MASTER'S ADDRESS

Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

We have met in this beautiful city of Dinuba, in the county of Tulare, which is one of the most prosperous and greatest productive counties in this great State of ours, for the fifty-first annual session of the State Grange.

As we meet from year to year in these annual sessions the splendid co-operation and interest shown proves that the Grange, with its principles of loyalty and service, its record of achievements, and its fine program for community betterment, is becoming better known and appreciated. Let us take up the duties of this session and put forth our best efforts to the work at hand, but also let us remember that however varied our personal viewpoints may be, we should, according to the teachings of our Order, be charitable toward each other.

We, as a Nation and as a State, have had many discouraging problems confronting us during the time since we met last. Such as the loss of our much beloved President, Warren G. Harding. Yet we have many things to be truly thankful for, as we have had no serious calamities such as befell our sister nation, Japan, nor have we had any serious epidemics as we have had in previous years.

### Condition of the Order

While our Order has not progressed as we would all like to have seen it, yet on the other hand we have no cause for being discouraged, as we have more than held our own through the year. We have lost two of our weaker Granges by surrendering of their Charters. I speak of Purple Sage No. 394 and of Grenada No. 390. We still have two very weak Granges, and unless they do something for themselves they will soon be surrendering their Charters. We have many good strong Granges that are gaining both in numbers and usefulness. We have organized two very strong Granges during the year. Gilroy, organized Dec.

19th by Brother and Sister Clendening, with a Charter list of 44 has now passed the one hundred mark and is still growing rapidly; the other, Little Shasta, organized February 1st by Brother W. Halbert Smith, with a Charter list of 61, is also growing very rapidly. We have also organized two Juvenile Granges, Dinuba No. 3 and Hornbrook No. 4. I am sure that you are all pleased to know that the juvenile work is progressing so well, and we look for still more new ones.

Mrs. Harrison and I have personally visited every Grange in the State with the exception of two. After making these visits I can say that the Granges are much stronger than one year ago, and I can see a marked increase in the interest among the members. Among the many things that I have noticed was the striving to do better degree work, also the officers are giving more attention to the learning of their parts with less use of the Manual during Grange meetings. A marked interest is shown in the learning of the Law and Rules of our Order. I think that a great deal of this is due to the instruction and inspection work which has urged them on to do better work. I regret to say that there are just a few Granges that do not give as much attention to this part of the work as I wish they would.

Our Order is receiving much more attention from both the farming and business interests, and people are looking to the Grange to help bring about a readjustment of existing conditions, and I hope at this session of the State Grange (if possible), some plan may be suggested that will help to bring such a readjustment that will better conditions.

### The National Grange

The 56th annual session of the National Grange met in that thriving city of the middle west, Wichita, Kansas, last November. It was a session that will long be remembered by those who were present, as it was a very busy one. One day was taken off for recreation and sightseeing. All visitors were taken to the Butler Company oil fields, where five thousand oil derricks can be seen at one time. We were then taken to the Claypool Grange hall, where a fine barbecued dinner was served. There were 145 automobiles there, and all came loaded with passengers.

One evening the seventh degree was conferred upon a class of 631 candidates. This was done in a most impressive manner by Brother Charles M. Gardner as Worthy High

Priest. Some very important measures were endorsed at this session. I will mention a few of them:

Favoring the French-Capper, Truth in Fabrics bill.

Favoring of the sale of Muscle Shoals Nitrate plant at once, or that it be operated by the Government.

The taxing of Stock Dividends.

Favored the election of President and Vice-President of these United States by a direct vote of the people.

### **Pomona Granges**

That so small a percentage of our members take the interest in the Pomona Grange that they should, is a matter of considerable regret to this office. I feel that at least 75 per cent of the Subordinate members should belong to the Pomona Grange, and there should be at least 50 per cent of the Pomona members present at every meeting. Let me urge those that are not already members of their own Pomona Grange to put in their application at the earliest opportunity. Also, those that are members attend to the meetings more regularly.

### **Juvenile Granges**

In my address one year ago I stressed the importance of the Juvenile Grange work. I am pleased at this time to report that we now have two Juvenile Granges in this State—Dinuba No. 3 and Hornbrook No. 4. I have personally seen both of these Granges, and must say that if there is anything in your makeup to be aroused, it certainly would be by seeing these little folks. I hope that at some convenient time during this session we may have the pleasure of seeing the members of Dinuba Juvenile Grange. I trust that others will take up this work and that the next session of the State Grange there will be reports of several more new Granges.

### **State Grange Benefit**

One year ago you instructed the Executive Committee to work out Rules and Regulations for a Life Insurance or State Grange Benefit. Your committee, together with the State Master and Secretary, have spent many hours working

out a plan whereby they can give protection at a nominal cost. I regret to say that this has not been taken advantage of as it should have been. Neither has a better plan been submitted.

### Fire Insurance

As I said one year ago in my report, the one item of paramount interest to every property owner is our Grange Fire Insurance; it has saved the members many thousands of dollars in premiums, as it gives equal protection at a much less cost than the old line companies.

I trust that every member of the Order who is not already carrying Grange insurance will, as fast as their present policies expire, insure in the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance. At some time during this session of the State Grange a meeting will be held, when you will have an opportunity to learn more of this Fire Insurance.

### Field Meets

I should speak about this very important part of our work. There has been two field meets held this year. Santa Clara County held an all-day field meet at Campbell, which I am sure was a success. The other was at Sebastopol, where the Sonoma County Patrons held their second annual field meet, and I am sure this will be an annual event in both Santa Clara and Sonoma Counties. I wish the other Granges would take up this work and encourage it. On May 26th Bennett Valley held its 50th annual picnic. Several counties held picnics, including several Subordinate Granges.

### National Grange Monthly

I think that I should fall far short of my duty as Master of this Grange if I did not again remind you of the National Grange Monthly. I have in the months that have passed noted the very important part that our National Grange Monthly plays in giving out helpful instruction to Granges, together with its wealth of good healthy Grange news. This magazine should be in every Grange home in California, and I hope that before another session of the State Grange it will be.

### Good Roads and Bonds

The one great question before the people of California today is its roads, and the manner of raising the funds to build them. With the ever increasing traffic with both light and heavy motor vehicles, it is necessary that roads be constructed so as to last, for a reasonable time at least. I believe that I can safely say that every farmer is tired of the way that the money is handled, both in road construction and other expenditures. I should like to see this State Grange go on record as favoring a "pay as you go" plan, and that all commercial busses and trucks be so taxed that they will pay their proportion of road construction and maintenance; that is, in comparison with the destruction wrought by them.

### The 18th Amendment

There is a disposition on the part of some to destroy and overthrow what the National Grange, together with many State Granges, and patrons in general, have worked for, for many years. This is known as the 18th Amendment. Since from every State in this great Union comes the most indisputable testimony of the unqualified benefits resulting from the abolition of the liquor traffic, testimony so strong that many foreign nations are taking steps to formulate similar laws; and since nearly every State Grange in all our mighty fellowship has unreservedly declared its intention to hold all members of Congress accountable for any retreat in legislation, or any compromise in the interpretation of the law as now existing, let us, with a voice that can be heard from coast to coast, put ourselves equally on record as defending the 18th Amendment, and its just enforcement without fear or favor, and call upon our officers to enforce the same.

### The Drug Evil

Viewing with alarm the inroads of the organized traffic in narcotics and habit-forming drugs, we hereby urge upon parents the duty of teaching their children the deadly effects of their use; we bespeak the necessity of wise and careful instruction along these lines by teachers in our public schools; we respectfully suggest to the medical fraternity that so far as is at all possible other remedies be used in

their practice lest, innocently, habits be formed; and we demand of our law makers, State and National, such statutory enactments as will cope successfully with this gigantic evil.

### In Memorium

Fittingly we pause to pay tribute to the memory of those Sisters and Brothers, who, in times past, carried the burdens of the day in joy and unselfishness, but who, having finished their tasks, now rest from their labor and have gone to their reward. No words of ours can fill their places nor lessen the burden of sorrow. May we always remember the beauty of their lives. From the founders of our Order to the present time what a wonderful service has been rendered, what a valuable inheritance is ours, may each of us when we gather on the golden harvest floor of our eternal home, bear many sheaves of grain.

I trust that a suitable service will be arranged by the memorial committee, and that each one of us will feel it a sacred duty to pay a last tribute of respect by attendance thereon.

### In Conclusion

The Grange is the oldest, the sanest and the best financed agricultural organization this State possesses or ever has possessed.

For over fifty years it has worked on a broad basis, and has faithfully tried to educate and elevate the American farmer to a higher plane of living and usefulness.

I would have this State Grange declare for true Grange principles, and then throw all the weight of its influence to enlist the great hosts of farmers in this State to the support of a true Grange program, and to win also, because of its justice and its fairness, the approval of all right-thinking, fair-minded men and women and of all true Americans, regardless of race, or place of birth. Let us all labor for the good of our Country, our Order, and of Mankind.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. R. HARRISON,  
Master California State Grange.

The Master's address was referred to the committee on Division of Labor.

The Worthy Master resumed the Chair.

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

### OVERSEER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As your Overseer and humble servant, I, with the rest of the Patrons, have come to Dinuba, many of us 500 miles and more, to co-operate in making this 51st session of the State Grange a success, and with this object in view, my service is always at your command.

It was my pleasure to be able to attend each of the meetings held in Siskiyou County during the two weeks our State Master, Bro. Harrison, Sister Harrison and their granddaughter, Helen Harrison, was visiting the Granges in Siskiyou County. Bro. Harrison was inspecting the Subordinate Granges, and it was not only a pleasure but a Grange inspiration to be with our Worthy State Master and listen to his kindly instructions and good advice, and I believe these visits of our Worthy Master are very helpful to the Granges.

H. A. CRAIG, Overseer.

Bro. Sehlmeier, Worthy Lecturer, read his report. The report was referred to the committee on Good of the Order.

### LECTURER'S REPORT

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Another year of Grange work in California has passed and the California State Grange is again in session.

The Pomona and Subordinate Granges of California have the right to expect that the State Grange shall present construction plans for Grange advancement in California. One of the most important departments of Grange activity is lecture work.

### Lecturer's Conference

The annual Lecturer's Conference will be held as usual. Your State Lecturer intended to hold the first conference on Monday evening, but owing to unforeseen difficulties, this plan was abandoned.

The Lecturer's meeting is a valuable asset, but it is unfortunate that it comes at the close of the term of many

of the lecturers. The quarterly conferences of subordinate lecturers within the county have been held in several counties.

### Publicity

The publicity of Grange proceedings given out by the lecturers of the several Granges has been unusually good, and lecturers are to be complimented for their efficiency in this department.

It should be definitely determined, however, who shall have charge of the pre-convention publicity. Giving information to the public that a State Grange convention will be held cannot but help the Order in the State. Your State Lecturer recommends that a publication be maintained by the State Grange.

### State College of Agriculture

In last year's report attention was called to the apparent gap existing between the farmers of California and our State College of Agriculture. Recommendation was made that the State Grange appoint a special committee on Agricultural Education to investigate this condition and report to the next annual session. This suggestion is repeated.

While preparing material for the last quarterly bulletin your Lecturer visited the State Superintendent of Instruction to learn the receipts of our College of Agriculture, but was informed that such information was confidential, and the editor of the bulletin was referred to R. G. Sproule, comptroller of the University. There seems to be no adequate reason why any financial affairs of our State University should not be open to investigation by any citizen of the State.

### State Lecturer's Hour

It is generally expected that the State Lecturer shall prepare a lecture hour program. Under present conditions, if the State Lecturer wishes to bring an outside speaker for the lecture hour, it is impossible on account of not knowing when the program will be held.

It is recommended that a permanent time be fixed for the lecture hour.

This year has closed. A splendid opportunity presents itself this coming year for Grange extension in California.

GEO. SEHLMAYER, Lecturer.

The Worthy Steward, A. C. Williams, and Worthy Assistant Steward, Stanley B. Smith, read their reports, which were accepted.

### STEWARD'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

This session of the State Grange brings to me a double pleasure. As Steward I have the pleasure of serving a portion of the wants of the members during the session, and as a member of one of the Subordinate Granges of the county, it affords me the second pleasure of acting, with others, as host to the guests.

I assure you our members, and our citizens as well, extend to you a most cordial welcome. It will be the ambition of all to make your stay while in our midst both pleasant and profitable.

To many of us your visitation has been regarded somewhat selfishly. We have felt that when the wisdom of the session of the State Grange, held in Dinuba, was scattered over Tulare County, such would be the means of instructing the unlearned in that great cause of co-operation, and would bring to their attention the fact, if the tillers of the soil would combine and work in unison, such a method would enable the producer to combat the most powerful enemy.

Ours is an agricultural county, second to none in California, and should be the banner Grange county of this State. We are looking forward to the time when our organization sows the seeds of agricultural protection, of which we beg of you to be not sparing, that our fertile soil will produce great results.

I have no fear in saying to you that when you return for your next visitation, our advancement in Grange interest, learned from the counsels of the present session, will surprise you as much as the products of our soil has surprised you today.

It is that section in this great golden State that the people of the State have learned to recognize and appreciate as the garden spot of California. It's Tulare county.

Fraternally submitted,

A. C. WILLIAMS, Steward.

**ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT**

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Assistant Steward desires to do all that he can to help make this Grange session a very successful one.

Remember that the Assistant Steward is the Grange errand boy, and your present one wishes to do his duty.

Fraternally submitted,

STANLEY B. SMITH, Asst. Steward.

The Worthy Chaplain not being able to be present, his report was read by Sr. Mary L. Short, and accepted.

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

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

Your Chaplain begs leave to submit for your consideration the following report:

I have as far as possible visited Grangers within reasonable distance, and have tried to lend encouragement and inspiration to our members in public addresses and private interview.

I appreciate the importance of the office to which you have elected me. Living as we do in a time when there is an ever increasing drift toward the utilitarian and materialistic values in life, there is the greater need of emphasis being placed on the moral and religious aspects of private and public life of our members in the communities in which we live.

Everywhere we cannot but note the fact that we are upon an era of unparalleled economic prosperity. We note also the ever increasing disposition to levity, ease and indulgence together with an increasing disregard of law and the rights of others. This has been called to our attention with great emphasis in recent published addresses by our Worthy National Master. On a former occasion I called your attention to the need of that discipline in self-control, self-denial and economy that will daily remind us of the God of all our welfare. We, as true Grangers, need to take our places to strengthen the churches and Sunday Schools in our neighborhoods.

In all the instruction we receive when becoming members of our beloved fraternity the building of character and the

fear and love of God and the advancement of His Kingdom among men are paramount.

Let me admonish you then as true Patrons of Husbandry—for the sake of our children, and the perpetuity of our homes and of our beloved Grange we continue to walk the ways of God and sustain his temples.

Let me urge again the importance of holding annually a distinctly Grange service in some church in our community. This is bound to bring much of good both to the Grange itself and also to the community where such a service is held. Wherever and whenever possible I shall be pleased to assist our Granges in such services.

Among other activities of my office I have been called to minister in the hour of bereavement and sorrow. Arrangements have been completed for the annual memorial service. Suitable eulogies will be presented by loving friends.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. PETERSEN, Chaplain.

The Worthy Treasurer, M. Farrell, and the Worthy Secretary, Mrs. Martha L. Gamble, read their reports.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Your Treasurer submits the following report for the year 1923:

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| Received in cash and endorsed warrants.....          | \$3,799.04 |
| Received interest on bonds.....                      | 125.35     |
| Received interest on general fund.....               | 72.17      |
| Received from education fund, including interest.... | 356.37     |

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| Total receipts for 1923..... | \$4,352.93 |
| Balance from 1922.....       | 3,581.94   |

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| Making a total of receipts.....     | \$7,934.87 |
| The disbursements for 1923 are..... | 3,677.53   |

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| Leaving a balance in the treasury..... | \$4,257.34 |
| Bonds .....                            | 2,500.00   |

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| Total in treasury October, 1923..... | \$6,757.34 |
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Respectfully submitted,

M. FARRELL,

Treasurer State Grange of California.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers and Members:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Secretary's office for the year ending Sept, 30, 1923.

We had at the close of last year 5,002 members. Our total membership now is 5,108, a gain of 106 members over last year. While a number of new members have been added to our roll, there having been 802 initiated during the year, some of the Granges have lost heavily, thus bringing down the net gain.

Sonoma County still maintains the lead in point of membership, having a total of 1,118 members; Siskiyou County comes next with a total of 1,077 members. Sebastopol Grange has dropped back to 293 members, thus surrendering first place to Mountain View Grange, which has attained a membership of 305. Orchard City has a net loss of 8 members, but is still third on the list, while Scott Valley claims fourth place, with a membership of 205. Dinuba and Danville Granges have both made big gains, but the honors fall to Gilroy Grange. Gilroy Grange was organized Dec. 19, 1922, with 44 charter members. It now has 104 members, a gain of over 136 per cent. Little Shasta Grange was organized Feb. 9, 1923, and has gained 20 members.

Two Juvenile Granges have been organized since the first of the year, one at Dinuba and the other at Hornbrook.

Purple Sage Grange has ceased to exist. Strawberry Valley Grange is dormant, and Grenada Grange has not reported to the State Secretary this year.

We have seven Pomona Granges with a membership of 1,476.

## Financial Statement

## Receipts

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| For quarterly dues ..... | \$3,117.85 |
| For fees .....           | 443.00     |
| For merchandise .....    | 238.19     |
| For miscellaneous .....  | 329.63     |
| Total .....              | \$4,128.67 |

## Disbursements

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Dues to National Grange.....   | \$ 394.96         |
| To National Grange for Sixth Degree Certificates....                               | 47.00             |
| For organizing .....   | 209.20            |
| For merchandise .....  | 175.14            |
| Mileage and per diem, State Grange at Asilomar....                                 | 532.82            |
| Salaries of Master, Lecturer and Secretary.....                                    | 500.00            |
| Printing Journals, Rosters, Constitution and By-laws,<br>Grange History, etc. .... | 407.20            |
| Sundries, including inspection and visiting expenses..                             | 1,411.23          |
| Total .....  | <u>\$3,677.53</u> |

## Summary

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Total receipts for dues fees, merchandise and miscellaneous ..... | \$4,128.67        |
| Interest retained by Worthy Treasurer:                            |                   |
| (1) On general fund .....   | \$125.35          |
| (2) On educational fund .....                                     | 26.74             |
| (3) On bonds .....  | 72.17— 224.26     |
| Total receipts .....  | <u>\$4,352.93</u> |
| Balance in treasury Oct. 1, 1922.....                             | 3,581.94          |
|   | <u>\$7,934.87</u> |
| Disbursements .....   | <u>3,677.58</u>   |
| Balance in treasury Oct. 1, 1923.....                             | <u>\$4,257.34</u> |

## Total Assets

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| In general fund .....     | \$2,822.50        |
| In educational fund ..... | 1,434.84          |
| In bonds .....            | 2,500.00          |
| Grand total .....         | <u>\$6,757.34</u> |

Fraternally submitted,

MARTHA L. GAMBLE, Secretary.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were referred to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Lulu C. Eipper, Worthy Ceres, and Mrs. Margaret J. Kleaver, Worthy Pomona, read their reports.

The report of Mrs. Ella C. Braughler, Worthy Flora, was read by the Secretary.

Mrs. Grace Biggs, Worthy Lady Asst. Steward, and Mrs. Mary L. Short, Pianist, read their reports, which were accepted.

### REPORT OF CERES

Once more at the close of the harvest season we meet together with a fraternal spirit to discuss our problems and our achievements.

As we look around and see the beautiful transformation of seeds into attractive plants or fields of waving grain we have but another lesson taught us of the wondrous works of God.

But of all the crops raised on our farms, the girls and boys are the best, and should receive more patient care and training than the most delicate plants.

Our homes should be made so cheerful and comfortable, and our farms should be so well equipped with the most modern improvements, that the boys and girls will cherish a love for the farm and the home that will keep them there.

We must also remember that they must meet with their school mates and friends in the proper social environment, and I believe the Juvenile Grange will be a link in the chain that will bind us all together in one great fraternal family.

Fraternally submitted,

LULU C. EIPPER, Ceres.

### REPORT OF POMONA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

It is with much pleasure, indeed, that as Pomona of California State Grange I bring greetings from the far northern part of the State, and I rejoice with you that we are permitted again to meet and review what has been accomplished during the past well-spent year.

This fruitful county and the proven true Grange spirit of the members of Dinuba Grange cannot be other than an inspiration to us; therefore let us join in the effort to make our sessions not only pleasurable but also profitable.

Fraternally,

MRS. W. L. KLEAVER, Pomona.

## REPORT OF FLORA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I am pleased, indeed, at this time to greet you all and extend a hearty and cordial welcome to this body.

Again we are assembled in session to take up the work of legislating for our grand and noble Order, and I trust that the work you will do here will be for the benefit and advancement of the Order, and that you will each and all receive an inspiration that will enable you to do a better and greater work when you return to your several homes.

We have been given the happy privilege of coming to one of the most beautiful and attractive counties in California. It seems especially fitting that Dinuba should be chosen as our meeting place, for from every angle we find it represents wide-awake, progressive advancement, brought about by clear-minded, far-sighted conservative action by tillers of the soil.

Flora in her great domain has not been idle, for from east to west and north to south she has transformed the barren hills, the lowly valleys, with her brightest blossoms and made this land a beautiful place in which to live.

The lessons taught by the mythical Goddesses are familiar to every Patron of Husbandry, and I can hardly hope to add one beautiful thought to the many suggested in our Manual. May we not apply those teachings to modern conditions, and if possible help to lift the burdens of our Brothers and Sisters by making the world more beautiful.

Scatter the gems of the beautiful,  
By the wayside let them fall,  
That the Rose may spring by the Garden gate,  
The vine by the garden wall.  
Cover the rough and rude of earth,  
With a veil of leaves and flowers,  
And mark with the opening bud and cup,  
The march of the summer hours.

As flowers and vines cover the rough places in Nature, so, I charge you, cover the faults and failings of others with the mantle of charity. Speak good of others rather than evil, gather up memories of others' virtues and pass by their faults in pity. The tears of the compassionate are sweeter than dew-drops falling from roses on the bosom of the earth.

Faternally submitted,

ELLA C. BRAUGHLER, Flora.

### LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Another year has arrived and we are now meeting in our fifty-first annual session, and we trust it will be a pleasant and profitable session.

As Lady Assistant Steward the duties are very few except during the meeting, and I trust I shall perform the duties to the satisfaction of the members.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. GRACE BIGGS,

Lady Assistant Steward.

### PIANIST'S REPORT

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

Your Pianist begs leave to submit the following report:

Let me bring before your mind's eye a picture of a machine of one of the best makes. It is beautiful in line, made of finest material, equipped with all the latest improvements and is all one could desire in a machine.

But, alas! There is something wrong. It will not go. A machinist is called and finds the engine will not move. With some adjustments he puts the engine in order and then with new life the car moves on its journey.

Now look for a moment on another picture. It is a large crowd of people who are assembled in a large hall. The meeting has been called to order, much business has been attended to, and a speaker is trying to interest his audience. Something seems to be amiss. Why are the people so drowsy; why so little interested; why cannot the speaker get his message across? There seems to be no life in the meeting. Suddenly a voice from out of the corner is heard saying, "Let's sing No. 54 in the Grange Melodies. A chord is struck. The whole crowd is suddenly alive and singing with animation.

This body of people have been given new life by music, the one important part of every program at every meeting of any kind.

Two years ago I was elected to fill this life-giving station in the Grange. I was amazed when I found that I was not to be instructed in the duties of my office. I had been instructed in a like position in the Subordinate Grange, by

Sister Nellie Hunt, but upon investigation of the Ritual found that there was no installation ceremony for the Pianist, but that Sister Hunt had invented one for that occasion. It seems strange that the one who is elected to represent this important station, this life-giving station, should not be installed into that office. It makes it very embarrassing for both the elective and installing officers when they find there is nothing to be said. Therefore may I, from my lowly station, be so bold as to suggest that an installation ceremony for the Pianist be added to the Installation Services of the Rituals?

