



WASHINGTON-YAMHILL POMONA

BUILDING BRIDGES

Reviewing the history of the Patrons of Husbandry, Mortimer Whitehead, National Grange Lecturer, tells us that the “Grange represents the most peaceful of all occupations. (1) The Grange got its start after “the war of the Rebellion” which ended in the spring of 1865.” (2) President Lincoln, before his death advocated for “peace and the best terms possible with a view to reviving and building up agriculture of the devastated Southern states. Gen. Grant then in command of the Union armies, caught the idea and said “Let us have peace,” and “let the men keep their horses, they will need them to put in crops.” (3)

With the goal of reviving the farms in the Southern states, Professor Isaac Newton of the Bureau of Agriculture selected Oliver Hudson Kelley, a Minnesota farmer, to the task of assessing what could be done to help revive the farms.

In early January of 1866, Oliver Hudson Kelley started on his journey. ----“while on this trip and sailing up the Mississippi river he noted its power, and yet it represented the united rain drops which had fallen on the hills and valleys of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, and many more western states.” (4) He was impressed with the power of its unity and thought of the advantages to the farmers, not just in the south, but the country as a whole of coming together and organizing.

When he returned to Washington D.C. Oliver Hudson Kelley proposed his idea of a farmer’s organization to several individuals who took interest. The seed thus planted in 1866 took root and grew into what it is today.

The Grange is a product of uniting farmers after a war, and at the close of each meeting we are reminded to be “peaceful citizens.” However, peaceful and outspoken sometimes fail to work in harmony. During the 1918 State Grange session in Walla Walla, Washington the Washington State Grange was forced out of town by mob rule and about a month later the State Grange Master, William Bouck was arrested and charged with violation of the espionage act. Although the charges would be dropped after the war, the damage was done.

2021 CALENDAR

POMONA MEETINGS

10:00AM

Lunch \$5.00

*April 17, 2021

Aloha Grange #773

3425 SW 185th - Aloha

*July 17, 2021

Winona Grange #271

8340 SW Seneca St, Tualatin

*October 16, 2021

Washington Grange #313

16430 SW Pumpkin Ridge Rd

North Plains, Oregon

GOOD OF THE ORDER MEETINGS

10:00AM

*February 20, 2021

Washington Grange #313

16430 SW Pumpkin Ridge Rd

North Plains, Oregon

*May 15, 2021

Scholls Grange #338

16917 SW Hillsboro Hwy

Scholls, Oregon

*September 18, 2021

Winona Grange #271

8340 SW Seneca St, Tualatin

*November 20, 2021

Leedy Grange #339

835 Saltzman Rd, Portland

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In defense of the Grange and Master William Bouck, The labor journal had this to say, “The occurrence at Walla Walla is a rather raw example, but it is an example of what the people may expect when they allow a certain element in a community to seize the reins of authority and use the power thus given them wholly for personal ends.

It is possible that the ardent "patriots" of Walla Walla have over reached themselves. In spite of the efforts of the subsidized press to excuse and cover up the outrage against the Grange... it might be said that the wrong done the State Grange has its compensations. It will emphasize the necessity of prompt measures to snub this wave of intolerance and criminality, and thus save our communities from the deluge of reprisals that are inevitable if mob rule is to be touted as exuberant patriotism and tolerated by public officials.

The Grange yet has an important role to play. There is no excuse for an apologetic demeanor on the part of the Grange....” (5)

Shortly after the labor journal went on the defense Congressman William L. LaFollette, a Grange member himself went on record - “Immediately after hearing about the discourteous treatment accorded the State Grange at Walla Walla, I wrote to several of my friends, members of the Grange (both democratic and republican in politics), who would, I knew, be in attendance at that meeting. I received their assurance that not one word was uttered at their meetings that could, by the widest stretch of imagination, have been construed as disloyal or un-American. Indeed, they said it would have been extremely unsafe for anyone to attempt to utter a disloyal sentiment... one of my correspondents said: The first thing the Grange did when it opened was to pass a resolution upholding the President of the United States, - it was suggested that a contribution be taken up for the Red Cross, but we were informed that the school board would not allow us to take up a collection in the building. The collection was taken as the members passed out and the money was sent -' Again my correspondent says: 'In every speech made' there was not one' disloyal word spoken, and it would not have been healthy for anyone to have hinted at what could have been thought disloyal.” (6)

