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THE VISITOR will be issued monthly by direction of the Executive Committee. Each Grange will receive a copy through the Master or Secretary, and it should be read in open Grange for the information of members, at the first meeting after it is received.

Members desiring THE VISITOR sent them for one year, can have it for 50 cents, and in clubs of ten or more, for 40 cents each.

We shall adhere to Grange principles, and require the money with the order.

The last page will be devoted to advertisements, of interest to Patrons, at the following rates:

One column 1 month,	\$12.00
Half " " "	7.00
Quarter " " "	4.00
One-eighth " " "	2.50

On advertisements ordered for three months, a discount of ten per cent. will be made.

On advertisements ordered for six months, a discount of twenty per cent. will be made.

On advertisements ordered for 12 months, a discount of thirty per cent. will be made.

Send money in registered letter, by postoffice money order, or draft, and direct all communications to J. T. Cobb, Schoolcraft, Mich.

It is held that a Grange cannot surrender its charter so long as nine men and four women, members thereof, vote against so doing.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Of — Grange No. —, of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, County of — and State of Michigan.

We, the undersigned residents of the State of Michigan, being of lawful age and members of — Grange No. — County of — and State of Michigan, a Subordinate Grange of the order of the Patrons of Husbandry, duly chartered by the National Grange by charter, approved by the Michigan State Grange of said Order, desiring to be incorporated as a Subordinate Grange, under and in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature, entitled, "An Act to incorporate State and Subordinate Granges," approved April 8th, A. D. 1875, do hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of forming such corporation under the provisions of said act, and for that purpose do make and execute these Articles of Association, and attach hereto a copy of said charter so granted and approved as aforesaid.

ARTICLE 1. The names of the persons so associating in the first instance and our respective places of residence, are as follows:

[Names. Place of Residence.]

ART. 2. The association hereby organized and incorporated, shall be known in the law by the corporate name of " — Grange No. — of the Patrons of Husbandry, County of — and State of Michigan," and the place of the business office of the corporation shall be at — in the County of —.

ART. 3. The purpose of this corporation and the object for which it is formed, shall be to advance the social, moral, and material interests of its members.

ART. 4. The period of the existence of said corporation shall be 30 years.

ART. 5. Any person engaged in agricultural pursuits or otherwise eligible, under the by-laws of the corporation, and of the age of sixteen years or upwards, being duly elected or approved in accordance with said by-laws and complying therewith, may, upon signing these articles, be admitted to membership in the corporation. The manner of admitting members, and their rights, privileges, and duties as such, shall be prescribed in the by-laws.

ART. 6. The officers of the corporation shall be a master, who shall be the presiding officer, a Secretary and Treasurer; and such other officers,

Agents and Committees may be elected or appointed as shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

The powers and duties of officers and committees, the time and manner of their election or appointment (except as herein otherwise provided), their terms of office, and the manner of filling vacancies, shall be prescribed and regulated in the By-Laws of the association. All officers and committees shall hold their offices and continue to discharge the duties thereof, until their respective successors shall be elected or appointed and enter upon the duties of their offices.

ART. 7. Regular meetings of the corporation shall be held at such times as may be designated in the By-Laws, and the last regular meeting in the month of December in each year, shall be deemed the annual meeting of the corporation.

ART. 8. The corporation hereby formed, may, whenever it shall be deemed advisable, create a capital stock of such amount as may be expedient, not exceeding the amount in value of property which the corporation is permitted by law to own; and may divide the same into convenient shares and provide for the manner of subscribing for and collecting subscriptions for such shares.

ART. 9. Said corporation shall have power to make and enforce such By-Laws as may be deemed necessary for the management and regulation of the business, stock, property, affairs and interests of the association, and as may be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the association is formed, and for the due execution of the powers and enjoyment of the privileges granted by law; Provided, that such by-laws shall be in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the association known as the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, and with the rules, by-laws and regulations of the Michigan State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, and not inconsistent with the laws of this State; and such by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed as may be deemed expedient; and this corporation shall be subordinate to, and subject to the jurisdiction and general supervision of said State Grange, and shall at all times observe the general rules and regulations adopted by said State Grange for the promotion of the interests of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry in this State.

