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## FIRST DAY.

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REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING, }  
December 11, 1888.

The sixteenth annual session of the Michigan State Grange opened in form at 10 o'clock A. M., with the Worthy Master, Thomas Mars, in the chair.

On roll call the following were found present:

Master, Thomas Mars; Lecturer, Jason Woodman; Steward, William Shaffer; Assistant Steward, A. E. Green; Secretary, J. T. Cobb; Gate Keeper, J. C. Gould; Pomona, Mrs. Perry Mayo; Flora, Mrs. J. C. Gould; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. A. E. Green.

The Worthy Master filled the vacant chairs by appointment as follows: Brother Perry Mayo, Overseer; Sister O. M. Sykes, Chaplain, and Sister W. F. Adams, Cerea.

The following Committee on Credentials was appointed by the Worthy Master: Brothers Jason Woodman, O. M. Sykes, Wm. Burrus, and Sisters Martin C. Brest and Walter C. Timms.

On motion of Brother Platt the order of business of the last session was adopted as follows:

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Grange in form.
2. Reading journal of previous day's session.
3. Presentation of petitions and memorials.
4. Reports of officers of the State Grange.
5. Report of the Executive Committee.
6. Reports of standing committees.
7. Reports of special committees.

8. Motions and resolutions.
9. Special order of the day.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Closing in form.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

*Worthy Master.*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully submit the following report:

- ALLIGAN—Jos. H. Dunwell and wife, Martin C. Brest and wife, J. L. Austin and wife.  
 ANTRIM—Jos. G. Autherson and wife.  
 BARRY—Gilbert Walker and wife, C. W. Taylor and wife.  
 BERRIEN—Asa Sherwood and wife, Wm. Burtus and wife.  
 BRANCH—William Lott and wife.  
 CALHOUN—Homer Case and wife.  
 CASS—B. J. Wiley and wife.  
 CLINTON—J. W. Ernest and wife, L. L. Plowman and wife.  
 EATON—Jos. Shaw and wife, Louis Lemmon and wife.  
 GENESEE—John Passmore and wife.  
 GRAND TRAVERSE—A. P. Gray and wife.  
 GRATIOT—B. D. Ackmoody and wife.  
 HILLSDALE—Jas. Cousins and wife, Thos. E. Cooney and wife, Earl H. Dresser and wife.  
 HURON—Jos. Donaldson, Jas. Haley.  
 INGHAM—Jas. Webb and wife, Elliott H. Angell and wife.  
 IONIA—Dr. and Mrs. Willey, D. H. English and wife.  
 JACKSON—Abel N. Howe.  
 KALKASKA—Thos. Lancaster and wife.  
 KALAMAZOO—Malachi Cox and wife.  
 KENT—Melvin Willetts and wife, Lewis H. Wilmarth and wife, E. V. E. Pratt and wife, Loren Day and wife.  
 LAPEER—Nathan Stover and wife.  
 LENAWE—W. W. Foster and wife, E. A. Taylor and wife.  
 LIVINGSTON—Gilbert Bradley and wife.  
 MACOMB—Thos. Brabb and wife.  
 MANISTEE—John F. Lyke and wife.  
 MECOSTA—Jos. Smith and wife.  
 MONTCALM—Geo. Douglass and wife.  
 MUSKEGON—J. S. Burton and wife.  
 NEWAYGO—Jas. Robertson and wife.  
 OCEANA—Truman Jacobs and wife.  
 OAKLAND—O. L. Murray and wife, H. Andrews and wife, L. C. Haines and wife.  
 OTTAWA—Edwin Fellows and wife.  
 OTSEGO—N. L. Parmeter and wife.  
 ST. CLAIR—Peter Holly.  
 ST. JOSEPH—J. C. Dougherty and wife, J. J. Bennett and wife.  
 SAGINAW—Fred'ck G. Totten and wife.  
 SANILAC—Elias Stouffer and wife.  
 SHLAWASSEE—N. K. Potter and wife.  
 TUSCOLA—W. J. Campbell and wife.

VAN BUREN—W. R. Sistine and wife, O. M. Sykes and wife.  
 WASHTENAW—D. D. Cook and wife.  
 WAYNE—S. A. Cady and wife.  
 WEXFORD—John L. Snethen and wife.

