

GRANGE STATE FAIR.

Meeting at Temple of the Committee. A Solid Business Basis—Charter and By-Laws Drafted.

Officers Elected—Canvassers Appointed To Sell Stock and Locate the Fair—Immigration, Manufacturing, Etc.

CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT. Special to the Gazette.

TEMPLE, TEX., Feb. 16, 1888.

To the Patrons of Husbandry of Texas:

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS—Permit me to direct your attention to a most important part of the proceedings of the last session of the Texas State Grange, with regard to the establishment of a state fair and annual exhibition by our order. I deem it proper here to review in full the history of this movement:

At Marlin, upon the call of the roll of the counties on the first day of the session, Bell county offered the following resolution:

Whereas, believing that much good has resulted to the order of Patrons of Husbandry of the state of Pennsylvania, because of their annual state picnic, held at Williams' grove in said state, and believing that like good results would follow a similar course if pursued by the patrons of Texas; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Grange appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to examine into and report to the present session of this state arrange the feasibility of adopting and putting into operation by the patrons of Texas a plan similar to that practiced by the order in Pennsylvania.

The committee was appointed as follows: Joseph Cater, J. C. Isbell, J. M. McKinney and A. W. Buchanan.—(See proceedings of state grange, page 4).

This committee reported as follows, which was adopted:

To the Worthy Master and Members of the Texas State Grange:

Your special committee, appointed to report upon the resolution now before this Grange recommending the establishing of a camp or place at which the Grange can have an annual reunion or state picnic and exhibition, would say that, after considering the matter, we believe it to be practicable. We think, in fact, that it would result in the accomplishment of great good to the order. Believing that the same should be located at some central point, it may be accessible to Patrons and farmers from every part of the state, we therefore recommend that a committee of not less than seven be appointed to at once take proper steps to accomplish the end in view, with power to act. We also recommend that this committee be instructed to push the matter, so that our first reunion or picnic shall be held, if possible, during the year 1888. We also beg to herewith submit our hearty endorsement of the recommendations of the Worthy Master in his annual address on the same.

(See Grange proceedings, page 27.)

In accordance with this report the Worthy Master appointed the following committee: N. Stallworth, W. H. Harris, A. M. Keller, J. M. McKinney, J. B. Long, A. W. Buchanan, J. J. Glassford, J. L. Ray, J. Reeder.

A motion prevailed to add A. J. Rose, W. M., to the committee as chairman.

I subsequently appointed W. A. Shaw secretary.

This committee met in Dallas, according to special call, November 1. After adding J. S. Rogers and W. A. Shaw to the committee and electing them respectively treasurer and secretary, a series of resolutions were adopted, subject to approval by the first meeting of the committee thereafter. As approved by the session just held at Temple, the resolutions appear in proceedings herewith published.

The committee in answer to special call met in Temple February 7, 1888. The following is a record of its proceedings:

PROCEEDINGS AT TEMPLE.

TEMPLE, TEX., Feb. 7.—The committee appointed by the State Grange at Marlin to devise ways and means for the establishment of a Texas State Grange Fair, Immigration, Real Estate and Manufacturing Association met in Temple, Bell county, at the residence of Brother J. T. Freeman, February 7, at 7.30 p. m., A. J. Rose, chairman, presiding.

The chairman ordered the roll called. The following answered to their names: A. J. Rose, chairman, Salado, Tex.; J. S. Rogers, treasurer, Galveston, Tex.; W. A. Shaw, secretary, Dallas, Tex.; J. L. Ray, Mineola, Tex.; W. H. Harris, Richardson, Tex.; A. M. Keller, Temple, Tex.; A. W. Buchanan, Bryan, Tex.

Letters were received from J. B. Long, N. Stallworth and J. M. McKinney giving reasons for their absence and empowering the chairman to dispose of their proxies. The chair requested the committee to elect proxies, which resulted as follows:

J. C. Isbell, proxy for J. B. Long; J. E. Moore, proxy for N. Stallworth; J. T. Freeman, proxy for J. M. McKinney.

Brothers J. Reeder and J. J. Glassford were absent. No report was received from either of them.

