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THE GRANGE

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NEW YORK STATE GRANGE.

The Thirty-second Annual Session
Held at Ogdensburg.

The thirty-second annual session of the New York state grange assembled in the opera house at Ogdensburg, N. Y., Feb. 7, Worthy Master Elliot B. Norris presiding.

Secretary W. N. Gilles' report showed that the total number of granges at last report was 567, organized 26 new granges during the past year, reorganized 3, disbanded and declared dormant 11, making the number of granges on the New York state grange as of Sept. 30, 1904, at which time this report was made up, 585. Several new ones have since been organized. The total paid membership on that date was 59,398 and members in arrears, but still on the books, 2,136, making a total membership of 61,534, a gain of 5,002 for the past grange year. Jefferson county has the largest membership—viz, 6,256. The next in order are Chautauque, 4,753; St. Lawrence, 4,376; Oswego, 4,070; Monroe, 3,812; Wayne, 3,706. There are one Juvenile and forty-one Pomona granges in the state, and fifty counties of the state have subordinate granges.

Treasurer P. A. Welling reported total receipts for the year \$18,734.91; accrued interest, \$345.05; total, \$19,079.96; balance on hand Jan. 1, 1904, \$15,412.24, making a total of \$34,492.20. Total disbursements in 1904, \$16,524.77; balance on hand Jan. 1, 1905, \$17,967.43.

Governor C. J. Bell of Vermont, master of the Vermont state grange, was introduced and received with the usual honors. At a later hour a reception was given in the hotel parlors to Governor Bell, who was attended by his two daughters and Colonel M. B. Roberts of his staff and wife. In the evening a public meeting was held at the opera house, at which the speakers were Governor Bell and Past State Lecturer Mrs. S. N. Judd. There was also an entertaining literary and musical programme given under the direction of the local committee, of which Major W. H. Daniels was the efficient chairman.

At the second day's session there was an increased attendance of delegates. A letter was read from J. E. Rice, professor of agriculture at Cornell university, urging that the state grange renew its appropriation for scholarship for 1905, and later in the session an appropriation of \$100, unused the past year, was made for this purpose.

The legislative committee reported that there were no laws enacted during 1904 detrimental to the agricultural interests of the state, but several were enacted that would work for the farmers' interests. The committee said they are advocating as large an appropriation for good roads as is consistent with the revenues of the state. They believe that the appropriation made last year to establish a state agricultural college at Cornell will redound largely to the interests of the state. The committee have used their best efforts to prevent what seems to them to be the consummation of a great injustice to the farming districts of the state in the enactment of the law for the enlargement of the canals of the state. They then rehearsed several of the steps taken to prevent the letting of contracts for canal construction and also referred to the repeal bill introduced in the legislature, and they urged every member of a subordinate grange and every taxpayer as well to write to his senator and assemblyman urging that they work for the repeal of the canal act. The committee referred to the work of the Anticentral league, of which Hon. James Wood of Mount Kisco is president and Hon. John I. Platt of Poughkeepsie is secretary. Through these officers the services of Hon. Ellihu Root were secured to investigate the question of the legality of the canal act. With him was associated Hon. Charles Andrews of Syracuse, who together pronounced the act unconstitutional and advised taking further legal steps to bring the matter into the courts.

At this session of the grange ex-Governor Bachelor of New Hampshire was present and addressed a public meeting of the members of the Order and citizens of Ogdensburg in the evening.

Among the resolutions adopted were the following: Relative to the grange good roads bill, known as house bill 10,765, which provides for the distribution of \$24,000,000 among the states for the construction of good roads (the resolution asks that the pro rata share coming to New York state, amounting to about \$2,000,000, shall be divided between state, county and locality in the same proportion as money for same is now raised); asking the legislature to enact such laws as may be necessary in establishing and operating stone crushing plants for macadam roads where suitable material is found within reasonable distance of our prisons and reformatories, with a view to hav-

ing the stones quarried and crushed by prison labor, the prepared material to be furnished for roadmaking without charge; instructing the legislative committee to prepare a bill to be introduced in the legislature of the state to so amend the state law relative to Cornell university that a trustee may be elected by the state grange for a two year term who shall represent the interests of agriculture on the board of said university, to begin at the expiration of the term of the present president of the State Agricultural society, and recommending that a new office be

created known as trustee of Cornell university; asking the legislative committee to secure if possible legislation to protect the public against the reckless use of automobiles by careless and irresponsible drivers and owners; that we request the United States department of agriculture to take such steps as in its wisdom is justified to prevent the spread of the gypsy moth and brown tail moth into the state of New York, thus protecting our forests and fruit trees from their ravages; favoring the bill now before the legislature entitled "An act in relation to the right of residents to vote on special tax elections in cities of the third class;" favoring the modification of bankruptcy laws to render it more difficult for unscrupulous persons to cheat their creditors out of their just dues; asking an amendment to the agricultural law whereby owners of infected cattle killed by the state authorities shall receive compensation for the same.