Now having never been instructed as to the duties of my office, I have had to rely on the help of the good Brothers and Sisters who have assisted me and informed me from time to time what was expected of me. They have never failed to respond most graciously when I have called upon them.

This year we have tried to get in a little extra work on special music instead of waiting, as we did last year, to prepare something just one hour before we were ready to appear on the program.

It is impossible to know who the singers are to be when there are new delegates every year, so I thought that if the Pomona Grange members of the county where the State Grange was to meet would practice on some special music some months before the State Grange session, they would be able to lead and help those who arrive only the day before the session, so I wrote the Pomona Grange of Tulare County and asked that they practice on the list of songs which I enclosed. They very graciously consented to do so, and have been working since early this year with a big chorus under the leadership of Mrs. Chas. F. Cleave.

I believe in this way we may bring the music up to a standard more worthy of Grange work.

Music is not only an important part of every program, but it is something that is important in life. Music is a universal language. There is not a nation—No! nor tribe however uncivilized—but what has its music. Music is becoming more and more an important factor in business life. Business colleges use it while instructing their students in typing and other machine operations, claiming that a student accomplishes more, and becomes a better operator in a shorter time.

The larger industries make much of music in their

welfare work, believing that music makes for contentment, and a contented workman is a good workman. Dr. Crane, a famous American, says, "Organized labor ought to turn its attention to music." Music is perhaps the best recreation in the world. It cheers, inspires and drives away gloom. It is also the best unifier in the world. It is the best bond of comradeship."

Thomas A. Edison gave this message: "Music, next to religion, is the mind's solace and also its greatest inspiration. The man who disparages music as luxury and non-essential, is doing the nation an injury."

As we return to our homes from this State Grange session may we use our influence to have more and better music in our communities. See that your schools are provided with teachers who understand the teaching of music.

The city schools are doing splendid work in this line. Every child is learning something of music, and nearly every child in the third and fourth grades and up are able to read music as well as they read their readers.

But the rural districts are the ones that suffer. It is seldom that there is a teacher who can teach music. They possibly can teach a half-dozen songs, but when it comes to the rudiments of music, or the training of the child voice in singing or how to protect them, they absolutely know nothing. Every child who can talk ought to be able to sing if they have the right kind of a teacher. Many a fine voice is ruined in our public schools.

May we each strive to bring better music into our homes, our schools and our communities.

Faternally submitted,

MARY L. SHORT, Pianist.

Song, "Merrily Sing," the Grange.

The report of the Executive Committee, consisting of the minutes of the several meetings held during the year, was read by the Secretary, and approved.

Roll call of Granges for the introduction of reports and resolutions without debate was next in order. Delegates from the following Granges read reports: American River, Aromas, Bellevue, Beswick, Bogus, Danville, Dinuba, Edgewood, Elk Grove, Forestville, Fort Romie, Gazelle, Geyserville, Gilroy, Gold Hill, Greenfield, Greenhorn, Guenoc, Happy Camp, Hornbrook, Little Shasta, Mountain View, Napa, Orange Vale, Orchard City, Petaluma, Potter Valley, San Jose, Scott Valley.

A resolution, introduced by Mountain View Grange, relating to the retention of a State Market Director, was referred to the committee on Co-operation.

Napa Grange introduced a resolution relating to the preparation of a form for acknowledging visits from members of other Granges. It was referred to the committee on Good of the Order.

Petaluma Grange offered resolutions as follows: One in regard to the Japanese Exclusion measure, referred to the Legislative Committee. One relating to the policy that should be pursued by the State and Subordinate Granges of California, referred to the committee on Resolutions.

Dinuba Juvenile Grange was introduced and conducted a regular Grange session; opening the Grange in regular form, going through with the order of business, including the Lecturer's Hour, during which a very interesting program was given, and closing the Grange in regular form; all done in a splendid manner, and without referring to rituals.

Announcements.

Grange was closed until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

#### EVENING

A reception was given the delegates and visiting members of the State Grange by the Patrons of Tulare County in the Gymnasium of Dinuba High School. A splendid program was given. It is printed on the inside of the front cover.

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### SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY

#### FORENOON

Grange was called to order at 9 o'clock A. M. and opened in regular form in the Fourth Degree.

The A. W. was taken up by the Assistant Stewards with the assistance of Brother and Sister Miller.

Opening song, "California for Me."

The Worthy Master appointed Bro. Lester Holmes of Sacramento Grange Gate Keeper for the remainder of the session.

Roll call of Officers found all present.

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

The committee on Order of Business made a further partial report, which was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Sutton, it was decided to call the Roll every morning.

The Roll of Granges was called and a quorum found present.

Roll call of Granges for the introduction of reports and resolutions without debate was continued. The following reported: Antelope, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Silverado, Tulare, Two Rock, Valley Oaks, Visalia, Monterey Pomona, Sacramento Pomona, Santa Clara Pomona, Siskiyou Pomona, Sonoma Pomona, Tulare Pomona.

A resolution introduced by Sacramento Grange relating to the affiliation of the United States with the Permanent Court of International Justice was referred to the committee on Good of the Order.

Sacramento Pomona Grange introduced resolutions as follows: One in regard to the State Grange being a member of the Agricultural Legislative Committee, referred to the Legislative Committee.

One relating to the tariff on wheat, referred to the Legislative Committee.

One relating to the employment of an organizer for the organization of new granges, referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

One relating to the sending of telegrams of sympathy to our Worthy Chaplain, C. L. Petersen, and Worthy Flora, Mrs. Ella C. Braughler, who were detained at home by illness.

On motion of Bro. Watt the last resolution was adopted, and the Secretary was directed to send telegrams in compliance with the resolution today.

Siskiyou Pomona Grange introduced a resolution relating to the construction of a dam across the Klamath River in Siskiyou County by Hydro Electric Power interests. It was referred to the committee on Good of the Order. One relating to freight rates on pure-bred stock was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Resolutions were introduced by Sonoma Pomona Grange as follows: One regarding the placing of a high export duty on lumber was referred to the Legislative Committee.

One relating to the placing of an initiative measure on the ballot at the next election, whose purpose would be

to safeguard and direct our State Department of Agriculture was referred to the committee on Resolutions.

One opposing any further increase in our State or County bonded indebtedness, rate of taxation, or total tax levy, etc., was referred to the committee on Taxation.

One relating to tax exempt securities was referred to the committee on Taxation.

Reports of Deputies being next in order, Bro. E. K. Clendenning, deputy in Santa Clara County; Sr. Lulu C. Eipper, deputy in Monterey County; Sr. Fannie L. Gamble, deputy in Sonoma County; Bro. Geo. Sehlmeier, deputy in Sacramento County, and Bro. H. W. Smith, deputy in Siskiyou County, gave reports of their work in their respective fields of labor. The reports were accepted.

### E. K. CLENDENING'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

In offering my report as Deputy for Santa Clara County, I first want to express my pleasure in attending my first meeting of the State Grangers in Tulare County, and I welcome the opportunity for acquaintance with the members of the order from this section. I also extend fraternal greetings to all the members attending this annual session, and will try to bind a little closer the tie of friendship formed at previous meetings.

As to my efforts during the past year, I am pleased to report success and the fulfillment of the promise I made a year ago that I would try and organize a Grange at Gilroy. After returning home and doing the necessary work in my orchard, my wife and I went to Gilroy and was fortunate in securing the assistance of the Deputy Horticultural Commissioner, who gave me a list of names which he recommended as suitable for charter members. He also very kindly consented to accompany us and show me where they lived and introduce me. This was of great assistance, although we had to make several trips before we found every one at home. After several days' work I secured practically a 100 per cent sign-up of those we wanted. I cannot speak too highly of the personnel of the members that make up that charter list. I never have met a finer lot of people. How Gilroy Grange is progressing at the present time I leave for Brother Stelling, the Master, to tell you in his report.

I also had planned and hoped to organize a Grange at Morgan Hill, situated ten miles north of Gilroy, but about that time difference of opinion among the fruit growers in the conduct of the management of the Prune and Apricot Association resulted in such bitter feeling among the members that I did not think it advisable to try to do anything then. But as the growers are shaking hands with each other again, it is possible that sufficient interest may be aroused to start a Grange there now. By order of the Master, I also inspected San Jose, Mountain View and Gilroy Granges, and I found them all getting along very well. In regard to inspecting the work of the different Granges, I find that some of the Granges do not carry out the order of business as required for inspection, resulting in disappointment and embarrassment to the Inspector.

As far as I know there has never been any desire to enforce inspection of any Grange, but when appointment and acceptances have been made it should then be the duty of the Grange to try and fulfill the requirements.

Other orders have inspection as part of their work, and it has resulted in marked improvement in the conduct of the meetings. Several years ago the majority of the members of the Grange agreed to come under the rule of inspection. The majority, I think, still favor the work, and the preparations they make and the cheerful conduct of the meetings is always a delight to the Master or Deputy whose duty it is to inspect.

Fraternally submitted,

E. K. CLENDENING.

### MISS F. L. GAMBLE'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Herewith is submitted my report as Deputy for Sonoma County.

While no new Granges have been organized in this county, all the granges are working harmoniously together, as reported last year.

The school of instruction, recommended in my previous report, proved most interesting and instructive, when held in Santa Rosa in February under direction of the State Master, G. R. Harrison, and County Deputy. Every Grange in the county, except one, was represented in spite of the stormy evening.

Three Ladies' Degree staffs have recently been organized, making six Degree staffs for the county.

Pomona Grange meets regularly four times a year in Santa Rosa, with invitational meetings with the different Granges. Pomona Grange is a strong factor in binding the Granges of the county closely together, and in the united efforts of what is undertaken making such undertakings a success. The field meet at Sebastopol and the beautiful float at the Luther Burbank Golden Jubilee and Prune Festival are instances.

The Grange outlook for the coming year is bright.

Fraternally submitted,

FANNIE L. GAMBLE, Deputy.

### MRS. LULU C. EIPPER'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California

State Grange:

As your Deputy my report must be very brief, as I have really done but little this year. Although my heart has been with all the Granges of our county—other cares have taken my time.

We are peculiarly situated in our county. Three Granges being in the extreme north of the county, while the other two are 65 miles south, making visiting between Granges quite an effort.

We are hoping for increase in Granges, and whenever it is possible for us to organize a Grange in the territory between these two Grange centers we can hope for that one to be the link in the chain that will bind us all closer together.

Fraternally submitted,

LULU C. EIPPER.

### GEO. SEHLMAYER'S REPORT

As Deputy, I wish to make the following report for Sacramento and adjoining counties.

The several subordinate Granges in Sacramento County, in the whole, are stronger than one year ago. Some of the Granges in the county have made substantial gains in membership.

Your Deputy believes that the present system of inspection should be changed. Three Granges were inspected in Sacramento County by different Inspectors. I believe that if inspections were all made by one officer, a more accurate and uniform score would be obtained. An effort

was made to organize a Grange at Rio Linda. It would not be difficult to organize a Grange at this place, but some of the prominent residents believed that a Grange could not be sustained. It is recommended, however, that the movement be carried forward and a Grange organized.

GEO. SEHLMAYER, Deputy.

### W. HALBERT SMITH'S REPORT

To Bro. Geo. R. Harrison, Master of California State Grange:

In submitting this, my second report as your Deputy in Siskiyou County, I bring greetings to all the loyal patrons of California.

Siskiyou is still on the map as a Grange county, and I am sure will be represented stronger than ever at this, the fifty-first annual session of California State Grange. We have gained one new Grange and lost one during the last year, and I think throughout the county in general there has been quite a gain in membership.

In the latter part of February I attempted to organize a Grange in Little Shasta Valley, and with the assistance of Bro. and Sister Soule and other farmer folks of the valley, I succeeded in organizing one, with sixty-one charter members. I think at this session they will report having eighty-five members, which shows that they are a lively bunch of patrons. They also entertained our Pomona Grange in September, and a good percentage of their members took the fifth degree. Special credit is extended to the officers of Greenhorn and Gazelle Granges for exemplifying the degree work to the new Grange. While there may be room for one or two more small Granges in Siskiyou County, I feel that the field for organizing is growing very small. I am sorry to report that Grenada Grange has surrendered its charter, although I think under the existing conditions there that it was the more business like way of dissolving the Grange, rather than to let it lie dormant until the charter would be revoked.

There are now eleven active Subordinate Granges and one Pomona in Siskiyou County. The Pomona Grange has over five hundred members, and the ladies' degree team, which puts on the degree in full for a fine class of candidates nearly every meeting. Each Subordinate Grange arranged a booth at our County Fair in September, and most

of them had wonderful exhibits. Bogus Grange No. 397, one of the youngest and smallest Granges in the county, won the silver trophy cup that was awarded to Hornbrook Grange last year for the best Grange exhibit, and in a voting contest Greenhorn Grange won a hundred-dollar silver vase, which was awarded by H. D. Brown, president of the Fair Association.

I am sure that yours and Sister Harrison's visit to our county in June will always be remembered by the Siskiyou patrons, and I think that the way the inspection work was carried out this year is the most practical method, as there are no two Inspectors who will score alike.

There is a lot more that I could report along the line of Grange growth and improvement, but I think you will get most of it in the Subordinate Grange reports.

In concluding my report I will say, that when the State Grange cannot find a place to meet, come to Siskiyou County.

Fraternally submitted,

W. HALBERT SMITH,  
Deputy Master.

Upon request Bro. A. C. Williams made a report on the community cold storage plants in operation in Tulare County.

Bro. J. N. Watt made the following report as Legislative Representative of California State Grange. The report was accepted.

#### BRO. J. N. WATT'S REPORT

At the last session of the California State Grange, three important resolutions were discussed, voted on and adopted, which required action on the part of the Grange at the 1923 session of the State Legislature. First, was a measure to Regulate Gold Dredging. Second, pertained to labeling of lubricating oils, and the other was pertaining to our highways and providing for a gross receipt tax upon automotive carriers.

We procured the introduction of the Gold Dredger Bill and the Oil Labeling Bill through Senator Inman of Sacramento, and these two were known thereafter as "State Grange Bills." There had already been introduced a number of bills covering the highway matters.

The Dredger Bill and Oil Labeling Bill were taken up and explained to the Agricultural Legislative Committee and

received its endorsement and support. Out of some 48 bills considered at the sitting of the committee, these two were among the few to receive endorsement from this conservative organization.

After a full hearing on the bill before the Agricultural and Livestock Committee of the Senate, which was attended by a large number of Grangers and the State Master, the bill was reported out favorably to the floor of the Senate. At this hearing Brother Hunt, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, opened up the subject with a very able address, and the dredging interests were represented by a large contingent of attorneys and engineers from San Francisco and other outside points.

On the floor of the Senate the bill was championed in a forceful manner by Senator Inman, but met with little favor because of the powerful dredge lobby which, through financial institutions and bondholders, had brought enough pressure to bear to defeat it.

The Dredger Bill is a particularly hard one to pass because it is bitterly contested by powerful money interests, and there are but such a few of the representatives who have constituents particularly interested in its passage. The dredging fields are mainly in Sacramento and Butte Counties. Strange as it may seem, the greatest opposition to the bill came from these very same places. The Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and the Representative from Butte County, Senator Gates, both worked against its passage.

The dredging interests claim that since 1913, when a similar bill was introduced, the acreage available for dredging has decreased from 12,000 acres to 4,700 acres, and that in a few years more they will have exhausted all of the dredging ground in the State. We could not successfully oppose this statement of fact without making innumerable borings and finding it incorrect.

Unfortunately the issue was intentionally clouded and made to appear as a measure to stop the dredges, whereas it would only regulate them to the small extent of causing them to replace the top soil as they went along. It has been figured out that this could be done at an expense of about \$10 per day to a dredge and that the land saved for future generations as well as the present would be worth the cost.

I made one trip to Oroville for the purpose of gathering data and enlisting the support of ex-Senator Duncan and

others for the bill, and I arranged, with the assistance of Bro. R. N. Wilson of the Agricultural Legislative Committee, an excursion to the dredging fields.

The Sacramento Bee supported this measure and ex-U. S. Senator Phelan and ex-Congressman Kent, both men of national reputation, advocated it, but without avail.

Our Oil Labeling Bill was sent to the Senate Agricultural and Livestock Committee and then passed to the Oil Industries Committee, where after two hearings it was defeated. The big oil companies and the oil lobby were instrumental in defeating this measure before a Senate committee made up largely of Senators from oil-producing localities in the southern part of the State.

The limited time allowed for this report would not permit the history of all the bills in which agriculture was interested, so I will not attempt it, but will give a summary of the results in a brief way. There were some 2,000 bills introduced at the last Legislature, of which 479 were eventually passed into law.

The agricultural interests were particularly interested in one hundred bills which effected farmers. We wanted some of them passed and were as anxious for the defeat of the obnoxious ones.

In fathering a bill it is first necessary to get it introduced, then to get it referred to a committee. It is then considered by the committee when they get around to it and is decided by the committee upon the showing made by each side; if reported favorable, it must then pass the Senate or Assembly and then go to a committee of the other house and then to the floor of the last house to pass on it, and finally to the Governor for signature. Any place along this long line it may fall and be defeated unless watched with eternal vigilance by those interested in its passage.

Among the bills favorable to agriculture passed at the last Legislature should be mentioned the Dairy Bills by Assemblyman Johnson and Senator Boggs, which place this industry on a fair basis and prevent the adulteration of milk and dairy products. The Nurseryman's Bill provides for the State licensing of nurseries and places regulations on this industry.

The Woodbridge Amendment to the Alien Land Laws closed up the loopholes in the previous laws, and now leaves the situation so that there can be no lawful crop

contracts with those persons ineligible to citizenship. An Apple Standardization Law and Fruit and Vegetable Standardization Laws were passed. These laws provide the privilege of conforming to the standards and getting a State certificate, which has been found an immense advantage in marketing products, especially in car lot shipments to the East. The buyers wire out for so many cars or so much standard state pack and know what the grade is they are dealing with.

The Horticultural Commissioners' Bill by Senator Osborne was passed in a way that was satisfactory to agriculture, as was also a bill by the same Senator requiring the per cent of purity to be marked on mineral fertilizers. The Crittenden Bill exempts agricultural trucks from jurisdiction of Railway Commission.

And this brings me to the Motor Vehicle Bills—three in number. First, the Motor Vehicle Bill proper, which provides for \$3 registration and a minimum of 22,000 pounds gross weights for trucks on the highways, and rewrites the rules for automobiles using the highways.

Second, the Gasoline Tax Bill, which provides for a 2c tax on gasoline used in automobiles and trucks, and particularly exempts farm tractors and stationary engines.

And third, the Duval Gross Receipt Tax Bill, which levies a tax of 4 per cent on auto stages and trucks using the State highways.

All of the tax money derived from these bills is divided equally between the State and the counties for road purposes only. The counties' share is apportioned in accordance with the automobiles registered from the respective counties.

#### Defeated Bills

Among the most obnoxious bills to agricultural interests that were defeated should be mentioned: The Cold Storage Bill, which would have prevented food products remaining more than 90 days in cold storage, forcing their sale upon the market.

The Assemblyman Morris Bill, which would have permitted the adulteration and mislabeling of food products, to the disadvantage of the producer.

The Chamberlin Warehouse Bill, which would have placed the allotting of space and control of warehousing under the direction of the Railway Commission. This would have

stopped a great deal of competition and have forced upon that commission an enormous amount of work which they have not the money to properly conduct, and the result would have been chaos.

A proposed Constitutional Amendment which would have advanced the date for making assessment returns to January 1st instead of March 1st, which would have been at a time when much of the farmers' crops are still on hand and would have worked out to his disadvantage. These were defeated by the representatives of agriculture.

There were five Lien Bills which we succeeded in having defeated, each of which would have made it possible for one reason or another to have liens levied on land by a dissatisfied creditor, and in many instances would have worked a hardship on the land owner and given an undue advantage to creditors, whether real or pretended ones.

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The last session of the Legislature was the longest session for sixty-one years, and was made so largely on account of the hearings and discussions over the budget.

One of the earliest and most pronounced victories of the agricultural interests was achieved quietly and early in the session by diplomacy and good judgment in regard to the matter of the budget. It was found that the budget as presented did not meet, in our opinion, with the requirements of the agricultural interests, and at the solicitation of Director of Agriculture G. H. Hecke and the Agricultural Legislative Committee, the Governor appointed an Agricultural Advisory Council of five to advise with him on matters of agriculture. This Council met with a committee of the Agricultural Legislative Committee, and without any splurge or useless newspaper publicity, a good understanding was quickly reached, and the Governor and the Board of Control learned of the reasonableness of the agricultural requests and conceded them.

For the first time in the history of the State, agriculture was continually represented at the Legislature by representatives ready to support and fight for contested bills. Up until 1921 agriculture never had any regular representation, and only occasionally committees would come to Sacramento to be heard on some bill. Perhaps they would arrive before or after the committee hearing (because it is very hard to know exactly when a matter will come up in

committee) and seldom remained long enough to see any measure through. In 1921 Bro. R. N. Wilson, the general secretary of the Agricultural Legislative Committee, was the sole representative, and while he did excellent work, he had little support from the outside, and confined his efforts to committee work.

This year the farm interests were represented almost continually by the representatives of four organizations—the Agricultural Legislative Committee, the State Grange, the Farm Bureau, and the Petaluma Chamber of Commerce, represented by Bro. Knight of Petaluma, who does not seem to care under whose banner he fights so long as it is a farmer's banner, and is equally ruthless and direct at all times when upholding a good cause.

The Grange was invited to and was represented at all the meetings of the Agricultural Legislative Committee, and took part in the discussions and votes cast and with the other organizations representing agriculture functioned largely through the leadership of the General Secretary, Bro. R. N. Wilson, a gentleman of exceptional ability and diplomacy who enjoys the highest esteem of everyone.

The news letter published at regular intervals by Agricultural Legislative Committee, giving all the information on agricultural legislation and the progress of the various bills (and when it was deemed expedient, the record of the vote cast), did more to keep the farmers of the State informed than any service ever rendered before. Through the instrumentality of your Worthy State Master and Bro. Wilson, this service was extended gratis to every Grange in the State, and every Master received copies of these Legislative letters.

It was necessary to attend innumerable committee meetings to represent the agricultural side of the questions, and many of our private meetings over the Gross Receipt Tax Bill extended into the early hours of morning. All of the Motor Vehicle Bills were bitterly opposed by a strong motor truck lobby, which was always in evidence and had a constant representation estimated at not less than twenty-five at any time. We, of the farm interests, found ourselves directly opposed to the truck lobby, and there were many clashes and sharp conflicts during a running fight extending from the first days of the Legislature till its very last hour. At times the defeats the farm interests suffered were discomfiting and humiliating, and our cause looked all but

hopeless, but in the end we gained the ascendancy and ended up the session with a signal victory in the passage of the Duval Gross Receipt Bill at the closing hours of the session.

At the last days of the Legislature no other interest stood in higher regard or in a more advantageous position before the Legislature than did agriculture.

It would not be fair to close this report without mentioning some of our good friends in the Legislature who did most in fighting our battles on the floor of the respective houses and in committees, and first, I want to mention Senator J. M. Inman of Sacramento, who was always for us and supported our bills in a forceful, earnest way. Then I would like to mention Senator Frank Boggs of Stockton, Cal., chairman of the Senate Agricultural and Live Stock Committee, a man of big calibre, a student of agricultural problems and the farmers' friend. Siskiyou County sent down a splendid representative in Senator Powers, who was always to be found working for our interests. We had many other friends in the Senate, but the work of the above Senators stood out above the rest.

