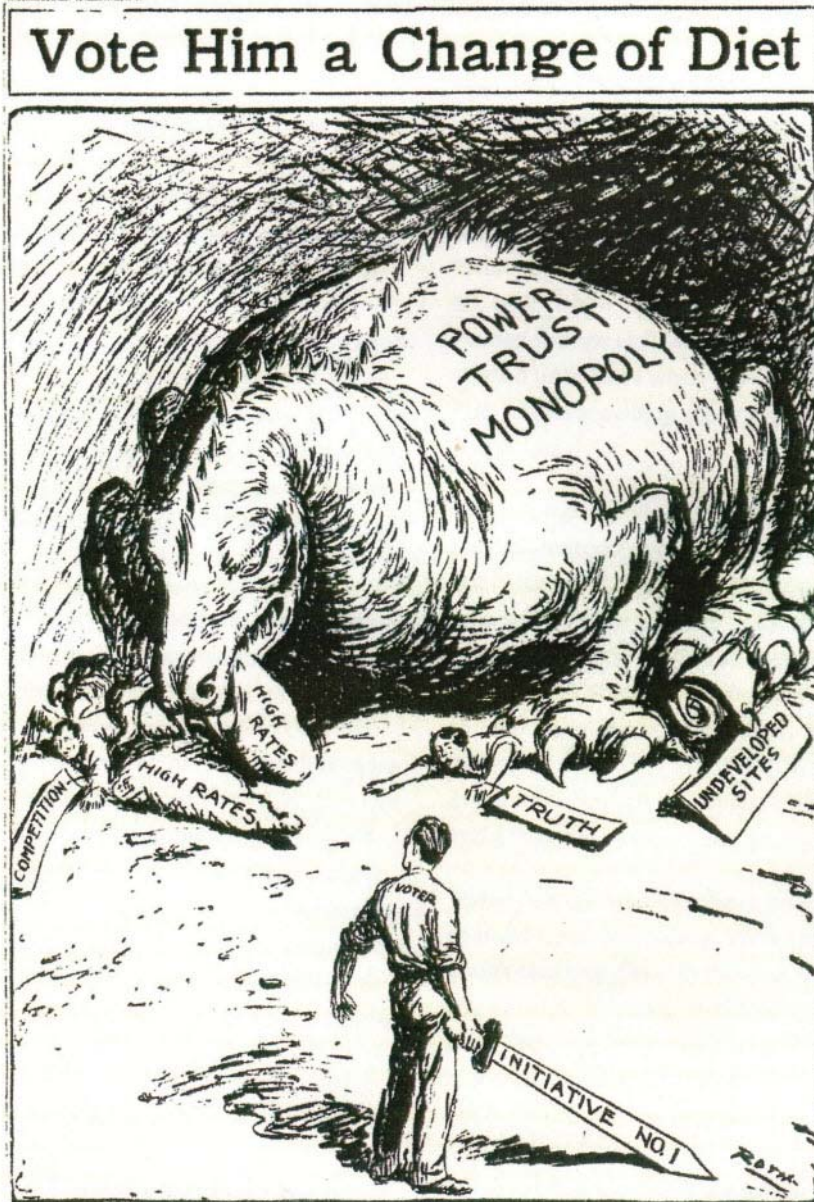


LEGISLATION

WE ARE NOT DONE YET!

The Grange News was one of the prominent voices urging passage of Initiative No. 1 in 1930. This cartoon appeared on the eve of the election.



