

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

We cheerfully invite members of our Order to contribute to this department. Short, pointed articles for the good of the Order, news of its progress, co-operative business plans, educational interests, etc., especially solicited.

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CENTRAL PARK, M. T., Feb. 8, 1876.

EDITOR HUSBANDMAN: The following is a list of the officers installed at a special meeting of Farmington Grange No. 5, held on Saturday, the 5th inst.: Worthy Master, T. L. Luce; Worthy Overseer, J. B. Weaver; Worthy Steward, S. H. Murray; Worthy Assistant Steward, J. McLeod; Worthy Treasurer, A. D. Weaver; Worthy Secretary, B. M. Daws; Worthy Gate-Keeper, William Perks; Ceres, Mrs. T. L. Luce; Pomona, Mrs. Wm. Perks; Flora, Mrs. Emma J. Harris; Lady Assistant Steward, Miss Emma B. Stone. Worthy Lecturer-elect, D. F. Cowan; and Worthy Chaplain-elect, H. McDonald, were absent.

After the installation, which was public, all partook of a sumptuous feast, prepared by the ladies of the Grange. Quite a number of outsiders were present, including Miss M. G. Cattanen and young ladies of Gallatin Valley Female Seminary, which made the occasion more enjoyable.

Fraternally yours,

B. M. DAWES, Sec.

The Missouri State Grange has authorized the remission of dues for 1875 to granges in the grasshopper-infested region of the State.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TRADING COMPANY.

Its True Position as to the Patrons of Husbandry—Circular of National Grange Executive Committee.

The following circular, which explains itself, has been issued and will be sent to secretaries of subordinate granges:

NATIONAL GRANGE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY, LOUISVILLE, Jan. 14, 1876.

Dear Sir and Bro.:—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Grange in July, 1875, information was received that a deputation representing the co-operative societies of England were en route for America, in the interest of international co-operation. During a session of the Executive Committee a member of the deputation arrived in Washington city, and was formally introduced to the members of the committee. Subsequently, the remainder of the deputation arrived at New York, and proceeded at once upon an extended tour South and West, meeting with members of the Executive Committee and of the Order at Atlanta, Ga., New Orleans, La., Little Rock, Ark., and St. Louis, Mo. They imparted the information that an international association had been organized in England, styled "The Mississippi Valley Trading Company, limited," with the pioneer of this deputation as "managing director," with authority to organize a similar company in the United States among the Patrons of Husbandry; the two companies were to exist under one title, with one managing director and two boards of trustees. In a short while the majority of this deputation returned to England, leaving the "managing director" to complete the organization.

In October, 1875, the Executive Committee of the National Grange met in Louisville, Ky., and by request several interviews were held by the members with the "managing director" of the "Mississippi Valley Trading Company, limited," and other friends, looking to the development of international co-operation. It was soon discovered, however, that the power of attorney given the "managing director" by the English board of trustees was not properly authenticated, and was therefore null and void. Further investigation proved the articles of association of the "Mississippi Valley Trading Company, limited," unsuited to the wants of the American producer, and therefore of little advantage to the Patrons of Husbandry. The Executive Committee, therefore, declined further negotiation with the "M. V. T. Co., limited," as at present constituted.

They did not, however, abandon the idea of international co-operation, but drafted a series of rules for retail co-operative stores, which they submitted to the National Grange for their approval, believing that their general adoption would result in the establishment of wholesale co-operative stores, the outgrowth of which would be successful international trading. The National Grange approved these rules, and, with a view to utilize them, requested the Worthy Master of the National Grange to use every effort to procure and disseminate such additional information upon the subject of co-operation as in his judgment might be deemed for the good of the Order.

Fervently impressed that it is through the channel of co-operative stores alone that the Patrons of Husbandry are to realize the benefits resulting from co-operation, the Executive Committee have sent a commissioner to England as a pioneer to prepare the way for inaugurating a scheme, which, if successful, will result in establishing a permanent system of international co-operation between the Patrons of Husbandry of America and co-operators of England.

