

MEET MRS. SANTA CLAUS; SHE WORKS FOR UNCLE SAM IN U. S. PATENT OFFICE

Washington is the home of many famous people, but very few children—or grown-ups either, for that matter—are aware that one of its principal claims to renown lies in the fact that it is the home of Mrs. Santa Claus. Modest, like Santa Claus himself, she hides herself away under the name of Miss Alice Purinton, and has her workshop in the U. S. patent office. She passes upon the patentability of children's toys.



Miss Alice Purinton

STATE GRANGE MEETING IS BIG

Oldest and Strongest Body of Organized Farmers Meet

in Hospital City. WESTON, Dec. 18.—The West Virginia State Grange held its forty-fourth annual meeting here last week. The delegates assembled at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, about a hundred being present at the several meetings. They were a busy bunch every minute of their stay in the city, and every one was inclined to give all his time to the work before the organization. They came from practically every agricultural section of the state.

Lewis county is a notable county, from a grange point of view. It has more individual members than any other county in the state. While it is the banner county, yet either Wood or Jackson has more local granges, though not so large a total of members.

Visit Hospital. The entertainment of the visitors included a visit just before noon on Friday to the Weston state hospital, and they passed in a body through that great institution; and, as the master of the state organization said in telling about it, by the permission of the officials and attaches of the

place, they marched right out again when they had finished their tour of inspection.

The annual address of Grand Master T. C. Atkeson dealt with practical problems. He began by declaring the order one which dealt with questions as they arose, and which does not hesitate to grapple with any question which affects the agricultural and farming interests of the country. For forty-five years it has been the one independent, self-supporting farmers' organization that has always stood up for the dignity of agriculture and the nobility of the American farmer. Ever battling for betterment, it is proud of its achievements along the line of education, co-operation and legislation. It wears no man's collar, and cannot be prostituted to selfish or personal uses.

Newness of Life. It has taken on newness of life, more granges being organized last year than in any other year in forty. Great preparations are making. Professor Atkeson declared, for the fiftieth annual meeting, or semi-centennial, which is to be held at Washington, D. C., next year. Some suitable semi-centennial observance in this state is suggested, too.

Careful attention to the woman

suffrage issue was advised, and reference made to the order's record and declarations in its favor.

He charged high salaries with being the cause of much political activity and illegal expenditure of money to break into office, and recommended more moderate compensation for public officers as the surest safeguard against corrupt practices. "Every needless public employee," he declared, "is a sapsucker." Public officers working for the people should be no better paid than are those who do work of the same sort for individuals.

Lobbyists Condemned. High taxes, lobbyists and place-hunters all came in for condemnation. No business enterprise in this country, he declared, could remain solvent if it employed the same reckless methods now in vogue in our county governmental scheme. Only some non-partisan movement, such as the grange, can be relied on to bring about greater efficiency and economy.

Tender mentions were made of James Edward Hall, of Philippi, the second secretary, and the third master, of this state grange, who died last January in his seventy-fourth year, and of Alex Cichan, who also died at his home at Martinsburg, he having served the farming interests of the state very helpfully in various connections. He was once treasurer of the state grange.

In conclusion Professor Atkeson declared that so long as new problems arise for solution, so long will there be a place and work for the grange. It has done a good work; it was never so much needed as it is today.

Woman Suffrage Endorsed. The report of the committee on resolutions, which was unanimously adopted, included first of all an unqualified endorsement of woman suffrage. It also declared in favor of holding up the hands of Commissioner Blue in his efforts to make prohibition in West Virginia absolutely effective.

It is demanded that the automobile grange went on record as favoring, a rural credit system, which would enable the farmers to secure money at a rate of interest not to exceed four and a half per cent, a proposition which is not being exploited by the capitalists.

Favor Production Tariff. The grange also expressed itself as favoring a production tax on oil and gas, and declared that pipe lines transporting gas should be made common carriers, the same as lines conducting oil, and that there should be a transportation tax on exporting gas, graduated so as to increase from the source of production until it reaches the state line.

It is demanded that the automobile taxes be applied to road-building, and that an act of the legislature so providing be passed.

The legislative committee's report reviews some of the legislative enactments wholly or partially covering former demands of the grange. Among these are the electing of United States senators by direct vote of the people; nomination by state-wide primaries; protection against diseased animals from other states; control of contagious and infectious diseases of live stock; law against impure seeds, all of which could be made more adequate with better efforts to rightly enforce them.

Other Legislation Favored.

The committee recommends other legislation, including the following: National aid for roads; conservation of forests, with especial emphasis on safeguarding the forests against fires; protection against adulterated food-stuffs; more adequate legislation requiring assessors to gather statistics correctly; protection against adulterated, misbranded and worthless commercial insecticides and fungicides; legislation to protect the honey bee against foul brood, a disease which is destroying many apiaries; more vigorous efforts to arrest and control the chestnut blight; favoring a rural credit system which serves agriculture in its broadest sense, and does not contemplate excessive interest rates, but promises safety of risk and a profit to the government. Improvement and extension of education along agricultural and domestic science lines are recommended as the best means of keeping the young folks on the farm.