In the Assembly we had many steadfast friends who we could depend on, and foremost among them, I would mention the names of Assemblyman West of Sacramento, Cal., Assemblyman Donahue of Sonoma County, Cal., Assemblyman Crittenden of Tracy, Cal., and Assemblyman Benard of Colusa, Cal.

J. N. WATT, Special Representative.

The Assistant Steward escorted Past Master Joseph Holmes to the Master's Chair. The Worthy Master presented Past Master Holmes to the members. Bro. Holmes responded briefly.

Recess declared until 1:30 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON

Grange reconvened at 1:30 P. M.

Bro. Sehlmeier stated that he had expected to have Bro. G. H. Hecke, Commissioner of Agriculture, speak during the Lecturer's Hour this evening, but had received word that Bro. Hecke could not arrive before Thursday evening, and asked the privilege of having Bro. Hecke talk at the

Pomona Feast. There being no objection, Bro. Sehlmeier's request was granted.

The time for the meeting of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association having arrived, the Chair was turned over to Bro. Thos. Jacob, President of the Association, and the annual meeting was held.

## THE GRANGE FRATERNAL FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange, and especially to the Members of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association, I bring greetings:

One year ago today our report showed this part of the Grange work in fine shape. The membership was increasing, and as we did not have a single fire loss during the year there was a substantial gain of funds in our treasury. The past year has been another year of progress and prosperity. A goodly number of new names have been added to our membership, and several of the older members have reinsured, with the result, I am proud to say, that the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association of California is a working success.

On October 1st our books showed a total membership of 248, holding in all about 500 policies. These show a total of \$580,626.00. The maximum risk is \$4,500. There is \$9,371.43 in the hands of the Treasurer.

This Association is not organized as a money-making institution, but is a money-saving plan. Our premium rates are less than half that charged by old-line companies, and I do not hesitate to say the security is better than any stock company can offer, and I think every member of the Grange in California that has property insurable under the rules governing our Association, would be helping themselves, and the Grange at the same time, by becoming members of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. JACOB, President.

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

## Report of Business Transacted

October 1, 1922 to October 1, 1923

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| Amount of insurance in force Oct. 1, 1922..... | \$454,746.00 |
| 88 new policies issued .....                   | \$121,865.00 |
| 18 renewals .....                              | 26,675.00    |

Amount of insurance written for the year.....\$148,540.00

Total insurance .....\$603,286.00  
Deduct—

Cancellations .....\$14,000.00

Expirations ..... 8,660.00

\$ 22,660.00

\$580,626.00

Less amount in force October 1, 1922..... 454,746.00

Net gain for the year.....\$125,880.00

## Financial Report

October 1, 1922 to October 1, 1923

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| Amount in treasury October 1, 1922.....      | \$7,519.62 |
| Amount received in premiums during year..... | 1,769.20   |

Total .....\$9,288.82

Deduct Disbursements—Agents' Fees, Rebates, Miscellaneous expenses, including Printing, Postage,

Directors' expenses attending meetings, etc..... 353.03

Balance ..... \$8,935.79

Plus amount of interest received by Treasurer..... 435.64

Total amount in treasury October 1, 1923.... \$9,371.43

Fraternally submitted,

F. L. HUNT, Secretary.

The Worthy Master again took the Chair and the Grange proceeded to the election of officers.

Bro. Ames of Napa Grange, Sr. Mary L. Church of San Jose Grange and Sr. Ida M. Clendening of Orchard City Grange were appointed tellers.

Officers were elected as follows: Master, Geo. R. Harrison; Overseer, H. A. Craig; Lecturer, Geo. Sehlmeier; Steward, A. C. Williams; Assistant Steward, Stanley B. Smith; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary B. Lindley; Treasurer, M. Farrell; Secretary, Mrs. Martha L. Gamble; Gate Keeper, W. Halbert Smith; Ceres, Mrs. Florence Steinmetz; Pomona, Mrs. Margaret J. Kleaver; Flora, Miss Linde M. Hartley; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Grace Biggs; Pianist, Mrs. Mary L. Short; member of the Executive Committee for three years, A. Van Maren.

The tellers were excused with thanks.

Bro. Pettit asked permission to make a motion out of order. Permission was granted. Bro. Pettit moved that the Secretary be instructed to send greetings to Past Master G. W. Worthen and Sr. Worthen and express our regret that they were unable to be with us. The motion carried unanimously.

Bro. S. S. Knight introduced two resolutions—one commending the University of California for its recent work in pointing out improved methods of handling perishable food products, was referred to the committee on Resolutions; the other, discouraging the modern tendency towards more and more expensive packing and handling of agricultural food products, was also referred to the committee on Resolutions.

Recess declared until 7:30 P. M.

#### EVENING

Grange was again called to order at 8 o'clock P. M.

Memorial exercises were held under the direction of the Worthy Chaplain.

#### MEMORIAL EXERCISES

Song—"Beautiful River of Time," the Grange.

Scripture Reading—Worthy Chaplain.

Song by the Choir.

Prayer.

Solo—Sr. Mary L. Short.

#### Eulogies

Bro. E. F. Greenwood, Past Master of Santa Clara Pomona Grange, eulogized by Bro. E. T. Pettit.

Tribute of flowers placed on the altar by Sr. Alice Abbott.

Bro. David A. Dunlap, Past Master of Napa Grange, eulogized by Bro. F. L. Hunt.

Tribute of flowers placed on the altar by Sr. Minnie Hartley.

Sr. Emily B. Jacob, Past Master of Tulare Pomona Grange, wife of Bro. Thos. Jacob, eulogized by Sr. Minnie Humiston.

Tribute of flowers placed on the altar by Sr. Mary Williams.

Bro. Philo Hersey, Past Master of San Jose Grange, eulogized by Bro. Joseph Bone.

Tribute of flowers placed on the altar by Sr. Mary L. Church.

Bro. Walter Church, Past Master of Sonoma Pomona and Two Rock Granges, eulogized by Bro. W. V. Griffith.

Tribute of flowers placed on the altar by Sr. Clara Knight. Sr. Clarinda Blohm, wife of H. F. Blohm, Past Master Arcamas Grange, eulogized by Sister Season.

Tribute of flowers placed on the altar by Sr. Mary Nicholson.

The eulogy of all other departed members was given by Sr. Carrie Holmes.

Tribute of flowers in their memory placed on the altar by Sr. Alice Harrison.

Quartet—“We Are Going Down the Valley.”

The Lord's Prayer.

A short recess was declared, after which the Lecturer took charge of the meeting.

#### Lecturer's Hour Program

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| Instrumental solo.....      | Miss Dorothy Schulze    |
| Vocal solo.....             | Stephen H. Johnson      |
| Original poem.....          | Mrs. Alice Williams     |
| Vocal solo.....             | Miss Josephine Seligman |
| Recitation .....            | Miss Laura Walters      |
| Vocal solo.....             | Mrs. Mary L. Short      |
| Male quartette.             |                         |
| Stunts by Siskiyou members. |                         |

The Worthy Master again took charge of the Grange and the regular order of business was resumed.

Bro. S. S. Knight introduced a resolution requesting the Federal Department of Agriculture, through the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, to forecast poultry production. Referred to the committee on Resolutions.

Bro. John Hartley, Master of Napa-Lake Pomona Grange, read his report.

Bro. Hartley introduced a resolution calling for the pay-

ment of delegates' expenses by the State Grange. Resolution referred to committee on Resolutions.

Bro. Roy Church, chairman of the committee on Division of Labor, read the report of that committee. The report was adopted.

Bro. E. K. Clendening, chairman of the committee on Conservation, read the report of that committee, which was accepted.

Bro. Morse moved that the session Friday begin at 8 o'clock A. M. The motion was seconded by Bro. W. P. Miller, and carried.

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### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY

At eight o'clock Thursday morning, the members, comfortably seated in automobiles, started on an all-day's trip through beautiful Tulare County. All were hearty in their praise of the kindness and hospitality of the patrons and citizens of Tulare County, who arranged and managed the delightful excursion.

### EVENING

Grange was called to order at 8:20 P. M. and opened in ample form in the Fifth Degree.

The A. W. was taken up by the Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant Steward, assisted by Bro. and Sr. Miller.

Song, "Merrily Sing."

Roll call of officers found all present.

The regular officers surrendered their chairs to the officers of Dinuba Degree Staff. The Fifth Degree was conferred upon a class of twenty-four in a most impressive manner. Those receiving the degree were Mrs. Bertha Mariana, Miss Hattie A. Frank, Mrs. Mary A. McMillan, Mrs. Minnie Vail Bocchio, Fred R. Seasons, G. E. Hobday, J. H. Campbell, Harry Barnes, Mrs. Marie L. Barnes, J. S. Harris, Mrs. Mollie M. Harris, Mrs. M. E. Wade, R. L. Nehf, P. M. Cheuvront, C. B. Morse, Mrs. Arie K. Morse, A. J. Clow, E. A. Upson, Geo. Jadwin, E. E. Eldridge, Mrs. Jessie Campbell, A. J. Dye, Mrs. Anna B. Dye, Mrs. O. W. Chamberlain.

The regular officers resumed their stations.

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

The officers of the State Grange conferred the Sixth Degree upon Glenn Maxwell, Pat F. Caldwell, Mrs. California Caldwell, Geo. W. Cheesbrough, Miss Laura M. Walter, Geo. M. Hachmann, Claude H. Russell, Albert Bucher, Mrs. Eugenia Bucher, Bertha Mariana, Harry T. Barkway, Mrs. May F. Barkway, W. P. Miller, Mrs. Clara Carrington, Asa M. Showalter, Mrs. St. Clare Showalter, Mrs. Rhoda Hirschberger, Mrs. Ella Butin, Mrs. Viola Laughran, Mrs. Maud Bowen, Mrs. Hattie A. Frank, Mrs. Lucinda Stouffer, Linde M. Hartley, Mrs. Mary A. McMillan, Mrs. Mina L. Humiston, J. Humiston, Mrs. Henrietta Morrison, Mrs. Martha A. Baumann, W. Bonner Morse, Mrs. Kittie E. Kestler, Mrs. Rose Seavy, Walter E. Seavy, Mrs. Minnie Vail Bocchio, Clarence E. Hauschildt, Mrs. Sarah B. Hartzel, Mrs. Belle Pfister, Mrs. C. B. Christianson, C. B. Christianson, Steven H. Johnson, Samuel Hauptl, S. A. Elliott, Chas. J. Sutton, Mrs. Mae Sutton, Mrs. Minnie May Elliott, Geo. L. Hendricks, Mrs. May L. Hendricks, G. E. Hobday, Miss Lillian Warnock, J. H. Campbell, Mrs. Jessie Campbell, Harry Barnes, Mrs. Marie L. Barnes, J. S. Harris, Mrs. Mollie M. Harris, Miss Annie Schulte, Mrs. Abbie J. Knott, Mrs. Emma S. Claypool, C. E. Claypool, H. J. Harris, Mrs. Nettie M. Harris, Mrs. W. E. Wade, Mrs. Minnie Borchardt, Jesse W. Williams, S. Lorene Upson, R. L. Nehf, Mrs. R. L. Nehf, M. U. Hoswell, G. O. Claypool, M. C. Woodard, P. M. Cheuvront, Lewis C. Baker, Mrs. Essie N. Cartter, Mrs. Caroline P. Stiles, Mrs. Agnes Fitzsimons, Mrs. M. A. Patterson, A. J. Clow, Mrs. R. P. Stephenson, Geo. P. Cartter, Mrs. Hazel M. Betts, Oscar M. Betts, Mrs. Mary M. Baker, Mrs. Julia E. Betts, J. Harold Cloer, Mrs. W. H. Hardaway, S. B. House, Mrs. Ida I. House, Mrs. Lennie Mueller, King S. Ford, Vinna R. Ford, Mrs. Lillie Lee, Mrs. A. R. Naylor, C. B. Morse, Mrs. Arie K. Morse, Mrs. Ellen Cloer, Mrs. F. T. Martin, F. T. Martin, H. H. Taggard, Mrs. O. W. Chamberlain, Mrs. Anna B. Dye, A. J. Dye, G. H. Hecke, E. E. Eldridge, Elmer Upson, Geo. Jadwin, Mrs. Orca Jadwin, P. A. Boncquet, Mrs. Ida M. Thomas.

After the conferring of the Sixth Degree the members repaired to the banquet hall, where a most bountiful Pomona Feast was served, at the close of which the members listened to an address by Commissioner of Agriculture Geo. H. Hecke.

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

## FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY

## FORENOON

Grange was called to order at 8:15 A. M. and opened in regular form in the Fourth Degree by Worthy Master Geo. R. Harrison.

The A. W. was taken up by the Assistant Steward and Sr. Miller acting as Lady Asst. Steward.

The Lecturer, Treasurer, Flora, Lady Asst. Steward and Pianist failed to respond at roll call, but were present later.

The minutes of Wednesday's and Thursday's sessions were read and approved as read.

The committee on Order of Business made a further partial report, which was adopted.

Bro. Watt asked permission to introduce a resolution out of order. Permission was granted. Bro. Watt thereupon introduced a resolution expressing appreciation of Governor Friend W. Richardson's efforts in bringing about economy in the State administration, etc., and moved the adoption of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

The roll of Granges was called and a quorum found present.

Bro. H. G. Keesling made a partial report, suggesting that members of the State Grange mail copies of the local papers where the State Grange meets to their home papers, to the end that more and better publicity be given the annual conventions of the State Grange.

The delegates from Community, Napa-Lake Pomona and Poplar Granges read their reports.

Bro. Sehlmeier introduced a resolution regarding the endorsing of the movement to place an initiative reapportionment measure on the ballot at the next general election. It was referred to the committee on Legislation.

Bro. Harrison read a letter from National Master S. J. Lowell, conveying greetings to this State Grange.

The amendment to Article 6 of the Constitution, inserting the word "regular" before the word "subsequent," submitted by the National Grange, was adopted.

Bro. S. S. Knight moved that this State Grange, through the Secretary, go on record as showing appreciation for the wonderful accomplishments of National Master S. J. Lowell and our Washington Representative, T. C. Atkeson, and their untiring efforts in the cause of agriculture. The motion was supported and carried.

The Secretary gave a verbal report of the State Grange Beneficiary Association, and read the "Rules and Regulations" as adopted by the Executive Committee.

Moved by Bro. Watt, seconded by Bro. Morse, that the Master of each Subordinate Grange appoint one of his members to act as a special committee to secure applications for the insurance. Carried.

The report of the committee on Grange Vacation as read by the chairman, S. L. Stice, was adopted.

Sr. Mary L. Church read the report of the committee on Home Economics. The report was adopted.

The report of the committee on Charity, as read by Sr. Carrie Holmes, was adopted.

Sr. Alice Williams read the report of the committee on Juvenile Granges. The report was adopted.

A short recess was declared.

The time having arrived to select a meeting place for the next session, C. Van Keppel, Master of Sonoma County Pomona Grange, arose and on behalf of the Patrons of Sonoma County, extended the State Grange a very cordial invitation to hold the 1924 session in Santa Rosa.

The Secretary read communications from the Chamber of Commerce and Ladies' Auxiliary of Santa Rosa, and from the Lions Club of Santa Rosa, also inviting the State Grange to hold its next annual session in Santa Rosa.

Bro. Libby, Master of Guenoc Grange, seconded the invitation to meet in Santa Rosa.

Bro. R. P. Van Orden, Master of Mountain View Grange, extended an invitation for the State Grange to meet in Mountain View.

Bro. Joseph Bone, Master of San Jose Grange, sang the praises of Santa Clara County, and seconded Bro. Van Orden's invitation.

The Secretary read an invitation from the Convention and Tourist League of San Francisco to hold the next session in San Francisco.

Sr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Bro. Rothrock, that the invitation from Sonoma County to meet in Santa Rosa be accepted. The motion carried almost unanimously.

Sr. Christiansen, Matron of Dinuba Juvenile Grange, read a report of her work as follows:

## MRS. CHRISTIANSEN'S REPORT

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

Dinuba Juvenile Grange was organized in Dinuba, January 27, 1923, with 21 charter members. The ages ranged from 5 to 13 years. The average age was 10½ years.

The officers were installed February 24, by Tulare County Juvenile Deputy Mrs. L. G. Gilliam. Immediately upon installation the little Grangers took charge of their meeting, and arranged their program for the next meeting.

From the first meeting I have urged memorizing their ritual work, and doing business according to parliamentary rules of the Senior Grange. It is much easier to start them correctly than to correct mistakes later.

Our membership has grown to 28.

They are particular about their dues. A delinquent member is frowned on, and speedily informed, on their own initiative, by both Secretary and Treasurer of such delinquency.

Our equipment consists of a set of manuals costing \$2.75. A budget, consisting of Secretary and Treasurer books, receipt blanks, application blanks, warrant book, and a gavel, costing \$3.25. The badges we made of grosgrain ribbon, cost \$2.00.

Our wands and standards, my husband evolved from broom handles, blocks of wood and two cans of enamel, and donated to the Juvenile Grange.

My little son made our ballot-box and donated it. The Juveniles bought black and white marbles for ballot balls for 25 cents. Eight song books cost \$2.75. So the cost of equipment is not large.

The song books, ballot balls and some bunting for decorations, the Juvenile Grange paid for out of its own funds. We have taken in \$7.10 and have paid out \$4.00, leaving us \$3.10 in the Treasury to date.

We meet every second and fourth Saturday at the same time the Senior Grange meets. We have been handicapped with having no permanent meeting place. At present we are meeting in the Baptist Sunday School room.

I will try to cover the many questions asked me concerning the Juvenile Grange.

We use "Songs in Season," put out by A. F. Canegan & Co., Chicago, Ill., at 45 cents each, but we are ever on

the alert for other appropriate songs, like the "Owl Lullaby," given by the girls yesterday afternoon.

Our lecture hour we have planned for the year. It consists of studies of birds, insects, reptiles, pets, flowers, inventions and inventors, nationalities in our country and contributions of each; studies of patriotic songs, men and events. We emphasize music, marches and drills.

Children naturally respond to good work under music.

Under each topic chosen for a lecture hour, we have first a roll call appropriate to that theme. For instance, if it is a flower study, we may choose, "My favorite wild flower."

A roll call is the beginning of teaching each little Granger to get on his feet and to say something. Stories, poems, compositions and music about flowers would follow for the main lecture hour. I emphasize clear and distinct speaking or reading with the best tones possible to the individual.

After lecture hour we play games, selected by a committee appointed for each meeting, and we matrons play with the children.

We have been going to the Senior Grange lecture hour, but I do not think it advisable. It is wiser to let some of the older ones attend, but on the whole it is better to have games and good times by ourselves. This social side makes each meeting a party to the Juveniles. We read stories to them when they grow too strenuous. Animal stories appeal to our children greatly. Exercises to music could be used to advantage.

I am asked where I get material for programs. Everywhere, from newspapers, from magazines, from the garden, from the kitchen, from the children themselves.

We have dramatized songs, to use as effective playlets. Our May Day program was an operetta we arranged by combining several flower songs and acting it out. Rural and small community Recreation Service puts out a booklet for 50 cents that is full of ideas for games and programs. They will also select suitable plays, pantomimes and drills when asked.

I keep a scrap-book and paste in it any clipping or idea I can use in the Juvenile Grange. I use the Public Library and the school library. There is material everywhere if you look for it. The Farm Journal usually has

interesting nature studies. I, too, have learned much in the Juvenile Grange, and want to send it on.

A change of officers is best every six months, because children develop so rapidly they need to be shifted to new conditions for further growth. We do not want stereotyped children, so a change of office means a new view angle, and new interest.

The responsible officers, like Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and Lecturer, should be given to the oldest children who are soon to leave the Juvenile. We owe them the training first.

I wish that the Senior Granges could be arranged to receive these Juvenile graduates. Some part of the lecture hour should be arranged for them. Unless the Senior Granges can receive them, I am afraid that they will lose interest in that gap between being too old for the Juvenile and too young for the Senior.

Our Juvenile Master and Secretary only three months ago fitted in well. This September they are in high school, and have developed so fast that they are now soon too old mentally for the rest of the children. They themselves do not yet know it, but I see it. This is a problem to be worked out.

Another thing I have learned to be necessary is, that the Senior Grange be generous with its matrons—by this I mean that if the matrons have any or many good talents, don't begrudge it to the Juvenile. The Juvenile needs every good quality, every gift that a matron has. If ever there was a place where talent, goodness, patience and love is needed, it is where children are being developed. Give your best to the Juvenile if you want bona fide Senior Grangers. Don't ask your matrons to serve on degree teams, music committees, or any other committee while she is responsible for developing young Grangers.

We cannot serve two masters, and do well. The Senior Grange can stand cut and dried, stereotyped workers, but a Juvenile will shrivel up in such environment.

I agree with one of the National Grange Superintendents when she wrote: "When you are called on to be a matron of a Juvenile Grange, feel that you have the biggest and finest job in the whole Grange, for there will you mold work that will last, and you yourself will be richer for having a chance to see the wonder work that is in each little

mind and body." Our exhibit is an example of what a child can do if he is given half a chance.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. B. CHRISTIANSEN,  
Matron of Dinuba Juvenile Grange No. 3.

#### AFTERNOON

Grange was called to order at 1:30 P. M.

Bro. H. L. Gunn made a verbal report for the Committee on Music, and recommended that the report of the Music Committee be called for early in the session, and that ten minutes a day be given to community singing.

Bro. Joseph Holmes, chairman of the committee on Taxation, reported as follows:

The committee recommended the adoption of the resolution from Sonoma Pomona Grange, opposing any further increase in our State and county indebtedness, etc. Bro. Holmes moved the adoption of the report of the committee. The report was adopted.

The committee recommended the adoption of the resolution from Sonoma Pomona Grange relating to tax exempt securities, and that the State Master present the resolution to the National Grange. Bro. Holmes moved that the report of the committee be adopted. It was so ordered.

Bro. W. V. Griffith, chairman of the committee on Good of the Order, reported for that committee as follows:

That part of the Lecturer's report relating to a definite time being set for the Lecturer's Hour, the committee approved. That part referring to publicity, approved and left in charge of the Worthy Master. That part recommending that a publication be maintained by the State Grange, the committee recommended that the present bulletin be continued another year. That part referring to the gap existing between farmers and our College of Agriculture, the committee recommended that a special committee be appointed to find out where that gap exists.

Bro. Griffith moved that the partial report of the committee be adopted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bro. Stephen Johnson, Bro. W. B. Miller and Bro. Dudgeon were appointed on the committee referred to in the last report.

The question of allowing mileage for a substitute of a Grange Lecturer came up for settlement. The Worthy

Master ruled that regularly elected Lecturers only were entitled to receive mileage.

Bro. Griffith made a further report for the Good of the Order Committee.

The committee recommended the adoption of the resolution from Siskiyou County pertaining to a dam across the Klamath River. Bro. Griffith moved the adoption of the report of the committee. Bro. Miller seconded the motion.

The resolution was discussed by Brothers Gordon, Craig, Knight and others. The motion carried, and the report of the committee was adopted.

The committee recommended the adoption of the "Form" for acknowledging visits. Bro. Griffith moved the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Bro. Knight, and carried.

The committee recommended the adoption of the resolution relating to the affiliation of the United States with the Court of International Justice. The resolution was discussed pro and con. The recommendation of the committee was adopted on motion of Bro. Rothrock, seconded by Bro. Holmes.

Bro. Griffith moved that the general report and partial reports of the committee be adopted as a whole. Seconded by Bro. Smith, and carried.

Bro. Smith, chairman of the committee on Mileage, read the report of that committee and moved its adoption. Seconded by Bro. Libby, and adopted.

Bro. Miller, chairman of the Finance Committee, read the report of that committee and moved its adoption. Seconded by Bro. Stanley Smith, and carried.