### Pomona Granges.

BERRIEN, No. 1—J. J. Murphy and wife.  
 OAKLAND, No. 5.—Lorin L. Richmond and wife.  
 WASHTENAW, No. 7.—J. G. Rook and wife.  
 WAYNE, No. 8.—John McPherson and wife.  
 HILLSDALE, No. 10.—Walter J. Timmes and wife.  
 VAN BUREN, No. 13.—E. L. Warner and wife.  
 INGHAM, No. 14.—Robert L. Hewitt.  
 LENAWEE, No. 15.—P. H. Dowling and wife.  
 IONIA, No. 16.—Henry J. Hall and wife.  
 TRAVERSE, No. 17.—E. O. Ladd and wife.  
 KENT, No. 18.—Wm. T. Adams and wife.  
 WESTERN, No. 19.—Melvin S. Smith and wife.  
 BRANCH, No. 22.—J. D. W. Fisk and wife.  
 MONTCALM, No. 24.—H. B. Crawford and wife.  
 CLINTON, No. 25.—Alfred Gunnison and wife.  
 BARRY, No. 26.—O. Barrett and wife.  
 KALAMAZOO, No. 27.—Hosea Cox.  
 EATON, No. 28.—D. W. Reed and wife.  
 LAPEER, No. 29.—Emery E. Owen and wife.  
 TUSCOLA, No. 30.—Wm. D. Babcock and wife.  
 ALLEGAN, No. 33.—A. T. Stark and wife.  
 LIVINGSTON, No. 34.—A. M. Wells and wife.  
 HURON, No. 35.—Richard Nugent, Jr., and wife.  
 GRATIOT, No. 36.—Elbridge Franklin and wife.

JASON WOODMAN,  
 O. M. SYKES,  
 WM. BURRUS,  
 SISTER MARTIN C. BREST,  
 SISTER WALTER C. TIMMS.  
*Committee.*

Report received, adopted and committee continued.

The Worthy Master presented the following invitation from Capital Grange:

NORTH LANSING, December 11, 1888.

*To the Officers and Members of the Michigan State Grange, Visiting Brothers and Sisters, Greeting:*

The members of Capitol Grange No. 540, P. of H., extend to you all a cordial invitation to meet with them on Wednesday evening, Dec. 12th, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., at their hall in North Lansing.

Yours fraternally,  
 WM. SHAFFER, *Secretary.*

A motion of Bro. Hewitt to accept unanimously prevailed.

Bro. Burrington moved the Superintendent of Public

Instruction, Prof. Estabrook, be invited to address this body to-morrow at two o'clock,

Motion prevailed.

Regular order of business taken up.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Bro. Warner from the Van Buren County Pomona Grange, presented a petition relating to limiting the length of the session of the Legislature.

Received and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

By the same, a resolution relating to incorporating cities and villages; also a resolution in relation to the pay of legislators during their absence on individual business.

Received and referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Bro. Murphy, from Berrion Center Grange, presented a resolution asking for the appointment of a committee that shall give personal attention to securing legislative action on any and all measures that may be adopted by this State Grange at this session, requiring State or National legislation.

Received and referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Bro. Ackmoody presented a resolution relating to the exactions of millers.

Received and referred to the Committee on Legislative Action.

By the same, a petition relating to attending caucuses and looking after the farmers' interests.

Received and referred to the Committee on Legislative Action.

Bro. Burten presented a petition relating to consolidating the three degrees into one.

Received and referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

A Brother from Newago County Grange, presented a resolution relating to trusts.

Received and referred to the Committee on Legislative Action.

Bro. Dougherty from Riverside Grange, presented a resolution relating to monopolies.



Received and referred to the Committee on Legislative Action.

By the same, a resolution relating to taxation.

Received and referred to the same committee.

By the same, a resolution relating to postal banks.

Received and referred to the Committee on Legislative Action.

Bro. Shepherdson from Corey Grange, a resolution relative to our School Laws.

Received and referred to the Committee on Legislative Action.

Bro. J. E. Webb presented a resolution from Granges Nos. 115 and 289, relating to changing the Ritual.

Received and referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Bro. Dougherty a resolution relating to the rights of the agriculturists.

Received and referred to the Committee on Legislative Action.

A Brother from Grove Grange, No. 528, a resolution relating to text-books in our schools.

Received and referred to the Committee on Education.

Bro. Fisk from Branch County Pomona Grange, a resolution relating to Farmer's Institutes.

Received and referred to the Committee on Legislative Action.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE STATE GRANGE.

The Worthy Master read his annual address, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Division of Labor.  
*Officers, Members and Patrons of Michigan:*

To-day we are convened in the 16th annual session of the Michigan State Grange, upon fifteen of which I have been in attendance. I have watched with pleasure and profit the receding years, and to-day I am more than ever convinced that this Order is the medium of the greatest good to the greatest number, of any known organization of farmers. I have seen the farmers and farmers' wives taken from their rural homes to the Grange hall and transformed from silent spectators to able writers and debaters, ready to defend with marked ability, the great interest in which we are engaged.

All over this beautiful State we see a visible improvement in their homes and surroundings. The farms show a better state of cultivation, the stock upon the farms is materially improved, and

in every way the farmer is better educated—broader-minded and fast becoming as nature designed, the honored of the land.