The committee on good of the Order reported that an invitation for the next state meeting to meet at Auburn had been received and had been referred to the executive committee, as was also one from Geneva. An invitation for 1907 meeting was received from Ithaca, at which time the new agricultural building will be constructed where in the meeting will be held if the invitation is accepted; they favored the appropriation of the sum of \$100 remaining unused from last year for the Cornell scholarship be reappropriated for the ensuing year; committee favored the revision of grange melodies used by subordinate granges and also the printing of master's, secretary's, treasurer's and executive committee's reports and distributing the same among the delegates at the opening of each annual session; also reported favorably a resolution recommending that county deputies be required to visit each subordinate grange in their jurisdiction at least twice a year and that said deputies be required to attend the annual session of the state grange at the latter's expense.

The committee on education highly commended the work of farmers' institutes and asked for their further expansion. They also recommended the adoption of an amendment to the constitution of the state grange to the effect that in the election of officers blank ballot slips shall be used containing the titles of all the officers to be elected, with blank spaces for the names to be written, such ballot to be taken at the opening of the first business session after the ballots are distributed and a vote to be taken at the opening of each subsequent business session until the election is accomplished.

The committee on common schools advised the members of the Order to take a deeper interest in school grounds, making them inviting and attractive; they advocate a radio-epitome course of agriculture in the common schools and also the enactment of a law providing for uniform text books, such books to have indorsement of the state board of education. They also recommended an increase of the library appropriation for rural districts and also that the grades of the district schools be arranged to better correspond with the grades of our high schools, so that pupils entering the high schools from a rural district will not lose one or more terms on account of not having studied the proper subjects.

The committee on extension of the Order recommend that the worthy master send an officer to those counties where the grange is at present not organized to explain to the farmers the object of our Order and the advantages to be derived therefrom and to use every effort to organize subordinate granges and that the press correspondent send to the papers of such unorganized territory such grange news as may be of interest to the public in the organization. They further recommended that subordinate granges use printed programmes, distributing the same at least one session before the subjects of same are taken up.

A resolution was adopted setting forth the fact that the state grange favors such legislation as will effectually protect public health and agricultural interests from the effects of the importation of diseased cattle into this state and providing examination by competent veterinarians of all such cattle within eight days after their importation unless accompanied by certificates from recognized competent authority setting forth the fact of their freedom from tuberculous disease, and, while opposed to the importation of inferior or diseased cattle, we would encourage the importation of all such animals as will raise the standard of quality of our domestic animals.

The Pennsylvania Child Labor Committee has not done all it has set out to do. Neither has it ceased trying.

Summer School at Dushore.

The summer school for the teachers of Sullivan County will be held in Dushore High School building, opening Monday, June 26, 1905, and continuing four weeks.

The following instructors have been engaged:—Prof. D. M. Flick, History, Grammar, and Orthography; Prof. T. V. Kelly, Reading, Geography, and Civil Government; Co. Supt. J. E. Reese Killgore, Methods and Theory and Practice of Teaching.

All teachers should patronize this school. It is not conducted for profit the entire receipts from tuition being expended to secure able instructors.

We are endeavoring to secure the adoption of the Illinois Course of Study in every school district in Sullivan County, the purpose being to secure more efficient work. The mere adoption of this course of study will not secure the desired results unless the teachers of the county become thoroughly familiar with this course of study, and co-operate with the superintendent by attending the summer school the full term. This course of study will be used as a basis of all the work done in the summer school, and feeling that the time is at hand when the people may reasonably require greater professional side of teaching will be emphasized. Progressive teachers will find it to their advantage to attend this school.

Co. Supt. J. E. Reese Killgore,
Supervising Principal.

Celebration at Laporte.

There will be an old fashioned Fourth of July Celebration at Laporte. A meeting of citizens was held at the Prothy. Office on Saturday evening. It was unanimously agreed to celebrate at Laporte in the poor old fashioned way. While the program is not yet announced it will include an oration of games of base ball between crack clubs, music, dancing picnic, boat races and other contests of strength and skill and a magnificent display of fire works.

The Committee appointed are as follows:

General, E. J. Mullen, A. J. Brackley, John Culver, W. A. Kennedy, E. P. Ingham; Speakers, E. M. Dunham and F. W. Meylert; Transportation, E. J. Mullen; Base Ball, E. P. Ingham, Ellery Swank and T. E. Kennedy; Amusements, Jos. Carpenter, F. W. Buck and C. L. Wing; Refreshments, F. H. Ingham, W. B. Ritter and W. H. Rogers; Music and Dancing, T. E. Kennedy; Order, A. H. Buschhausen and Jas. C. Cavin and advertising, F. W. Gallagher, Jos. Carpenter and F. M. Crossley.