The Good Roads Committee, A. Van Maren, chairman, recommended the adoption of that part of the Master's report referring to roads and bonds. The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

Past Master Pettit took the Chair at the request of the Worthy Master.

Bro. Hunt, chairman of the Legislative Committee, offered the following report:

The resolution in regard to an embargo on lumber exportation, the committee approved, and recommended its adoption. It was so ordered.

The committee recommended the adoption of the resolution relating to the freight rate on pure-bred stock with the provision inserted, "that providing the Interstate Commis-

sion has not already the authority to do so, a bill be passed allowing it to grant, etc."

Bro. Watt moved the adoption of the report of the committee. Discussed by Brothers Dudgeon and Bray, and carried.

In regard to the resolution relating to Japanese Immigration, the committee stated that the National Grange had already gone on record on the Japanese question, and is in sympathy with the resolution. Therefore we deem it unnecessary to adopt the resolution, and do not recommend its passage. Bro. Hunt moved the adoption of the committee's report. Seconded by Bro. Watt, and carried.

On the resolution relating to the State Grange becoming a member of the Agricultural Legislative Committee, the committee recommended that the resolution be not adopted.

Bro. Watt moved that the recommendation of the committee be amended by striking out the word "not." Amendment seconded. Discussion. Amendment carried. Recommendation as amended carried and resolution adopted.

In regard to the resolution introduced by Bro. Sehlmeier, relating to endorsing the movement to place an initiative reapportionment measure on the ballot at the next general election, the committee recommended the resolution with the exception of the last "Resolved." Bro. Hunt moved the adoption of the resolution with the rejection of the last part. Seconded by Bro. Knight, and carried.

On the resolution from Sacramento Pomona Grange regarding amending the tariff laws, the committee recommended that the resolution be sent by the State Secretary to our Washington Representative for consideration and action. The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

The committee approved the resolution endorsed by the Executive Committee, pertaining to our common carriers, and recommended its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

The report of the Legislative Committee as amended was adopted.

The Worthy Master resumed the chair.

Bro. H. L. Gunn introduced a resolution as his report as chairman of the committee on Music. The resolution was adopted.

Bro. Dudgeon, chairman of the committee on Resolutions, read the report of that committee.

The committee recommended the adoption of the Declaration of Purposes for Agricultural Associations. On motion

of Bro. Dudgeon, seconded by Bro. Watt, the report of the committee was adopted.

The committee recommended the adoption of the resolution relating to the employment of an Organizer.

Bro. Knight moved to amend the resolution by adding: Be it further resolved: That the Executive Committee of California State Grange be instructed to set aside a sum, not to exceed \$1,000.00, to be spent at its discretion in conjunction with similar funds from the National Grange, to increase the membership of the Grange in California. The amendment carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

The committee recommended the adoption of the resolution relating to transportation facilities for food products. Bro. Dudgeon moved the adoption of the committee's report. It was adopted.

The committee recommended that the resolution relating to our State Department of Agriculture be adopted.

Bro. Watt moved as a substitute that the preamble of the resolution as read by the chairman of the committee be followed by, "Therefore be it resolved: That a committee of three be appointed by the Worthy State Master to study the subject matter of the above preamble, and report to the Executive Committee of California State Grange, who shall have power to act for and in the name of the Grange on the matter. Seconded by Bro. S. B. Smith, and carried.

The committee recommended that the resolution providing for the payment of the traveling expense of delegates to the State Grange session, by the State Grange, be adopted, providing that the per capita dues to the State Grange be raised sufficiently to meet the added expense.

After considerable discussion by many of the members, Bro. S. L. Stice moved that the resolution and the report of the committee regarding it be laid on the table. Motion seconded and carried.

The resolution requesting the Federal Department of Agriculture to forecast poultry production, the committee reported favorably and recommended its adoption. Bro. Dudgeon moved that the report of the committee be adopted. Seconded by Bro. Rothrock, and carried.

The resolution in reference to the merchandising of agricultural food products, the committee reported favorably. Bro. Dudgeon moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Bro. Wells. Bro. Watt moved that the resolution be laid on the table; seconded and carried.

The Resolutions Committee submitted the following resolutions of thanks, which were adopted by a rising vote:

#### Resolution of Thanks

Resolved, That for courtesies extended to the State Grange at this Fifty-first Annual Convention, that a vote of thanks be and is hereby extended to the following:

To the citizens and Chambers of Commerce of Woodlake, Lemon Cove, Exeter, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, Visalia and Dinuba.

To Dinuba Fifth Degree Staff; to the Dinuba Press; to Tulare County Pomona Grange; to Poplar Grange for the nice luncheon served; to Dinuba Subordinate Grange; to Dinuba School and Faculty, and the Student Body of Dinuba Union High School.

We especially wish to express our appreciation and thanks to all who have contributed so generously, from day to day, the abundant supply of grapes, fruit and flowers, and to every one who has assisted the Grangers of Tulare County in making this session of the State Grange one of the most successful and enjoyable in its history.

LEE DUDGEON,  
PEARL A. JOHNSON,  
W. V. GRIFFITH,  
MAE SUTTON,

Committee.

Bro. Stephen Johnson, chairman of the committee on Education, read the report of that committee and moved that it be adopted. Motion seconded by Bro. Smith, and carried.

On motion of Bro. Van Maren, seconded by Bro. Sutton, \$50.00 was donated to Dinuba Grange to help defray expenses.

#### EVENING

Grange called to order at 7:30 P. M.

All present, found correct.

Bro. Miller moved that the action taken on the resolution pertaining to an initiative reapportionment measure be reconsidered. Seconded and carried.

Bro. Sehlmeier stated that he wished to make a correction in that part of the resolution that had been objected to.

On motion of Bro. Rothrock, Bro. Sehlmeier was permitted to make the correction, and the resolution was referred to the committee on Legislation.

Bro. Hunt, chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported that the committee favored the resolution as changed by Bro. Sehlmeier, and recommended its adoption. It was so ordered.

Bro. Sehlmeier, as chairman, read the report of the committee on Co-operation, and moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

Bro. Keesling, chairman of the Press Committee, read the report of that committee. The report was adopted on motion of Bro. Miller, seconded by Bro. Wells.

Sr. S. E. Wood as chairman of the Home Beautification Committee made a verbal report.

Bro. Eipper moved that the several reports of the committee on Order of Business be adopted as a final report. The motion carried.

Bro. L. F. Biggs, on behalf of the Credential Committee, moved that the several partial reports of that committee be adopted as a whole. It was so ordered.

Bro. Libby, as chairman of the committee on Dormant Granges, made a verbal report.

Sr. Harrison read the report of the Worthy Master on Instruction and Inspection of Subordinate Granges as follows:

### MASTER'S INSPECTION REPORT

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I beg leave to submit the following report on the instruction and inspection of Subordinate Granges.

Early in the year we held a school of instruction in Santa Rosa, which was attended by some of the members from most of the Granges in our county, and it was considered so helpful that I have used many of the questions in other instruction and inspection work.

We have visited all the Granges in the State except three, and planned to meet with those, but on account of sickness or other conditions they could not have a meeting. Some Granges did not wish to be inspected, and some were inspected, but at their request, were not scored.

I feel that this plan of instruction and inspection has been very beneficial to most of the Granges.

The following are a list of all Granges which scored 80 or more:

|                      |    |                      |    |
|----------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| Fort Romie .....     | 98 | Happy Camp .....     | 91 |
| Orchard City .....   | 98 | Dinuba .....         | 90 |
| Elk Grove .....      | 97 | Gazelle .....        | 90 |
| Dorris .....         | 96 | Petaluma .....       | 89 |
| Napa .....           | 95 | Greenhorn .....      | 88 |
| Bellevue .....       | 95 | San Jose .....       | 88 |
| Hornbrook .....      | 95 | Bennett Valley ..... | 86 |
| Santa Rosa .....     | 94 | Rutherford .....     | 86 |
| Silverado .....      | 94 | Forestville .....    | 82 |
| American River ..... | 93 | Upper Valley .....   | 81 |
| Scott Valley .....   | 92 | Little Shasta .....  | 80 |

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. R. HARRISON

Master, California State Grange.

On motion of Bro. Libby, seconded by Bro. Watt, the report was accepted.

Bro. Holmes asked that the partial report of the committee on Taxation be accepted as a final report. It was so ordered.

The following Brothers and Sisters were installed into office for the next two years by Past Master Frank L. Hunt, assisted by Sr. Kate Wood, and Sr. Johnson: Master, Geo. R. Harrison; Overseer, H. A. Craig; Lecturer, George Sehl-meyer; Steward, A. C. Williams; Assistant Steward, Stanley B. Smith; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary B. Lindley; Treasurer, M. Farrell; Secretary, Mrs. Martha L. Gamble; Gate Keeper, W. Halbert Smith; Ceres, Mrs. Florence Steinmetz; Pomona, Mrs. Margaret J. Kleaver; Flora, Miss Linde M. Hartley; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Grace Biggs; Pianist, Mrs. Mary L. Short.

On motion of Past Master Pettit, it was left to the Executive Committee to approve the minutes of the last day's session.

The members joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The fifty-first session of California State Grange was then closed in regular form to meet October 21, 1924, in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.

MARTHA L. GAMBLE, Secretary.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AS ADOPTED BY CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

### CREDENTIALS

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

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that the following are entitled to represent their respective Granges:

- American River No. 172—L. F. Biggs, Master and wife.  
Antelope No. 161—A. Van Maren, Master and wife.  
Aromas No. 361—Mrs. Myrtle Season, Alternate and husband.  
Bellevue No. 374—W. P. Miller, Master and wife.  
Beswick No. 396—George M. Hachmann, Alternate.  
Bogus No. 397—Arthur Jones, Master.  
Community No. 388—M. K. Pickrell, Master.  
Danville No. 85—Stephen H. Johnson, Master and wife.  
Dinuba No. 342—J. H. La Rue, Master and wife.  
Edgewood No. 385—J. J. Murphy, Master and wife.  
Elk Grove No. 86—Mrs. E. L. Gerrish, Alternate.  
Forestville No. 367—S. F. Graham, Master and wife.  
Fort Romie No. 358—Lee Dudgeon, Master and wife.  
Gazelle No. 380—Glenn Maxwell, Master.  
Geyserville No. 312—Geo. L. Hendricks, Master and wife.  
Gilroy No. 398—F. E. Stelling, Master.  
Greenfield No. 357—D. H. Melendy, Alternate.  
Greenhorn No. 384—Geo. K. Bray, Master and wife.  
Guenoc No. 373—Granville Libby, Master.  
Happy Camp No. 395—Ralph Gordon, Master.  
Hornbrook No. 391—Wm. H. Fox, Master.  
Little Shasta No. 399—P. F. Caldwell, Master and wife.  
Mountain View No. 332—R. P. Van Orden, Master.  
Napa No. 307—Dwight W. Rothrock, Alternate and wife.  
Orange Vale No. 354—Warren M. Morse, Master and wife.  
Orchard City No. 333—H. V. Archibald, Master.  
Petaluma No. 23—S. S. Knight, Alternate and wife.  
Poplar No. 359—W. E. Betts, Alternate.  
Potter Valley No. 115—Mrs. Minnie Eddie, Master and husband.  
Sacramento No. 12—Joseph Holmes, Master and wife.

San Jose No. 10—Joseph H. Bone, Master and wife.  
 Santa Rosa No. 17—S. H. Stone, Alternate and wife.  
 Scott Valley No. 386—W. Halbert Smith, Alternate.  
 Sebastopol No. 306—Chas. J. Sutton, Master and wife.  
 Silverado No. 370—D. V. Turner, Alternate and wife.  
 Tulare No. 198—J. H. Humiston, Master and wife.  
 Two Rock No. 152—S. L. Stice, Alternate and wife.  
 Valley Oaks No. 368—Walter E. Seavy, Master and wife.  
 Visalia No. 353—A. C. Williams, Master and wife.

#### Pomona Granges

Monterey No. 8—W. W. Wells, Alternate and wife.  
 Napa-Lake No. 7—John Hartley, Master and wife.  
 Sacramento No. 2—J. N. Watt, Master.  
 Santa Clara No. 4—Stanley B. Smith, Master and wife.  
 Siskiyou No. 6—H. A. Craig, Master and wife.  
 Sonoma No. 1—C. Van Keppel, Master and wife.  
 Tulare No. 5—W. E. Lindley, Master and wife.

Fraternally submitted,

L. F. BIGGS  
 MARY E. MORE  
 JOHN HARTLEY  
 MARGARET ROBINSON  
 F. E. STELLING

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1923

#### 11 A. M.—

1. Opening of Grange in 5th Degree.
2. Introduction of Candidates for 5th Degree.
3. Roll call of Officers.
4. Roll call of Granges and presentation of credentials.
5. Appointment of Committees.

#### 1:30 P. M.—

1. Report of Committee on Credentials.
2. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
3. Report of State Officers.
4. Reading of minutes of Executive Committee meetings.
5. Calling the roll of Granges for the introduction of reports and resolutions.
6. Introduction of motions and resolutions.
7. 4:15. Work by Juvenile Grange.
8. 7:30. Reception at High School Gym by Granges of Tulare County.

## Wednesday

## 9 A. M.—

1. Opening of Grange and roll call of Officers.
2. Reading of Minutes of previous day.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. New Business.
5. Report of Committees.

## 1:30 P. M.—

1. Grange Fire Insurance.
2. 2:30. Election of Officers.
3. 7:30. Memorial Exercises.
4. 8:30. Lecturer's Hour.
5. Unfinished Business.

## Thursday

## 8 A. M.—

1. All day excursion.

## 8 P. M.—

1. Conferring of 5th Degree by Dinuba Grange.
2. Conferring of 6th Degree by State Officers.
3. Feast of Pomona at Presbyterian Church.

## Friday

## 8 A. M.—

1. Opening Grange.
2. Roll call of Officers.
3. Reading of Minutes of previous day.
4. 10:00. Selection of Meeting place.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Motions and Resolutions until 11 A. M.

## 1:30 P. M.—

1. Report of Committees.
2. Unfinished Business.
3. Good of the Order.
4. Installation of Officers.

H. A. CRAIG  
WM. EIPPER  
J. H. LA RUE  
MRS. IDA M. CLENDENING  
MISS MYRA MORE

Committee.

## MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to report we find the following are entitled to mileage and per diem as follows:

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| H. A. Craig, mileage .....                         | \$42.54 |
| Geo. Sehlmeier, mileage .....                      | 13.30   |
| Stanley B. Smith, mileage .....                    | 15.86   |
| M. Farrell, mileage .....                          | 16.60   |
| Mrs. Lula C. Eipper, mileage .....                 | 18.36   |
| Mrs. W. L. Kleaver, mileage .....                  | 42.54   |
| Mrs. Grace Biggs, mileage .....                    | 15.00   |
| Mrs. Mary L. Short, mileage .....                  | 18.20   |
| Horace G. Keesling, mileage .....                  | 7.68    |
| Mrs. Kate H. Wood, mileage .....                   | 7.92    |
| Mrs. Myrtle Season mileage .....                   | 9.18    |
| Mrs. Alice E. Williams, mileage .....              | 21.42   |
| Mrs. Florence G. Miller, mileage .....             | 9.24    |
| Mrs. James E. Robinson, mileage .....              | 7.50    |
| Miss Laura M. Walter, mileage .....                | 22.34   |
| Mrs. D. H. Melendy, mileage .....                  | 14.00   |
| Mrs. Warren M. Morse, mileage .....                | 7.35    |
| Mrs. Ida M. Clendening, mileage .....              | 7.92    |
| W. E. Gage, mileage .....                          | 7.68    |
| Miss Fannie L. Gamble, mileage .....               | 9.25    |
| S. L. Stice, mileage .....                         | 9.00    |
| P. F. Caldwell and wife, mileage and per diem..... | 90.39   |
| F. E. Stelling, mileage and per diem.....          | 24.00   |

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY B. SMITH  
 GRANVILLE LIBBY  
 MRS. MINA L. HUMISTON  
 MRS. MINNIE EDDIE  
 ARTHUR JONES

Committee.

## DIVISION OF LABOR

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

Your Committee on Division of Labor to whom was referred the Worthy State Master's Report, beg leave to report

that they have duly considered the same and recommend that paragraph six of said report be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

That the paragraph relating to field meets be referred to the Vacation Committee.

That the paragraph referring to good roads and bonds be referred to the Good Roads Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

ROY I. CHURCH

C. RALPH GORDON

WILLIAM H. FOX

MRS. CARRIE R. HOLMES

MRS. C. S. LA RUE

Committee.

## LEGISLATION

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Legislative Committee hereby offers the following brief report:

Practically all our work along legislative lines between sessions of the State Grange, was confined to trying to secure the passage or rejection of measures of interest to farm life which were before the last session of the Legislature.

We appeared before the Agricultural Legislative Committee in Sacramento several times and circular letters were sent to all subordinate Granges in the state at different times as the occasion seemed to demand, and we believe considerable influence was brought to bear on the legislators in this way.

Brother J. N. Watt, Master of Sacramento County Pomona Grange, was selected to act as local legislative representative in Sacramento to work in conjunction with the committee and he will report in detail on that branch of the work. Consequently we deem it unnecessary for the committee to report further in this general report.

We have carefully considered the resolutions referred to us and recommend that the following be adopted:

1. In regard to placing a high tariff or embargo on lumber exportations.

2. Relating to freight rates on pure bred stock, with a proviso.

3. Endorsing the movement to place an initiative reappointment measure on the ballot at the next general election.

#### 4. Relating to our common carriers.

In regard to the resolution on Japanese Immigration, the National Grange has already placed itself squarely on record on the Japanese question, and is in sympathy with the resolution, therefore we deem it unnecessary to adopt the resolution, and therefore do not recommend its passage.

The resolution relating to our State Grange becoming a member of the Agricultural Legislative Committee we recommend be not adopted.

We recommend that the resolution relating to the amending of our tariff laws be sent, by the Secretary, to our Washington Representative for consideration and action.

F. L. HUNT  
MARY L. SHORT  
LEE DUDGEON  
S. H. STONE  
Committee.

### CO-OPERATION

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Co-operation beg leave to report that we have considered the resolution referred to us relating to the retention of the Office of State Market Director, and recommend that it be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. SEHLMAYER  
MRS. LULA C. EIPPER  
JOHN HARTLEY,  
Committee.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

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

We note with satisfaction the increased interest of Grange members at this session, but we regret the absence of representation of several of the Subordinate Granges—nine in fact out of forty-nine—nearly one fifth. This we feel to be a plain symptom of that dreaded condition which has ever made inroads to our strength and membership, Dormant Granges.

We urge that all Subordinate Grange members within the reach of a Pomona Grange, attend and become active workers in that organization.

We have carefully considered all reports and resolutions referred to this Committee and make the following report on the same:

That part of the Lecturer's report referring to publicity, we approve and recommend that it be left in charge of the Worthy State Master.

With respect to that part referring to a Grange publication, we recommend the continuance of last year's Quarterly Bulletin for another year.

We approve the recommendation of the Worthy Lecturer in regard to the appointment of a special committee on Agricultural Education with the request that the Lecturer furnish the Committee with more definite information regarding the apparent gap referred to between farmers and our College of Agriculture.

We recommend the adoption of the recommendation that a definite time be set for the Lecturer's Hour.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Opposing the erection of a dam on the Klamath River by Hydro Electric Power Interests.
2. Relating to a "form" of letter for acknowledging visits.
3. Relating to the affiliation of the United States with the Court of International Justice.

Fraternally submitted,

W. V. GRIFFITH

W. HALBERT SMITH

MISS FANNIE L. GAMBLE

A. C. WILLIAMS

Committee.

## TAXATION

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

Your Committee on Taxation to whom was referred the resolution relating to tax exempt securities, and the resolution relating to bonded indebtedness, beg leave to report that we have duly considered the same and recommend that they be adopted.

We further recommend that the resolution pertaining to tax exempt securities be taken by the Worthy Master to the National Grange session at Pittsburg, and presented to that body with the request that similar action be taken.

JOSEPH HOLMES  
ROY I. CHURCH  
ROSE H. SEAVY  
ALICE M. ABBOTT  
Committee.

## RESOLUTIONS

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to report that we have carefully considered the resolutions referred to us and recommend the adoption of the following:

1. The declaration of purposes presenting a policy that should be pursued by our State and Subordinate Granges.
2. Relating to the employment of an organizer.
3. Relating to transportation facilities for food products.
4. Relating to our State Department of Agriculture.
5. Requesting the Federal Department of Agriculture to forecast Poultry production.
6. Regarding the resolution providing for the payment of the traveling expenses to the State Grange, the committee recommends its adoption providing the per capita tax be raised sufficiently to meet the extra expense.
7. Relating to the merchandising of agricultural food products.

Fraternally submitted,

LEE DUDGEON  
PEARL A. JOHNSON  
W. V. GRIFFITH  
MAE SUTTON  
Committee.

## GOOD ROADS

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Good Roads to whom was referred that portion of the Worthy Master's report relative to good roads and bonds, beg leave to report that the last Legislature en-

acted three bills which aim to cover the principal matter referred to—

1. Motor Vehicle Bill, limiting weight of trucks to 22,000 pounds.
2. Fuel Tax Bill, providing for a 2c tax on gasoline.
3. Gross Receipts Tax Bill, imposing a tax of 4 per cent on Motor Trucks and Busses.

We recommend that these bills be given an opportunity to show their effectiveness or shortcomings before taking further action on the same subjects.

Outside of the matter referred to, we recommend that it should be the policy of the State Grange to encourage the grading and graveling of lateral dirt roads before building more improved highways, both in the interests of economy, and greater service to a greater number of people.

A. VAN MAREN

J. N. WATT

THOS. JACOB

Committee.

## GRANGE VACATION

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

We, your Committee on State Grange Vacation, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, we believe the State Grange Vacation Week impractical owing to the long distance between Granges, and no one date being convenient for all to attend, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, your committee, recommend that the State Grange discontinue the State Grange Vacation. We further recommend that all Pomona Granges, or Subordinate Granges with the Pomona Granges, hold either picnics or field meets in their respective localities.

S. L. STICE

MARY E. MORE

JENNIE DUDGEON

W. W. WELLS

JOSEPH H. BONE

Committee.

## CONSERVATION

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

In presenting our report on conservation, your committee recognizes that the great natural resources of our country are the material foundation of our national prosperity and welfare; and that the way we handle these resources determines whether we are a thrifty or spendthrift nation. We also realize that already too large a part of our natural wealth has passed into the control of private interests, like every other great problem confronting us today.

We know that any plan we could offer would not be acceptable to the majority of the people, so we can only point out, and try to educate, and endeavor to overcome that human element that is always trying to clog the path of progress.

Your committee believes that the natural resources of our state should be carefully conserved for future use; especially is this true of our existing water supply. We believe our state should, as far as possible, retain control of water power not already owned by private interests, and in order to prevent monopoly, we recommend that ownership and development of water power, by the state, and by municipalities be encouraged. We are, however, at this time opposed to any great undertaking requiring tax raised funds running into hundreds of millions of dollars to be used either for reclamation or irrigation of the vast tracts of land in our interior valleys, believing that the present state of agriculture does not call for any large increase of production.

We recommend that greater consideration be given to work of the various committees that are endeavoring to conserve the water supply now going to waste in counties of our state where they have a local problem.

Another of our great resources, which, during the past few years, has reached such a vast production, is oil. The condition of our oil supply is in bad shape. The reckless attempt of the hundreds of oil promoters has caused such a rush to bring new wells into production, that storage capacity cannot be built fast enough. There is said to be 285,000 producing wells in the United States with an average daily production of 2,250,000 barrels, and while we are buying our gasoline at a low price today, most of the small producers face bankruptcy,

and fear is already felt that the supply will, in a few years, be exhausted; our large companies are, even now, prospecting in every country in the world to try to provide for the future.