The events at Walla Walla, Washington and a letter written to President Wilson from the Executive Officers of the Washington State Grange demanding an investigation into the forced exit of the Grange members was front page news in the August issue of the Oregon State Grange Bulletin. The Oregon State Grange in June of 1918 was held in Salem, and not without its tensions. The newspapers had a field day covering the state session. Fortunately, the storm passed, work was done and resolutions adopted without any arrests and anyone being ran out of town.

At the opening of the Oregon State Grange, C. E. Spence, Oregon State Grange Master during his address in part had this to say “President Wilson has said: 'We must learn, - to meet as our fathers did, somehow, somewhere, for consultation. There must be discussion and debate, in which all freely participate.'

Where is there more suitable place than in the Grange for consultation -and discussion!

"This is a time for calm deliberation and judicious action, and not a time for hysterical speech or mob leadership. President Wilson has well said that he who goes into a mob is not fit to live in a democracy.

Any person or publication that goes to mob rule by word or picture is a worse enemy to the country than the most outspoken pro-Hun in the country.

It is by this calm deliberation and consultation that the members of the Grange are prepared to assume the leadership in a crisis like the present.” (7)

Fast forward a century and the Grange still manages to make headlines whether it is Hillsboro Grange in 2018 or Deer Lagoon Grange in Washington requiring the State Grange Masters to write a rebuttal to the offending newspapers (8) – Tom Gwin, Master of the Washington State Grange so aptly responded to the “Seattle Times” in part he writes:

“The Grange was founded on the vision of bringing together a fractured nation after the Civil War by creating a fraternity for farmers that would transcend regional and political divisions. Again, today we see our country divided — this time by partisanship and unwillingness to respect others’ opinions. The Grange can be as essential today in bridging this gap as it was in 1867.”

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Brother Gwin goes on “If you are interested in assuring a brighter future for your community and nation — one that encourages tolerance and civil discourse, innovating solutions to local challenges and helping those in need — go to wa-grange.com to identify the Grange nearest you”. (9)

Here in Oregon to locate a Grange simply go to <http://orgrange.org/find-a-grange/>



FIG. 8—Oliver H. Kilar



WILLIAM M. BOUCK

- (1) Oregon Grange Bulletin Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, September 1915 – Vol. II No.3 Clipped from the Pennsylvania Grange News a short story of the Grange by Bro. Whitehead, Past Lecturer of the National Grange.
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- (5) The labor journal, June 21, 1918, page 4
- (6) Pullman Herald, July 5, 1918, pg 6
- (7) Daily Capital Journal, June 5, 1918 pg 7
- (8) <https://www.oregonlive.com/news/2018/12/as-sovereign-citizens-take-the-mic-at-hillsboro-grange-community-leaders-sound-an-alarm.html> & Seattle Times, December 13, 2020 by Mike Carter
- (9) Opinion – December 24, 2020 – Special to The Times by Tom Gwin, Master of Washington State Grange

“I chanced to be present when a homesteader, with several illy clad children about his knee, executed a mortgage on the family cow, for money at 12% to pay taxes on the cow.”

A.D. Stillman, author of “Montana’s Nightmare”

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Washington - Yamhill Pomona Grange
January 16, 2021 via ZOOM

Hillsboro Grange #73 - Marilyn reported that Belinda was injured in an accident

Tigard Grange # 148 - Master, Mark Schnetzky plans to write a resolution on the riot that occurred in Tigard last week and called the Pomona Secreatry, Marilyn Reiher for copies of the resolutions the State Grange passed at the last state session.

