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ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. The membership of this Grange shall consist of those who have been initiated or received by dimit.

Sec. 2. All members of the Grange and all who may become members shall be members of the corporation.
ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of this Grange shall consist of and rank as follows, to wit: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and Lady Assistant Steward, who shall be annually elected by ballot at the first regular meeting of the Grange in December of each year, and hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Sec. 2. When an officer is absent for three consecutive meetings the Grange may declare the office vacant by a majority vote of the members present, and order a new election.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. Master.—It shall be the duty of the Master to open the meeting
at the appointed time, or as soon thereafter as there is a quorum present, and it shall be his duty to close the Grange at the appointed hour, unless the time of closing is extended by a majority vote at that session; to preside impartially; to see that the general rules and forms of the order are strictly observed; and perform such other duties as pertain to the office.

Sec. 2. Overseer.—It shall be the duty of the Overseer to assist the Master, to preside over the Grange in the absence of the Master, and such other duties as pertain to the office.

Sec. 3. Lecturer.—It shall be the duty of the Lecturer, in addition to the duties required by the Ritual, to have charge of the literary exercises of the Grange.

Sec. 4. Steward.—The Steward's duties shall be to have charge of the inner gate, and perform such other duties as are required by the Ritual.
SEC. 5. Assistant Steward.—This officer shall assist the Steward in his duties as Steward, and in his absence, fill his place, and perform such other duties as are required by the Ritual.

SEC. 6. Treasurer.—The Treasurer shall receive all money from the hands of the Secretary, and give a receipt for the same. He shall keep an account of all money received, and pay from the same, on the order of the Master and Secretary. He shall give a full statement of the condition of the Treasury at the first meeting in January and whenever called upon by the Grange to do so. He shall give a bond, acceptable to the Trustees to the amount of $500.

SEC. 7. Secretary.—I. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a true record of the proceedings of each meeting; to keep a just and true account of all money received and deposit the same with the Treasurer; to countersign all orders drawn on the treasurer and ap-
proved by the Grange; to conduct the correspondence and perform all other duties pertaining to the office.

II. The Secretary shall at the end of the year, notify all members whose dues are unpaid.

III. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to report to the Grange at the meeting preceding the date of making the quarterly returns to the State Grange such members as are owing dues for one year; and such members may be suspended by a majority vote of the members present.

IV. The Secretary shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grange shall prescribe.

Sec. 8. Gate-Keeper.—It shall be the duty of this officer to see that the gates are properly guarded.

Sec. 9. Chaplain and Lady Officers. —The duties of the Chaplain and the several lady officers shall be the same as required by the Constitution of the National Grange, and the Ritual of the Order.
ARTICLE. IV
MEETINGS.

Section 1. Regular meetings of this Grange shall be held once in two weeks, on Saturday, (Reckoning from Nov. 28, 1903.) From the first of May to the first of November at 7.30 o'clock P. M. and from the first of November to the first of May at 2 o'clock P. M. but a different time may be determined for a future meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by a vote of the Grange at a regular meeting, or by the Master, at his discretion or upon the written request of seven members, of which due notice shall be given by the Secretary to the members. But no business of the Grange shall be transacted at such meetings except such as shall be specified in the call for same.

Sec. 3. The time for closing meetings shall be 4.30 for day meetings and
9.30 for evening meetings, but the time may be extended by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE V.

RITUAL.

SECTION 1. The Ritual adopted by the National Grange shall be used in this Grange, and any alteration in the same shall not be tolerated.

ARTICLE VI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Standing Committees of this Grange shall consist of the Trustees, a Finance Committee, and a Visiting Committee.

SEC. 2. The Trustees.—The Master, Overseer and Treasurer, and their successors in office, shall constitute a board of Trustees for the Grange as a corporation, and shall hold the Grange property in trust for the members of the
Grange, and have general oversight of the Grange during recess; and look after the general welfare of the Grange.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to inspect and approve all bills and accounts after they are presented to the Grange, and they shall be authorized to examine the Treasurer's books, the Secretary's books and vouchers, and report the financial condition of the Grange at the first meeting in January, and at such other times as the Grange may require, and report the same in writing to be filed with the Secretary.

Sec. 4. The visiting Committee shall consist of the Chaplain and two sisters. It shall be their duty to visit all members who are sick, and use all diligence to make them as comfortable as the circumstances will allow, calling the members of the Grange to aid and assist, if necessary.
ARTICLE VII.
MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Any person engaged in agricultural pursuits, and having no interests in conflict with the purposes of the Order, of the age of fourteen years, is eligible to membership.

Sec. 2. The membership fee—three dollars for men, and one dollar for women—must accompany the application, and the Master shall not allow a ballot to be taken for a candidate until the full membership fee is paid.

Sec. 3. Each application shall be in writing, recommended by two members, and when received referred to a special committee of investigation, of three members, appointed by the Master and Overseer. The candidates shall be balloted for at a subsequent meeting. It shall require three negative votes to reject.

Sec. 4. Any member holding a dimit, in force, may apply to this Grange for membership and shall be subject to
the same form of petition, examination and ballot as those first applying for membership, except they may be admitted without fee.

Sec. 5. After a petition has been received and noted on the books, the application can be withdrawn at any time before a ballot is ordered thereon.

Sec. 6. The applicant shall present himself or herself, for initiation within three months subsequent to the balloting (unless for good cause shown.) Upon their refusal so to do, the fee shall be forfeited.

Sec. 7. Each member shall pay as dues the sum of $1.20 per year to the Grange Secretary.

Sec. 8. Any member who shall be in arrears for dues for one year, shall be notified by the Secretary to appear and pay the same; provided, that if said member has left the jurisdiction of the Grange, the notice may be left, or sent by mail, to the last known place of residence of said member; and if he shall
then neglect to pay the dues in thirty days, he may be suspended.

Sec. 9. Any member in good standing, and not in arrears for dues, shall be entitled to a dimit, on proper application to the Grange, and payment of dues during the time for which the dimit is in force. Dimit cards shall not be valid for more than one year.

Sec. 10. Any member of this Grange who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for five years, may be re-installed upon payment of a new fee, by a majority vote of the Grange.

Sec. 11. No member or visitor shall improperly divulge the rejection of a candidate, or other transaction of the Grange, on penalty of suspension, if a member; and if a visitor, of not being again allowed to visit the Grange, and of being reported to the Grange to which he may belong. It shall be the duty of the Master, immediately after the rejection of a candidate, to cause this section to be read for the information of all members present.
ARTICLE VIII.

REGALIA.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of each member on entering the hall after the meeting is opened to be properly clothed in regalia and remain so until the close of the meeting.

Sec. 2. No member shall be allowed to speak or vote upon any question unless clothed in proper regalia.

ARTICLE IX.

DANCING.

Section 1. Dancing at Grange meetings, entertainments, and festivals will not be tolerated by the Grange.

ARTICLE X.

CORPORATION BUSINESS.

Section 1. All business as a corporation shall be transacted at regular
Grange meetings and the officers of the Grange shall be officers of the corporation.

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ARTICLE XI.

QUORUM.

Section 1. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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ARTICLE XII.

Section 1. All persons are strictly forbidden to spit on the floor, under penalty of a fine of $1.00.

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ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Additions, erasures, alterations and amendments may be made to these by-laws by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided the resolution shall
be made in writing, and have been before the Grange at least two weeks.

Sec. 2. All acts and By-laws passed and approved prior to this date are hereby repealed.