ART. 10. The first meeting of the corporation hereby formed shall be held

on the 14th day of Dec., 1875, at—
o'clock in the—noon, at—in the
county of—, at which meeting,
officers of the corporation may be
elected, by-laws adopted and such
other business transacted as may be
deemed necessary, and if said first
meeting shall not be held at the time
above designated, it may be called
and held in such manner and upon
such notice, as is otherwise provided
by law.

In witness whereof, the parties here-
to have hereunto set their hands and
seals this—day of—A. D. 18—.

[Signatures of Incorporators and their ac-
knowledgments.]

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ORGANIZATION AND GOVERN- MENT OF POMONA GRANGES.

When the Rules and Regulations for
the organization and government
of Pomona Granges, as they appeared
in the May number of the CIRCULAR,
were sent to the printer, it was for the
purpose of getting *proof sheets* for ex-
amination by the members of the ex-
ecutive committee, and it was in the
nature of unfinished work, and not in-
tended for publication in that issue.
The whole has since been revised by
the special committee who were charg-
ed with the duty of drafting these
rules, and as now printed may be con-
sidered as binding until acted upon
and amended by competent authority.

APPLICATIONS.

SEC. 1. Applications for the organ-
ization of Pomona Granges shall be
made to the Master of the State Grange,
shall be signed by not less than nine
men and four women, who shall be
Masters or Past Masters and their
wives who are Matrons, or fourth
degree members elected by Subordinate
Granges of the county or district, and
shall be accompanied by a fee of \$15,
which sum shall be in full for charter,
and all expense of organization on the
part of the State Grange.

SEC. 2. On the receipt of such appli-
cation, setting forth (1) that the good
of the order requires the organization
of a Pomona Grange in such county or
district; (2) that notice of such intend-
ed organization has been served on all
the Granges in said county or district;
(3) that a suitable room will be pro-
vided, with the necessary paraphernalia
for the convenience and work in
such degree, it shall be the duty of the
Master of the State Grange, to provide
for the organization and instruction of
such Grange, in accordance with the
ritual of the fifth degree, adopted by
the National Grange, and to cause no-
tice of the time and place of meeting
to organize, to be served on the Master
of each Subordinate Grange in the
county or district.

SEC. 3. The Master or Deputy, be-
fore completing the organization, shall
see that the room provided is in proper
order and suitably arranged; that the
officers are duly elected and installed,
and that the membership fee is paid to
the Treasurer of the new organization.
It shall be his duty to reject every per-
son not strictly qualified, and to care-

fully instruct all officers in their several
duties in the work of the degree.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the
Secretary of the State Grange on the
reception of a certificate from the Mas-
ter of the State Grange or his organiz-
ing Deputy, setting forth that such
Pomona Grange has been legally or-
ganized, to issue a charter in due form
to such Grange.

OFFICERS.

The officers of a Pomona Grange shall
be the same as in the Subordinate
Grange, and their rank and duties shall
be such as are provided for in the ritual
of the Fifth Degree. They shall be
chosen at the regular meeting in Janu-
ary of each year, and installed as soon
as practicable thereafter.

All elections shall be by ballot. An
Executive Committee of three members
in addition to the Master and Secre-
tary may be chosen to attend to the
general business of the Grange when
it is not in session.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. Masters and Past-Masters
and their wives who are Matrons, be-
ing members in good standing in Sub-
ordinate Granges in the county or dis-
trict, on filing a petition in due form,
accompanied by the membership fee,
shall be entitled to the degree and mem-
bership in Pomona Grange, and fourth
degree members, not to exceed three
for any one quarter from each Subor-
dinate Grange, one of which at least
shall be a Matron, on filing a petition
setting forth their election by a Subor-
dinate Grange, shall, when duly elect-
ed to membership, be entitled to re-
ceive the degree of Pomona, and its
benefits. No member shall be receiv-
ed except by ballot, and three negative
votes shall reject.

