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## THE GRANGE

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## NEW JERSEY STATE GRANGE.

About 500 delegates and visitors assembled at Trenton to attend the annual meeting of the New Jersey state grange on Dec. 11 and 12. State Master Gaunt submitted his report, in which he spoke of the Gaunt submitted his report, in which he spoke of the continued prosperity of the Order in that state. He urged the grange to make strong efforts to secure the passage of the parcels post law and also a law to control the reckloss driving of automobiles on the highways. He opposed the free dis-tribution of seeds by the department of agriculture and favored the passage of a trolley freight law and dwelt upon the benefits that would accrue to the farmers from the enforcement of the denatured alcohol law.

The secretary reported an increase of 2,000 members in the past year, making a total of 12,000 members in

Resolutions were adopted praising President Roosevelt for his commendatory words for the grange in his last annual message and pledging the ef-forts of the Order to continue to unite with all other good citizens to main-tain all their institutions on the lines of equality, justice and honesty, thus to merit the respect and confidence given it. The resolutions were tele-

ched to the president. better public school facilities for farm-era' children, including a high school in every county, which shall be known as the county high school, and, further, that in all public schools courses in natural history, agriculture, horticul-ture and domestic science shall be The grange also expressed elf as in favor of equipping young mers for public life by training in in practical polities and political my to the end that legislation in behalf of the farmers might be se-

National Master Bachelder was present and made an address on one day of the session. The following officers

were elected:

Worthy master, George W. F. Gaunt, fulli a Hill; worthy overseer, Charles chalmers, Vineland; worthy lecturer, Dadid H. Agans, Three Bridges; worthy teward, John M. Woolman, Elmer; asistant steward, Henry M. Loveland, Conney; chaphain, Robert M. Torbet, Patrison; treasurer, Charles Collins, Mooresown; worthy secretary, Henry F. Boline; worthy gratekeeper, Richard M. Holy; worthy Ceres, Matilda de Camp; corthy Pomona, Alice G. McKissle; corthy Flora, Ethel Lawlin; worthy lady sejstant, Laura E. Strong; executive ommittee, C. C. Hulsart of Monmouth ounty and John T. Cox of Hunterden ounty.

#### PUBLICMATTERSPRESENTED

#### A New of the Resolutions Adopted by the National Grange.

Among the numerous resolutions adopted by the national grange at Denver were those which follow. They will adopted by the hattonal grange at Den-ver were those whileh follow. They will give an idea of the position which the grange will take the coming year on these important public questions:

these important public questions:

Resolved, That the time has come when the common good demands that both logs and lamber shall be placed upon the list of free imports; and, further resolved, that the legislative committee of the national grange be and is hereby instructed to urge before the incoming congress the legislation suspested in these resolutions. Resolved, That congress be urged to give the rural free mail carrier a square deal and make his compensation, all things considered, equal to that of the city carrier.

Resolved, That we favor the enactment of state and national laws restricting the amount of land that may be owned or leased by a single individual or corporation and that the taxing power be used to restrict and break up the holding of excessively large quantities of land.

Resolved, That we favor the placing of a progressive tax upon all fortunes be-

President Roosevelt had a commendatory word for the grange in his annual message. He said: "Organiza-Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right

ness world, and it has accomplished much good in the world of labor. It is no less necessary for farmers. Such a movement as the grange movement is good in itself and is capable of a well nigh infinite further extension for good so long as it is kept to its own legitimate business. The benefits to be derived by the association of farmers for mutual advantage are partly economic and partly sociological."

### OPPOSITION DISAPPEARING

Strong Sentiment in the Legislature In Favor of the Enlargement of the State Capitol Grounds.

Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—It is believed that Senator Fox's bill providing for

no more than \$500,000 of the total ap-propriation to pay for the fourteen acres of land which it is proposed to take can be expended in any one year.
It will be demonstrated by facts and figures rom the official reports and estimates of the expenses of the state government for the next two years that the payments for the Capitol Park extension can be made without in the slightest degree infringing upon the money necessary for the mainte-nance of state charitable institutions, the semi-private institutions which are accustomed to receive state aid, the public schools and a large additional appropriation for the construction of good roads and still leave always a comfortable surplus in the state treas-

ury.
The sentiment among legislators appears to be much more favorable to the proposed enlargment of the capitol grounds than it was at the beginning of the session. The members have of the session. The members have looked over the ground, have seen the absolute necessity for this great improvement, and they realize that it can never be made at any other time for so little money as it can now. They realize that the growth of the commonwealth and the increase in the public business will make necessary within the next few years the erection of additional buildings for the accommodation of some departments of the state government for which there will soon not be room enough in our new capitol, just as new buildings are be-ing erected in Washington for the executive department of the national government

To accommodate those new buildings in Washington the government is pay-ing \$10,000,000 for property which immediately after the close of the civil war could have been got for \$500,000

It is absolutely impossible to erect any additional buildings on the pres-ent capitol grounds without destroying

the effect of our splendid new capi-tol. The proposed extension would provide sites for the additional buildings which are sure to be necessary and at the same time give a proper setting to the capitol and permit a fine view of it from the railroad over which 12,000,000 passengers go every year, and from which it is now hidden by buildings mostly poor, mean and

Senator Fox's bill carries an appropriation as it stands now of \$1,600,000. no more than \$500,000 of which can be expended in one year. This, it is esti-mated, is sufficient to pay for all the ground needed, which will be taken by a commission to be appointed by Governor Stuart, and the valuation to be assessed by a jury of view to be com-posed of entirely disinterested per-

Property in Harrisburg is enhancing in value very rapidly. Unless the sec-tion which is needed for the enlarge-ment of Capitol Park is taken now its value will multiply every few years. The state cannot possibly make a better investment, simply as a business proposition than to take this land be-fore it is built up by fine large build-ings, as it inevitably will be if the states does not take it.

#### What They Mean.

When tariff reformers plead for rewhen fariff reformers plead for recessively large quantities of land.

Resolved, That we favor the placing of a progressive tax upon all fortunes beyond a certain amount, either given life or devised or bequeathed upon death to any individual—a tax so framed as to put it out of the power of the owner of one of these enormous fortunes to hand on more than a certain amount to any one individual.

Resolved, That under a wise and farseeing interpretation of the interstate commerce clause of the constitution the radional government should have complete power to deal with all of this wealth whileh in any way goes into the commerce between the states.

Resolved. That the national grange favors and urges congress to abolish the franking and penalty privileges and received in mail matter to be prepaid at the regular postage rates, as was formerly the law.

Resolved. That the national grange is of the unanimous conclusion that the distribution of many kinds and varieties of guiden and field seeks by the department of agriculture is without banefit in all individual.

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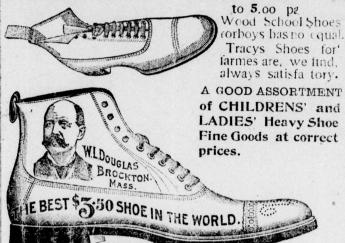
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