

# Grange Opposes Federal Forest

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The opposition of the grangers of the county to the Douglas forestry bill now pending before the U. S. congress was presented to the county board of supervisors at a recent meeting by L. H. Valentine, master of the Humboldt grange.

In a resolution presented to the county board the grangers declared that:

The federal government is now in possession of 46 percent of the land and area of the state of California, and adoption of this proposed measure would remove from control by the local government nearly one half of the area of Humboldt county.

It states that agriculture, stock raising and general business in the area would be seriously abated, while "the removal of such large areas of timber and agricultural lands from private ownership and the consequent reduction in tax revenues would disrupt the local economy, adversely affect schools, and place an oppressive burden upon local government."

It was resolved that the grangers would "oppose all attempts to increase federally owned or controlled lands in this state for any purpose other than purely national defense or essential government uses."