

FATHERS OF HUSBANDRY.

NATIONAL GRANGES. The regular meetings of the National Granges are held on the first Saturday of each month.

MISSISSIPPI STATE GRANGES. J. M. H. Master, Jackson, Mo. C. K. Browning, Secretary.

JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL. Organized August 8th 1874. Regular meetings on the first Saturday of each month.

HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL. Organized August 8th 1874. Regular meetings on the first Saturday of each month.

COMMERCIAL AGENTS FOR PATRONS OF MISSISSIPPI. A. J. Vachon, 258 Front Street, Memphis.

DECLARATION OF PURPOSES.

Profundly impressed with the truth, that the National Grange of the United States should definitely proclaim to the world its general objects, we hereby, unanimously, make this Declaration of Purpose of the Patrons of Husbandry.

INDEPENDENCE.

At a meeting of the Grange held on the 1st of August 1874, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Order of Husbandry is not a political or party organization. Its members are to be distinguished by their devotion to the political system.

Resolved, That we hereby recommend to the patriotic and attentive pursuit of all Patrons, and to the furtherance of our country's general interests.

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A Sound Platform.

The following is the platform of the Farmers' and People's Anti-Monopoly Party of Livingston county, Illinois.

Some Things Which the Patrons Propose to Do.

- 1. To secure for themselves, through the Granges, social and educational advantages, not otherwise attainable, and to thereby, while improving their condition as a class, ennoble farm life, and render it attractive and desirable.

Patrons and Politics.

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Who Would not be a Patron?

We will relate our experience in direct trade—an experience that ought to teach every person the advantage he has in being a Patron.

Choosing a Name.

After all the preliminary steps had been taken and the work of the ritual became sufficiently advanced, it was required that a fitting and suggestive name should be decided on for the new Order.

Grange Rulings.

Worthy Master Hamilton has forwarded to us the following recent rulings in addition to those already published. It should be borne in mind by all members of the Order, that only those rulings which have been made by the Master of the State Grange of California should be recognized as binding upon the Order in this State.

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It is the duty of a Grange to provide a ballot for every member, and that, according to the workings of Providence, there are some changes which are inevitable when we pass the portals of the immortal life.

The following rulings have been made by J. M. Hamilton, Master of the National Grange of the State of California:

Until a pension has been received, a Grange has no right to initiate or expel members, nor collect or pay over dues, or transact any business as a Grange.

After a candidate has been balloted for, accepted and initiated in the first degree, he is entitled to possessory benefits to be derived from a connection with the Order; therefore is subject to the payment of the same dues as other members, without reference to the time when he was enrolled as a member.

According to the decision of the National Grange at St. Louis, a person to be eligible to membership in the Order, must be engaged in agricultural pursuits, and no other permanent interests which may come into conflict with our objects and purposes.

No Grange, either State or subordinate, is a proper judge of the propriety of setting aside a plain provision of the constitution; Principle should never be sacrificed to expediency, and the requirements of our organic law, together with the construction placed upon it by the National Grange, must be strictly complied with.

After a report has been submitted, it becomes the property of the Grange, and can only be withdrawn by consent of the Grange expressed by a majority vote.

No Grange can be organized nearer to an existing Grange than the constitutional limit, except when natural obstructions intervene, such as a stream that cannot be crossed at all times, the facts to be stated in the petition, and the written consent of the Grange or Granges encroached upon to be obtained at a regular meeting of said Grange or Granges, and consent of the Master of the State Grange. The distance in fenced districts to be reckoned by the usual traveled routes; in unfenced or open district, by straight or air lines. Granges shall at the time of organization established their center of jurisdiction, and shall have no right to change the same. They can only claim half the distance from such center to surrounding Granges. A Grange after establishing its jurisdiction, can hold its meetings anywhere inside of said jurisdiction.

Hon. D. W. Adams, Master of the National Grange, says: "On all questions involving points of order, the Grange may appeal from the Master to the house, but on all questions of constitutional law the Master's decision is final, subject, however, to an appeal to the Master of the State or National Grange. In the subordinate Granges, a motion to adjourn is not in order, but the Master should close, as soon as the time has arrived, or the business finished. The Grange should fix a rule never to hold a meeting after ten o'clock. The Grange may close, after initiation in any degree of any kind at one meeting. It should commence with the first and run through to the fourth and commence again. No business except initiation can be done at other than the regular meetings, a regular meetings are those specified in the by-laws as such should be a short meeting. A tie vote lost to enter or ward or Gate Keeping or closing."

A married woman derives her eligibility to become a member of a Grange from the eligibility of her husband, and if he is not eligible and worthy of being admitted to the Grange, the wife should not be admitted alone.

It is not safe or good policy to admit married women to the Grange whose husbands are opposed to the Order, or being eligible, have no disposition to join it.