By unanimous invitation Brothers W. A. Clark and Joseph Cater, being in attendance, took part in the discussions and counsels.

The resolutions of the last session of the committee, which met at Dallas, November 1, 1887, having been adopted subject to the approval of this session, were read, amended and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, that an association be organized upon the co-operative plan, and that it shall be capitalized at \$50,000.

Resolved, that the chairman shall select suitable persons to canvass for stock in said association.

Resolved, that the shares in said association shall be \$25, and that the first payment on said shares shall be 10 per cent, payable when subscribed for; 10 per cent. additional being subject to call August 1, 1888, and 10 per cent. additional being subject to call every six months thereafter, until the entire amount subscribed shall have been paid, when stock shall be issued for same.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this committee that the headquarters of the State Grange, and its annual meetings, be had at the place selected for said fair and exhibition; and that the annual meetings of the Texas Co-operative Association shall also be held at the same place.

A letter from H. H. Thomas, manager of Grange Camp, Williams' Grove, Pa., directed to the chairman, was submitted and read, giving in detail the methods followed, which have been crowned with such signal success.

A vote of thanks was tendered Brother Thomas for his kindness and courtesy.

On motion, the following were appointed a committee to draft a charter and by-laws: A. J. Rose, chairman; W. A. Shaw, J. L. Ray, A. W. Buchanan.

After a mutual exchange of ideas, and

much profitable discussion of the many points involved in this most important movement, the committee adjourned to meet Wednesday at 9 a. m., in Grange Hall, Temple.

GRANGE HALL, TEMPLE, Feb. 8.—The committee met pursuant to adjournment. The committee on charter and by-laws made their report.

A motion prevailed to consider the charter serialim. As adopted, the charter is as follows—provided, that same may be further amended by the committee before filing in the State Department; and provided further, that same shall be submitted to legal examination:

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this corporation shall be: "The Texas State Grange Fair, Immigration, Real Estate and Manufacturing Association, Patrons of Husbandry."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

This corporation is formed and created for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an annual fair for the exhibition of the products of the soil; of horses, cattle and other stock, poultry; household work of every description; farm implements and machinery, as well as other implements and devices; goods, wares and merchandise, and all such other articles as may be deemed proper; also to do a general immigration, real estate and manufacturing business, and to transact all and every kind of business appertaining thereto in order to promote the objects for which this association has been created, under such laws, rules and regulations as may be enacted by the board of directors herein provided for, subject to amendment by a two-third vote of the stockholders present and voting at any annual meeting of the association.

ARTICLE III.—TERM OF EXISTENCE.

This corporation shall have succession and existence for the full term of fifty years.

ARTICLE IV.—MANAGEMENT.

The business of this corporation and the general management of its affairs shall be vested in a board of nine directors, who shall be Patrons of Husbandry in good standing, and shall be chosen by the stockholders at the annual meetings; provided that the first board of directors shall be as follows: A. J. Rose, J. S. Rogers, W. A. Shaw, W. H. Harris, J. C. Isbell, A. W. Buchanan, A. M. Keller, J. L. Ray, W. A. Clark, who shall hold office until the first annual meeting, at which said annual meeting the stockholders shall elect nine (9) directors, four (4) of whom shall serve for a term of two (2) years, and five of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. At each annual meeting thereafter, there shall be elected the successors of those whose term of office expires.

ARTICLE V.—VOTING.

Each stockholder who is a Patron of Husbandry in good standing shall be entitled to one vote only. No one holding stock, not a patron of husbandry, shall be entitled to a vote.

ARTICLE VI.—NON-PATRON STOCKHOLDERS.

Non-patrons of husbandry who may be stockholders shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and benefits of other stockholders except those of voting or holding office.

ARTICLE VII.—CAPITAL STOCK.

The capital stock of this corporation shall be limited to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), divided into shares of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

ARTICLE VIII.—LOCATION.

The Texas State Grange Fair, Immigration, Real Estate and Manufacturing Association, Patrons of Husbandry, shall be located at the _____ of _____ county _____ Texas.

The by-laws were adopted as follows:

BY-LAWS.—ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This association shall be known as the Texas State Grange Fair, Immigration, Real Estate and Manufacturing Association, Patrons of Husbandry.