Winona Grange #271 – Master, Marilyn Reiher reported that Winona’s Treasurer, rental manager, webmaster, and building guru resigned. Their new Treasirer is having problems with Bank of the West. Marilyn recreated rental contracts and has gotten three signed. Their website has been moved to another hosting company and updated. Winona got seed packets from Bi-Mart and 13 volunteers packed 50 double assortments and 9 single assortments. Winona received their first order hours after adding the seed order to their webpage and 12 orders January 15th.

Forest Grove Grange #282 – Jim Clute reported that they raked leaves, worked on lighting, and have regular meetings.

Washington Grange #313 – Master, Linda Dorland reported that they offered the use of the downstairs to “Lucky to Serve,” a non-profit organization that collects toys for school age children in the area whose parents can’t afford Christmas presents. Washington Grange now has a “Go Fund Me” page and has their first Associate Business member. Plans are in process of making an advertisment wall in the dinning room.

ECHOS LEADING UP TO WALLA WALLA

The Grange was not the only organization to find itself in the crosshairs of a divided nation during the early part of the 1900's. Books, many essays and personal accounts can be found during this time. The thought of many, was, the profiteers should use the profits they made from the war to help finance the war. The support for Liberty Bonds was never questioned as members of these organizations gave advertising and money freely to the Liberty Bonds, they also sent their boys overseas to help fight the war. The question that made them unpopular was the share of war profits benefiting the few while the majority financed the war and left the burden of debt from the war on the backs of future generations.

In the Pullman Herald, dated July 5, 1918; Congressman LaFollette in his message quoting Bouck's letter and part of President Wilson's message, had this to say:

" 'Dear Brother .and Sister Patrons:

" 'The time now is when every man or woman Interested In the welfare of their country should demand that this war of democracy should be paid for, as much as possible, by the money that is being made out of war profits. Last year several billions of special profits were' laid aside This year more billions and the entire cost of the war, almost, is placed upon the backs of the producers of the land, until their burdens are almost unbearable—and* wealth untold is being made out of war profit:

" 'We have no moral right to saddle upon the next generation a huge debt that profiteers may gloat over their gains in this.

" 'Buy Liberty Bonds when possible and when needed, but larger war-profit taxes should be paid so a smaller amount of Liberty Bonds will be needed. Do your part by writing to your congressman at once, demanding that larger war taxes be required.

" 'WM. Bouck, " 'Master.'

Congressman LaFollette - confessed: "that I could hardly realize that it was possible even for the editor of the Walla Walla Bulletin to show **temerity enough to

pronounce any part of that letter disloyal, un-American, or in any way unfavorable to the government's Liberty Bond program Not a line in it bears any such construction. In fact the editor of the Walla Walla Bulletin can, with just as much justification, attack President Wilson's last message to the Congress of the United States, which treats on the same subject, as to its Americanism as he can the master of the State Grange for writing the above quoted letter.

"President Wilson said, in part: ...'" Enormous loans freely spent in the stimulation of industry of almost every sort produce inflation and extravagance which presently make the whole economic structure, questionable and insecure and the very basis of credit is cut away. Only fair, equitably distributed taxation, of the widest incident and drawn chiefly from the sources which would be likely to demoralize credit by their abundance, can prevent inflation and keep our industrial system free of speculation and waste. We shall naturally turn therefore. I suppose, to war profits and incomes and luxuries for the additional taxes' applause by congress." (1)

William Bouck was not the only Grange member to find himself behind bars. Members of other organizations also found themselves being investigated as people turned on each other, some ended up serving time others managed to defend themselves and was given a stern warning, such as Carrie Van Orsdall, head of a Fraternal with headquarters in Portland, Oregon, after a visit from "U.S. Army Intelligence Bureau, Department of the West." (2) She laid blame of her visitor's appearance to her friends at the Insurance Federation, she also accused the growing disenchantment at the feet of Mark T. McKee, a businessman. Carlos Schwantes who wrote about the Walla Walla incident laid the blame at the feet of Postmaster General Albert Sydney Burleson and Attorney General Thomas W. Gregory. (3) In the end, division left a gaping hole in the fabric of our Nation and fortunately for us, the Grange survived. Today, we can reflect on our past, learn from it and help heal a Nation that once again has found itself torn apart.