They therefore urge Patrons everywhere to utilize the rules for co-operative stores, published in the proceedings of the ninth annual session of the National Grange, which have been sent to the Secretaries of the State Granges in sufficient numbers to supply the subordinate granges in the respective States with one copy each. These rules, with explanations, and forms, and directions for organizing and conducting retail co-operative stores, will be published in pamphlet form, and sent by the Secretary of the National Grange to any grange ordering them, as provided at the late session of the National Grange.

The Executive Committee are in nowise connected with any other association looking to internal co-operation.

D. WYATT AIKEN,
E. R. SHANKLAND,
DUDLEY T. CHASE,
ALONZO GOLDBER,
W. H. CHAMBERS,
Committee.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

COUNCIL.—February 7.—C. B. 29, to pay for transportation and boarding of prisoners, reported with amendment. Report adopted.

Cullen, from Judiciary committee, reported an act concerning dowers, recommending its passage. Report adopted.

Also, C. B. 42, relating to limitations, recommending its passage. Adopted.

Graham, from special committee, reported back H. B. 65, to provide compensation to Jas. H. Mills for printing, recommending its passage. Adopted.

Also, H. B. 66, for compensation of Dr. A. H. Mitchell, recommending its passage. Adopted.

Cullen introduced C. B. 61, to amend an act to regulate proceedings in civil cases in courts of justice. Ordered engrossed.

H. B. 8, fixing time of meeting of the Legislative Assembly, was referred to committee on elections.

Cullen, from judiciary committee, reported C. B. 3, relative to costs in civil cases, recommending its passage. Adopted.

Also, H. B. 35, relative to qualification of jurors, recommending its rejection. Report adopted.

Hornbuckle, from committee on mines and minerals, reported H. B. 62, relating to quartz claims, recommending its passage. Adopted.

Abascal reported H. B. 63, to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sundays and election days, recommending its rejection. Adopted. Yeas, 8; nays, 5.

Watson presented a petition from 33 citizens of Beaverhead county, asking the passage of a law to make the first day of the week a day of rest.

Graham, from the committee on conference, on the disagreement between the two houses, on C. B. 14, to compel the owners of toll roads and bridges to keep the same in repair, reported an agreement. Adopted.

H. J. M. 5, petitioning Congress in relation to placer lands, was passed.

Bass reported with amendments, C. B. 44, to aid in the construction of the Northern Pacific railroad, recommending its passage.

H. B. 63, to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks on Sundays and general election days, was rejected; yeas, 4; nays, 9.

Substitute for H. B. 16, providing for election of county assessors, was passed.

H. B. 66, to compensate Dr. A. H. Mitchell, was passed.

H. B. 62, in relation to quartz claims, was passed.

H. B. 21, to provide for the transfer of road fund in certain cases, was rejected.

Cullen moved that C. B. 35 be indefinitely postponed. Agreed to.

Abascal moved that the vote by which H. B. 21 was lost be reconsidered. Agreed to, and bill passed.

H. B. 65, to compensate J. H. Mills for printing, was passed.

H. B. 57, concerning motions, passed.

H. B. 7, concerning dower, passed.

H. B. 73, for the formation of corporations was passed.

C. B. 54, to protect county treasury, was passed.

C. B. 42, relative to limitations, passed.

C. B. 48, concerning water rights, passed.

C. B. 57, to repeal an act for the collection of statistics and other purposes, passed.

C. J. R. 7, appropriating money for recording marks and brands, passed.

C. J. R. 6, relative to printing, passed.

C. B. 32, to regulate proceedings in civil cases in courts of justice, passed.

C. B. 3, to repeal certain provisions of an act relative to security for costs, passed.

C. B. 57, for the appointment of guardians for insane persons, passed.

C. B. 53, proposing aid to the United States in making navigable the upper Missouri and Yellowstone rivers, passed.

C. B. 58, to authorize the Governor to contract for keeping, clothing and maintaining the Territorial convicts, passed.

Lewis introduced C. B. 62, to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on general election days, was referred.