Another great resource is our forests which we are rapidly depleting in our greed for making money; and through willful destruction and carelessness, thousands of acres of new growth are burned over every year.

In the three important resources we have mentioned, we have a problem which we believe will demand the best thought, not only of the members of the Grange, but of every other organization working towards human betterment.

We cannot close this report without giving praise to the many forward looking men and women who have labored so hard and persistently towards conservation, and while the difficulties they met have caused many to become discouraged and drop out of the fight, others strong in their belief have only awaited a more favorable time to try again.

E. K. CLENDENING  
JOSEPH H. BONE  
MAE CHURCH  
MAY F. BARKWAY  
J. J. MURPHY  
Committee.

### JUVENILE GRANGES

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

Your Committee on Jnvenile Granges beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same, and find the following work going on:

Dinuba Juvenile Grange, organized in January, has a membership of 26, and has carried out many plans of work. The lecture hour is planned to use school work as far as possible, so as not to overtax the children. Some of the topics discussed have been birds, flowers, and insects, pointing out the harmful and the useful ones. A patriotic program and programs for several special occasions were carried out. Roll call at every meeting gives each child something to do. Many future programs are outlined.

Hornbrook Juvenile Grange, organized in June, is planning to do similar work and have, in these few months, mastered the ritual work. This Grange has a membership of eighteen.

Committees have been appointed for various duties. Songs are practiced, and sometimes Grange is closed early to allow the children to attend the lecture hour of the Subordinate Grange.

Your committee indorses the work of these Granges and recommends the following plans for the advancement of the work:

Request the parents of the children in your Grange to become interested and join as honorary members. We recommend the use of regalia, and that this be made by the children as far as possible. Make it a duty of the Subordinate Grange Lecturer to use at least one lecture period during the year for the children. We recommend semi-annual election of officers to keep the children interested. Make it a duty of the County Juvenile Deputy to visit each Subordinate Grange at least once a year with the object of assisting either in the work of an existing Grange, or in the organization of a new one. We recommend that the State Grange make arrangements to pay mileage for such trips. We further recommend that each Subordinate Grange appoint a committee on Child Welfare to help advance the work.

MRS. ALICE E. WILLIAMS  
MRS. KATE H. WOOD  
MRS. NETTIE M. HARRIS  
MRS. SHIMER  
MRS. A. VAN MAREN  
Committee.

### PRESS

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Press Committee submits the following report:

Believing that the proceedings of the State Grange, that indicate a betterment of farm life and public service cannot receive too wide publicity, the efforts of your committee has been to interest more newspapers in Grange news.

The local newspaper, The Dinuba Sentinel, has devoted a liberal amount of space to State Grange news, as has the Fresno Republican.

The Associated Press has used about 50 per cent more matter than in 1922.

We recommend that at the coming session of the State Grange, the members will come prepared to send back home

liberal reports to their home papers in co-operation with the Press Committee.

Fraternally,

HORACE G. KEESLING  
FLORENCE G. MILLER  
H. L. GUNN

Committee.

### MUSIC

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

Your Committee on Music submits the following preamble and resolution as its report:

Whereas, the importance of music, especially community singing in the State Grange sessions, cannot be over-estimated as an enjoyable exercise, as a health reviver, and as a pleasant social feature; and

Whereas, the best results can be obtained where all co-operate and each one does his share; therefore be it

Resolved; That we endorse the verbal report of the chairman of the committee, that at least ten minutes each day of the State Grange session shall be devoted to community singing when every member of the Grange will be expected to take part, in addition to the regular songs called for by the Worthy Master.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. GUNN  
MRS. G. H. SHORT  
MRS. J. J. MURPHY  
JAMES M. KENYON  
Committee.

### CHARITY

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

Your Committee on Charity beg to report that as no resolutions have been submitted to this committee for consideration, we submit the following general report:

The committee have found that a number of the Granges observe the command of the Good Book to "forget not charity"; they have given of their abundance to help the Red

Cross and other charitable organizations send comfort and help to the needy; and they have not forgotten the sick and afflicted of their own Granges, nor the poor outside the gate.

Still other Granges have observed the other commandment, not to let the left hand know what the right hand doeth, and are quietly attending to charity in their own way.

MRS. CARRIE HOLMES  
MRS. LOIS S. CRAIG  
MRS. JENNIE BRAY  
MRS. CLARA E. KNIGHT  
MRS. LULA C. EIPPER  
Committee.

### FINANCE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

We find the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary balance, and correspond with the reports read and submitted Oct. 16, 1923.

The Secretary's books have been kept in a neat, capable, and efficient manner; but we would recommend that the Treasurer post a monthly balance and date all check stubs, and have all cancelled checks and receipts at the annual sessions of the State Grange.

W. P. MILLER  
MRS. CLARA E. KNIGHT  
CHARLES J. SUTTON  
MISS MIRA MORE  
W. R. COUPLAND  
Committee.

### EDUCATION

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

Your Committee, to whom was confided the destinies of an educational report, responds to the call with a pronounced feeling of diffidence in ability to deal justly with a subject of such indisputable importance. A view of the field assures us that we can only pass at the high spots in our flight over the multitude of subjects under consideration, each vital in its bearing toward a satisfactory whole.

In a former report was voiced a protest against defrauding each state of its just right to attend to its own educational affairs instead of seeking to centralize activities or federalizing power by maintaining headquarters far from home, and subjecting our schools to the vicissitudes of political domination. Each state has its distinct needs, known only to the interested watchfulness of its particular citizenry whose ability to regulate matters affecting their own welfare ought to rank that of any temporarily existent politician placed in control of such a vast aggregation. Therefore we endorse the former protest.

Conspicuous in the State Grange hall at Dinuba we read the statement that our most valuable crop is our boys and girls; and judging from the work on exhibition by the local juvenile Grange, we heartily commend the juvenile Grange as being of educational value.

We feel it our duty to do a little constructive criticizing, hoping thereby to remedy some existent evils; consequently, we cannot overlook the excessive use of cosmetics indulged in by some of our high school girls, nor the extremes in some of the styles of dress, verging, as they do, on immodesty, and tending toward laxity in morals. The correction of this is properly home duty, but it is often neglected there, and consequently falls to the overburdened teachers.

One of the modern accommodations in connection with our public school system, deserving of encouragement and commendation, is the establishment of night schools in localities where there is an ample sprinkling of foreign element whose opportunities for improvement are few, and aside from the simple instruction gleaned from books, the associations made in this way afford a means of learning American ways and becoming intimate with our institutions and laws. Lectures interspersed with the routine work are invaluable in the making of good citizens, which, we contend, should be the aim of all education.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. JOHNSON

MRS. ELIZA FARRELL

MRS. MARY LINDLEY

MRS. DELIA B. HOWELL

Committee.

### HOME ECONOMICS

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Home Economics beg leave to report:

The home being the most important part of the farm, around which all successes or failures center, the Lecturer's Hour of Subordinate Granges should be given to Home Economics at least one meeting in the year, when labor saving devices for the home should be explained and discussed, and the sisters be encouraged to explain their short cuts to perfect home-keeping.

As children live up, in large measure, to home environments, it is the duty of each and every one to improve and make more interesting the surroundings in which we live.

We should teach the children to plant flowers to beautify the home surroundings; and to help plant gardens which will materially aid in our home economics as well as instruct the children in home duties.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MINNIE CHURCH

MRS. MARY A. GILLIAM

MRS. FLORENCE G. MILLER

MRS. ALICE E. WILLIAMS

MRS. GRACE BIGGS

Committee.

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### REPORTS OF GRANGES

#### AMERICAN RIVER

To Officers and Members of California State Grange,

Greetings:

American River Grange No. 172 reports a successful year.

During the summer months we held but one meeting a month. We held several special meetings earlier in the year, at which numerous problems were discussed, as well as having a general good time socially.

We were favored three times during the year by visits from our Worthy State Master and Mrs. Harrison, one to install our Officers, one to see our "Ladies' Drill Team" confer the third and fourth degrees on a class of sixteen candidates, and the third time to visit and instruct us. All his visits were highly instructive and entertaining and were enjoyed by all.

Our Grange is situated near the Delta District, which is noted for its asparagus, for which our Worthy State Master has a weakness. His numerous visits during the asparagus season may have been a coincidence.

During the past winter we had several social functions, among which was a bazaar. It proved so successful, financially and socially, that we intend to make it an annual affair.

We have had the pleasure on two different occasions of having our Pomona Grange meet with us.

We have a fine new player piano that is enjoyed by all.

We are planning our Golden Jubilee, to be held in March, at which time we will try to have Sister Wilson, our one remaining charter member, with us.

Fraternally submitted,

L. F. BIGGS, Master.

## ANTELOPE

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the Calif. State Grange:

The close of this Grange year finds Antelope Grange with practically the same membership as last year. The principal reason for this is that nearly all in the section belong to the Grange and until the land in this vicinity is divided into smaller holdings we will have to remain small in number.

Antelope Grange is now awakening from her period of slumber during the summer months, not from sleepiness, but as our notable achievements are done through the winter and spring months, we deserve a rest. I might mention here that Antelope Grange claims the money making championship of the state, considering her size, according to the Secretary—our earnings for the year are \$360.

Our achievements:

First, we induced Sacramento County Pomona Grange to depart from her usual custom and hold a joint county installation in our hall at Antelope. The Worthy State Master and wife were there; ask them as to the success of that meeting.

Secondly, Sacramento County Pomona Grange departed again and held its annual picnic on our grounds. Brother Watt engineered that picnic and will probably tell you more about it. The dance on the same evening was given by our Grange, and netted us a complete electric lighting system,

relieving our sisters of the irksome task of washing lamp chimneys.

Thirdly, a show given by our members in February was a theatrical and financial success, and we invite you to watch the date and, if possible, attend the one we are arranging for the coming winter.

Lastly, our insistent demand for better highways has brought the desired result and has put Antelope on the map.

Fraternally submitted,

A. VAN MAREN, Master.

### AROMAS

Greeting to the State Grange from Aromas Grange No. 361.

We come from the northern end of Monterey Co. Have 161 members in the Grange. Have lost a number this year through granting of demits, etc., but the Grange loyalty was proven by several who did not ask for demits until after they had been away from our community for three years.

Illness caused our Master, Frank L. Proctor, to resign. G. E. Bohnett is genially "carrying on."

We had the misfortune of losing one of our most loyal and busy Grangers, Clarinda Blohm, wife of Past Master H. F. Blohm.

We have paid \$1000 this year on the debt of our New Hall, by giving dances, chicken pie suppers, rent of the Hall, and last fall we raised near \$350 by giving a big Harvest Festival.

The Aromas Grange takes the lead in community activities.

The use of the Hall was given for the Community Xmas Tree, the June graduating exercises, and a reception to the Graduates; the Grange families spent Thanksgiving Day together at the Hall. We again managed the building of a dam on the Pajaro River to form a large swimming and boating pool.

The greatest achievement of the year was the calling together of the apricot growers of the vicinity, by which several thousand dollars of actual saving to the community was realized by bringing together trays, material, sulphur, boxes, nails, buckets and knives.

At the same time they advertised and obtained over 1000 workers necessary to harvest the bumper crop of 'cots.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRTLE B. SEASON, Alternate.

**BELLEVUE**

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

Bellevue Grange No. 374 sends Greetings. We are glad to report our Grange in a healthy, happy and prosperous condition.

No. 374 is free of any incumbrance. We have inaugurated a tithing system, by taking one tenth of all money taken from social activities; this money goes into a reserve fund drawing 4 per cent. This fund is in a healthy condition as well as our checking account.

Our "Do Something Committee," composed of three members, have helped put pep in our organization, as well as keeping the members actively employed.

Our Ladies' Drill Team is a drawing card, giving us publicity and it also helps to bring home the bacon.

This year we had an all Grange Baseball Nine. We have an all Grange Orchestra, and a Ladies and Gents Barn Yard Golf Team.

We exhibited at the County Fair this year and brought home \$75.00 in prize money.

Today we are seeking knowledge on Co-operative marketing, especially for the produce that is not now handled through Co-operative organizations.

Brother W. L. Noble, who made it possible for us to own our Grange Hall, by giving us a Deed, by Gift, to the land upon which our hall stands, passed away during the year. We have lost a loyal Brother, Brother and Sister Granges.

Fraternally yours,

W. P. MILLER, Master.

**BENNETT VALLEY**

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

On behalf of the Patrons of Bennett Valley Grange, I submit the following report:

The past year can, on the whole, be termed a good year. Though our membership has increased but little, and we have lost a few members, we are hoping for a better future and looking forward to a more prosperous year.

We have had several outside speakers, who spoke on topics of the day, and generally had a good Lecturer's Hour.

We were hosts to Forestville Grange at one meeting, and

have enjoyed visits from members of other Granges on different occasions.

Our Grange has held several social events in which the whole community joined; a minstrel show which was very successful, a celebration of Washington's birthday, consisting of an evening of entertainment and dancing, a box social which was both socially and financially successful, and our annual May Picnic, with its Harvest Feast at noon. Public dances are frequently held to help pay off our debt, which we are doing by degrees.

We entertained Pomona Grange at one meeting this year.

We have recently adopted a "penny drill" to help defray small expenses, and also as a means of expressing an interest in members who are ill.

Wishing California State Grange a successful future, we are,

Fraternally,  
MATTHEW L. ROGINA, Master.

### BESWICK

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I am sorry not to be with you, but know that Bro. Hachmann will be an able representative.

Beswick Grange is doing nicely. We have lost some of our interest during the busy summer, but I feel sure we will soon get it back again now. We have lost some of our members, but have taken in a few more than we have lost. Our Siskiyou County Pomona Grange is a great help and inspiration to us.

The visit from our worthy State Master, Bro. Harrison, Sister Harrison and Sister Helen Harrison, was very much appreciated by all. We wish again to thank them for their kind counsel.

Fraternally submitted,  
MRS. INEZ I. SPANNAUS, Master.  
By GEO. M. HACHMANN, Alternate.

### BOGUS

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Bogus Grange, Number 397, organized August 28, 1922, I report that Bogus Grange has made a sub-

stantial growth in the past year, and is holding its own in a very creditable manner.

We had a very good exhibit at the County Fair, and succeeded in taking the Trophy Cup home with us, much to the surprise of the members of seven other Granges.

We enjoyed the visit of Brother Harrison, his wife and granddaughter, on June 21, and hope to have them again soon.

Respectfully,

ARTHUR JONES, Master.

### COMMUNITY

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Community Grange No. 388, I beg to submit the following report:

So far, during the year 1923, we have held 19 regular and special meetings. Have initiated several new members. It was my hope and fond endeavor that during my term as Master we could build a home of our own, but owing to crops and market conditions, I am afraid we will not succeed, but we are still trying and working to that end.

Our Worthy Lecturer is a faithful worker, and we always look forward to the Lecture Hour with pleasure and anticipation.

In May, our Worthy State Master and wife paid us a visit, which we all enjoyed very much, and which was quite beneficial to our Grange.

Our members are all of co-operative spirit and work for the good of the Order and community.

We have been instrumental in getting better roads, better schools, and telephones.

We are peculiarly situated, being in the extreme north end of Monterey County, and in the Monterey High School district, which is about 30 miles for our children to go to High School. Salinas, with one of the best equipped High Schools in the State, is only 6 to 10 miles away, but our laws were such that we could not get into the Salinas district. But by the efforts of our Grange and others, we have succeeded in getting a Bill passed by our Legislature, whereby we can join the Salinas Union High School district by petition, which petition has been circulated by members of our Grange and presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Matters of interest to Granges, both State and local, are discussed at our meetings, and you will find Community Grange always ready and willing to help in any cause for the upbuilding of our State and our Order.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday nights, and invite you one and all to make us a visit, but not at the same time, as our facilities for entertaining a crowd are limited, so make different dates through the year.

Fraternally submitted,

M. K. PICKRELL, Master.

### DANVILLE

To the Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange.—Danville Grange No. 85 Patrons of Husbandry sends greetings.

Danville Grange is passing its 50th milestone having a membership of 89 brothers and 105 sisters.

We have lost by death 1, by demit 1, by suspension 2. Our average attendance is 40 and we have initiated 32 new members this year, having several applications which have been referred to committees.

Our Lecturer, Sister Kate Wood, deserves much credit for the active part she has taken in our Grange, not only this year but in the many past years she has served as Worthy Lecturer. She has kept the members well informed along agricultural and educational lines and has furnished a program either musical or literary every meeting.

The officers have been very diligent in their attendance as well as several Past Masters who have most ably assisted the present Master.

The Golden Anniversary of the organization of Danville Grange was very beautifully observed on the 1st of October. The outstanding features were the reading of two papers. One by Sister Flora Jones, and the other by Sister Elizabeth Wood, recalling accomplishments and events of the past taken from the minutes as recorded by secretaries during the last 50 years. Our Worthy Lecturer opened the Lecturer's hour with a short address of well chosen words, followed by a short program. Many members responded to calls and made several interesting talks.

We were very much pleased to have as our guests on Sept. 12th, Worthy State Master Harrison and his good wife, but

were very sorry that the Master of Danville Grange could not fill his office on account of business engagements.

The Danville Grange Herald, a semi-monthly paper, published at Wood Brothers' printing office in Sycamore Valley, is supported by the Patrons of Husbandry and friends, for the purpose of communicating announcements and interesting events to the community.

July 11, 1923, Resolutions were adopted by this Grange to represent the people of San Ramon Valley in securing an attorney to appear before the Railroad Commission in defending the proposed abandonment of the Electric line from Saranap to Danville. With two hearings in the Social Hall at Danville, with a large attendance of Patrons of Husbandry and others, and one hearing in San Francisco, the case has not been settled.

STEPHEN H. JOHNSON, Master.

#### DINUBA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Dinuba Grange Number 342, extends greetings and a hearty welcome. We hope to make this meeting the best held in many years; we hope to make your stay with us this week a pleasant one, and also a profitable one. No means have been spared, nor will be, to make your entertainment enjoyable.

We are very sorry that the new hotel, that was promised last year, is not built, not even started. The financial stringency that struck other parts of the County, struck here as well, and our business men who had charge of the building deemed it advisable to delay its building until conditions righted themselves. Our new Fraternal Hall, however, was started, and one unit built, but was halted for the same reason. Conditions are improving here now, and the Hall committee has bids and let the contract for the completion of the Hall.

We beg to report a membership of one hundred fifty members, with an average attendance of about sixty-five. We have initiated sixty members into our Grange this year and have four applications to be voted on at our next meeting. We have lost by death one, by withdrawal five, by suspension six. We hold our regular meeting on the second Saturday afternoon and the fourth Saturday evening of each

month. During the summer months all the meetings are held in the evening.

We are very proud of our ladies' degree team. The ladies have mastered the ritualistic work and are taking a great interest in the Grange. They have also mastered the fifth degree work and have labored hard that they may prove their ability on the floor of the State Grange here, Thursday evening, October 18.

Our Worthy Lecturer, Brother Shimer, furnishes us with a well arranged and instructive program for each meeting.

We very much appreciated the visit of our Worthy State Master and wife, Brother and Sister Harrison. Their instructions were very helpful and encouraging. We would appreciate a visit from any other State Officer, especially our Worthy Lecturer.

Our crops were all very good this year but the weather has not been so favorable. The rains have done a great deal of damage and made us so much more work and expense. Consequently there are a great many raisins on the ground in the field today.

Respectfully,

J. A. LA RUE, Master.

### EDGWOOD

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

After a period of inactivity Edgwood Grange has pulled herself together, elected and installed officers and squared away for future work. We have no advice to offer except that we might say to struggling Granges while working under adverse circumstances, keep your dues paid and never say die.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

J. J. MURPHY, Master.

### ELK GROVE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

The outstanding event of the year just closing for Elk Grove Grange No. 86 was the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary. This was not observed with historical accuracy but on the next regular meeting night following the birthday. All the subordinate Granges of the county and our Pomona Grange were invited in to assist, participate, and enjoy, and

also the local friends not yet members of the Grange but who might possibly become such. By mutual consent committee reports and routine business were sharply curtailed, the minutes were read, applications received from five new candidates, two were readmitted on demit cards, reports were read from committees on two applicants—total nine. Grange closed, the doors opened to our friends, and the celebration began. The officers and members of Number 86 desired to express their genuine appreciation of Pomona Master J. N. Watt, the principal speaker of the evening, who spoke very fittingly of Grange principles and Elk Grove Grange as an exemplar of the same. Past State Master Frank Hunt was also of our welcome and distinguished guests.

Our Grange has pursued its work throughout the year since the last report with vigor, efficiency and decorum. Our greatest accomplishment, without any question, is the saving to the public from the destruction, by private and commercial greed, of a park, thirty-six acres in extent, of first growth native valley oaks. This required the raising of \$6000 cash and the floating of a loan signed by the committee of \$1500 or a total of \$7500. Our committee has been in continuous existence and at work for three years to do this, and in its final "over the top" spurt was splendidly assisted by the local post American Legion and Native Sons. The success of this very great and monumental task must be credited to Mr. George Sehlmeier, present Lecturer of the State Grange.

Other signal accomplishments were the planting of a double row of trees along a mile of highway leading into our town, and the holding of a large community picnic in conjunction with the athletic departments of our county schools.

Co-operation stands conspicuous in all our doings.

Our Grange is vigorous and growing and is a power in the community. Our meetings are held regularly and punctually and conducted in close accord with the manual and parliamentary procedure. We were granted a full inspection by the State Master's deputy, putting on the third and fourth degrees at that time.

A big feed looms ahead of us when the Master, with his team driving for new members, banquets the Overseer with his team, or vice versa.

J. L. WATERMAN, Master.  
MRS. E. L. GERRISH, Alternate.

### FORESTVILLE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange, Forestville Grange sends greetings.

Forestville Grange meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in I. O. O. F. hall, and has had a very successful year. One year ago our Grange had 64 members; now we have 90 members. Most of our new members are young people and (the best in the community) with lots of Pep. Our attendance is good and our financial condition is good. We pride ourselves as being the only Grange in California having two Teams—the young ladies for the 1st and 2nd degree—the older ladies for the 3rd and 4th degree.

We also have a dramatic team and we have put our play on at four different Granges in the County.

We have had several visits by our Worthy State Master Geo. R. Harrison and Sister Harrison. On his last visit he inspected our Grange.

With best wishes for a pleasant and beneficial meeting at Dinuba.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. GRAHAM, Master.

### FORT ROMIE

Fort Romie Grange, No. 358, extends greetings to the Officers and Patrons of the State Grange of California, with best wishes for a harmonious and useful session at Dinuba.

We meet on the first and third Saturday of each month and extend a hearty welcome to all sojourning patrons.

That the interest in our Grange is growing is proved by better attendance, better initiatory work, and the interest our members take in carrying out the rules and regulations of our noble Order. We credit this in no small way to the inspection and scoring of subordinate Granges.

We have been diligent in extending bouquets to the needy; some of these were made of real flowers, some of dollars, and many were made by the kind deeds of our members. This has been as good seed sown on fertile ground. Our Grange is a school along this line.

We still send the National Grange Monthly into the homes of all our members and by this method keep those interested who are unable to attend the meetings and who, in time,

would become more or less indifferent to the Grange.

Our local papers are kept posted on such proceedings as the public should know, and from this we receive many high compliments.

Our Worthy State Master and Sister Harrison have made us two visits during the year, and brought inspiration in no small degree each time.

We have made a substantial gain in membership, having 102 members on roll.

We have tried to treasure up the lessons we have learned both by successes and failures that we may continue with the good work in the future.

Faternally submitted,

LEE DUDGEON, Master.

### GAZELLE

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Gazelle Grange No. 380 sends greetings to this, the 51st Annual Meeting of our State Grange.

On the first of the year we had a membership of 85; now we have a membership of 108, with a very good average attendance.