C. S. Horton, of Williamsport, and S. B. Davidge, of Binghamton, N. Y. have just closed a deal at Mehan, Miss., which involves a tract of timber lands of more than 15,000 acres, also a saw mill and a railroad connecting the mill at Mehan, for about \$100,000.

It is expected that about June 1 articles of incorporation will be filed in Mississippi incorporating a company with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, to own and deal in lumber, with the following directorate: C. S. Horton, E. G. Davidge, S. B. Davidge, T. B. Crary, W. G. Garitt, Eugene Horton and J. W. Flynn, the latter of this place. Mr. Flynn is also manager of the company, which will be known as the Cotton State Lumber company, and will have a Mississippi charter.

Besides Mr. Horton the following Williamsporters are interested in the company; A. D. Hermance, Carl Herdic, S. T. McCormick and F. H. McCormick.

As soon as the company is incorporated an extension of about twenty miles will be made to the railroad that will connect the furthestmost point of the timber lands to the town of Mehan, from where connection will be made with railroads that form the network throughout the United States. The company will saw all kinds of wood and timber for the open market.

The Binghamton, N. Y., papers have been publishing columns of stories to the effect that the Susquehanna and New York railroad intend to extend their line from Towanda to that city. C. S. Horton, the President of the company, who resides at Williamsport says there is no truth in the rumors.

RICKETTS.

The frost Saturday night killed lots of flowers and garden plants that were put out early.

Work on the new hall progressed rapidly last week, if all is well it will be completed by the first of June.

Mr. J. C. Miller had a narrow escape from death Friday morning, while working in the mill. In attempting to throw off a belt his left arm was caught and he was thrown several feet. He escaped with a broken arm.

Mr. John Bates's three year old son is very sick.

Mrs. Theodore Sluyter was very sick Tuesday night but is improving.

Messrs. Lewis and Cupp of Wilkesbarre were after speckled beauties on South Brook the first of the week.

Mr. E. A. Bowman had his eye quite badly injured by a chip, while working in the woods.

Rev. S. B. Bidlack Weds.

Rev. S. B. Bidlack of Muncy Valley, and Miss Emma Fiester of Mapleton, were married at 4 o'clock last Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents near Mapleton. The ceremony was performed by Presiding Elder Wilcox, of Williamsport, in the presence of a large number of invited guests.

The bride who was handsomely attired in a silk costume, was attended by Miss Mame Kaup of Hughesville, as maid of honor, and Mrs. Jacob Suttiff and Miss Taylor as bridesmaids. The groom's best man was Rev. Allen, and Rev. King and Jacob Suttiff acted as ushers. Mrs. Morris of Picture Rocks, played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party entered the room. The interior of the house was handsomely decorated with plants and flowers.

After the ceremony and congratulations an elaborate wedding dinner was served.

The bride was the recipient of a large collection of handsome presents among which were linen, china, cut glass and silverware.

The News Item extends its best wishes to Rev. Bidlack and his estimable bride.

An act to which Governor Pennypacker has attached his signature will remedy an extensive abuse in many of the counties of this state. Under the provision of the act all judgments given by justices of the peace against townships, boroughs or school districts must be filed with the prothonotary within one week from the time of the rendition of judgment. Heavy taxpayers in many counties have had large burdens in the shape of taxes placed upon them owing to the loose methods in which judgments have been given against municipalities and school districts.

C. P. Shaw, a prominent Bradford county Granger, writes: "The grange is doing a great educational work. As a result people are thinking seriously upon questions that a few years ago were scoffed at. I feel especially proud of the progressive work as conducted in Pennsylvania. This is largely due to the fact that the principal officials are men who dare to lead. Prof. Surface was with us at our last Pomona grange meeting and gave a good talk, dwelling especially upon direct legislation. His address was enthusiastically received by the nearly 400 members present. I am convinced that the initiative and referendum or direct legislation overshadows all other public questions in importance. Its adoption will bring two very desirable results—it will lead the people to think upon and discuss public questions as they have never done before and thus become a powerful educator and what is of equal importance it will entirely disarm the lobbyist and boodler."

A Memorial Sermon will be delivered at the St. John's Episcopal Church by Rev. E. A. Heim to the Veterans of the Civil War of Laporte and vicinity on Sunday May 28th, at 3.30 o'clock, the public in general are cordially invited to attend.

Wm. W. Loeb, Sec'y.