SEC. 2. No persons shall be eligible
to this degree, unless personally engag-
ed in agricultural pursuits, or who has
other interests in conflict with the pur-
poses of the order.

MEETINGS.

Pomona Granges shall meet once in
three months and may hold intermedi-
ate meetings as may be deemed neces-
sary for the good of the order. All
meetings shall be opened in the fifth
degree, but all general business shall
be transacted in the fourth degree.

FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The minimum fee for membership in
the Pomona Grange shall be \$2.00 for
men and \$1.00 for women, which shall
accompany the application—and no
Patron shall be allowed to become a
member of the County Grange without
the payment of the regular fee.

DUES.

SEC. 1. The minimum of dues shall
be 25 cents per quarter for each mem-
ber, payable at the regular meeting.

SEC. 2. All moneys for fees and dues
not needed for necessary expenses
shall be paid into the Treasury of the
Grange, to be used under the direction
of such Grange as a fund for business
purposes.

SEC. 3. No dues shall be required
from Pomona Granges to State or Na-
tional Grange.

APPLICATIONS.

Persons applying for membership in
the Pomona Grange shall do so in the

form prescribed by the State Grange,
(blank applications for which will be
supplied on application, by the Secre-
tary of the State Grange), and if they
shall desire to join a Grange outside
their district, they shall first obtain the
written consent of the Grange having
jurisdiction.

DIMITS.

Any brother or sister who is in good
standing in the Pomona Grange, and
clear on the books, shall be entitled to
a dimitt card on the payment of the
sum of 25 cents, which shall be valid
for one year. Persons having such
cards may be admitted to membership
in another Pomona Grange, but shall
be subject to the same form of petition,
examination, and ballot, as those first
applying for membership, except that
a majority vote shall elect.

REQUIREMENTS.

SEC. 1. The Secretary of the Pomo-
na Grange shall report quarterly to the
Secretary of the State Grange, at and
for the same time Secretaries of Sub-
ordinate Granges are required to
report, which report shall show
the membership of the Grange, and
give such information in regard to
amount of business done, stock, crops,
implements, etc., as may be called for
by the State Grange. Such report
should be made promptly and with as
much exactness as possible, and be
certified to by the Master and Sec'y.

SEC. 2. All circulars, information, or
intelligence sent to the Pomona Grange
shall be communicated to the members
without unnecessary delay, and through
them to the Subordinate Granges in
their district.

SEC. 3. All members of Pomona
Granges shall be on the alert to aid the
Subordinate Granges in their district,
and shall be prompt in communicating
to them all matters affecting the inter-
ests of the order. To this end they
shall make it a rule to attend all the
meetings of their Subordinate Grange
with punctuality, and by their example
and influence to encourage the mem-
bers, in accordance with the design and
purpose of the organization.

JURISDICTION.

The laws and rulings which relate to
the jurisdiction of Subordinate Granges
in this State, shall as far as practica-
ble, apply to Pomona Granges.

RESTRICTIONS.

Religious and political questions
will not be tolerated as subjects of dis-
cussion in the Pomona Grange, and no
political or religious tests for member-
ship shall be applied.

DISCIPLINE.

The same rules of discipline as ob-
tain in Subordinate Granges shall ap-
ply to Pomona Granges, except that
their jurisdiction shall only apply to
Fifth Degree members against whom
charges shall have been duly preferred
in accordance with the usages of the
order.

Trials for the violation of the obli-
gation of the Fifth Degree shall only
expell from that degree, but expulsion
from the degree of Pomona shall be
final, and debar the individual from a
seat in the State Grange, or attendance
on its Fifth Degree sessions. A mem-
ber, however, who is found guilty of
violation of obligation of First Degree,

shall lose his membership in all higher degrees. All expulsions shall be reported to the Secretary of the State Grange, and by him to each Pomona Grange in the State.