Our Grange has greatly assisted in all movements for the benefit of the public. In the early part of this year some of our members formed a movie picture club, bought a picture machine on payment plans, and we now have it almost paid for.

By going around to the different Granges one evening every two weeks and putting on a good, clean show, we feel as though we are doing much good for the public.

We are proud to say that we were the first in Siskiyou County to have a ladies' degree team. Mrs. H. A. Craig was in charge, and spent much of her time rehearsing the work. At present we meet in the Gazelle school house on the first and third Saturdays of each month. We now have a fund started to build a Grange Hall. We have the money in the Savings Bank at present until we see fit to start the Hall.

My experience as Master has been a pleasure to me and one I shall always remember through life.

Faternally yours,

GLEN C. MAXWELL, Master.

**GEYSERVILLE**

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Calif. State Grange:  
As Master of Geyserville Grange No. 312, I submit the following report:

The past year has been a fairly prosperous one for Geyserville Grange.

In May we entertained Pomona Grange in conjunction with our Floral Day Celebration, which was enjoyed by all.

We aided the Geyserville commercial board in putting on a May Day Celebration which was a credit to the community.

We gave a social and netted a neat sum to help defray expenses on lighting the streets of Geyserville.

Our Worthy State Master and wife visited us on two occasions, one for instruction, and one for inspection. We also had Worthy State Secretary, Sister Martha Gamble, and County Deputy, Sister Fannie Gamble, with us. Brother Knight of Petaluma Grange paid us a visit and gave a very interesting talk on Grange Life Insurance.

Our membership is about the same as last year. We have taken in quite a few members and lost some. We have 139 members in good standing, and what members we have seem to be taking quite an interest.

Our financial condition is good.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. L. HENDRICKS, Master.

**GILROY**

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

I am pleased to announce that our Grange has added one more Grange to your number. On December 15, 1922, under the careful guidance of Deputy District Organizer, E. K. Clendenning, Gilroy Grange No. 398 was organized with a charter membership of forty-four. Since that time we have enclosed within our circle sixty more members, making our present membership one hundred four.

Our officers were installed January 6, 1923, by our Worthy State Master, Brother George Harrison, at a joint meeting with the Santa Clara County Pomona Grange and Orchard City Grange at Campbell, followed by a bounteous banquet given by Orchard City Grange.

Since then we have enjoyed a Field Day as guests of Orchard City Grange. We also enjoyed a Grange picnic at New Brighton Beach with some invited friends. A most enjoyable day was spent in games and bathing in the surf.

We also have enjoyed a visit from our Worthy State Master and Sister Harrison at a meeting at which the Third and Fourth Degrees were given to twenty-eight members. The work was put on by the Orchard City Grange Drill Team of Campbell.

We have a good average attendance at our meetings. Our Lecturer has a suitable program for each meeting. We have lost one meeting during the year, which was in our very busy fruit season. Our finances are in good shape, notwithstanding the fact that our expenses were heavy this first year. Our meeting place is in the Masonic Hall, a large and spacious room.

While our progress could have been better, still we have succeeded quite well, our members being all new Grangers and not familiar with Grange work.

Fraternally submitted,

F. E. STELLING, Master.

### GOLD HILL

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

Greeting.

In making my annual report to California State Grange, I beg to submit the following:

We regret very much that it will be impossible for any one from Gold Hill Grange to be with you at the State Grange session.

We have held 21 meetings during the year with very good attendance.

We have acted on various bills of the Legislature, pertaining to the Grange, and farmers in general.

We have lost a few members through death, taken in a few new members, and consider the Grange in a good, healthy condition.

During the year we had the pleasure of a visit from our Worthy Master of the California State Grange, Brother Harrison, and Sister Harrison, which we enjoyed very much.

Wishing you a successful meeting and a prosperous year for the Grange.

Fraternally submitted,  
CHAS. H. FOWLER, Master.

### GREENFIELD

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Greenfield Grange, No. 357, I submit the following report:

I regret very much indeed that I cannot be at the State Grange. I wish you all the success possible at this session.

Our Grange started out at the first of the year with high spirits and was going strong until the month of June came, then we had an epidemic strike right in the midst of our Grange, and there were seven of our members taken from here, but don't be alarmed, for they only got married and moved to near by towns, so most of them are still members.

While the busy fruit season is on we don't have a very large attendance, but we have more coming out now.

We have a road committee that will get results this winter, also a community Christmas Tree committee busy for a big time at Christmas. The Worthy State Master Harrison and Sister Harrison visited us a few nights ago for inspection, when we put on the 3rd and 4th degrees for nine new members. We are gaining slowly but surely. We pride ourselves in that we report the sick, or distressed, and nearly always, yes, I think always, some member goes to see them. We are trying to do our best, and hope to do better in the future.

Fraternally,  
L. J. CARSON, Master.  
D. H. MELENDY, Alternate.

### GREENHORN

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange,  
Greenhorn Grange sends greetings and respectfully submits this report.

We have not made a net gain in membership the past year, owing largely to having many transient members, such as librarians and teachers, good workers while in the Grange, but soon gone to other fields.

We have one hundred and fifty-six paid up members. Have draped the charter for three departed members in the past

few months. Several members were lost to the Little Shasta Grange on its organization, by transfer.

Greenhorn degree team exemplified the first and second degrees for Little Shasta Grange, and the Gazelle team exemplified the third and fourth degrees.

Eight of the active Granges of the County had their booths in the County fair in September. The trophy cup going this time to Bogus Grange, they winning over Hornbrook, last year winners, by one point.

Greenhorn's exhibit captured the special one hundred dollar trophy, donated by the President of the Fair Association for the best exhibit, decided by vote of the patrons of the Fair.

The visit of State Master Harrison and wife in June was much enjoyed and proved profitable. A class was initiated in the first and second degrees by the Greenhorn team, and a splendid program was given during the lecture hour.

We feel the pressing need of a new hall, and have a building fund started.

It is indeed a long way to Dinuba, but we have come with a strong showing from old Siskiyou, the farthest away of all, and trust this will be a profitable session individually and collectively.

Fraternally,

GEORGE K. BRAY, Master.

## GUENOC

To the State Grange of California:

The history of Guenoc Grange for the past year is not a pleasant one. I regret exceedingly that I cannot report any material progress. Many meetings have been passed for lack of a quorum. We have lost many members, and a part of those remaining are in a state of apathy and indifference that is most discouraging.

There are, however, a few faithful ones. These Good Patrons remained loyal and true when the storm clouds gathered and the warmth of fraternal love was chilled by human passions. We now have peace. But it is the quietness that comes from stagnation. We have had a few interesting meetings, and have conducted several public dances with considerable profit, the proceeds of which have gone toward the payment of our piano. Recent events in the Grange have

been encouraging, and I am constrained to believe that all is not lost.

With an optimism born from years of Grange associations I have faith to believe that there yet remains a nucleus around which can be gathered the loyalty, perseverance and determination of the faithful ones, and building on this foundation there will be erected a Grange that is strong and healthy with good works, where "truth crushed to earth shall rise again" and where shall be found again the sweet fraternal spirit of the Grange.

Dedicated to this end I submit this report with

Fraternal fellowship,

GRANVILLE LIBBEY, Master.

### HAPPY CAMP

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

This makes the third time we have had the pleasure of reporting at the State Grange. Each time we have had a few more members and are stronger in every way, and hope to be able to report as much or more progress at each coming meeting.

There have been several other organizations started in our community, but they soon died out. It was predicted that the Grange would do the same, but we are going up hill instead of down, and will keep on the same track, if nothing serious happens.

In the winter the Grange takes an active part in the social life of the community. Last winter we had surprise parties and birthday parties in our hall and in the homes of the Grangers nearly every week.

The most important work we have done this year was to clean up and purchase fencing for our cemetery, which was in a very bad condition. We hope to have the fence up before winter sets in.

We enjoyed Worthy State Master Harrison and Mrs. Harrison's visit very much, and the advice and instructions he gave us here have been helpful in many ways. We hope to have the pleasure of entertaining them again next year.

Fraternally submitted,

C. RALPH GORDON, Master.

**HORNBROOK**

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Hornbrook Grange No. 391, I take pleasure in informing you that our Grange has made a substantial growth since the last State Grange meeting. We have well attended meetings, and the Juvenile Grange, which meets in a room adjoining our hall, often helps in our lecture hour.

We have bought a good supply of chairs and dishes and also a piano during the last year.

We enjoyed a visit of the State Master and his wife on June twenty-second, and hope they will visit us again.

The trophy cup for the best exhibit at the Siskiyou County Fair, which we held for the past year, was taken from us by Bogus Grange No. 397, who beat us by one point. We congratulate Bogus Grange. Theirs was a wonderful exhibit by such a small Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. FOX, Master.

**LITTLE SHASTA**

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Little Shasta Grange No. 399 was organized Feb. 1st, 1923, by District Organizer Halbert Smith. Sixteen members obligated, five officers elected. Charter held open until Feb. 3rd. Charter membership 61. Remainder of officers elected and all installed. Greenhorn Grange exemplified first and second degrees. Gazelle Grange third and fourth.

Meeting nights 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, with good attendance. Meetings have been instructive and interesting.

Entertained State Master and helpers June 18. Entertained Pomona Grange No. 6, September 8th.

Have appointed Clarence W. Soule as insurance agent.

Grange working along lines of lower taxation, good roads, and better agricultural products and facilities.

Took active part in Siskiyou County Fair. Stood fourth in line for cup, captured by Bogus Grange.

Total membership to date 86.

PAT F. CALDWELL, Master.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW

To the Officers of California State Grange:

Greeting:

Mountain View Grange has met regularly on each first and third Saturday of every month during the past year, with special meetings when necessary; the attendance has averaged above normal.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports have checked up correctly, quarterly reports promptly made to the State Grange, collection of dues kept up to date, and minutes written in a plain and comprehensive way, pleasing to our membership.

The Lecturer's Hour has always contained special features varied in character, and always pleasing most of the members most of the time, if not all the members all of the time.

Finances are in a satisfactory and healthy condition with a sufficient balance to meet all ordinary demands on our treasury.

Standing committees have always been prompt, with short, snappy reports, particularly the Farm, Orchard and Market Committee.

Our Degree Team, second to none in the State, is our greatest asset in securing new members, and to it belongs the honor of the healthy, steady growth of our Grange.

Sociability is always indulged in after closing the Grange, with light refreshments, piano or phonograph music, dancing by the young (and old) members, and a general get-acquainted social visit.

All officers, committees and members are working in the utmost harmony for a bigger, better Mountain View Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. VAN ORDEN, Master.

### NAPA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

We think Napa Grange No. 307 is in a good condition; starting in the past year, with a membership of one hundred twenty-seven. With the loss of members from Napa Grange, we have taken in new members to leave us at the end of the year our original number of one hundred twenty-seven.

Our officers are alive and zealous in their duties. We are especially fortunate in our Worthy Master, Brother John Hartley, and our Lecturer, Brother F. L. Hunt.

By D. W. ROTHROCK, Alternate.

## ORANGE VALE

Worthy State Master, and Patrons of California:

Orange Vale Grange has 26 members. One member was dropped. Two members were gained.

We have had twelve interesting meetings, and some near meetings, lacking enough to make a quorum.

In February our Worthy Lecturer had an open meeting. Worthy State Lecturer Geo. Sehlmeier and Worthy Master J. N. Watt of Sacramento County Pomona Grange, as principal speakers.

In March, we had an instructive and interesting meeting from our State Master, Geo. R. Harrison, and wife.

Our two new members took the 3rd and 4th Degrees at American River Grange with their class.

The Worthy Lecturer has had most interesting programs for every meeting.

The fire insurance committee reports four policies sold.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WARREN M. MORSE, Master.

## ORCHARD CITY

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange, in session at Dinuba:

Orchard City Grange No. 333 P. of H. sends greetings and wishes to report as follows:

Our Grange has met regularly twice a month and our meetings have been well attended with the exception of two or three meetings during the busy fruit season. But since the harvest of fruits is over our members have rallied to the work in good numbers.

Our meetings have been instructive and entertaining. I want to commend the work of our Worthy Lecturer. She has worked faithfully to furnish entertainments during the Lecturer hour. And our Worthy Secretary takes care of the correspondence and business of the Grange to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. We have a fine corps of officers and committees. The officers know their respective duties and are very faithful in attendance. The committees have good reports on legislature, co-operation, farm and orchard, fruits and markets, civic improvements, poultry and gardening, women's work and relief.

Our relief committee visits the sick and takes them plants

and flowers to cheer them, and lets them know that they are not forgotten. The flowers and plants are bought from the proceeds of the penny drill which we have at every meeting. We have had three visits from Brother and Sister Harrison.

We held an all day field meet at which they were present, also one visit for instruction and another for inspection. We enjoyed their visits very much. We have a building fund started and hope at some future time to have a hall of our own.

Fraternally submitted,

H. V. ARCHIBALD, Master.

### PETALUMA

The Master of Petaluma Grange No. 23 submits the following report:

We have reason to feel encouraged over the past year's work.

We have added eighteen to our membership, making seventy-nine members at the present time; and nine applications in the hands of the secretary.

We changed our time of meeting from Saturday afternoon to Thursday evening, with a large increase in interest and attendance.

State Master Harrison and wife visited us twice during the year, once for inspection, giving many helpful suggestions.

The ladies have formed a degree team, which will add much to our future success.

We entertained Pomona Grange once at a well attended and profitable meeting.

We have passed a number of resolutions that we believed would be helpful to farming interests.

Prizes received for our work for the Sonoma County Fair, together with several whist parties held at members' homes, have kept our treasury in a very creditable condition.

A. R. HALE, Master.

### POPLAR

To California State Grange, greetings.

We take pleasure in submitting our annual report to our honorable State Grange.

The year 1923 has been a year of growth and advancement for Poplar Grange, and the prospects for the future seem bright. The number of withdrawals and dismissals in our

Grange have been few, our finances are in good shape, our plans for 1924 point to a year of activity and interest.

During 1923, we have held all of our regular meetings, except during the three summer months, when we held but one monthly meeting. It has been our great pleasure to have present with us, on two occasions, our Worthy State Master Harrison. We are always glad to have him with us, and feel that each visit means new life and vigor for our Grange.

In the year 1923, Poplar Grange has been very active in participating in agricultural exhibitions, and at the Porterville American Legion parade, Poplar Grange took first prize among about one hundred floats. At present we are engaged in a campaign of improvement of our grounds, and all is in readiness for a well and pressure system and the planting of trees and shrubs on the grounds.

In our Grange work we have put more stress on the ritualistic work, and are proud to say that we have a team capable of putting the degree work on in good shape. Prospects are that Poplar will have a ladies' drill team if present plans work out.

It would be a great pleasure to Poplar Grange if it could mingle more freely with the other Granges of this State, and we firmly believe that our one greatest need is to co-operate more closely with other Granges.

In closing, may we state that our one great aim is to exemplify Grange principles, to forward agricultural interests, by our work and vote, and that we extend a cordial invitation to all Grangers, everywhere, to call on us and see what we are doing and help us in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY L. WILLIAMS, Master.

OSCAR E. BETTS, Delegate.

### POTTER VALLEY

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I am glad to report our Grange in a healthy, happy condition.

We have had a very good attendance during the past year until the busy season. We have missed only two meetings.

We have added fourteen new names to our roll. The work being put on by the Ladies' Drill Team. Our Worthy Lecturer

has been very faithful with her work. Her programs are interesting and enjoyed by all; she has been one of the means of keeping up the interest of the Grange.

During the year we had the pleasure of a visit from a number of the members of the Redwood Valley Grange. During one of our open lecture hours, Prof. Coleman gave us a very interesting talk on co-operative marketing.

Our Grange donated \$20.00 toward buying trees and plants for the school grounds.

A committee was appointed from our Grange to work with other committees of the Valley, in putting on an exhibit at the County Fair held in Ukiah last month. I am pleased to say our exhibit took first prize at the fair.

We are preparing to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our Grange next month.

We have been called upon to pay the last tribute of respect to two of our faithful members, Sister Laura Leierly and Brother Hilbourn.

For a while our meetings were held, one in the afternoon, and one in the evening. We soon found the evening meetings were more satisfactory. We now meet the second and fourth Saturday evenings each month.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. MINNIE EDDIE, Master.

### RUTHERFORD

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Rutherford Grange No. 371 sends greetings.

Rutherford Grange has not been as active in the past year as I would like to see it.

Our membership has dropped below a hundred; several demit cards have been issued, and I am sorry to report the death of two of our members, Brother James Linn and Alfred Moro.

We have made more improvements to our hall, and hope to have the \$600.00 debt paid off before another year.

We have good meetings and our Worthy Lecturer always provides good entertainment.

We haven't been able to get any new members this year, but hope to do better in the future.

Fraternally submitted,

S. J. WEBBER, Master.

**SACRAMENTO**

Worthy Master and Officers of California State Grange:  
Sacramento Grange No. 12 reports as follows:

Since our last State Grange meeting at Asilomar we have held 20 meetings.

January 13th, 1923, accepted invitation of Antelope Grange to install our officers with them. Installation ceremonies were conducted by Worthy State Master Harrison and Sister Harrison in a very efficient manner.

March 24th we enjoyed and were benefited by a visit from Worthy State Master Harrison.

April 14th Dr. Coleman spoke on Co-operative Marketing.

On May 26th celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of Bro. and Sister Holmes. A picnic lunch was served, after which a very enjoyable program was rendered, followed by various games. Of the two surviving charter members only one was able to be present.

Have been instrumental in circulating the National Grange Monthly among all of our members. Have the honor of claiming the State Director of Agriculture, Geo. H. Hicke, as a member of Sacramento Grange.

Sacramento Grange went on record as endorsing the Resolution from Elk Grove Grange opposing the lengthening term of office by the Board of Regents at the University of California and the purchasing of unsuitable land adjacent to Berkeley for the Agricultural Department of the University. Also went on record as favoring the defeat of the Syndicalism Act. Also favored the Gold Dredging and the Lubricating Oil Bill, and the Budget Bill.

At the last State Grange meeting Sacramento Grange reported having a membership of 135. We now have 164 members.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH HOLMES, Master.

**SAN JOSE**

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

San Jose Grange No. 10 sends greetings to the State Grange.

On the supposition that every Grange Master has made his regular semi-annual report to the Worthy State Master

and ..... to the generosity of Tulare Co. Patrons thus leaving less time than usual for work at this session, my report will be brief.

San Jose Grange is unable to report the progress it would like, especially in respect to increased membership, but its past 50 years is replete with achievements. However, the patrons being strong in the spirit, have hope, and plans are maturing for a progressive future.

Regretfully we announce the passing of Brother E. F. Greenwood, a Past Master of Santa Clara County Pomona, Brother Philo Hersey, a Past Master of San Jose Grange and a pioneer in Co-operation Marketing, and Brother S. H. Shelley, a valuable, energetic and widely known Patron.

We have enjoyed several visits from our Worthy State Master, Geo. R. Harrison, and wife, and have profited considerably therefrom.

Our Worthy Lecturer, W. E. Gage, in conjunction with the various Standing Committees, has brought many important subjects before the Grange, all of which have been entertaining and educational.

Personally accepting the theory of Co-operation as the basic principle in Nature, whether voluntary or involuntary, according to the varied states and conditions in its advancing evolution, therefore compelled to recognize this principle, in practice, as the only possible ultimate solution of our economic problems, I earnestly call attention to the Specific Objects of the Grange set forth in its Declaration of Purposes, and suggest, that upon the Grange, now more than ever before, devolves the responsibility and the great opportunity to render a splendid service to the principle of Co-operation in an educational way, particularly as a pressing and necessary aid to our present co-operative marketing organizations and as far as possible a practical extension of the principle.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. BONE, Master.

### SANTA ROSA

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

To my regret I am unable to present my report in person.

We have had a very successful year, with all of the meetings

worth while; especially so were the meetings of our Golden Anniversary; our Christmas tree, with young and old remembered; Armistice Day, with an address by Major Comstock, giving his experiences at the front; the illustrated lecture of her trip to the Holy Land by our County Superintendent; Arbor and Pomona days were also observed, and addresses given by County Horticultural Commissioner O. E. Bremner, State Senator Slater, Assemblyman Fulwider, and others.

A School of Instruction held under the auspices of the State Master, Geo. R. Harrison, and County Deputy, Miss Fannie Gamble, proved very beneficial.

A fraternal visit was made to Two Rock Grange, where our Ladies' Degree Staff conferred the Third and Fourth Degrees. We also held a joint installation of the officers of Bellevue and Santa Rosa Granges.

Space is too limited to speak further, but a cordial welcome is assured to all who attend the State Grange session when the State Grange meets in Santa Rosa in 1924.

Fraternally submitted,

S. McCANSE, Master.

S. H. STONE, Alternate.

### SCOTT VALLEY

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Scott Valley Grange No. 386 extends greetings to each and all of you represented in this, our fifty-first annual State Grange Assembly.

We feel that the year (1923) has been one of prosperity to our organization and a social benefit to our community as a whole.

Brother Harrison's visit to our Grange in June was enjoyed by all, and he left a feeling of renewed Grange spirit with us all.

We had the pleasure of entertaining our Pomona Grange a few days ago, and it should be a pleasure to any Grange to entertain such a thrifty bunch of Grangers.

We have lost some members during the last year, but have gained many good new members in return, our membership now being over 200.

We own our hall and many other fixtures, and have a very sound treasurer account. We celebrated July 4th with a

glorious time to all, assisted by the business men of the community.

Our Grange is located in the heart of a farming community and we stand with open arms to do all we can to benefit farming conditions throughout the nation.

We meet on the first and third Wednesday evenings of every month, and extend an invitation to every Granger in the state to visit us at any time, for we hope to become one of the most flourishing Granges of our State.

Fraternally submitted,

W. HALBERT SMITH, Alternate.

### SEBASTOPOL

To the Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Sebastopol Grange No. 306 sends greetings.

As Master of Sebastopol Grange I have the honor to submit the following report:

Sebastopol Grange once again has had a successful and prosperous year. Through the untiring efforts of our Worthy Lecturer, Sister McLeod, we have had splendid programs, which were very entertaining and instructive.

We have had the pleasure of having with us Senator Slater and Assemblyman Fulwider, who each gave splendid talks regarding the Farmer of today and the need of co-operation, and of the work that was being done in the Legislature to assist the Farmers.

We are especially favored by having Brother Harrison, State Master, and wife, present at nearly all of our meetings.

Bro. Harrison always has something of interest to tell us. Sister Harrison has very ably filled the office of Master in our degree team.

By invitation of Bro. Harrison, it has been our great pleasure to listen to a Lecture given by Congressman Clarence F. Lea, telling of his very recent trip to Alaska.

We have indorsed the resolution from Sacramento supporting Governor Richardson relative to the State Budget.

We have assisted C. of C. financially in building C. of C. building in Sebastopol, and also hold membership in C. of C.

In the spring a very beautiful floral show was put on and a program in connection with same, which was a very clever get up.

On June 2nd, our Second Annual Field Day was held in Sebastopol on the Anahy Union High School Grounds, under the management of Bro. Harrison and his very able assistants; a most successful day was enjoyed.

Resolutions coming before the Grange are given prompt and careful consideration and acted on with all fairness.

A resolution was adopted and sent the P. G. and E. Company asking that action be taken to better the rural Telephone service, and pressure was brought to bear which resulted in an immediate investigation by the company and better service was rendered.

A resolution was passed which was instrumental in helping to get mail brought to Sebastopol at a much earlier hour.

On August 6th we had as our guest, Bro. W. V. Griffith, Past State Master, who inspected the Grange. Third and Fourth Degrees were put on by the Degree staff.

Our Grange put in an exhibit at the County Fair at Petaluma in August and was awarded first prize, which was very pleasing to the members.

A donation was made to the Japanese relief fund.

In conclusion:

We trust that this session of the State Grange will be very successful.