**temerity - meaning nerve or gall

1) Pullman herald, July 5, 1918, pg 6

2) Pacific Echo, Portland, Oregon, July 1918

3) Carlos A. Schwantes, The Ordeal of William Morley Bouck, 1918 – 1919: Limits to the Federal Suppression of Agrarian Dissidents

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Scholls Grange #338 – Tonianna Perry reported that they have had no meetings. She has Zoom and plans, if necessary, to go to members' homes to show how to use it. A large amount of donations was made to fire victims and their rummage sale was a success.

Leedy Grange #339 - Bob & Yvonne Clarke are in Arizona and no word from any other members lately.

Kinton Grange #562 – Sam Keator reported that Kinton has had Zoom meetings and Marilyn reported Kinton ordered 2 boxes of seeds to distribute.

Aloha Grange #773 – Mike Duyck reported that he and his wife waxed and polished the downstairs floors. They have enough rentals to cover their loan payments to State Grange. Connie Clark said that they adopted a family for Christmas. They gave 3 laptops to the children and gift cards for groceries.

Dixie Mountain Grange #860 – Calls to Dan Logan are not being returned.



UNDATED PHOTOS OF
MCMINNVILLE GRANGE #31



Above photo: Fernwood Grange #770

The Short Story of it --

In the October 4, 1873 Willamette Farmer, Daniel Clark, the first Oregon State Grange Master announced that he had in part, appointed as State Grange Deputies:

Yamhill – A. B. Henry, Lafayette

Washington – T. D. Humphrey, Hillsboro

Wm. Cyrus, Scio, Eastern Oregon,
Eastern Washington and Idaho

YAMHILL COUNTY GRANGES

W. T. Frank, Shelton, Walla Walla,
Washington Territory

Although Oregon was admitted to the union February 14, 1859, Washington and Idaho were still territories at the organization of the Oregon State Grange in the fall of 1873. The newly appointed deputies had a lot of ground to cover. Transportation was not like it is today, and one of the main topics in many Grange meeting was better transportation access.

Good Roads and Taxes were of major concern to the farmer as they struggled to produce the product for a small amount of profit



and getting the product from the farm to market. Many accounts can be had concerning the farmer on his way to town and stopping to rest for the night before arriving into town the following day. The trip home he would usually stop and rest before making the final leg of his journey home. Our tradition of voting on a Tuesday in November is due to the farmer. November the harvest is over, and Monday was the first day of travel. The farmer would rest for the night at a stopping point and arrive into town on Tuesday to cast his vote.



YAMHILL COUNTY GRANGES 1873

Excelsior Grange #16 – Organized July 1873 – W. J. Campbell Deputy
McMinnville Grange #31 -Organized October 2, 1873
Lafayette Grange # 32

Walter Pierce

A few interesting facts:

- *He worked the wheat fields of Walla Walla, Washington before settling in Oregon
- *1886 – 1890 he served as superintendent of the Umatilla County public schools
- *Earned his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1896
- *In Pendleton his law partner was A. D. Stillman
- *He sat on the Executive Committee of the Oregon State Grange
- *Supported the Columbia River hydropower
- *In 1902 he won a four-year term in the *Oregon* state Senate
- *Served as Oregon's Governor 1923 - 1927

Above photo: Walter Pierce

The Short Story of it --

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Grange members were mostly farmers, taxes and good roads were of major concern next to railroads during the early Grange meetings. Governor Walter Pierce was a farmer and a Grange member. He held the same views as the majority of the Patrons of Husbandry. Good roads were important. But so was paying as you go policy; he didn't like the idea of bonds and the expense they placed upon the State. In 1947, the *Salem Capital Journal* reported that nearly 30 years since the first highway bonds had been issued, the state had paid \$30,251,906 in interest on a total of \$44,200,000 in long – and short-term bonds.