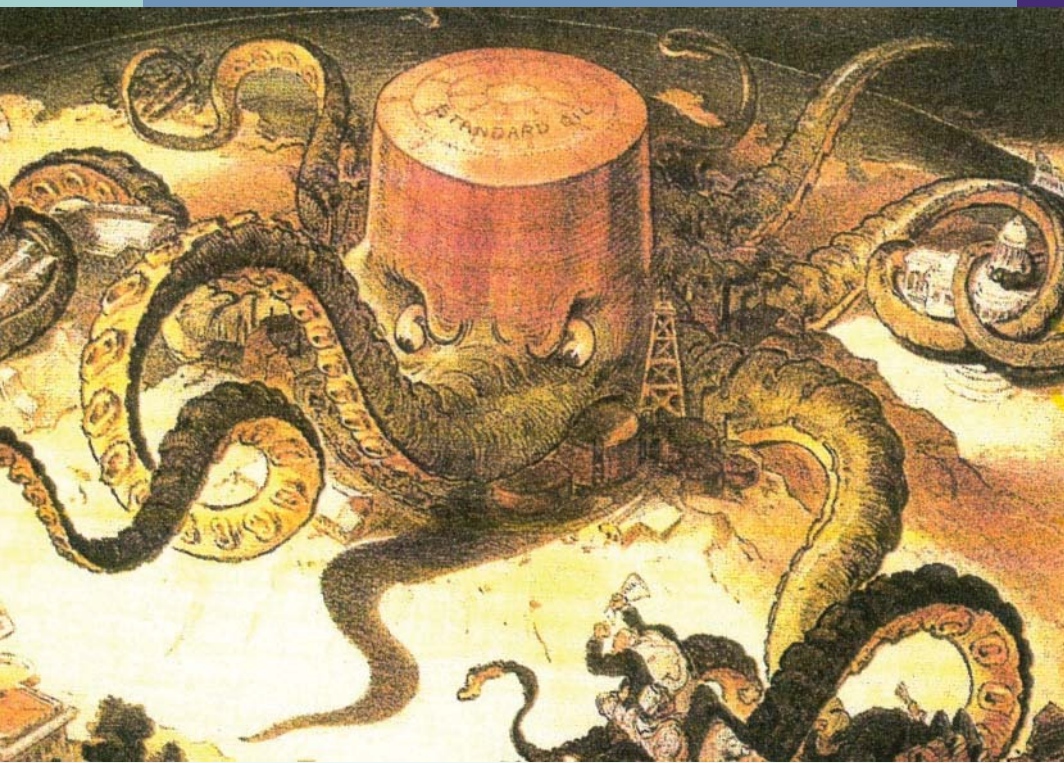
When the Grange is the Strongest

Legislation is an important component of the Grange. It is a well documented fact that the Grange is at its optimum when we are fighting for something we believe in as a whole. - An example:

The stock market crash of October 1929 and the bankruptcy of a large electric company on November 2, 1929 followed by many other electric companies from 1929 to 1932, wiped out the life savings of many individuals. The pillars of finance rang with a hollow sound as the FTC investigated the utility companies. The newspapers of the day fed the general public with continuous stories of financial manipulation and profiteering. If we had taken the time to review one of the Grange's most notable achievements (among many) we may have avoided a lapse in memory or judgment whatever the case may have been, and perhaps we could have prevented the repercussions of deregulation.

The link between the Grange and PUDs and co-ops dates back before the Great Depression. Rural areas cut off from many of the luxury items their urban cousins enjoyed found themselves with little recourse. This is where the Patrons of Husbandry found their greatest strength, defending the families in isolated areas.

Washington was the first state in the nation to pass a bill allowing voters to form PUDs. A monumental task when you consider what the members were up against and what the private utility companies stood to lose. Fred Chamberlain in his book wrote how the Grange set up headquarters in the Railway Exchange Building in Seattle to work on gathering signed petitions as they labored for PUDs. When they arrived the following morning they found the office raided and missing petitions. They then moved the petitions to safety deposit boxes, but some of the volunteers would take the



READING SUGGESTIONS

*Washington Grangers Celebrate a Century- by Gus Norwood

*Oregon Cattleman/Governor Congressman - Memoirs and Times of WALTER M. PIERCE, Edited and Expanded by Arthur H. Bone.

