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Grange visiting is very popular among granges that are of easy access one to another. The visiting grange goes prepared to furnish the literary programme, while the entertaining grange furnishes the refreshment feature.

Many of the Early Prospectors Selected the Names of Wives or Sweethearts, Which Stand Now as Reminders of Romances of Bygone Days.

Behind the names of many of the mining claims and mines of every mining district in the west there lies a wealth of romance and history, both pathetic and ludicrous. The Black Hills furnish as many and as good examples of the peculiar circumstances under which many claims are named as any locality in the country.

One of the best known mines in the southern hills is the Holy Terror. Back in the early days this claim was located by an old miner who had worked some years without success. The claim was a hard one to work. When the man went home in the evening after locating his claim his wife asked him what he named it. He smiled and told her, "For you, my dear," and her further inquiry drew forth the fact that he had called it Holy Terror. Another man once named his claim Gentle Annie for his wife, while still a third perpetuated the memory of his wife, who was a noted clubwoman, by naming his claim Silent Julia.

The hills are dotted with the names of claims recalling romances of bygone days. Many a young, ambitious man came here when the mining boom of the eighties was at its height, lured with hope of a fortune, and all that remained to tell the tale is the name of Katie W. or Mabel E. or Lulu J. Many a sweetheart or wife in the faraway east was honored in the naming of a claim that its owner hoped would prove a bonanza. Some few made good. Witness the Annie Fraction and the Josie, both of which were named for the eastern wives of their owners. They are in the Bald mountain district and have produced thousands of dollars for the locators.

In the Galena district there is a small abandoned claim known as the Widow, with which there goes a story. Years ago a youth named Hanley appeared from somewhere with a few thousand and with zeal commenced to sink his money in a hole in the ground in the hope of a vast fortune. Back in the old home a little widow waited in vain for the golden wealth he said was sure to come and the wedding day that would celebrate it. It took but a short time for the youth's small savings to dwindle away with his inexperience, and, chagrined and disheartened, he put a bullet through his brain on the site of his blasted hopes.

One prospector who worked diligently on a claim which was staked by an outsider and had difficulty in even getting his living expenses secured his revenge by naming his claim Old Persistence.

Men of patriotic turn of mind have chosen names of those famous in history, as Washington, Lincoln, etc. Each of the presidents has been remembered, famous generals, all of the states, seafaring heroes and heroes of the Philippines, as Dewey and Funston. Indian names by the score are found, as Hiawatha, Minnekahta and Nanoua. Those of sporting proclivities chose race horses, as Nancy Hanks, Salvator, Maud S., Red Wilkes, Joe Patchen. Favorite authors have been remembered, as Longfellow, Burns and Dickens. One student named his group Miltades, Mark Anthony, Attila and Cleopatra.

One man of a pessimistic vein chose What's Left and Some Left. The average business man in naming claims will choose a simple name and use a series of numbers, as, for instance, Thomas No. 1, Thomas No. 2, etc. One man favored his wife by calling his claim Red Headed Woman. Two adjoining claims are known as On Time and Late.

An odd case was known in the name of the Hoodlebug claim, which was located by a German and an Irishman and intended by the former to be called Heideberg. When the Irishman reached town to record the location he had forgotten his partner's selection of a name and said it was something like Hoodlebug, which, for convenience, was the name recorded.

The Prodigal Son lived up to its name by bankrupting its locator, who returned to Iowa at the behest of the father who had put up the funds for the venture. Among the names that doubtless conceal stories never known are Old Whiskers, She Devil, Crack Brain and Crank.

Some of the gulches have names that refer to incidents. Two Bit was named because a placer miner declared his first panful would yield about two bits. Then there are Poor Man's Gulch, Sheeptail, Blacktail, Whitetail, Crooked Arm, Poverty and Prosperity.—Deadwood Cor St. Louis Republic.

Kentucky, following the example of her progressive sister states of the north, has organized a grange with the charter list composed largely of the faculty and students of its agricultural college at Lexington. The experiment station corps of experts is also represented in the charter list of seventy-five.

A COMMENT OR TWO.

On Methods of Work Employed at National Grange Meetings.

In the importance of questions considered the 1906 session of the national grange will rank well with preceding ones. Measures of much importance to the Order and to the public as well were considered and in most instances acted upon wisely. It is expected that in a body of men representing different and widely separated sections of the country there will be a diversity of opinion upon certain public questions, and it is characteristic of delegates to the national grange.

This was particularly noticeable in a discussion which arose on the resolution introduced by the Washington delegate relative to the initiative and refer-



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endum, direct nominations, direct elections, proportional representation and the right to recall executive officers. The resolution was pressed with great vigor by the gentlemen from Washington and Oregon, but was not especially favored by the eastern delegates, and only one or two from the middle west seemed inclined to receive it very cordially. Probably a resolution favoring the initiative and referendum alone would have been adopted, but this one never. The matter was finally referred to the several state granges for their action, as the delegates did not care to take position on it without instructions from their various states. Several of them expressed their personal views on the question, but refused to allow themselves to be governed by those views solely.

While questions of this nature may properly come before the national grange, it seems to the looker on that there is a tendency to deal with questions that are really without the province of the grange or are at least not particularly apropos. I refer particularly to the resolutions introduced by the delegate from West Virginia restricting the amount of land which any man may own or lease and another advocating a progressive tax on all fortunes above a fixed maximum, either given away in life or bequeathed in death, and, strange as it may seem, both of these resolutions prevailed.

I am of the opinion that the closer national and state granges confine themselves to such legislation as most directly bears upon the interests of the farmer the better will our Order fulfill its mission to the farmer. Furthermore, there is not that general discussion of resolutions offered in these grange meetings that should be for the highest interest. As all who are familiar with the workings of the state and national granges know, resolutions are referred at once to the appropriate committee without discussion. Committees after due consideration present their report to the body either favorably or adversely, as the case may be, and their report is acted upon by the delegates, but scarcely ever with argument or discussion.

As to the future, the outlook is most encouraging. Something like 100,000 have been added to the membership throughout the United States the past year. It will grow in numbers as it grows in results shown for the farmers' benefit.—American Agriculturist.

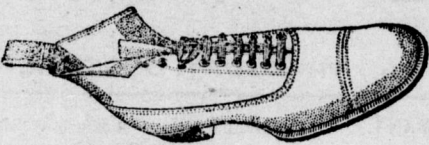
Juvenile Granges.

Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps Farnham, lecturer of Oswego county (N. Y.) Pomona grange and who has given much attention to juvenile grange work, says that some of the best reasons for organizing juvenile granges were based upon the plan of holding them at the same time as the subordinate grange.

First, many members who would be helpful to the Order and who would find it helpful to them cannot attend unless accompanied by their children; second, the children, in whom all are interested, add greatly to the interest of the lecturer's programme if allowed to enter after the business meeting is over and are asked to recite, read or sing, as the case may be; third, and by no means the least in favor of the meetings occurring at the same time and place, is the grange atmosphere, which the children absorb by attending the meetings with their elders and the confidence they gain at an early age by assisting in the work before them. The juvenile grange is the primary grange school where the grangers of the future are trained for the work of the Order.

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