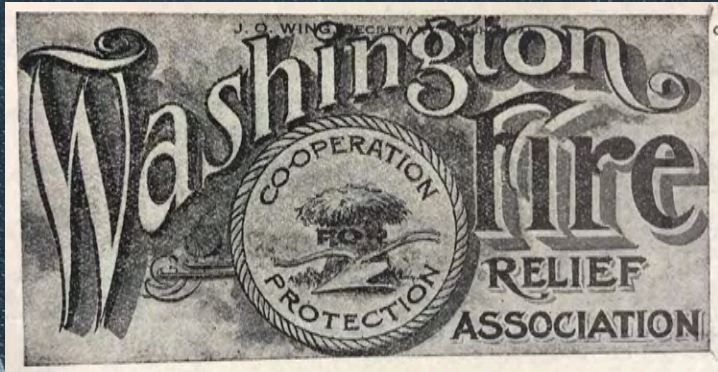
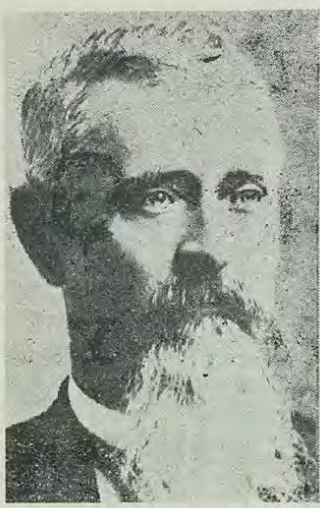


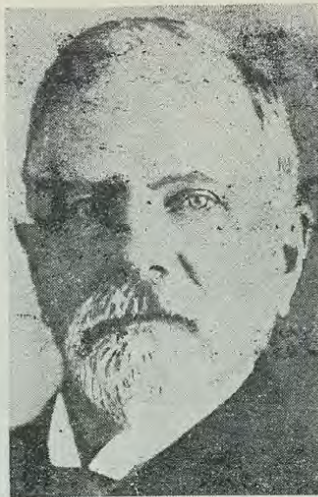
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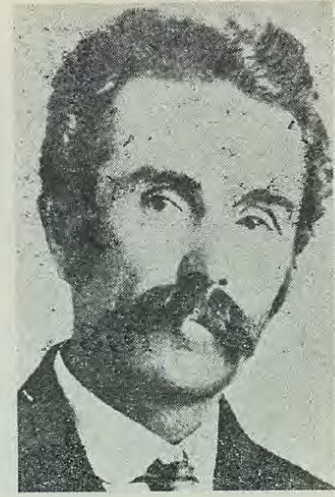
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HISTORICAL RECORD
OF THE FOUNDING OF
GRANGE INSURANCE
OF
WASHINGTON STATE



David L. Russell



Augustus High



Jesse O. Wing

Our founders, the first three successive masters of the Washington State Grange, drew up the resolution which culminated in the organization of the Washington

Relief Association (now Grange Insurance Association). Brothers Russell and High served as presidents of the Association, and Brother Wing as secretary.

Under a resolution of the Washington State Grange, at its session held at White Salmon in June 1893, a Committee ^{was} appointed to draft a Constitution and By Laws for a Grange Insurance Company for the State of Washington.

The Committee appointed for this purpose, was D L Russell, at that time worthy master of the State Grange, James Horn, worthy Lecturer of the State Grange, William Olsen of White Salmon, Gay Hayden of Tucker & Co. and Augustus High of Vancouver.

The said Committee met at Vancouver on the 6th day of July 1893 by order of the Chairman and proceeded to draft a Constitution and By Laws for a Grange Insurance Company.

Among other things the said Committee agreed that the Company should be known as the Washington Fire Relief Association and that the business of the Association should be confined to the State of Washington.

That whenever one hundred thousand dollars in applications had been received by the Committee they should proceed to Elect a Board of Directors and issue policies upon the applications received. D L Russell Chairman and Augustus High Secretary of the Committee with the approval of the other members of the Committee ordered the Directors to be elected on the 7th day of April 1894. The State having been divided into twelve districts elections were ordered eight. There being no granges in the other four districts.

The Board of Directors was called together at Vancouver on the 14th day of April by the Committee.

The Committee were in session July 6th and 7th 1893 and drafted the Constitution and By Laws.

of the Washington Fire Relief Association

Committee met at Vancouver April 19th 1894 there being present D L Russell, James Stevin and Augustus High who passed upon the credentials of the members of the Board of Directors elected and found that the following persons were elected Directors
Mountain View G A Pierce Third District

J E C Duggan First District
William Robinson Second District
D L Russell Fourth District
Frank Marble Fifth District
Godfrey Adamson Seventh District

There being no election held in the Sixth District and the Eight District had not been heard from.