* Columbia River Power For The People, a history of Policies of the Bonneville Power Administration, by Gus Norwood

*Oregon State Grange Bulletin, October 2002

*Oregon State Grange Bulletin, September 20, 1944, "PUD-Congressional Inquiry Needed"

petitions to the power company, and return with photo copies of the originals, rendering them useless. Despite the opposition more than 60,000 signatures were collected to send Initiative No. 1 to the Legislature, allowing rural communities to form PUD's. The Legislature failed to act and the measure went to a statewide election, where it passed in 1930 with 54% of the vote.

In Oregon, the privately owned utilities would not extend service to the rural areas. Oregon was right behind Washington in adopting the formation of PUD's and in 1931 the Oregon Legislature implemented ORS 261.

ROADS & HIGHWAYS

In the 1870's& 1880's there were several privately owned toll roads. The Grange worked hard to get them taken over by the State and operate as free public highways. In 1882, the Grange recommended that road laws be amended to have the building and repairing of roads financed by special and poll taxes "to be collected as other taxes are collected."

Oregon State Grange Bulletin, October 5, 1948, pg 12

*"Our next great fight is to control Bonneville Power in the interests of the people."
Walter M. Pierce
Oregon State Governor 1923 - 1927
Oregon State Grange Executive Committee Member 1930 -1934*

In 1931 a deflationary spiral began, causing conditions in farming, mining and logging into a financial tailspin. The Grange membership never went below 19,000 during the Great Depression.

In 1931 the Oregon State Grange Membership was 20,849 .



Did you know in 1999 the Oregon State Grange went on record to oppose any proposed sale of the Bonneville Power Administration.

The same year a resolution opposing conversion of existing freeways to Toll Roads in the Portland area was adopted.



A VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

The Grange was still teething when it began to demand better representation.

In 1890 the Grange asked for the adoption of the Australian ballot system of voting. The legislature adopted the system in 1891 and amended in 1895.

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1904 - the direct primary law was initiated and the power of nomination of candidates for public office was given to the people.

1908 - voters were now permitted to recall public officials.

Out of an 1885 resolution came the 17th amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

From the Oregon State Grange Bulliten, October 5, 1948, pg 12

NATURAL

Charles M. Gardner in his book "The Grange – Friend of the Farmer" had this to say:

"the Granges of Washington, Oregon and California have put up tremendous fights in state legislatures, and on various referendum propositions, to save their water and forest possessions.

In most cases Grange victories have won, although undoubtedly many more similar struggles will be witnessed in the future"

During the 2004 Oregon State Grange session we find several adopted resolutions regarding timber and water rights.

"I believe that we should endeavor to complete the work we have laid out. Let us be not so afraid of politics, which in my opinion is a "vested right" that belongs to the people and not exclusively to corporations as they would have us believe."

Oregon State Grange Master,

H. E. Hayes

17th Oregon State Grange Session

1890

Lecturers encourage the membership to write resolutions. Have at least one resolution at each Pomona meeting and watch your membership grow.

“Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.”

— [Marian Wright Edelman](#)

“The greatest joys in life are found not only in what we do and feel, but also in our quiet hopes and labors for others.”

— [Bryant McGill, Voice of Reason](#)

“Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.”

— [Booker T. Washington](#),



COMMUNITY

SERVICE

Volunteer Match

<http://www.volunteermatch.org/nonprofits>

VolunteerMatch offers a variety of tools and services to help you recruit new volunteers, manage volunteers and prospects, and become a great place to volunteer.

Try Out Their Learning Center

What does it take to be a great volunteer program?

Spend some time today to learn how to effectively involve volunteers in the important work of your organization.

