GRANGE RESOLUTIONS

Delaware, Ohio, April 7, 1917. To His Excellency, The Hon. Woodrow Wilson. President of the United States:

The Pomona Grange of Delaware county, Ohio, in regular quarterly session assembled at Hyattsville, Ohio, April 7th, 1917, unanimously resolved to pledge to your Excellency, as President of the United States and head of the army and navy of our country, the moral financial and physical support of the Grange of Delaware county in the world war in which our country is now engaged, for the emancipation of mankind, the preservation of the liberties, privileges and guarantees as set forth in the Declaration of Independence of our forefathers in 1776, or that may be embodied in our national constitution or in treaties with other countries, for the furtherance of the inalienable rights of all people to govern themselves and for the suppression of ambitious, self-styled "Divinely Appointed" autocratic rulers of the world.

The Grangers of Delaware county, appalled by the reduction of acreage under tillage and the average yield per acre since the Civil war. pledge anew not only their loyalty but their best efforts to produce on the farms of our county during the present crisis a larger yield per acre, ever before in the history of our

county. The farmers and people midst who are plotting against our the county which gave to our counhas furnished hundreds of patriotic so long a leader in educational and religious endeavor and in all peaceful pursuits, again assures the government of its devotion to the flag and offers its service to the country with no less fervor and loyalty than was evidenced by our nation's defenders who offered their lives in the wars of '76, '61 and '98 for liberty, union and justice.

The farmers of Delaware county will be found active and loyar, whether on the seas in submarine zones, in the trenches of the battlefield, or behind the plows in the furrows of our fertile farms. In any event their hearts will beat in loyal unison in their desire to be of service to our country.

Pemona Grange of Delaware county urges all farmers and the public generally to practice strict economy, soberness, discretion, fidustry and conservation of all our resources.

The Grange recommends and earnestly petitions our national government as a justifiable and an economic war measure that it shall as speedily as possible suppress and if the seasons are favorable, than prohibit the use, sale and manufacture of intoxicating beverages throughout the United States of America and in all its territories or dependencies. LUM ST

We are for more beef, beans, bread and butter, and less beer, booze, and bums; more wheat, wealth and wisdom, and less whisky, waste want; more milk, molasses and money, and less malt, misery and meanness; more apples, alfalfa and amity, less ale, aliments and animosity; more rice, rye and reason, less saloons, sin and sufferings; more dress, dainties and dishes, less arstilleries, drunkards and disturbances; more beets, barns and business, less breweries, brawls and burials, more sheep, swine and sugar, less sherry, sham and shame; more potatoes, pumpkins, peaches, less port, puncl. and poison; more corn, cabbage and cheese, less champagne, chaff and cheat; more harmony, homes and Heaven, less Hof-Brau, havoc and Hell.

As never before our nation needs a sober, capable, efficient citizenship. . We believe that neither the liquor traffic nor any other evil habit, weakness, nor business, destructive of physical or moral strength of our people should be permitted to exist or that any tax or revenue should be derived from such business for governmental purposes. No amount of tax or license can make a bad thing good. termination is the only remedy.

The grangers of this county while willing when necessary to work sixteen hours daily - twice the union labor hours, as frequently they are compelled to do - to manage their farms and care for their stock and crops, refute the oft repeated statement that they desire and plan for small crops and also the claim that very many farmers have been benefited by the high retail prices of recent months. Inasmuch as the farmers do not control the prices, nor the weather, they have on account of unfavorable seasons had little or nothing high priced to sell. They denounce high price extortionists as enemies of our country of a worse type than foreign foes at war with us, and worse than spies within our

generally of Delaware county "the government for the benefit of anheart of progressive, patriotic Ohio," other country. The price extortionist knows no interest or welfare but plunderers of our people who corner, try Hayes and Rosecrans and which his own lust for gold. The flag such selfish, greedy, unconscionable holdleaders and defenders of our country ups follow is striped with hues of in time of peril, and which has been silver and gold with a greenback corner sparkling with stars of dia-Glistening tears wrung from the eyes of widows look like shall display the flag of our country diamonds to such shylocks. They would gather them for their flag. Silver hairs of the aged and the golden locks of orphans are sought to weave the background of their banner, and the green of the sod over the graves of their victims suggests to them the greenbacks they love so well as the ground work for the setting of their starry diamond.

We urge that our government both national and state bring prompt and drastic action against such combine and control our food, fuel and the necessities of life for unwarranted and unprecedented personal profit to themselves.

We recommend that every granger and farmer in so far as possible at his farm residence.

Respectfully submitted. MRS. FRANK SMITH, S. M. CLEAVER, F. F. GREENE,

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