All of the foregoing recommendations were unanimously approved by the grange as a whole.

Many Take Degrees.

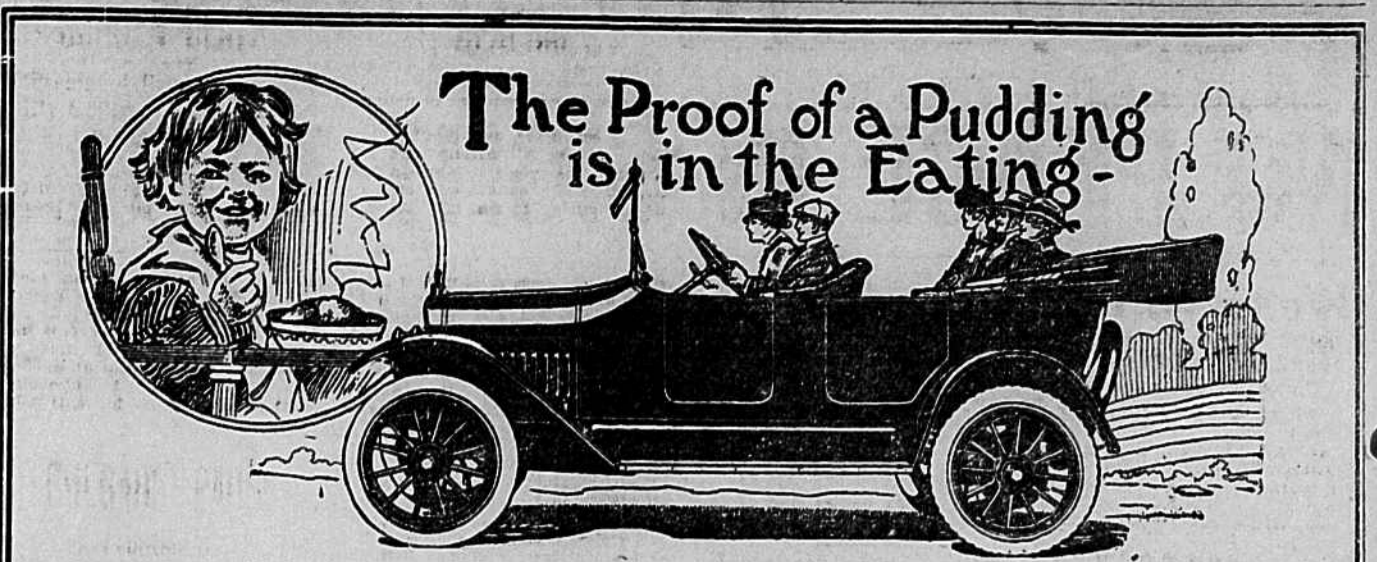
The last session was held Friday evening, when twenty-nine persons were given the fifth and sixth degrees, after which a banquet was served to a hall full of members, including a few outsiders. T. M. Barnes, who is a farmer and granger, in addition to being a hustling merchant and prohibition campaigner, was designated as toastmaster, and there were a number of happy responses by those called. The Rev. E. A. Brooks made an especially clever address of welcome, the response to which was made by Professor T. C. Atkeson, the master of the State Grange, in a like pleasing vein. Others who spoke were J. M. Foster, the Rev. C. A. Isner, Commissioner of Agriculture H. E. Williams, Senator George E. White, David Snyder, Prof. Earl Sheets, Squire G. V. Forinash, State Grange Secretary M. V. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tuckwiler, County Superintendent Ellis L. Smith, R. Ad Hall, and perhaps another or two.

The next meeting will be held at Charleston in January, 1917.

Grange Officers.

The officers of the state grange are: Master, T. C. Atkeson, Buffalo, Putnam county; Overseer, H. E. Williams, Charleston, Kanawha county; lecturer, O. R. Lloyd, Cottageville, Jackson county; steward, R. C. Taylor, Horner, Lewis county; assistant steward, W. Lawson, Weston, Lewis county; chaplain, G. V. Forinash, Horner, Lewis county; treasurer, J. D. Wilson, Mannington, Lewis county; secretary, M. V. Brown, Pliny, Putnam county; gate keeper, W. L. Beckwith, Cottageville, Jackson county; ceres, Mrs. Mary J. Tuckwiler, Lewisburg, Greenbrier county; pomona, Mrs. Laura Mink, Bethany, Ohio county; Flora, Mrs. Leona Smith, Masontown, Preston county; lady steward, Mrs. Zella Stagg, Walker, Wood county. All of these officers were present, with the exception of Mrs. Smith.