Pomona Granges shall be named and numbered as follows: — Pomona Grange, No. — State of Michigan.

AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS.

These articles may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members at any regular meeting of the State Grange.

Each county Grange may make such By-Laws for its own government (not to conflict with this Constitution, or the Constitution of the State or National Grange) as it may deem best.

Master's Department.

J. J. WOODMAN, - - - PAW PAW.

POMONA GRANGES.

I have received a supply of Rituals and instructions for Pomona Granges from the Secretary of the National Grange, and all the necessary preparations are now made, for the organization of County and District Granges in this State. The amendment to the constitution, providing for County and District Granges in the Fifth Degree, was made in obedience to the instructions given to the delegates to the National Grange, by the subordinate Granges, through their delegates to the State Granges. The necessity for these organizations, or what their influence may be upon the future of the order, it is not my purpose to discuss. These organizations are intended to aid and strengthen the subordinate Granges, in their moral, social, and intellectual culture, and encourage and develop the business interests of the order, by devising the most practical means for successful co-operation, encourage co-operative associations among contiguous Granges, and establish business agencies at the most convenient points within their jurisdiction.

But one Pomona Grange can be organized in a county. Two or more counties may unite and form a District Grange.

All fifth degree members, masters and past masters and their wives who are matrons, and such fourth degree members as may be elected by the subordinate Granges, not to exceed three in any one quarter, may be received as members by complying with the requirements of the constitution and laws governing the organizations. All persons duly elected to membership in a Pomona Grange will receive instructions in the lessons of the fifth degree, although, as in the State and National Granges, all general business will be done in the fourth degree.

The membership fees have been fixed at the very low sum of two dollars for men and one dollar for women. A fee of \$15 must accompany the application for the organization of a Pomona Grange. This will be required to pay the organizing officer, and for charter, rituals, instruction, &c. No dues will be required by the State or National Granges.

Before a Pomona Grange can be le-

gally organized, it is required that a notice of the time and place of meeting to organize be sent to the master of each Grange in the county or district, so that all the subordinate Granges within the jurisdiction of the proposed Grange be represented and take part in the organization. The work of organization will be entrusted to competent hands, and care will be taken to have all instructions full and correct.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

"Must the center of jurisdiction of a Grange remain at the place of organization after a hall has been built, or the place of meeting permanently fixed at some other place?"

A Grange may change its center of jurisdiction after organization to the place permanently fixed for the meetings of the Grange, provided that such change does not affect the legal jurisdiction of an existing Grange, or one that is being organized. Contiguous Granges may, by mutual consent, change their centers of jurisdictions. Whenever a change of jurisdiction has been agreed upon by subordinate Granges, notice of the same should be given to all adjoining Granges, and to the Master of the State Grange.

"Has a subordinate Grange the authority to tax its members to build or buy a hall?"

A Grange has no authority to tax its members beyond the quarterly dues fixed by the by-laws of the Grange. Halls must be provided and furnished from the general fund or by voluntary contribution.

"Has a Grange the right to expel a member without a trial?"

A Grange cannot expel a member without a fair and impartial trial. Members should not be expelled for light and trivial causes. An expelled member cannot be reinstated.

For non-attendance and non-payment of dues, the sentence should be "suspension."

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES.

A ruling which was given in the April number of the CIRCULAR, in relation to "temporarily suspending members who are more than six months in arrears for dues" seems not to have been fully understood by some secretaries, in making up their reports.

This ruling was not intended, and can in no way affect the rule which you find on the the blanks for secretaries' quarterly reports, which requires the "computation of dues on the total membership of the Grange at the beginning of the quarter for which the report is made."

Under this rule, the Subordinate Grange is not required to pay dues to the State Grange on those members that it may have initiated during the quarter, and it certainly should pay the constitutional due of six cents for each member, on all others while their names appear in good standing on the books of the Grange.