We extend a cordial invitation to meet in Sonoma County in 1924, where you will find good climate, good people, and all the good things to help you say, "Yes, I am glad I came."

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. I. SUTTON, Master.

## SILVERADO

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Silverado Grange, No. 370, sends greetings:

Though well represented in your midst, there are many more of us, and we who are compelled to remain at home, deeply regret our inability to be with you in this great session of the State Grange.

Silverado Grange continues to prosper. The officers and members know that it is a real Grange. Ever mindful and considerate of the feelings of the Brothers and Sisters, the spirit of true fraternity exists, and our family pride is often gratified to hear that our Grange is better attended, and can show a better record of accomplishments than any other

organization in town. If this is true, it is because of true fraternity.

Through the enthusiastic efforts of a special committee which was appointed late in 1922, Officers Regalia was added to the property of the Grange, this making its first public appearance on Decoration Day, when the Officers, in a body, joined with the American Legion in a parade. Though there is, as yet, no ritual provision made for the Organist, Silverado Grange has provided full regalia for that worthy official.

During 1923, 17 new members were initiated in full form; the officers giving all four Degrees without the use of rituals.

Two members were suspended for the non-payment of dues. I will take this opportunity to say that the practice of Grange members leaving the territory in which their Grange is located, and neither asking for Demit Cards nor resigning from the Order, should be discouraged. The family ties should be great enough so that this attention could not be overlooked. Let us endeavor to instill into our membership a strong sense of duty.

The Grange birthday party was the usual big event of our Grange year, with the additional feature of making this the occasion to particularly felicitate those of our members who are fortunate enough to have their birthdays come in the month of April. This is only one of the many things for which our Worthy Lecturer is to be congratulated.

The Lecture Hour has been well worth while throughout the year. In conducting Roll Calls, our Worthy Lecturer has not suddenly sprung deep subjects upon the members, demanding immediate response, but has announced subjects to be so discussed at previous meetings, appointing certain members to lead each discussion, thus bringing out the best thoughts obtainable. Grange children's night was held, the children of the members providing the program, after which all were children together having one grand time. Brothers' Night can be mentioned as a success, and Sisters' Night is being looked forward to. These accomplishments of our Worthy Lecturer, together with provision of special lectures on travel and instruction, are worthy of great praise.

The annual visit of the Worthy State Master was very beneficial as well as enjoyable. It is to be regretted that his visits are not more frequent. No less praise should be extended to our Worthy State Master's wife at this time, for it

was she who took the Master's Chair during the work in the Third and Fourth Degrees, which office she held with pleasing ability.

Two important local projects are being actively agitated by live committees. The first is an attempt to stop the pollution of the Napa River, which is, in certain cases, being used as a dumping ground; and the second is an attempt to teach the traveling public that the shady spots along our highways, pretty and attractive, should not be spoiled by the litter from picnics, but cleared of all refuse. This latter subject is respectfully suggested to the State Grange for State-wide effort.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. HAWKE, Master.

A. V. TURNER, Alternate.

### TULARE

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Tulare Grange, No. 198, P. of H., the oldest Grange in the county, extends most cordial greetings.

Each and all of us are glad to welcome you to our County and to the great little city and thriving community of Dinuba.

Tulare Grange is slowly increasing its membership and interest, having, as shown by our last quarterly report, 50 members.

Our financial condition is good, and attendance fair.

We have met with a severe loss in the death of our Worthy Secretary, Sister Emily B. Jacob, a most faithful and efficient woman, and well known to many of you.

A number of our members have been away on vacations, and therefore very busy since their return home, and those who remained at home were also busy.

We have held all regular meetings, and have obligated or initiated several new members.

Our Worthy State Master, Brother Harrison, and his wife, made us a visit during the spring, which was very helpful and inspiring.

Our Lecture Hour programs are very interesting.

Dinner at noon is always an enjoyable feature.

We have had very interesting discussions of local, State and general interest topics, and have passed a number of

important resolutions, among them one commending Gov. Richardson for trying to put the State government on an economical business basis; one protesting against probating, parole, and pardoning of criminals, as at present practised; one urging enforcement of the laws against the dumping of tin cans and garbage along the roads and highways. We also passed a resolution favoring the Water and Power Act, feeling that some concerted action was necessary to save the water and power of our High Sierras from the grasping hands of the power companies.

Our Grange meets the first Saturday of each month at 1:30 P. M. at Woodmen's Hall, Tulare, Calif.

Fraternally;

J. HUMISTON, Master.

## TWO ROCK

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

In the absence of our Worthy Master, John I. Iddings, I beg leave to submit the following report:

While our gain in membership has not been large, our interest and attendance has been good, having held 24 regular and two special meetings. We began the year with a membership of 62, gained by initiation 19, by reinstatement 5, loss by death 1, by demit 4, leaving a total of 81 members in good standing with all dues paid up.

We have made improvements to our Hall at an expense of \$350, all of which was raised at one of our regular meetings by donations.

We regret to report the death of Brother Walter Church, who has always been one of the most active members of our order. Brother Church was also the last Charter member of our Grange.

Twice during the year we were favored with a visit by Brother and Sister George R. Harrison, whom we are always glad to have with us.

We entertained Pomona Grange in August, with the largest attendance ever had at Pomona at Two Rock. Our Grange is principally made up of middle age and young members, all taking an active part, making a live, wide awake Grange.

I hope the present session of the State Grange will be a very beneficial session.

In December we will celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Submitted in faith, hope and charity, with fidelity,

S. L. STICE, Alternate.

### VALLEY OAKS

Worthy Master and Members of California State Grange:

On Jan. 12, 1923, Brother Sealmeyer, State Lecturer, installed our Officers. Elk Grove Grange was invited, and responded in large numbers.

We endorsed the resolution of Elk Grove Grange in regards to the Board of Regents of University of California and sent copy of same to Gov. Richardson.

Appointed a committee of three to act with Elk Grove Grange for the betterment of the Upper Sacramento Highway.

We endorsed a resolution from Napa and Lake County Pomona Granges in regard to Transcontinental Highway.

On Feb. 23, 1923, the Grange gave a surprise party to the Master in honor of his 33rd birthday, which fell on the 22nd.

Valley Oaks Grange always gives a dance on the 17th of March; the net profit this year was \$75.00.

We were visited by Sacramento County Pomona Grange April 13th. We put on the 1st and 2nd degrees, having nine candidates after which Pomona obligated five of our members in the 5th degree; there were 140 members present.

On April 27th the Grange helped Past Master and Chaplain A. J. Marcoe and wife celebrate their Silver Wedding, at which time we put on the 3rd and 4th degrees. At the banquet table, the Grange presented A. J. Marcoe and wife with a beautiful carving set, in honor of their anniversary.

Valley Oaks Grange went to Elk Grove 50 strong to pay them a visit June 20. We furnished the program for the occasion.

We appointed a committee to get all the Lodges in Galt and the Chamber of Commerce to appoint a general committee to make an effort to get an arch at each end of town, bearing the name, "Galt." The arches will be erected in the near future.

Valley Oaks Grange was very active in securing the agricultural classes we now have in our High School.

State Master Harrison and wife paid us a visit Sept. 14th; Sacramento Pomona, Elk Grove and American River Granges

were also visitors that night. About 100 members were present.

The State Master examined our books and Officers, and installed our newly elected Ceres. Pomona furnished a program, after which eight of our sisters put on a little play.

We are now staging a membership drive; the Grange divided into two teams, the losing team to give a supper to the winners and candidates. Indications show that we will double our membership.

Our Lecturer has put on many good lectures on agriculture in the past year.

After every meeting we have a penny march; the proceeds are used to send flowers to sick members.

On Oct. 12, we had \$252.87 in our treasury, and 78 members on our roll.

Last Wednesday, Oct. 10th, we attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of Elk Grove Grange.

Our Grange has not been working in harmony, so the last meeting we brought in a box of sand and buried the axe in it, and all agreed to pull together and make one large family of the Grange. Two families can not live under the same roof.

We also appointed a project committee of three to study the needs of our community and bring them before the Grange for action.

Our regular attendance is about thirty members.

W. E. SEAVY, Master.

## VISALIA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Visalia Grange extends a most hearty welcome to the officers and members of the State Grange.

The past season has advanced our cause but little in Grange interest. Our membership is not large, yet I am pleased to say the fires are burning bright. All are looking forward to the time when Visalia Grange will take her place and do her share in this great agricultural cause. Of late there is one encouraging feature: from all sections comes the suggestion that the producer does not receive his just portion of the returns from his labor, and the question is asked, "What are we to do?" And we reply, "Join the Grange."

Fraternally submitted,

A. C. WILLIAMS, Master.

**MONTEREY POMONA**

Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Owing to illness, our Worthy Master, James A. Walker, was unable to send to me his report to the State Grange, as agreed, consequently my report will be general, and brief.

While Monterey County Pomona cannot boast of making big strides by increasing its membership, or in any other line in particular, yet we would consider ourselves to be in a healthy condition.

Our meetings are held regularly, and are fairly well attended. Various subjects are presented and discussed, and a goodly interest is manifested at all meetings.

Death has claimed Sister Clarinda Blohm wife of W. F. Blohm, Past Master of Aromas Grange. She was one of our ardent workers for the Grange cause, and we deeply mourn her loss.

Fraternally submitted,

W. W. WELLS, Alternate.

**NAPA-LAKE POMONA**

Worthy Master:

Napa-Lake Pomona Grange sends Greetings.

I wish to say we have held one Pomona Meeting, each quarter, also had a very pleasant visit with Santa Rosa. As we are only two years old, we feel our shortcomings in many respects, but we have had splendid meetings, nevertheless.

The By-laws were amended by changing the time of meeting to the 5th Saturday in months having five Saturdays, also changing the time of electing and installing officers. This gave us two installations this year, at both of which Worthy State Lecturer Geo. Sehlmeier officiated, and he impressed us all very much by the able manner in which he put on the work.

We have keen competition in our County with other organizations, but the Grange work today is better understood than ever before, and it is up to us, as officers and delegates, at this convention in session at Dinuba, to plan some relief for farming industries, or I am afraid we will have no easy task to increase our membership. Brothers and Sisters, I trust we will be equal to our task. We have purchased six dozen badges, and have a nice cash balance on hand.

The reports from the several subordinate granges show a

satisfactory degree of prosperity and indicate a deep interest in the work of the Grange all along the line.

Many problems have been taken up and discussed. The committee on "Production" is working on a plan whereby the Patrons of the two counties may have their products, unused machinery, or any thing for sale, brought to the attention of the membership.

Senator Rush was asked why he voted against the Inman gold dredging bill. He has not yet made reply.

Many other practical questions have been taken up for discussion, such as the world market for raisins, and the poultry and egg problem, the prune market, regulating the speed of autos by requiring manufacturers to so adjust all autos that they cannot be driven over 35 miles per hour, and others.

Several resolutions were passed. One approving the construction of a national transcontinental highway. Another advocating the completion of the Calistoga-Lower Lake highway. Another providing for the payment of the expenses of the delegates to the State Convention out of State Grange funds, and another providing for a form of notice to be used in notifying Granges of the visits of any of their members.

We were the guest of Guenoc Grange, and we all came away with a kind feeling towards our Lake County Brothers and Sisters, for the noble way they treated us, and I say, "Long Live Guenoc Grange." At the close of the meeting I was called up to perform a very pleasant ceremony that gave me great pleasure. Worthy Lecturer Hawke and Worthy Secretary Wood were tendered a gold fountain pen each for the able manner in which they had performed their duties as Lecturer and Secretary.

The Lecture hour has been an unqualified success under the very efficient management of our Worthy Lecturer, A. L. Hawke.

Here is a sample of some of the good things he has served us during the past years:

Songs—Hayseed Quartette and others.

Address, Rev. C. E. Petersen.

Short talks by Bros. Sehlmeier, Libby, Walden, Ferreday, John Cole, E. E. Douglas, Ames, Carlett, Hunt and Gunn.

Violin Duet.

Address, Hon. Judge Percy S. King on Syndicalism law, which was enjoyed by all.

The Gold Dredging was explained by one of our members as it is done in California, and I am sure if our law makers understood dredging as our Bro. Boccaio understands it, we would have no trouble in getting a law passed as we desired at our last 1922 session.

Address, The need of better co-operation between the people and their officials, C. N. Riggins, Ex-Dist. Atty.

Lecture by Prof. Baade, accompanied by picture slides of views taken on his recent European trip, and many others.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN HARTLEY, Master.

### SACRAMENTO POMONA

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

Sacramento County Pomona Grange No. 2 wishes to report as a good, live, progressive organization, with all subordinate Granges in the County working in complete harmony and co-operation, for the good of all.

We have been very active during the past seasons of this year in legislative affairs coming before the last legislature, but we have not neglected the social side.

Our drill team, made up of the sisters of our Grange, conferred the Fifth degree at American River Grange Hall, on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 6, 1923, in excellent form on a class of seventeen. The work done on this occasion was so near perfect as to put the Sacramento County Pomona Grange Drill Team in a class by itself as the leading drill team of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. WATT, Master.

### SANTA CLARA POMONA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

The principal thing that Santa Clara County Pomona Grange reports this year is a new Subordinate Grange at Gilroy, which is growing finely. This Grange was organized thru the efforts of the State Deputy, Brother E. K. Clendening.

Santa Clara Pomona Grange was given a fine start on

January 6th, when the officers of the Pomona and of the four Subordinate Granges, including the new one at Gilroy, were installed by our Worthy State Master.

We have held profitable bi-monthly meetings, with a good average attendance, at San Jose, Mt. View, and Campbell. Our May meeting at Campbell was a Field Meeting, where we were highly honored by the presence of our Worthy State Master and his wife, two Past State Masters, and the Masters of the four local Subordinate Granges.

Everyone had a fine time, altho the baseball players were not able to move about much on the following day.

We have suffered the loss of Brother Greenwood, Past Master of our Grange, who was one of our active members.

Fraternally submitted,

STANLEY B. SMITH, Master.

### SISKIYOU POMONA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I am pleased to be able to report Siskiyou County Pomona Grange No. 6 in a very prosperous condition, as usual. Our growth in membership, and volume of business, has been very steady and continuous from childhood.

Our secretary reported 383 members in her September report of 1922, and in her September report for 1923 our membership was 512, a gain of 129 members—about 33 1-3 per cent gain in one year, and 6 new members since that report, making at present 518 members.

Including our Pomona meeting at Hornbrook in February, when our officers were installed, we have held 7 meetings. The nearest one to my home was 21 miles away, and the farthest 101 miles. In all I have traveled 665 miles to and from the 7 Pomona meetings, and I have not missed a meeting. We have one more meeting this year, which will be at my home Grange, Gazelle.

The Pomona Grange has passed more than a score of resolutions. We were the first organization to commend our peace officers for their good work in enforcing the Wright act, but asked for larger fines for lawlessness, which is being heeded. I am sorry I cannot mention each of these resolutions, but it would make this report too long.

Miss Jennie Bray was appointed a committee of one to organize a degree team, and we now have a ladies' team for

initiation, which the members of Sisikiyou County Pomona are very proud of.

Our treasury is in fine condition, with nearly \$400.00 on hand.

There is a condition existing in many of our subordinate Granges which I regret very much to have to report at this State Grange, for it is really the duty of the Deputy State Master to do so, but as he is a part of that condition, I fear his doing justice to the matter. Besides our Deputy, we have four Granges in Siskiyou County who have young unmarried men as masters. These five young men we have with us at this meeting, and I wish to say to any young ladies that may be present, that they may seem to you to be rather wild. That is because of their always running on the ranges and feeding mostly on bunch grass. But I will promise you that if you can succeed in roping any of them, that they subdue very readily and soon become very docile.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. CRAIG, Master.

### SONOMA POMONA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Sonoma Co. Pomona Grange No. 1, I beg to submit the following report:

Our County Grange has had a very fine year both in attendance and interest.

We have gained 24 members during the year, making a total of 255 members at present. County membership is 1118. We have held 10 meetings during the year, the quarterly meetings being held in Santa Rosa, the other six being held with the Subordinate Granges. The fifth degree was conferred in full at the July meeting.

We held our second field day at Sebastopol, with several hundred people present, and we intend to make this an annual affair.

Our Grange also entered a fine float in the festival parade held in Santa Rosa, May 20, 1923.

Death entered our ranks during the year and claimed five members, among these Past Master Walter Church, a most faithful and valued member.

We have passed 18 resolutions during the year, 6 of which we submit to our State Grange for your approval.

One of the most important actions taken by our County Grange was the unanimous vote to have the Calif. State Grange meet in Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., in '24.

Respectfully submitted,

C. VAN KEPPEL, Master.

### TULARE POMONA

Dinuba, California, October 16th, 1923.

To the Officers and Members, California State Grange:

Greeting:

You are now in our midst. You will judge us by what we do and not what we say. It will be our pleasure to serve you in any way we can. Make use of us.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. LINDLEY,

Master Tulare County Pomona Grange.

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### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

#### Commending the Governor

(Introduced by J. N. Watt, Master Sacramento Pomona Grange)

Whereas; The farmers of the State of California have suffered during the past year by the very marked depression in the value of farm products, and

Whereas; These unfortunate conditions will compel the farmers to adopt the most rigid means of practicing economy, therefore be it

Resolved; That we of the California State Grange express to Friend W. Richardson, Governor of the State of California, our appreciation of his efforts in bringing about economy in the State administration and appreciate the spirit of sympathy which he has shown towards the California farmer and his problems.

#### Commending the University of California

(Introduced by S. S. Knight)

Whereas; The growers of agricultural food products of this state have in some instances suffered severe financial loss by reason of insufficient transportation facilities, which

have been somewhat inadequate to carry these commodities to distant markets before they suffer destruction, therefore be it

Resolved; That the California State Grange at this, its fifty-first annual convention held this 17th day of October at Dinuba, California, unanimously voices its opinion that all methods of transportation which can be successfully used for the proper movement of perishable food commodities be fostered and encouraged, and further be it

Resolved; That we commend the research department of the University of California for its recent work in pointing out improved methods of handling perishable food products, and hope for an active continuance of the work.

#### **Relating to retaining the office of State Market Director**

(Introduced by Mountain View Grange)

Resolved; That the State Grange of California in annual meeting at Dinuba this 17th day of October, 1923, unanimously request the Honorable Friend W. Richardson, Governor of California, and the Honorable Geo. H. Hecke, Commissioner of Agriculture, to retain the office of State Market Director, and to appropriate sufficient funds to its conduct to secure its economic and efficient furthering for the producers and consumers of agricultural food products of our State.

#### **Relating to the Employment of an Organizer**

(Introduced by Sacramento Pomona Grange)

Resolved; That California State Grange should employ an organizer for the purpose of organizing new Granges in the State of California, and be it further

Resolved; That the Executive Committee of California State Grange be instructed to set aside a sum, not to exceed \$1,000.00 to be spent at its discretion in conjunction with similar funds from the National Grange, to increase the membership of the Grange in California.

#### **In regard to the State Grange becoming a member of the Agricultural Legislative Committee**

(Introduced by Sacramento Pomona Grange)

Resolved; That California State Grange should be a member of the Agricultural Legislative Committee, and be it further

Resolved; That the Worthy State Master is authorized and directed to forthwith make formal application in the name of the State Grange of California for membership in said Agricultural Legislative Committee.

(Resolutions endorsed by the Executive Committee of California State Grange at a regular meeting held July 6, 1923.)

Whereas, agriculture in the State of California, on account of the quantity and unsurpassed quality of its production, has to discover and develop markets all over the United States, as well as in parts of Europe and the Orient, and

Whereas, the matter of transportation enters into the ultimate price as charged to the consumer to such a large extent (from ten to fifty per cent) that it is of primary importance to the farmers of this state that transportation rates be made as low as possible, with due regard, however, for the maintenance of the highest class service and best equipment by the transportation companies, and

Whereas, our transcontinental carriers today are entirely under the supervision and control of a non-political, independent body in the form of the Interstate Commerce Commission, whose impartiality and just consideration for all parties concerned in transportation problems has been repeatedly demonstrated, and

Whereas, it has only been within the last year that our transcontinental carriers have been able to get the transportation business back to anything like normal pre-war service since the return of their properties to their owners by the United States Government in 1920, and

Whereas, these transportation agencies today have ordered more equipment than ever has been known in a similar period in our country's history (from the first of this year to date, approximately a billion and a quarter dollars worth), and

Whereas, their continued economical and successful functioning is dependent upon a continuation of such fundamental conditions as were laid down by our highest legislative body in the National Transportation Act of August, 1920;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the members of the California State Grange Executive Committee, in our regular meeting, this the 6th day of July, 1923, at Santa

Rosa, unanimously voice our opinion that no change should be made in the fundamental condition under which our common carriers are operating under the National Transportation Act of August, 1920, until such a time as it has been demonstrated that further legislation is needed, and in no event until our transcontinental carriers have had an opportunity to show their shipping patrons their inability to properly function under this legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we ask the California State Grange at its next annual meeting in October to pass a similar resolution and forward same to the next regular meeting of the National Grange with a request that they take similar action when they meet in November.

**Opposing any further increase in State or County Indebtedness, etc.**

(Introduced by Sonoma Pomona Grange)

Whereas, the cost of government in the United States for the year 1921, as given by the National Budget Committee of New York, was eight and one-half billion dollars, of which four and one-half billion dollars was for maintaining the federal government, one billion for maintaining the forty-eight state governments, one-half billion for maintaining municipal governments in cities of more than thirty thousand inhabitants, one-half billion for maintaining municipal governments in towns of from twenty-five hundred to thirty thousand inhabitants, and one-eighth billion for maintaining municipal governments in towns of less than twenty-five hundred population; while the cost of maintaining county governments in the forty-eight various states was somewhat in excess of one-half billion dollars, and

Whereas, the total increase in wealth in the nation in the year 1921 was slightly in excess of sixty billions of dollars, making the cost of government, as set forth above, a little more than one-eighth (14 per cent) of our national income, which, when translated into terms of labor means that each one of our forty million workers contributed about one day per week of labor as their portion of the expense for maintaining government in this country, or translated into terms of cost in dollars per year, would be about two hundred twenty dollars each annually per worker, or something in excess of four hundred dollars per year per family, and

Whereas, the cost of government has increased within the

last decade probably between four and five hundred per cent, making this problem of maintenance of government one of the most intricate and involved which our country was ever called upon to face, inasmuch as we have today approximately one adult worker in America being maintained wholly or in part at government expense by each 14 taxpayers, where a decade ago less than one-third of this number of employees was necessary to conduct the business of our federal, state, county and municipal governments, and

Whereas, the State of California now has a bonded indebtedness of \$76,000,000, its various counties a similar debt of over \$147,000,000, its various municipalities a similar debt of over \$191,000,000, its irrigation and reclamation districts, etc., a similar debt of over \$88,000,000; making a total funded debt for the State (exclusive of state and road improvement bonds) of over half a billion dollars, and

Whereas, the total population of the State of California being roughly about three million people, this means a funded obligation upon each man, woman and child of the state in the aggregate of over \$300, and

Whereas, in the County of Sonoma, we have an outstanding bonded indebtedness of nearly \$2,700,000, which, with our population of about fifty thousand, means a per capita obligation of about \$50 for each man, woman and child in the county, which condition we believe to be similar to that of most of the principal agricultural counties in the State of California, and

Whereas, our state taxes today which, under our constitutional amendment No. 1 are paid indirectly by the people of the state, but nevertheless coming solely from the individuals of the state (the corporations acting as collecting agencies only) amount to almost \$60,000,000 per year, or about \$20 per capita for each man, woman and child of the state, and

Whereas, the amount of money raised by taxation in the County of Sonoma under our present tax rate is nearly \$1,900,000 annually, which represents a per capita taxation of about \$40 for each man, woman and child in the county, and

Whereas, these obligations both in funded debt and in direct taxation have increased tremendously within the last decade, and the tendency seems to be toward ever greater expenditure of public moneys and continued public obliga-

tions, either to be met by bond issues or direct taxation, and

Whereas, the farmers of the United States today are paying over \$900,000,000 per year in taxes, which represents probably between five and seven per cent of the total gross annual earning, or between fifteen and twenty per cent of the total net annual earnings of agriculture in this country, and

Whereas, taxation of farm lands in the United States in the aggregate has risen within the last ten years from an average of thirty-one cents per acre to seventy-one cents per acre, or two hundred and twenty-six per cent, and

Whereas, in the State of California this increase has been from forty-two cents per acre to seventy-eight cents per acre, or one hundred and eighty-seven per cent, and

Whereas, the necessity for economy in government never was greater from a farmer's standpoint than it is today in this state, owing to the fact that the price of all of those agricultural commodities in which this state excels, both in quantity of production for unit area used, and in the excellence of their quality, has suffered a severe decline over the peak of the war period, and

Whereas, agricultural interests generally are unable to escape taxation either direct or by the payment of rates to utility companies and transportation agencies, inasmuch as the purchasing power of agriculture generally is relatively one-half of that of our entire nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the members of California State Grange, do express our opinion as being opposed to any further increase in our state or county bonded indebtedness, rate of taxation or total tax levy, whether direct or indirect, until such a time as our population shall have increased within the state to such an extent as will make our funded debt and our taxes to be raised per capita more nearly in proportion to a sane figure based upon the earning power of all individual citizens.