ARTICLE II.—MEETINGS.

Section 1. The annual meetings of this association shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated at the previous annual meeting by a majority vote of stockholders present and voting.

Section 2. The board of directors shall meet annually at the same time and place of the meetings of the association.

Section 3. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the president at any time and place, or upon the request of any three members of the board of directors. Twenty days' notice of special meetings shall be given—either in person or by mail. No business shall be transacted at such special called meetings except that specified in the notice.

ARTICLE III.—QUORUM.

Section 1. The stockholders present at any annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Five members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.—ELECTIONS.

Section 1. The board of directors shall consist of nine (9) members, who shall be elected as follows: At the first annual meeting there shall be elected nine (9) directors, four (4) of whom shall serve for a term of two (2) years, and five of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) year. At each annual meeting thereafter there shall be elected the successors of those whose terms of office expire.

Section 2. A majority of those present and voting at any election shall elect.

Section 3. At the annual meetings of the board of directors there shall be elected from their number a president, treasurer and secretary, who shall also constitute the president, treasurer and secretary of the association.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. President.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the association and board of directors and have general supervision of the association, receive and carefully preserve all bonds which may be executed to the association, and in his absence the members shall elect a president pro tem.

Section 2. Treasurer.—The Treasurer shall be responsible for all moneys paid him on account of the association, and shall only pay orders drawn by the President, countersigned by the Secretary, with the seal attached. He shall furnish monthly reports to the President; also make a report to the directors at their annual meetings.

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and directors; summons all special meetings of the board of directors; keep a correct record thereof; keep account of all stock taken in the association, and deposit with the treasurer all money received by him, at least once in every thirty days, and perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the board of directors.

Section 4. Board of Directors.—The board of directors shall in all things act for and in the name of the association, and all acts and orders of the directors under the power delegated to them, shall have like force and effect as the acts of the association at a regular meeting thereof. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes present. The directors shall designate the salaries or compensation to be allowed the officers and employes, and report to the association at each annual meeting the condition of the association.

ARTICLE VI.—BONDS.

All officers and employes, appointed in any department, requiring the receipt, management or disbursement of money, shall give bond with such security as may be deemed sufficient by the board of directors. All bonds of the association shall be payable to the president and his successors in office. The president shall be the custodian of all bonds of the association.

ARTICLE VII.—MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Any co-operative association Patrons of Husbandry, subordinate grange, or individual member of the order may become a member of this association by subscribing for one or more shares therein. Local co-operative associations, Patrons of Husbandry, subordinate granges and individual stockholders who are Patrons of Husbandry shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 2. Non-patrons of husbandry may become stockholders in this association on the same terms as other stockholders; and shall be entitled to the same benefits, except that such stockholders shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

ARTICLE VIII.—LIABILITIES.

Section 1. All stockholders at the time of subscribing shall pay ten (10) per cent of subscription; ten per cent additional being subject to call Aug. 1, 1888; and ten (10) per cent. additional being subject to call every six months thereafter until the entire amount subscribed for shall have been paid.

Section 2. If a subscriber shall fail to pay any installment within (30) days after notice has been received, the stock subscribed for and installments paid shall be forfeited to the association.

Section 3. Incorporators and shareholders shall be liable for debts contracted by the association only to the amount of shares held by them.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

On motion the committee went into an election of board of directors, which resulted as follows: W. H. Harris, Richardson; A. J. Rose, Salado; J. S. Rogers, Galveston; J. C. Isbell, Temple; A. W. Buchanan, Bryan; A. M. Keller, Temple; W. A. Shaw, Dallas; J. L. Ray, Mineola; W. A. Clark, Temple.

On motion the following committee was appointed on location to receive propositions from localities: W. A. Shaw, A. M. Keller, J. L. Ray.