The failure of a Grange to collect dues of its members, or to suspend them temporarily for delin-

quency in the payment of dues, cannot prejudice the rights of the State Grange in the premises.

It is clearly the duty of the Secretary to make his quarterly report at the beginning of the new quarter, though it is not absolutely necessary that the fees and dues should be forwarded by the Treasurer of the Grange at the same time, but the report should not be delayed.

If Secretaries will be more prompt in the discharge of their duty, it will save the Secretary of the State Grange much labor and perplexity in keeping his accounts with the subordinate Granges, be creditable to you as officers and really promote the good of the Order.

THOMAS FOX, Relief Agent for Douglas County, Kansas, who spent a short time in this State, collecting, supplies, sends the following, and requests its publication:

The following are the items, received by me, on account of Thomas Fox, Relief Agent for Douglas County, Kansas, as donations from Michigan Granges: GEORGE W. GOSS, Douglas Co. Agent.

LAWRENCE, Kansas, June, 1875.

Penfield Grange, No. 85.....	\$24 00
Geo. E. Hicks.....	5 25
J. Bent, Harmony Grange, No. 337.....	26 85
E. C. Manchester, Battle Creek Grange.....	21 25
C. E. Chappell, Charlotte Grange, No. 67.....	15 90
By J. T. Cobb, Ransom Centre Grange.....	
No. 181.....	6 00
J. T. Cobb, Schoolcraft Grange.....	17 25
J. A. Courtwright, Springport Grange.....	
No. 45.....	27 75
E. G. Ely, Three Oaks Grange.....	8 25
Andrew L. Davis, South Jefferson Grange, No. 182.....	4 50
Ransom Centre Grange, No. 181, by J. T. Cobb.....	8 25
Pokagon Grange.....	84 11
Dowagiac Grange.....	16 00
Michigan State Grange.....	23 30
Fine Creek Grange.....	5 23
Marshall Grange.....	9 60
Cooper Grange.....	22 50
Eureka Grange.....	4 00
From Relief Fund by John G. Otis.....	13 50

Total.....\$340 49

The above are the amounts I received from Michigan Granges as donations to the destitute in Douglas County, Kansas.

THOMAS FOX,
Lawrence, Kansas.

State Master Hudson, of Kansas, recommends that the State Granges should be changed into a sixth degree Grange, and the abolishment of the 7th degree, as at present constituted. He also says: "Our members have failed to transact business with their local agents to the extent they might have done."

In many cases I find patrons pay cash for an article to agents of outside dealers, when as good or better articles could have been purchased, and at a less price from our own agents. And here let me say, that it is this class of patrons(?) who are insisting that our system of agencies is a failure; now I think it would be much nearer the truth to say that that class of Patrons is a failure.

The first Pomona or County Grange, in New Jersey, was organized recently at Mt. Holly, Burlington county.

Secretary's Department.

J. T. COBB, - - - SCHOOLCRAFT.

BROTHER SECRETARIES:

As it will soon be time to send us reports for the current quarter, we wish to call your attention to the matter. By the time you receive this number of the *GRANGE VISITOR* very many of the Granges of the State will have held their last meeting for this quarter, and you are prepared to make up your report. We see that it will be more difficult for you to find time to attend to this duty at the close of this quarter than any other quarter of the year. It is quite a tax on your time we well know at this busy season of the year, but we hope you will see and feel the necessity of making your reports as soon as possible after such report becomes due from you. Sec. 1, art. 10, By-Laws of National Grange, says: Your reports shall be made on the first day of January, April, July and October. We think it would have been better to have given a little more margin, and said during the first week of those months. But this is not for us to determine. The *law*, as we find it, is what we are to be governed by, and while it is in force it is our duty to come as near complying with its requirements as is practicable.

The fact that organizations of men, or women, or both, formed for more than a temporary purpose must have constitutions, laws, rules, regulations, or something of the kind for their government, is so true that all know it alike.