Tatem introduced C. B. 63, to repeal an act relative to marks and brands, approved January 10, 1872.

On motion of Watson, the rules were suspended, bill read third time and passed.

C. B. 44, to encourage the construction of the Northern Pacific railroad, passed.

House.—H. B. 82, introduced by Moore, (D. L.) to authorize the commissions to pay Dounhour and others certain sums due for construction of the road to Pioneer, referred to delegation from Deer Lodge.

H. B. 83, introduced by Barkett, requiring Probate Judges to give bonds as trustees of townsites, was referred.

On motion of Burkett, the rules were suspended and bill passed.

H. B. 84, introduced by Stuart, to preserve the Territorial library, was referred to the lawyers of the House.

H. B. 85, by Carmichael, apportioning the representative and council districts of the Territory, and providing for the election of members of the assembly, was referred.

H. B. 20, regulating fee of District Clerk, was passed.

Moore, of Gallatin moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. 61, for the relief of D. H. Lineberger, passed the House. Carried.

Burkett moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. 53, creating the new county of Dearborn, was lost.

Sanders moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Lost.

Motion to reconsider was carried.

H. B. 75, to aid in the construction of the Utah Northern railroad, was taken up.

Word moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert his substitute. The substitute is a complete and carefully prepared bill within itself. It gives \$4,800 per mile of completed road in sections of 50 miles from Ogden, Corinne or Franklin, and provides for submitting the proposition to the voters of the Territory in March.

House went into committee of the whole.

H. B. 76, to relocate the seat of government, was reported back with majority and minority reports. The majority report amended by having the ballots read for seat of government, "Helena," or "Deer Lodge," and recommended that, inasmuch as the seat of government was at present in a reasonably central locality, with conveniences equal to any in the Territory, and as the public necessities did not demand a change at this time, that the bill do not pass. The minority agreed with the majority report as to amendment, and recommended that the bill pass. Reports received.

Rotwit gave notice of a bill in reference to schools.

COUNCIL.—February 8.—H. B. 64, for the payment of H. A. D'Achen, passed.

Cullen introduced C. B. 64, for the relief of Henry Sonnefeld, which was passed.

H. B. 34, relative to diseased animals, was passed.

H. B. 26, to provide for funding the debt of Madison county, passed.

C. B. 34, relative to Territorial library, passed.

C. B. 23, for the relief of J. Quirk, passed.

C. B. 29, for the relief of S. Bullock, passed.

C. B. 33, to amend an act concerning licenses, approved May 8, 1873, passed.

Substitute for H. B. 20, to regulate and establish the fees of clerk of the district court, was passed.

C. B. 62, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors on election days, passed.

H. B. 80, fixing time of meeting of legislative assembly, passed.

The Governor announced his approval of C. Bs. 13, 47, 20, 35 and 38.

House.—H. B. 81, relating to schools, passed.

H. J. M., asking Congress to authorize a session of the assembly in 1877, passed.

H. B. 38, concerning the management of live stock, was passed.

H. B. 34, concerning the management of diseased sheep, returned from the Council amended, and the amendments concurred in.

Amendments to H. B. 7, concerning dower, were also concurred in.

C. Bs. 32 and 47 were rejected.

C. B. 53 was rejected.

C. B. 3, relative to proceedings in civil cases, was rejected.

C. B. 42, concerning limitations. Rejected.

C. B. 33, concerning "license of extraordinary session," was rejected.

H. B. 86, providing for the education of children of African descent, passed under suspension of the rules.

H. B. 87, introduced by Tierney, to provide for bonding the outstanding indebtedness of Meagher county. Rules suspended and bill passed.

H. B. 53, creating the county of Dearborn, was taken up and passed.