The Grange, Farmers Union and labor organizations backed Governor Pierce in fighting against the bonds without success. And yet

they still wanted good roads, and the pay as you go policy. During the August 1916 Pomona meeting, Yamhill Grange Members went on record as favoring the State Wide Tax and Indebtedness Limitation amendment which was to appear on the ballot at the November election. After being defeated, Governor Pierce sat down in 1917 and drew up what became known as the Market to Road bill; which was passed in the 1919 legislature. This piece of legislation created many hundreds of miles of market roads.

Walter Pierce enjoyed the backing of the Grange members. Many Patrons would gather in numbers when he was the guest speaker. During their April meeting in 1923, Yamhill Pomona invited Walter Pierce to speak. Meeting at the Woodmen hall in McMinnville and after the business meeting the large attendance was treated to the guest speakers, Dr. W. J. Spillman of the bureau of farm economic of

Washington, D. C., State Master Spence, and Governor Pierce, who was enthusiastically received, as he was frequently interrupted with applause.

It was not all business for the members of Yamhill Pomona. They also gathered for picnics and dances. But as the years progressed and the Granges of Yamhill County became few and far between, Pomona lost its membership and eventually merged with Washington County Pomona. When you consider the fertile soil, fresh breeze blowing in off the coast range and the varied agriculture products that come from the farms of Yamhill and Washington County it seems to be a good fit. The distance traveled from one end of the county to another can be considerable, but with the knowledge of our predecessors and how they had to travel makes the distance all that more pleasant.



I've been hiding from exercise.



I'm in the fitness protection program.



Lecturer's Challenge:

Place Mr. Potato Head's parts to the side

Put feet on Mr. Potato

Set timer to start and put Mr. Potato Head together

When done stop timer

Take photo – send photo & time to:

tthorud@hotmail.com

Winner will be announced at April's Pomona meeting

I found some fun play on words in the handbook prepared by Henry Henickson, Oregon State Grange Deputy. Not able to locate a date but the drawing on the front cover is the State Grange building in Portland – so that should narrow it down a few years – I could narrow it down even further when I find my little pink book with the historical listing of Grange officers –

State Abbreviations

Not a state for the untidy?

WASH.

The father of states?

PA.

The most maidenly?

MISS.

The most useful at haying time?

MO.

Best in time of flood?

ARK.

The doctor's state?

MD.

The mining stae?

ORE.

No such word as fail?

KAN.

The Nut Game

What grows nearest the sea?

Beachnut

What nut grows in the Amazon?

Brazil Nut

What nut is like a Jersey cow?

Butternut

What is the carpenter's favorite nut?

Walnut

6 STRETCHES

for Back Pain Relief



Kneeling Lunge Stretch



Back Flexion Stretch



Piriformis Muscle Stretch



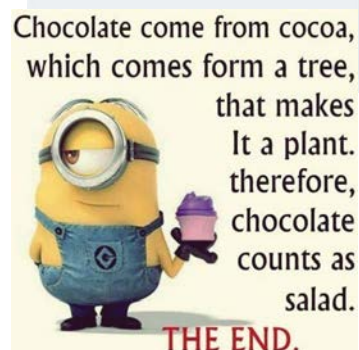
Chair Hamstring Stretch



Lateral Flexion Stretch



Towel Hamstring Stretch



Now you know the answers to the Lecturer's program in April



Emma Nutt (above photo) the world's first telephone operator began her career September 1, 1878.

In 1891 – Pendleton, Oregon, C. S. Jackson of the East Oregonian made it a personal battle to rid Pendleton of the phone. In his memoirs Governor Walter Pierce recalled that they “gave them a good black eye” and drove the number of phones to about 17 before they came back with a vengeance.

Remember Lillian Tomlin when she played the switch board operator? You can find her in action on you tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpaW7VzDtT4>



UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN



Today I sent out a text saying
"Hey, I lost my phone,
will you call it?"



12 people called me...
I need smarter friends.