The following were appointed as canvassers for stock in the association: A. M. Keller, W. H. Harris, J. C. Isbell, J. L. Ray, A. W. Buchanan, W. A. Clark, J. E. Moore, Joseph Cater, J. T. Freeman, with others to be added.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that the canvassers appointed be authorized to take and collect subscriptions of stock; and they be required to report the name and postoffice of sub-

scribers; and to forward such collections of stock to the secretary weekly (Secretary W. A. Shaw, Dallas, Tex.); and that all notes be forwarded weekly to the president (A. J. Rose, Salado, Tex.).

Resolved, that masters and secretaries of subordinate granges, agents, presidents and secretaries of local Co-operative Associations be also authorized to take subscriptions of stock, and report as above.

Association adjourned to 8 a. m. Thursday.

GRANGE HALL, TEMPLE, Feb. 9.—The committee met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of all previous sessions were read and adopted.

The president and secretary were empowered to prepare all blanks, notes and other papers necessary for forwarding the business of the association.

The committee on charter and by-laws were continued and authorized to take steps for securing charter when necessary. Committee adjourned subject to call.

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

GRANGE HALL, TEMPLE, Feb. 8.—The board of directors being called to order, proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows: A. J. Rose, president, Salado; J. S. Rogers, treasurer, Galveston; W. A. Shaw, secretary, Dallas.

The bond of the treasurer was placed at \$5000, that of secretary at \$1000, and the president was empowered to prepare the bonds and have same executed.

Board adjourned subject to call.

GRANGE HALL, TEMPLE, TEX., Feb. 9.—The board of directors was called to order. A motion was adopted authorizing the president to draw drafts for contingent expenses in forwarding the work of the association.

J. L. Ray moved that the board proceed to the election of a business manager, who shall be subject to call by this board when his services are needed.

Motion seconded and adopted. Brothers W. H. Harris, J. C. Isbell and A. M. Keller were nominated.

Brother Harris having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected—and, on motion, his election was made unanimous.

Brother Harris, in thanking the board for the compliment, appealed to all for co-operation and suggestions.

Brother J. C. Isbell moved that H, in his judgment, it shall appear necessary, the president may appoint other special canvassers for stock, about April 1, and take such further steps as may be deemed expedient in forwarding the objects of the association.

The board adjourned subject to call.

COMMENTS.

The object of this circular is to bring to the attention of the entire state, and especially members of our noble order.

This is certainly one among the grandest enterprises inaugurated by the Grange, and with the co-operation of members of the order, its success is assured.

Permit me then to urge upon each Grange, each co-operative association, to subscribe for as many shares as possible. I also urge upon each individual member to subscribe liberally for this stock. It is especially desired to have as many interested in the enterprise as possible. It will be noticed also that provisions have been made by which non-patrons can become stockholders. This will afford opportunity to farmers not members of the order, as well as to others of its well-wishers to help in the grand work.

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The Texas Farmer will make this comment in Saturday's issue:

THE GREAT ENTERPRISE

"The complete history of the origin and progress of the Grange State Fair, etc., as given by Brother Rose in this issue, will prove interesting reading. It has no uncertain sound. It claims that this enterprise will prove a great benefit to the order, but is not content with mere assertion. The facts are given upon which is based this conclusion. Readers may study the plan and form their own conclusions.

"It will be noticed that manufacturing, real estate and immigration subjects are provided for in the charter. It is not the custom of the Grange to profess that it can turn the world over in a day—because some good people might get caught under it and hurt; hence, it is only right to say that these subjects were provided for only as possible future contingencies. The fair proper will first be made a success. "Slow but sure" is the Grange motto. Experience has taught the order that this is wisdom.

It will be noticed also that among the first steps in the programme is to raise at least \$25,000 in stock. This ought to establish confidence in the enterprise. When men go down into their own pockets to show their confidence in an enterprise it will inspire others with faith.

"The proceedings of the meeting at Temple leave no doubt as to the scope and extent of the enterprise. Where shall it be located? is the next question. If guesses were allowable as to how much benefit the point at which location is determined upon may derive, they would range all the way from a nickel to fifty millions a year. The billions would give the sarcastic verdict of a "nickel," while the dealer in "wind padding" would soar into possibilities of which Colonel Sellers might feel proud. The committee thought it preferable to give all the premises, leaving localities desiring such an acquisition the privilege of drawing their own conclusions.

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