

REPORT OF THE DOINGS OF N. Y. STATE GRANGE

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Chas. M. Gardner of Springfield. He stated the Grange represented three things: First, property owning organization; 2nd, home loving; 3rd, law abiding.

The master introduced Bro. Schoffer of Monroe county. He is 83 years old. He is subordinate master, Pomona master and delegate at large.

There was a letter read from Dean Mann, who is in Europe, by the secretary. H. E. Babcock, general manager of G. L. F., gave a report of the conditions. Song: "Work for the Night is Coming."

The lecturer said the lecturer's hour is the most important event of the Grange. Pomona Granges are doing a great thing to stimulate and help oranges that need help.

Tuesday evening Feb. 17, was an open session. It was opened with a piano solo and encore. Song, male quartet with encore. The address of welcome by Mayor Knapp, of Saratoga Springs, song by the quartet with encore.

Wednesday, February 18th, meeting opened by singing "America." Reading of scripture and prayer. Song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," with the salute of flag as on Tuesday.

There were other resolutions during the day, then invitations to hold state Grange from Rochester, Malone, Jamestown, Watertown, New York and Niagara Falls.

Wednesday evening February 17th Home Economics Committee gave reception to delegates in the casino. Delegates formed in two marched in and were introduced to the officers.

Thursday, February 18th, song "America." Reading of scripture and prayer. The master introduced Commissioner Pyrke of Farms and Markets. Reading and adopting of yesterday's minutes.

Report of credential committee. A solo by Miss Laura Pengally of Monroe. Remarks by Commissioner Pyrke. He gave a different view of the state fair situation than Lieutenant Governor Lowman. Granges from National Master L. J. ... were read.

Proposed amendments to grange constitution. Both were received at Atlantic City and referred to the state granges for endorsement.

The auto license fee amounts to \$15,000,000 a year, tax estimate two per cent, tax on gas equals \$4,500,000, new rates of auto plate \$6,500,000 or a deficit of \$4,000,000 which would come by tax for road upkeep.

The state district deputies organized with L. C. Arches of Lewis county, president and J. S. Bardwell of Allegany secretary.

Lecturers' Conference at the casino Thursday afternoon, held by state lecturer Cooper, opened with "America." The lecturer advocates plenty of music in Grange.

The Grange held officers' meeting to propose work for the year. To take something and each one tell something about it. Get questions for discussion.

Bro. Martin, National Lecturer, stated that the lecturer is most important. His duty is to lead in educational and entertaining suggestions; to advertise our business, have a well defined plan for the year.

The state master of Pennsylvania Dewey, was introduced and made good remarks. Reports of National State Grange were read at meeting.

Master Dewey said in part. Do not drag the meeting along. The lecturer's hour should not be omitted. Sister Lodge lecturer of Sorbinate Grange of Saratoga said:

"Ask twelve leaders be chosen, one for each month to prepare a program and see that it is carried out. A lecturer must be of good disposition to be successful.

The state lecturer said the lecturer must have patience with officers and members. Spend some time in some kind of game. Have contests in the work of different degrees and getting new members.

Bring talent for lecturer's hour outside of the Grange. Write State Lecturer Cooper for any suggestion. Evening of Feb. 5th, conferring the 6th degree. Solo, followed by prayer.

The resolution to add one cent per month dues, so as to provide the Grange monthly for every home was adopted. Song by Bro. and Sister Tucker.

A resolution was adopted favoring higher tariff on all imported dairy products. It favored an adjustment of the manner in which farm real estate is assessed.

There has been a change in the state scholarship plan. The insurance report said we should patronize co-operative insurance more.

The committee reported favorable on the change for driving rates from 18 to 14 years. The resolution in regard to one cent per capita and one cent per month dues were considered near the close of session and were voted down.

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This Week

MUSCLE SHOALS. NITROGEN, OR POWER. FORD OFFERS AID. UP TO THE PRESIDENT.

