

erendum, 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 resolve 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 appropos. 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.) Poma 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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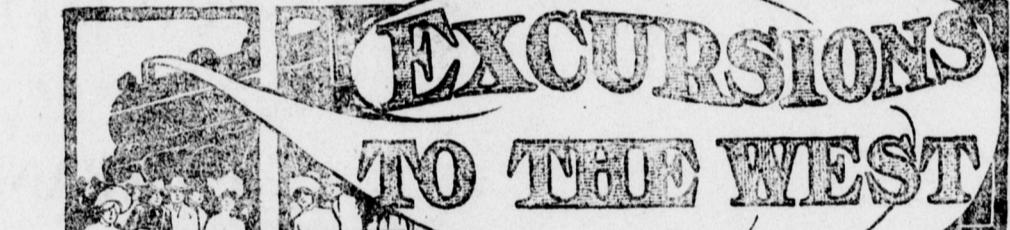
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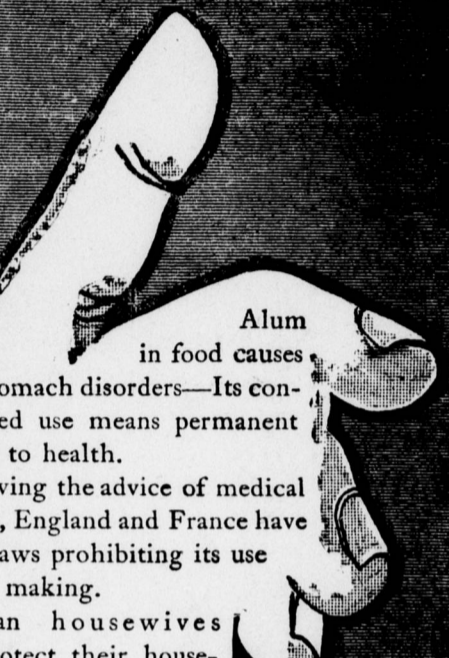
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