#### Relating to Tax Exempt Securities

(Introduced by Sonoma Pomona Grange)

Whereas, in 1913 there were less than three billion dollars worth of tax exempt securities issued and outstanding in the United States, and

Whereas, by January 1, 1923, this amount of tax exempt

securities had increased to nearly fifteen billion dollars, or five hundred per cent within a decade, and

Whereas, this increase today seems to be maintained at between a billion and a half and two billion dollars worth of such tax exempt securities annually, and

Whereas, in a very large number of cases these tax exempt securities are guaranteed by title to property which in itself makes no contribution thru taxes direct or otherwise to the maintenance of government, and

Whereas, these tax exempt securities are not only affording investment for a very large amount of wealth which pays absolutely nothing toward the maintenance of our government, which each year is becoming more expensive, but places an ever increasing burden upon those owners of property which is not exempt from taxation, and

Whereas, inasmuch as our country is still in what might be termed a pioneering stage where it is necessary that very large amounts of money be invested in ventures which are forced to pay taxes upon their property to the maximum amount which are levied in the various districts in which these operations are conducted, and

Whereas, the agricultural interests of America are working at a very great disadvantage on account of the enormous quantity of outstanding tax exempt securities, and the constant increase of this amount, thru the continued issuance of these tax free securities; because farmers generally are unable to conceal any of their assets whatever, and consequently pay taxes on a relatively larger proportional assessment than do other forms of industry, and

Whereas, the lack of income from these tax free securities tends to increase the price of all manufactured articles and transportation, which are the things which farmers as a class have to buy, since the withdrawal of such an enormous quantity of wealth as fifteen billion dollars from a reasonable tax levy of, say, one and three-quarters per cent upon the gross valuation means a deficiency in the total tax levy of America of over one-quarter of a billion dollars a year, or approximately three per cent of the total cost of federal, state, county and municipal government in the United States annually, which must be borne by other forms of property which are subject to taxation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the members of California State Grange, meeting this 17th day of October,

1923, at Dinuba, do unanimously express it as our opinion that the further issuance of tax free securities should be stopped by a suitable amendment to our federal constitution, as proposed by Secretary Mellon of the United States Treasury, at the earliest possible moment, believing that such a course would not only tend to promote the interests of agriculture, but of every other class of industrial activity in our country, and

FURTHERMORE, that a copy of this resolution be sent to\* our various representatives in Congress and the members of the United States Senate from our state, with a request that they use their utmost endeavor to see that such a constitutional amendment is submitted to the various states at the earliest possible moment, and that a copy be sent to the National Grange with the request that similar action be taken.

#### **Relating to Freight Rates on Pure Bred Stock**

(Introduced by Siskiyou Co. Pomona Grange)

Whereas, Experience has taught all concerned, both the consumer and the producer of meat, that meat from pure bred stock is far more valuable and of better quality, and with less waste than meat from common stock, and that the stock raisers readily note the following advantages between the pure bred and common stock, to wit; the pure bred are superior in conformation and quality, in selling price and increased production, also more product for the feed consumed, in uniformity, early maturity, ease of fattening and finish, increased vigor, docility and ease of handling. Statistics show that superiority of pure bred over common cattle based on utility alone is 36 per cent.

Whereas; We believe many more farmers could be induced to buy pure bred stock if the freight and express rate could be reduced one-half, therefore be it

Resolved; That we petition the United States Congress, through our Senators and Representatives, that, providing the Interstate Commerce Commission has not already the authority to do so, to pass a bill allowing it to grant a one-half freight and express rate on pure bred stock for breeding and show purposes when accompanied by the registration papers. Be it further

Resolved; That a copy of this resolution be sent to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and also

that a copy be sent to T. C. Atkeson, National Grange Representative at Washington, D. C.

### **Relating to a High Export Duty on Lumber**

(Introduced by Sonoma Pomona Grange)

Whereas; The disappearance of our forests has for years been a matter of public concern, and lumber prices are continually increasing, and

Whereas; The exportation of lumber to foreign countries has reached proportions rivaling the quantity of home consumption and threatening the needs of our people, therefore be it

Resolved by the State Grange of California; That we believe National Legislation should be enacted placing either a high export duty, or possibly a complete embargo on lumber exportation, and it is further

Resolved; That this resolution be taken by our Worthy Master to the next session of the National Grange for consideration by that body.

### **Opposing the Construction of a Dam Across the Klamath River**

(Introduced by Siskiyou Pomona Grange)

Whereas; It has been brought to the attention of the State Grange of California, that large Hydro-Electric Power Interests are contemplating the erection of a dam across the Klamath River in Siskiyou County, California, and

Whereas; We believe that the erection of said dam will be detrimental to the farming interests of said county, therefore be it

Resolved; That the said State Grange does hereby go on record as being opposed to the construction of said dam.

### **Resolution introduced by Sacramento Grange**

Resolved; That it is the sense of Sacramento Grange No. 12, that the United States should affiliate itself with the Permanent Court of International Justice, and be it further

Resolved; That the California State Grange in convention assembled at Dinuba, California, be requested by our delegate to approve this stand and to request and instruct our Worthy State Master to present this matter in the way of

a resolution to the National Grange when in convention assembled at Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 23, 1923.

### Introduced by Napa Grange

Resolved, by Napa Grange No. 307, P. of H., that we adopt the following form as a means of helping to promote good fellowship and fraternalism in the Grange:

HALL OF ..... GRANGE No....., P. of H.  
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Worthy Secretary of ..... Grange:

I am requested by our Grange to advise you that we have had the pleasure of a visit from Brother : Sister ..... , a member of your Grange.

We welcome visitors from any of the Granges, and trust that we may have more of your members call on us.

Please communicate this message to your Grange.

Yours fraternally, .....  
Secretary.

Resolved, that our delegates to the State Grange be directed to introduce this form at the coming session to be held at Dinuba, with the request that the State Grange adopt the same or a similar form and henceforth list it with other supplies furnished from the office of the State Secretary.

### Relating to the Amending of Our Tariff Laws

(Introduced by Sacramento Pomona Grange)

Whereas; Certain well established facts become fundamental truths, one of which is that no nation or people can become prosperous unless the product of their industry can find a profitable market. This is true whether it be labor, business, manufacturing, or tilling the soil, and

Whereas; The one outstanding fact that has helped to make the United States the greatest and richest nation in the world has been her tariff laws, and

Whereas; The present laws have heretofore been formulated to especially foster and protect all business interests other than farming, and

Whereas; The wheat growers of the United States are on the verge of bankruptcy because of no profitable market in which to sell their crops, and

Whereas; President Coolidge, after some investigation of the wheat growers' condition, has expressed the opinion that what they need is a better market rather than more credits, and has also suggested that an adjustment of our tariff laws so as to keep foreign wheat out of this country would bring relief to the wheat growers, therefore be it

Resolved; That we heartily approve the opinion expressed by President Coolidge, and earnestly request the law makers of our country to so amend our tariff laws as to protect the agriculturists and horticulturists of these United States from competition with the products of cheap labor and cheap lands of other countries.

Resolved; That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be sent to His Excellency, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, one to each of our Senators and Congressmen from California, and one to our Washington Representative, T. C. Atkeson; the same to be attested by the seal of the State Grange, and the signatures of the Worthy Master and the Worthy Secretary.

#### **Regarding the Reapportionment of Senate and Assembly Districts**

(Introduced by Geo. Sehlmeier)

Whereas; The question of reapportionment of Senate and Assembly districts will soon be decided in California, and,

Whereas; If such reapportionment is arranged by the Legislature of California, our larger centers of population will gain control of both the Senate and Assembly to the detriment of agricultural interests, and,

Whereas; An initiative measure placed on the ballot at the next general election will make it possible for the farmer to have a greater influence in determining this question, therefore be it

Resolved; That the California State Grange endorse the movement to place an initiative reapportionment measure on the ballot at the next general election, and be it further

Resolved; That the plan of the Federal Government fixing senatorial districts without regard to population be adopted and that we favor one senator from each county, and that assembly districts be apportioned according to population, and be it further

Resolved; That the State Executive Committee is directed

to call a conference of the Farm Bureau Federation and the Farmer's Union to discuss this movement.

### **Regarding the Forecasting of Poultry Production**

(Introduced by S. S. Knight)

Whereas; The poultry industry of the United States annually produces wealth in excess of one billion dollars, ranking almost without a peer among the different phases of our agricultural activity, and

Whereas; Other livestock producing activities have assistance from our Federal Department of Agriculture of a statistical nature in the matter of intelligently forecasting production, therefore be it

Resolved; That we, the members of California State Grange, at our fifty-first annual session at Dinuba, Calif., on this, the 17th day of October, 1923, do most respectfully request our Federal Department\* of Agriculture through its Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to perform this statistical service in the forecasting of our poultry industry at the earliest possible moment.

### **Relating to Our State Department of Agriculture**

(Introduced by Sonoma Pomona Grange)

Whereas, the present system of administering the Department of Agriculture of the State of California is such as to allow the efficiency of this most essential government activity of our state to be susceptible to influences whose motives are not of necessity identical with those of the farming industry of this state, and

Whereas, there is already under way a movement to place our State Department of Agriculture under the absolute direction of a Board of Governors whose personnel shall be selected from the outstanding farmers of California, whose tenure of office shall be such as to make it impossible for any political administration to select a majority upon such Board of Governors during any one gubernatorial term of office, and

Whereas, this course seems to us to be the more necessary since agriculture in this state is its most important industry both in point of wealth produced, the diversity of its products and their reputation in the markets of the world, and

the possibility of California's farmers continued expanding prosperity lies largely with the efficient and economical administration of our State Department of Agriculture in the future;

Therefore Be It Resolved: That a committee of three be appointed by the Worthy State Master to study the subject matter of the above preamble, and report to the Executive Committee of California State Grange, who shall have power to act for and in the name of the Grange on the matter.

### **Relating to a Policy to be Pursued by Agricultural Organizations**

(Introduced by Petaluma Grange)

Resolved, that it is the sense of California State Grange, in its annual convention assembled this the 17th day of October, at Dinuba, California, that the following statement represents the policy that should be pursued by the State and Subordinate Granges in California.

#### **Declaration of Purpose**

1. In the present economic distress of agriculture, all farm organizations should devote their utmost endeavor to the laying out of a program for, and the carrying out of those activities which will bring a better financial return to those engaged in farming in the United States in general, and in California in particular.

2. In order to accomplish this, the farm organizations of the United States should devote their utmost endeavor to the securing of a larger membership among agricultural people, and a better acquaintance with those ideals and purposes which such farm organizations are striving to achieve in behalf of American agriculture.

3. In order to accomplish these purposes, and to make these ideals realities, it is necessary that the outstanding farmers of America be enlisted in this work, and to that end every effort should be made.

4. It is further necessary, in order to bring about the actual accomplishment of the purposes above set forth, that those entrusted with the leadership of agricultural organizations be men who are able to think lucidly and logically about the questions of agriculture, free from the influence

of both the agents of organized capital and labor and self-seeking political demagogues.

5. Each primary question of agriculture should be considered separately, and parties whose interests are parallel to those of the farmer in each individual instance should be invited and encouraged to assist in every possible way to bring about that betterment of agricultural conditions for which our great rural organizations should unceasingly labor.

6. Wherever farm organizations meet, discussion of those questions which directly affect the economic and social life of the farmer in America should be encouraged, so that as many as possible of our rural people may be informed upon those questions which directly affect their welfare.

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**TABULATED REPORT OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES, Oct. 1, 1923**

| NAME OF<br>GRANGE    | GAINS                          |         |               |         |          |         |                  |         |          |         | LOSSES             |         |       |         | No. of Members<br>Oct. 1, 1923 |                      |         |          |         |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|----------|---------|------------------|---------|----------|---------|--------------------|---------|-------|---------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|---------|
|                      | No. of Members<br>Oct. 1, 1922 |         | By Initiation |         | By Demit |         | By Reinstatement |         | By Error |         | Withdrawn<br>Demit |         | Died  |         |                                | From Other<br>Causes |         | By Error |         |
|                      | Bros.                          | Sisters | Bros.         | Sisters | Bros.    | Sisters | Bros.            | Sisters | Bros.    | Sisters | Bros.              | Sisters | Bros. | Sisters |                                | Bros.                | Sisters | Bros.    | Sisters |
| American River ..... | 40                             | 45      | 6             | 11      | ..       | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..       | 1       | ..                 | ..      | 1     | ..      | ..                             | ..                   | 46      | 56       |         |
| Antelope .....       | 29                             | 28      | ..            | ..      | ..       | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..       | ..      | ..                 | ..      | ..    | ..      | ..                             | ..                   | 29      | 28       |         |
| Aromas .....         | 104                            | 79      | 19            | 16      | 2        | 1       | 2                | 2       | ..       | 13      | 9                  | ..      | 2     | ..      | 8                              | 4                    | 104     | 83       |         |
| Bellevue .....       | 95                             | 98      | 18            | 10      | 3        | 3       | ..               | ..      | ..       | 1       | 1                  | 1       | ..    | ..      | 5                              | 5                    | 88      | 84       |         |
| Bennett Valley ..... | 68                             | 53      | 4             | 4       | ..       | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..       | 2       | 2                  | ..      | ..    | ..      | 2                              | 2                    | 65      | 53       |         |
| Beswick .....        | 22                             | 13      | 6             | 6       | ..       | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..       | ..      | ..                 | ..      | ..    | ..      | ..                             | ..                   | 27      | 19       |         |
| Bogus .....          | 19                             | 12      | 5             | 3       | ..       | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..       | ..      | ..                 | ..      | ..    | ..      | ..                             | ..                   | 21      | 13       |         |
| Castoria .....       | 9                              | 10      | ..            | ..      | ..       | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..       | ..      | ..                 | ..      | ..    | ..      | ..                             | ..                   | 7       | 6        |         |
| Community .....      | 20                             | 14      | ..            | 4       | 2        | 1       | 1                | 4       | ..       | ..      | ..                 | ..      | 1     | ..      | 8                              | 4                    | 21      | 13       |         |
| Danville .....       | 69                             | 85      | 19            | 17      | ..       | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..       | 1       | 4                  | 3       | ..    | 1       | 1                              | 2                    | 89      | 105      |         |
| Dinuba .....         | 48                             | 56      | 27            | 31      | ..       | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..       | 2       | 2                  | 2       | ..    | 1       | 1                              | 3                    | 70      | 81       |         |
| Dorris .....         | 61                             | 54      | 23            | 20      | ..       | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..       | ..      | ..                 | ..      | ..    | ..      | ..                             | ..                   | 81      | 69       |         |
| Edgewood*            | 28                             | 25      | ..            | ..      | ..       | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..       | ..      | ..                 | ..      | ..    | 1       | 17                             | 16                   | 11      | 9        |         |
| Elk Grove .....      | 56                             | 64      | 2             | 2       | ..       | 1       | ..               | ..      | ..       | ..      | 1                  | 2       | ..    | ..      | 5                              | 3                    | 47      | 58       |         |
| Elkhorn*             | 10                             | 6       | 5             | 4       | ..       | 4       | ..               | 5       | 2        | ..      | ..                 | ..      | ..    | ..      | ..                             | ..                   | 15      | 9        |         |
| Forestville .....    | 40                             | 24      | 19            | 9       | 9        | 1       | 1                | 1       | ..       | ..      | 4                  | ..      | ..    | ..      | ..                             | 4                    | 55      | 37       |         |
| Fort Romie .....     | 48                             | 41      | 10            | 9       | 1        | 1       | 1                | ..      | ..       | ..      | 3                  | 3       | ..    | ..      | 4                              | 1                    | 53      | 47       |         |
| Gazelle .....        | 55                             | 51      | 19            | 10      | ..       | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..       | ..      | 4                  | 7       | ..    | 10      | 8                              | ..                   | 60      | 46       |         |
| Geyserville .....    | 70                             | 79      | 2             | 3       | 2        | 2       | ..               | 2       | ..       | 2       | 4                  | 1       | 1     | 12      | 5                              | ..                   | 61      | 78       |         |
| Gilroy .....         | 23                             | 21      | 32            | 28      | ..       | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..       | ..      | 3                  | 2       | 2     | ..      | ..                             | ..                   | 55      | 49       |         |
| Gold Hill .....      | 27                             | 21      | 2             | ..      | 1        | ..      | 1                | ..      | ..       | ..      | ..                 | 2       | 2     | ..      | 2                              | 2                    | 23      | 17       |         |
| Greenfield .....     | 90                             | 67      | ..            | ..      | 1        | 2       | ..               | ..      | 1        | ..      | 4                  | 4       | ..    | 12      | 6                              | 9                    | 67      | 56       |         |
| Greenhorn .....      | 86                             | 78      | 13            | 8       | ..       | ..      | ..               | 1       | 3        | 1       | 13                 | 11      | 2     | 1       | 5                              | ..                   | 85      | 71       |         |

|                          |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |      |      |
|--------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|------|------|
| Guenoc .....             | 39   | 27   | 4   | 1   | ... | 3   | 1   | ... | 2   | 3   | ... | 11  | 9   | 3   | ... | 30  | 17  |    |      |      |
| Happy Camp .....         | 45   | 26   | 16  | 8   | ... | 2   | ... | ... | 1   | 1   | ... | 12  | 4   | 1   | ... | 49  | 29  |    |      |      |
| Hornbrook .....          | 75   | 67   | 10  | 5   | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | 2   | 1   | 1   | ... | 1   | ... | ... | 83  | 71  |    |      |      |
| Little Shasta .....      | 34   | 27   | 7   | 9   | 3   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 44  | 37  |    |      |      |
| Mountain View .....      | 142  | 157  | 15  | 17  | ... | ... | ... | 5   | 4   | 13  | 2   | 7   | 5   | ... | ... | 146 | 159 |    |      |      |
| Napa .....               | 71   | 56   | 5   | 3   | 2   | 2   | ... | ... | 1   | 3   | 4   | ... | 3   | 1   | ... | 70  | 57  |    |      |      |
| Orange Vale .....        | 17   | 8    | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | ... | ... | 18  | 8   |    |      |      |
| Orchard City .....       | 111  | 131  | 8   | 13  | 1   | ... | ... | ... | 4   | 5   | 1   | 1   | 7   | 12  | ... | 108 | 126 |    |      |      |
| Petaluma .....           | 28   | 33   | 8   | 11  | 2   | ... | ... | ... | 1   | ... | ... | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | 35  | 44  |    |      |      |
| Point Arena .....        | 73   | 25   | 2   | 2   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | ... | 31  | 12  | ... | ... | 43  | 15  |    |      |      |
| Poplar* .....            | 25   | 24   | 8   | 5   | ... | 2   | 1   | ... | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | 2   | ... | 33  | 31  |    |      |      |
| Potter Valley .....      | 68   | 79   | 13  | 14  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 6   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 77  | 86  |    |      |      |
| Redwood Valley .....     | 41   | 39   | 5   | 4   | ... | 1   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 3   | ... | 19  | 16  | ... | 2   | 21  | 21  |    |      |      |
| Rutherford .....         | 80   | 54   | ... | 1   | 2   | ... | ... | ... | 2   | 6   | 2   | 1   | 5   | 4   | 1   | 69  | 43  |    |      |      |
| Sacramento .....         | 69   | 66   | 15  | 20  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | 81  | 83  |    |      |      |
| San Jose .....           | 45   | 49   | ... | 2   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 1   | 3   | ... | 3   | 2   | 1   | 34  | 47  |    |      |      |
| Santa Rosa .....         | 52   | 86   | 5   | 6   | 1   | 3   | ... | 1   | 2   | 4   | 3   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | 53  | 91  |    |      |      |
| Scott Valley .....       | 121  | 83   | 22  | 20  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2   | 1   | 25  | 13  | ... | ... | 116 | 89  |    |      |      |
| Sebastopol .....         | 173  | 150  | 15  | 13  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 2   | 3   | ... | 26  | 24  | ... | 106 | 137 |    |      |      |
| Silverado .....          | 40   | 33   | 8   | 12  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2   | 1   | ... | 2   | 1   | ... | ... | 44  | 43  |    |      |      |
| Strawberry Valley† ..... | 15   | 10   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15  | 10  |    |      |      |
| Tulare .....             | 19   | 22   | 4   | 8   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22  | 28  |    |      |      |
| Two Rock .....           | 32   | 30   | 9   | 10  | ... | 2   | 3   | ... | 3   | 2   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 40  | 41  |    |      |      |
| Upper Valley .....       | 40   | 15   | 4   | 2   | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 1   | 1   | ... | 3   | 4   | 1   | ... | 39  | 13  |    |      |      |
| Valley Oaks .....        | 52   | 45   | 3   | 6   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 2   | ... | 17  | 16  | ... | ... | 35  | 43  |    |      |      |
| Visalia .....            | 11   | 11   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11  | 11  |    |      |      |
| Totals.....              | 2635 | 2377 | 422 | 387 | 21  | 18  | 23  | 16  | 9   | 17  | 88  | 96  | 30  | 16  | 288 | 208 | 49  | 27 | 2602 | 2467 |

## POMONA GRANGES

|                         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |    |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Monterey County .....   | 53  | 45  | 8   | 8   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | ... | 1 | 2  | ... | ... | 60  | 50  |
| Napa-Lake County .....  | 69  | 50  | 4   | 6   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 1   | 3 | 1  | 5   | 3   | 64  | 51  |
| Sacramento County ..... | 100 | 102 | 10  | 12  | ... | ... | ... | 3   | ... | 1   | 5 | 2  | ... | ... | 102 | 111 |
| Santa Clara County..... | 79  | 83  | 4   | 3   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 2   | 5 | 3  | 2   | 1   | 74  | 82  |
| Siskiyou County .....   | 194 | 189 | 94  | 77  | ... | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | 2   | 1 | 20 | 19  | 1   | 266 | 246 |
| Sonoma County .....     | 99  | 135 | 19  | 25  | ... | 2   | ... | ... | 1   | 2   | 3 | 1  | 6   | 9   | ... | 108 |
| Tulare County .....     | 52  | 70  | 11  | 21  | ... | ... | 2   | 1   | ... | ... | 1 | 2  | 4   | ... | 1   | 62  |
| Totals .....            | 646 | 674 | 150 | 152 | ... | 2   | 1   | 3   | 1   | ... | 4 | 4  | 8   | 5   | 42  | 40  |

\*September Quarter. †December Quarter.

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