At the request of the War Department, Henry Ford offered to develop the power plant, built by the people at Muscle Shoals to provide nitrogen from the atmosphere for use in war time.

And the Muscle Shoals plant, as things now stand, is scheduled to be put under control of a great power monopoly.

Every voter in this country should read Henry Ford's statement concerning Muscle Shoals, made this week, in response to a message from W. R. Hearst, urging him to re-enter the Muscle Shoals contest and again try to rescue the people's property from selfish exploiters.

These are points in Henry Ford's statement that interest every American: "I am willing to co-operate with the government in developing Muscle Shoals into a great nitrate plant, making cheap fertilizer for the American farmers."

"In my opinion, the Shoals should be used for the production of nitrate and fertilizer. I believe that the government could itself keep Muscle Shoals and run it, not as a power plant, but as a nitrate plant, to help the farmers in peace and safeguard the country in war."

"If the government keeps Muscle Shoals and operates the nitrate plant by the army and navy, I shall be glad to put at their service all that the Ford company has of knowledge and experience. Our engineers have been working for three years on the problem of making cheap nitrogen from the air for farmers. We believe we have discovered improvements on the present process. We believe air nitrate can be made at a price that will materially reduce the cost of fertilizer on the farm."

"The Ford company will turn over to the government, without cost, the results of its research. We will lend the men to help build up an efficient organization to run the Shoals. As a citizen's duty, we worked with the army and navy during the war. We are ready to give the same co-operation to the government in aid of the farmers now, cost free, to the government."

"It is a mistake to say that the government cannot run the nitrate plant as well as any private party. This is the very kind of business the government ought to engage in. Electro-chemical methods of air nitrogen fixation do not require great forces of employees. It is a straight job of letting the forces of nature work for you. The government has as good men as there are in this field. We talked with some of them when we were figuring on the Shoals."

"If the government keeps Muscle Shoals and runs it for the farmers, I will help, so far as technical help goes, just as much as I could have helped if I had taken the property over."

The question is, "Shall Muscle Shoals, which the people own, be developed primarily as a nitrogen producing plant, and secondarily as a power plant, both in the public interest? Or shall the great enterprise be given to private monopolists to be exploited on the usual basis of all that the traffic will bear?"

At The Auditorium

Attractions That Will be Featured the Coming Week at Our Popular Playhouse

"TRUE AS STEEL" Coming to the Auditorium Saturday Evening, Feb. 21st.

Introduces us first to the life of a wealthy Middle West social set. Frank Parry, his wife and his daughter are shown to us at the height of a lively club dance—the husband, still youthful and inclined to be gay, the wife, realizing that the years



Aileen Pringle and Huntly Gordon in Goldwyn's Rupert Hughes Picture "TRUE AS STEEL" Distributed by Goldwyn-Cosmopolitan

has overtaken her; the daughter, flushed by the realization that modern youth is triumphant, free, advanced.

Parry goes East on a business trip. At the office where she is transacting his business he meets Mrs. Eva Boutelle, a beautiful and clever young person, typical of the successful business woman of today.

New York holds him in its spell while back at home his patient wife awaits his return. Mrs. Boutelle, likewise, cannot resist this bit of color in her hum-drum office life.

His wires home speak of his return. He is seen frequently in the office of Mrs. Boutelle. At night they steal away together to the brilliant haunts of Broadway's celebration, eager to make the most of the fleeting hours.

And then comes the night when he can delay his return no longer. They have worked late behind the closed doors of Mrs. Boutelle's private office. The contracts have been signed and sealed. Parry takes the beautiful woman in his arms, begs her to leave her husband and he too will leave his wife.

Outside the office waits Mrs. Boutelle's husband, who has returned unexpectedly. Inside the office Mrs. Boutelle makes the decision for them both, that they must not wreck two homes for their momentary happiness. And later Mrs. Boutelle's phrase recurs again and again to Parry as he returns West to begin his life where for a vivid moment he left off: "Steel bends, but will not break. The better the steel the farther it can bend without snapping, the quicker it returns to the straight."