Visit their website: <http://www.volunteermatch.org/nonprofits>

DOING GOOD IS GOOD FOR YOU



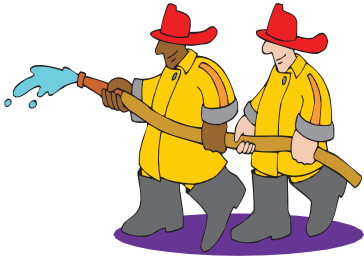
To read the full *Doing Good is Good for You: 2013 Health and Volunteering Study*, visit <http://www.unitedhealthgroup.com/SR>

Health and Volunteering Study

Reveals that 76 percent of U.S. adults who volunteer report that volunteering has made them feel physically healthier, and 78 percent report that volunteering lowers their levels of stress, leading to feeling better than adults who do not volunteer. The study also illustrates that employers benefit from employees who volunteer in terms of better employee health and in professional-skills development that employees use in the workplace.

The study reveals four key benefits of volunteering that make a positive impact on people's health:

- **Health:** volunteers say that they feel better – physically, mentally and emotionally;
- **Stress:** volunteering helps people manage and lower their stress levels;
- **Purpose:** volunteers feel a deeper connection to communities and to others;
- **Engagement:** volunteers are more informed health care consumers, and more engaged and involved in managing their health



Volunteer Fire Truck

A fire started on some grasslands near a farm. The county fire department was called to put out the fire.

The fire was more than the county fire department could handle. Someone suggested that a nearby volunteer bunch be called.

Despite some doubt that the volunteer outfit would be of any assistance, the call was made.

The volunteers arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck. They rumbled straight towards the fire, drove right into the middle of the flames and stopped!

The firemen jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the center of the fire, breaking the blaze into two easily controlled parts.

Watching all this, the farmer was so impressed with the volunteer fire department's work and was so grateful that his farm had been spared, that right there on the spot he presented the volunteers with a check for \$1,000.

A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain what the department planned to do with the funds.

"That ought to be obvious," he responded, wiping ashes off his coat. "The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on our fire truck!"

At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done.

We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in."

— [Mother Teresa](#)



One day a Washington, D.C. florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, "I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week." The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a "thank you" card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a police officer came in for a haircut and, when he tried to pay his bill, the barber again replied, "I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week." The officer was happy and left the shop.

The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a "thank you" card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

A Congressman came in for a haircut and when he went

to pay his bill, the barber again replied, "I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week." The Congressman was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.

<http://www.backwoodshome.com/humor/jokes143.html>

"Though my work may be menial, though my contribution may be small, I can perform it with dignity and offer it with unselfishness. My talents may not be great, but I can use them to bless the lives of others.... The goodness of the world in which we live is the accumulated goodness of many small and seemingly inconsequential acts."

— [Gordon B. Hinckley](#)

"If you can't do great things, [Mother Teresa](#) used to say, do little things with great love. If you can't do them with great love, do them with a little love. If you can't do them with a little love, do them anyway. Love grows when people serve."

— [John Ortberg, The Me I Want to Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You](#)

"I don't want my life to be defined by what is etched on a tombstone. I want it to be defined by what is etched in the lives and hearts of those I've touched."

[Steve Maraboli, Life, the Truth, and Being Free](#)



"Service to others in their time of need is a privilege and an honor."

— [Harley King](#)

“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

— [Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

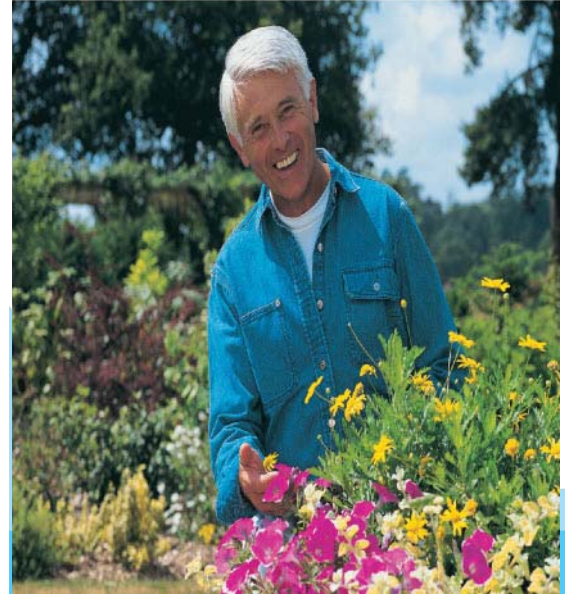


“So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.”