It was moved that this Committee authorizes the Directors present to organize and carry out the purposes of the resolution of the State League
Carried

It was moved that the Committee adjourn
since dis-motion prevailed

Augustus High
Secretary of Committee

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The Board of Directors of The Washington Fire Relief Association met at Vancouver Washington April 14th 1894 at 11 o'clock A.M. There being present of the Board elect D L Russell & A Pierce Frank Marble William Robinson and J E C Durgan also Bro James Morris D L Russell was elected temporary Chairman and Augustus High temporary Secretary.

It was moved that we now proceed to the election of permanent officers of the Association Carried.

A ballot being taken resulted in the election of D L Russell President Augustus High Secretary and J E C Durgan Treasurer of the Association.

Constitution and By Laws were then taken up and read and debated separately Section by Section.

The Chair rules that the present Board of Directors term of office ends the Third Tuesday in November 1894.

It was moved that we do now adjourn for dinner. Carried.

Board met at 1 P.M. and it was moved that in Section 20 of the By Laws in line 2 after the word building be inserted (and contents and no more than two thousand dollars will be paid for loss at any one fire Carried.

It was moved that the question of Section 16 be laid on the table until tomorrow Carried.

The question of Hop and Fruit Dryers was discussed but laid over until tomorrow.

It was moved that the application of J B King for insurance ^{on mill and map} be laid on the table for the present Carried.

It was moved that the Board of Directors Authorized the President and Secretary to Cancel any policy when in their judgment the best interests of the Association requires it and to exercise all other powers granted by Section 15 of The By Laws. Carried

It was moved and seconded that no more than one hundred dollars will be paid for the loss of any one horse and no more than fifty dollars for the loss of any other animal. Carried

It was moved that we do now adjourn until tomorrow at 8:30 A.M. Carried

Board met at 8:30 A.M. April 20, 1894 present
D L Russell President J E C Durgan G A Pierce
Frank Marble and W^m Robinson

It was moved and seconded that all applications not in compliance with Sec 16 of the By Laws be accepted (where considered ^{then kind} deferred by the Agent and are approved by the Directors of the District but that such applicants must comply with Sec 16 of the By Laws before May 1st 1897 after which date no applications will be received unless they conform to said Section. Carried

It was moved that Fruit Dryers be included in Class four. Carried

It was moved that Hops and Hop Kilns be included in Class five. Carried

It was moved that the Secretary be authorized to procure a Seal, blank books and Stationary for the use of the Association. Carried

It was moved that the applications now on file shall take effect on and after May the first 1894. Carried

It was moved that the bonds of the Treasurer and Secretary be fixed at \$2000 each. Carried

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It was moved that the President appoint
a Committee of three on finance carried
President appointed as such Committee
W A Pierce Frank Marble and William
Robinson.

It was moved we now adjourn for dinner
carried

Board met at 15 P.M.

The following bills were then presented

Washington Fire Relief Association. Dr.
To Washington State Grange
To Cash for printing 1500 applications
and 500 policy blanks. $\$35.00^{00}$

Washington Fire Relief Association Dr.
To Augustus High
Postage and Stationary. $\$4.15$
per diem and expenses Committee July 1893. 4.50
for services as Secretary while organizing. 5.00
per diem and expenses with Board of Directors $\$18.15$

Washington Fire Relief Association Dr.
To William Olsen 3 days
per diem and expenses while on Committee 1.50

Washington Fire Relief Association Dr.
To James McVinn on Committee
per diem 3 days. 6.00
expenses $\frac{2.00}{8.00}$

Washington Fire Relief Association Dr.
To Gay Hapton on Committee
per diem 4 days 8.00
expenses $\frac{3.50}{11.50}$

Washington Fire Relief Association Dr.
 To D G Russell.
 per diem on Committee 2 days 11 00
 Expenses - 50
 per diem on Board of Directors 2 days 11 00
 Expenses. 50
 9 00

Washington Fire Relief Association Dr.
 To the following Directors for per diem
 2 days at 300 per day and expenses.
 Frank Marble 7 00
 G A Pierce 9 00
 J E C Dugan 4 50
 William Robinson 4 50

Referred to Finance Committee who report favorably
 upon the above bills and recommend
 that orders be drawn upon the Treasurers to
 pay the same. signed G A Pierce Chairman
 Report of Committee adopted

It was moved that the Secretary get
 slips printed of Amendments to the By Laws
 and also include instructions to Agents
 Carried

Receipts \$184 29
 Disbursements \$118 15

Minutes read and approved this
 20th day of April 1894

It was moved that we now adjourn
 Carried

Augustus High
 Secretary

Council Hall Fourth Plain

July 7th 1894

Board met upon Call of the
President there being present.

J L Russell President of the Board
J E C Durigan. J A Pierce Godfrey
Adams and William Robinson

It was moved to strike out that
part of the Amendment to Sec 20
which reads as follows. and no
more than Two Thousand dollars
will be paid for loss at any one
fire." motion prevailed and

It was moved that the Board
do not adjourn. Carried

Augustus High
Secretary