"THE SEAHAWK" More Than a Thousand Persons Are Shown in This Picture.

Sabatini's brilliant novel, "The Sea Hawk," one of the three best sellers of 1923 and regarded as a more spirited narrative than even "Searamouche," has at last made its way to the screen and the Auditorium theatre Monday evening, presents Frank Lloyd's First National picture version of the adventure of Sir Oliver Tresillian among the Barbary corsairs.

In book form "The Sea Hawk" has been regarded as a modern gem and in relating the story pictorially, Mr. Lloyd has enhanced its value. To transfer the big drama to the screen it has been necessary to build an entire Algerian city with its quaint native market, winding streets, mysterious courts, four gigantic

ships of the Sixteenth Century design and to use more than a thousand people actively in the several big sea battles.

Milton Sills has been given the dominant role of Sir Oliver, later Sakr-el-Bahr, the hawk of the sea, and Enid Bennett is cast as Rosa-



Milton Sills in "The Sea Hawk"

mund, his sweetheart. Lloyd Hughes Wallace Beery, Frank Currier, Marc MacDermott, Wallace MacDonald, Mme. Medea Radzina, who recently left the Moscow Art Theatre to cast her fortunes with the cinema; Kathleen Key, Christine Montt, Claire de Silva, Lionel Belmore, Fred de Silva, Bobbie Bolder, Albert Prisco, Kate Price, Louis Morrison and others equally well known.

"BY DIVINE RIGHT" A Very Interesting Love Story, at The Auditorium.

Austin Farrol, known as "The Prince," runs a mission in a large city. He is deeply loved by the im-



migrants and the jetsam and flotsam of the city to whom, thru a marvelous "sixth sense," he has brought

contentment and happiness. To him come widows who have been forced to leave their husbands, Trent, an unscrupulous politician, because of his handling of the "The Prince" finds a place for Mildred in his mission and as a result of his selfish interest she falls deeply in love with him.

Trent will pursue Mildred and as a last resort to separate the girl and Farrol, instructs one of his fire-lings to burn the mission. The fire destroys the building and Farrol is accused of burning it and railroaded to prison. There is a train wreck and he escapes, but he allows it to be thought that he has perished.

Mildred is heartbroken when she hears of his death, but consoles herself with the thought that his spirit will always be with her. In the course of her mission work, she meets Mrs. Trent, who has been an anonymous worker in the mission, Mrs. Trent invites her to her home. The girl goes, not suspecting that this woman is the wife of the man whom she so fears and loathes.

Farrol has in the meantime returned, minus his beard (which entirely alters his appearance) and secured a position as secretary to Trent, who is puzzled by the man's resemblance to someone he knows. Farrol is greatly loved by the entire family; especially by the Trent's little daughter, a child of five.

One evening while a party is in progress at the Trent home, "The Boss" seeks out Mildred in her poor little room. Unable to defend herself against his brutal advances, she threatens to hurl herself from the window when—

The little Trent baby, fascinated by the weird Oriental melodies of the Chinese orchestra (part of the evening's entertainment) climbs out on the balustrade of her nursery window and falls. Farrol finds her and carries her to her little bed, where she calls pleadingly for "My Daddy." Farrol now uses his great power for good, concentrates on the spot and calls thru space for the father of the child.

Strangely, and almost miraculously, Trent hears his baby calling—he is filled with shame at his own evil designs—bids Mildred goodbye and leaves for home, where he discovers "The Prince" at the bedside of his child. The doctors pronounce the baby lamed for life, but "The Prince" again uses his great power for good, and cures the child "by divine right."

Farrol reveals himself as "The Prince" of the Mission, and Trent begs his forgiveness for the wrongs done him. There is a reconciliation between Trent and his wife and Farrol and Mildred find happiness in their love.

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