Another fact that comes in right here is this: That those organizations whose officers and members best understand and discharge the duties assumed by becoming members, are and must be the most successful. Our organization is young and of rapid growth; in its membership it has a large amount of crude material, some of which must, of necessity, be used in official position. It is not therefore, reasonable to expect that officers will always discharge the duties belonging to them with promptness or in the very best manner.

But the Order of Patrons of Husbandry claims to be an educational institution, and it is expected that our Grange meetings will not only gratify our social wants but will prove schools of training wherein all may learn something. But those who, by their fellows have been given official position, have better opportunities for improvement than other members, and have corresponding responsibilities which cannot be transferred to others.

We have, at this date, June 15th, looked over the reports for the quarter ending March 31, and we find sixty per cent. of the reports for that quarter were made in the month of April. Twenty-two per cent. have since been made, and of the remaining eighteen per cent. at least ten per cent. will fail to report during the entire quarter.

And now, Brother Secretaries, let us not lose sight of these important facts: That to accept an office is to accept the duties and obligations which belong to it; that, if we have any genuine

respect for law we shall, so far as possible, comply with every requirement that we find binding upon us; that, failing to report, as required, brings discredit, to a certain extent, upon the entire membership of the Grange, which has entrusted its business to us; and that upon you rests the responsibility of keeping the *standing* of your Grange good on the books of the State Grange.

Allow me then, in that fraternal spirit which becomes a patron, to urge you to prompt attention to this duty, when it becomes such, and not postpone it until a convenient season.

Probably some secretaries have neglected to make up and forward their reports, thinking it not important, as no fees or dues were to be sent to the State Grange while their Master held an order on their treasurer. This really has nothing to do with the duty of the secretary. His reports should be made at the proper time, without any reference to amount of funds in the treasury or their disposition.

In the completeness and correctness of the reports there is a perceptible improvement, from one quarter to another, and we hope we shall be able to note an improvement in other respects in the reports to be made for the current quarter.

We have just received charters from Washington from Nos. 559 to 583, inclusive; have made a record of the same and prepared them for distribution by express to such Granges as are entitled to receive them, under the ruling of the Master of the State Grange, as found in the May number of the *CIRCULAR*. In a number of instances the organizing deputy's *return* to us has not correctly given the express office most convenient to the Grange, or has given a *place* that has no express office. Having nothing, else, we have been guided by those deputies' *returns* in directing charters, and the result has not always been satisfactory. As these charters go mainly into counties where express offices are not very numerous, and for the reasons named are not certain to be correctly directed by us, we have determined not to send these charters until we receive an application from the master or secretary of the Grange, giving direction as to *where* the charter should be sent. We shall notify, by card, the party to whom we direct a charter, where sent and by what express.

We hope all Granges not having received their charters, and *entitled* thereto, will apply for the same at once, and give necessary directions.

We have received from the secretary of Charlotte Grange, No. 67, quite a lengthy letter describing alleged frauds practiced upon the farmers in the vicinity of Charlotte by the agents of a lightning rod company whose headquarters are at Jackson, Mich. From the showing made by the brother it seems that patrons and others have been swindled out of several hundred dollars by the fraudulent operations of the agents of this company, and he wishes to warn fellow patrons to beware of these agents and have nothing to do with them.

On the 16th inst. we received "The Proceedings of the Eighth Session of the National Grange," already stamped for distribution, and have directed a copy to the master of each subordinate Grange in the State.

With each copy of Proceedings will be found two copies of the National Constitution, and also a copy of amendments and additions to the Parliamentary Guide. It would be well for each master to take his copy of the "Guide" and correct it by erasures and marginal writing, where there is room, so as to make it conform to those amendments and additions. Where there is not room write "amendment" or "addition" on the margin in the proper place in Guide, that no change may be overlooked.

LIST OF GRANGES organized since the last Session of the State Grange as reported by the Deputies to the State Secretary.