— [Robert Louis Stevenson](#), [Lay Morals](#)

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.”

— [Rabindranath Tagore](#)



YOU KNOW YOU ARE A VOLUNTEER When

You don't get paid -

So no, you can't quit.

When Opportunity Knocks

Knock knock.

Who's there?

The annual fundraising event!

A Volunteer and a lawyer died and went up to the heavenly gates. Saint Peter tells the volunteer to wait a little while, and lets the lawyer in first. As the gates close on the volunteer, he sees the lawyer greeted with fanfare! Music erupts, cheers are had. A choir of angels descend from above, and sing of joyous hallelujah for the lawyer. Finally, the great Lord Himself makes himself present, and gives a personal greeting and warm welcome to the lawyer. Things begin to die down, and the lawyer wanders off to enjoy his eternity in heaven.

As the last angel floats away, Saint Peter finally grants entrance to the volunteer. There is no music, no choir. The last of the crowd are leaving now. Confused, the volunteer looks to Peter for an explanation.

"Oh, we get volunteers in here all the time. This was our first lawyer."

<https://www.dosomething.org/jokes>

You don't volunteer.. You're volunTOLD.

STILL MORE INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

“Beauty is not who you are on the outside, it is the wisdom and time you gave away to save another struggling soul, like you.”

— [Shannon L. Alder](#)



“Like the ripples from a stone tossed into the pond from the water's edge, the effects of our choices extend infinitely outward. Even the smallest of acts reverberates in the ears of unwritten histories.”

— [Justin Young](#)

“Love is large, and so forms the heart that embraces it fully.”

— [LeeAnn Taylor](#)

“Compassion is not something you have; it is something you share.”

— [Shannon L. Alder](#)

“Whenever you get opportunity to serve, serve with all your heart.”

— [Lailah Gifty Akita](#)

“When we promote the well-being of others God has placed in our lives our service glorifies God.”

— [Elizabeth George](#)

“The quality of your life is directly proportional to the positive effect you have on others' lives.”

— [Chris Matakas](#)

“It is not what you leave to your children that matters, but what you leave in them.”

— [Shannon L. Alder](#)

“When you find yourself in need of spiritual nourishment, it is in the opportunities to serve others that you will find the abundance you seek.”

— [Steve Maraboli](#), [Life, the Truth, and Being Free](#)

A social worker from Chicago recently transferred to the mountains of West Virginia and was on the first tour of her new territory when she came upon the tiniest cabin she had ever seen in her life. Intrigued, she went up and knocked on the door.

"Anybody home?" she asked.

"Yep," came a kid's voice through the door.

"Is your father there?" asked the social worker.

"Pa? Nope, he left afore Ma came in," said the kid.

"Well, is your mother there?" persisted the social worker.

"Ma? Nope, she left just afore I got here," said the kid.

"But," protested the social worker, (thinking that surely she will need to intervene in this situation) "are you never together as a family?"

"Sure, but not here," said the kid through the door. "This is the outhouse!"



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A retired man who volunteers to entertain patients in nursing homes and hospitals went to one local hospital in Brooklyn and took his portable keyboard along. He told some jokes and sang some funny songs at patients' bedsides. When he finished he said, in farewell, "I hope you get better.

"One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too."

<http://unijokes.com/joke-787/>



TO OUR VOLUNTEER'S

At night you go to sleep, and in the morning when you wake up, you know in your heart that—whatever evils and problems afflict this world—you are making it a better place. You are the reason we can all have faith in the human spirit.



"In the end, the number of prayers we say may contribute to our happiness, but the number of prayers we answer may be of even greater importance."

— [Dieter F. Uchtdorf](#)