It will be noticed that Lewis county has three prominent places on the official list, and, of eleven deput-



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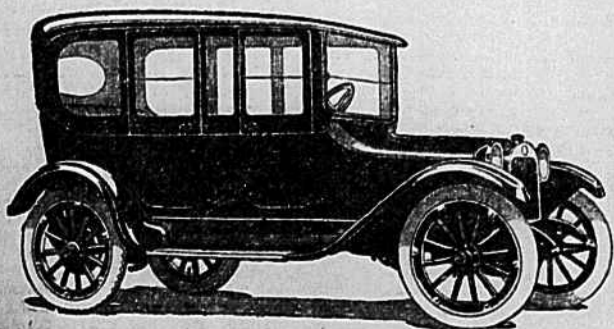
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masters, Lewis county has two—M. M. Reger and R. C. Taylor. Lewis is also represented on the important legislative committee. Squire G. V. Forinash being one of the three members.

OIL HOLDINGS SOLD BY BELL AND OTHERS

In Ritchie County to Well Known Sistersville Producers of Oil and Gasoline.

ELENBORO, Dec. 18.—S. A. Bell and others, who developed and successfully managed the valuable oil property, located on Bond creek, consisting principally of the McGreegor leases, have sold their holdings to the well-known Sistersville producers of oil, gasoline and gas, Henneghan and Hanlon. The consideration is said to be \$20,000.

The Monford Oil and Gas Company, of Pennsboro, has been chartered with a capital of \$50,000. A meeting of the stockholders has been held and the following officers elected: Grover Collins, president; I. L. Fordyce, secretary and treasurer. The board of directors consists of Grover Collins, R. K. Jones, W. R. Meservie, R. E. Ward, Noah Heinselman, I. L. Fordyce and H. J. Scott. This company's Knox No. 1, recently completed, continues flowing at fifty or sixty barrels per day.

The premier Glass Company will hold a special meeting at Pennsboro on December 21, to elect a board of directors for the ensuing year, according to a published call issued by the president, George A. Quertimont.

Judge Ira E. Robinson, of Grafton, will address the Pennsboro Personal Worker's League, on Sunday, December 26. Dr. W. B. Fleming, president of the Wesleyan college, is booked to deliver an address tomorrow.

W. H. Taylor and R. A. Garrett, prominent Clarksburg citizens, were visitors in Pennsboro during the week.

Mrs. W. E. Simonton has returned home from a visit at Clarksburg.

Mrs. G. L. Lewis and little daughter, of Akron, O., are visiting friends in Clarksburg and will then visit at Rusk, Ritchie county, before returning to their Ohio home.

Ira Bell, of Jane Lew, spent the week visiting relatives in Ritchie county.

Miss Ada West, of Pennsboro, has returned from a pleasant visit with friends at Clarksburg.

Raymond Cornhill, president of the Modern Window Glass Company, of Salem, was a business visitor at Pennsboro this week.

KIDNEY CURES ARE SEIZED BY OFFICERS

Preparations Containing High Percentage of Alcohol Regarded as Harmful.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Action against several so-called "kidney cures" has recently been taken under the food and drugs act by the United States Department of Agriculture. In one case the shippers of a prepara-

tion labeled as "A Sure Cure for Bladder and Kidney Trouble" were prosecuted on the charge of falsely and fraudulently misbranding the product. They pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 and costs by the court. This particular kidney "cure" was found to contain over forty-one per cent of alcohol. It was labeled "Old Jim Fields' Phosphate Dill and Gin, Mankind's Greatest Friend; a Sure Cure for Bladder and Kidney Trouble. It is Also a Great Aid in Case of Urinary Trouble. Allenberg and Meister, Sole Agents, Memphis, Tenn."

An analysis of the product showed that it contained no material amount of either dill or phosphate. In another case forty-eight bottles of "Stuart's Buchu and Juniper Compound," prepared by the Stuart Manufacturing Company, Atlanta, Ga., were seized. The court issued a decree of condemnation, forfeiture and destruction on the ground that the claims upon the label were misleading, false and fraudulent. On this label the manufacturers recommended their product as a remedy for a

great variety of kidney and bladder diseases and stated that the medicine contained sixteen per cent of alcohol.

According to the medical experts of the department, alcohol is a kidney irritant and is dangerous in many cases of kidney disease. For this reason many physicians advise their patients who suffer from any kind of kidney or bladder trouble to abstain from the use of alcohol even in moderate quantities. Some manufacturers of kidney medicines which contain considerable quantities of alcohol, also advise their customers to abstain from all alcoholic drinks, showing in this way, even though they use it in their own preparations. It is the opinion of the medical experts of the department that such so-called "kidney remedies" as those recently seized are not only worthless, but actually harmful, because of the amount of alcohol which they contain.

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