One year ago, the helm of the State Grange organization was placed in untried hands, handed down by an able, experienced pilot who had steered the ship through many rough and boisterous seas, always in port on time. No one member felt the change more keenly than myself and you all know that the chances were equal, that the good ship was liable to drift into shoal water, but with the knowledge of the danger, the Order in the State did the wise thing of recommending able deputies to assist and with their kind co-operation, and by the aid of the very able lecturer of the State Grange, we have the pleasure of returning to your hands, the authority with which I was invested, without the loss of a single organization, with seven new and four Granges reinstated. The many kind greetings of members in the various localities where it has been my pleasure to visit, will ever be bright spots in my memory. I cannot feel that my efforts have been crowned with success, but hope that none feel that my efforts were actuated by any other than pure motives for good.

We meet under more favorable auspices than one year ago. Then we felt a depression from drouth all over the state, and a decline in price below the cost of production; to-day we are enjoying the blessings of a fair crop and prices commensurate. We do not feel the necessity of so closely counting the cost of spending a few moments in visiting places of pleasure and profit, and can have a few more dimes to improve our homes and surroundings. Let us be on the alert, seek every possible avenue to better our condition; let us not think that we are the most down-trodden people on the earth, and that every other calling is seeking our destruction. We must educate ourselves in the broadest sense, remembering that no calling in this broad land is equal to ours, and while we seek to better our condition we must not forget the toiling millions in other avenues of life; we own the foundation and control the superstructure if we will.

The Order in our State is in a flourishing condition. Much has been done to extend its interest in every locality where demands were made, but much more might have been done if time and means had been at our disposal. It seems to me that a more systematic lecture system might be devised, and a larger number of the farmers might be reached at a less cost of time and money. The lecture field has been worked the past year principally by the State Lecturer and your Master. Our former able lecturers who stirred the minds of the people with their eloquence and devoted sincerity have retired during the past year to higher stations or home duties, or to watch the sick bed of those near and dear to them. I must say right here that many urgent calls have been made upon me for Sister Mayo, but I was early informed that she was confined to the sick bed of a dear daughter, and while we seriously missed her noble work in the field we knew her kindest wishes were with us and in turn we extend to her and her family our sincerest sympathy.

I trust it will be part of the work of this meeting to devise ways and means to thoroughly work every available field in this State, and when another year is past, every farmer and farmer's wife of good moral character will have united with our Order. It is needless for me to say that the necessity for united effort at this time is greater than ever, for all must be convinced that at no period

in the history of this nation has there existed a time when thorough organization was so important to the welfare of producer and consumer. The Grange, to my mind, is the best and surest medium, and while we have stood the test for twenty-two years no minor organizations can expect to achieve greater results than have the Patrons of Husbandry. We are confronted on every hand by combines and trusts organized for greater profits in business. For instance, the coal barons of the east combine and put up prices and say to the consumers, "You must pay our prices or freeze." This is only one of the many which are combining to thwart the great law of supply and demand. It is another name for robbery, and our law-making power should enact a law that would put them in the same category with masked highwaymen, or be held responsible to the people. Believing, as we do, that the Order of Patrons of Husbandry is seeking the greatest good for the greatest number, and as we represent an interest more potent for good than all others combined, it is proper and right that we should thoroughly organize and demand of the law-making power of this country, fair and equitable protection for the masses. Much has been done in this direction but more remains to be accomplished.

Patrons, in deliberating upon questions to be presented for State and National legislation, select those requiring immediate attention and do not demand consideration of any wild undigested theories. Better concentrate on one well defined purpose and follow it to its final consummation, than demand too much and lose all.

The National Grange closed its twenty-second annual session at Topeka, Kansas, November 22. It was a most harmonious and instructive meeting. All the States were represented except Florida, Louisiana and Arkansas. The reports represented an increase in all the States and in some larger additions than for many years. It is not necessary that I should take your time in reciting the many valuable and important questions there acted upon, all of which will be laid before you soon. There were four amendments to the constitution adopted by the National Grange for ratification or rejection, as follows:

#### AMENDMENTS.

1. Amend Article 7 by adding thereto the following: "Provided, That State Granges shall have the power to reduce the fee within their respective jurisdictions to any sum not less than one dollar."

2. Amend Article 1, under the head of District and County Granges, by striking out the words, "not to exceed one in each county," where they occur in the second line of said article.

3. Amend Article 14 by striking out the words, "three-fourths," where they occur in the third line of said article, and insert in lieu thereof the words, "two-thirds."

4. Amend Article 7 by adding thereto the following: "Provided, That the membership fee for the children of the members of the Order, under twenty-one (21) years of age shall be one dollar."

The above amendments should be referred to the proper committees, and by them thoroughly considered. There were many good arguments presented in favor of the amendments.

The National Grange was well received by the people of Topeka and the Patrons of Kansas. The capitol building in an unfinished condition was thrown open for our use, and no pains spared for our comfort. The city of Topeka is a thing of beauty—