NO.	NAME.	SITUATED AT	COUNTY OF	ORGANIZED BY	DATE.
568	Union	Reading	Hindsdale	Co. Dep. E. J. Hodges	Feb. 8th
570	Sherran	Sherran	St. Clair	Co. Dep. C. L. Whitney	Feb. 8th
571	Smith's Creek	Kimball	St. Clair	"	Mar. 30th
572	Mt. Vernon	Greenwood	St. Clair	"	Mar. 30th
573	Brook Betty	Greenwood	St. Clair	"	Mar. 30th
574	Brook Betty	Bridgeport	St. Clair	"	Mar. 30th
575	Cass	Bridgeport	St. Clair	"	Mar. 30th
576	RidgeWAY	RidgeWAY	St. Clair	"	Mar. 30th
577	Chase	Chase	St. Clair	"	Mar. 30th
578	Phonix	Phonix	St. Clair	"	Mar. 30th
580	Martha	Martha	St. Clair	"	Mar. 30th
581	Brown	Brown	St. Clair	"	Mar. 30th
582	Champion	Washington	St. Clair	"	Mar. 30th
583	Champion	Washington	St. Clair	"	Mar. 30th
584	Leahville	Hannatank	Wayne	Gen. Dep. C. L. Whitney	Apr. 2nd
587	Leahville	Hannatank	Wayne	Gen. Dep. C. L. Whitney	Apr. 2nd
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A difference of opinion upon matters of importance to the Grange or its relations to neighboring Granges may perhaps be settled at once, by reference to the rulings of the Master of the State Grange found in the *Visitor*, and a file of this sheet should be carefully kept by every Master.

ALL persons having occasion to remit money to us will please take notice that July 1st the postoffice at Schoolcraft becomes a *money order* office. This will prove a great convenience to us as well as those with whom we have business relations.

WE have a list of county agents, but should like to have it *corrected* before printing in the *Visitor*. Will the secretary or county agent of county or district councils or granges please send us the name of their business agent and his postoffice.

SOME few masters and secretaries have not returned the blank order for the VISITOR which we sent with the May number. As we were instructed by the Executive Committee to send a copy to each Grange in the State, and as we wish to send the entire issue, so far as possible, as second class matter, thereby securing the *lowest* rate of postage, we hope those who have not returned the Order will do so at once.

The advertisements and subscriptions have so far covered the entire cost, and from the very flattering notices we have received we conclude that the sheet must be of value to the Order in the State.

Our Worthy Master Woodman says that the April and May numbers cut off half the letters of inquiry that he had been receiving, and gave him time to get a long breath.

The same good results have been felt in our office, and we have been relieved of a large amount of correspondence.

As it is a matter of some importance, whether we send you a copy under a one cent stamp, or send it to you at the rate of three cents per pound, you will please attend to this matter at once and forward the blank order duly signed.

As we intimated in the May number of the CIRCULAR that we might see fit to change the *Head* of the monthly issue of the Executive Committee, we have, by the advice of some of the members of the committee, adopted a different one for future use. As the word Circular *seemed* to place it under our postal laws with third class matter we wished to remove that objection to it, and we also think this selection more appropriate.

DEVEREAUX, May 29, 1875.

BRO. J. T. COBB:

Please announce in the VISITOR that J. W. Griffin has been elected secretary of Devereaux Grange, No. 198, to fill a vacancy.

Yours, fraternally,
GEO. R. WELDEN, Master.

LET me again remind Master and Secretaries that in correspondence relating to their Grange, be sure and give its *number*. With the *name* only before us, we frequently have to run over the *list* of Granges some time to get a *starting point*, to answer an inquiry, with the *number* before us, no time is lost in that way.

THE Weed Sewing Machine Co., through their agent at Toledo, have given us notice of the withdrawal of their offer of special discounts on their machine to patrons in this State.

The Executive Committee of the New York State Grange has provided for issuing charters to county councils or granges, preliminary to their incorporation under the law. The fee fixed is thirty dollars.

A wholesale boot and shoe firm in Elmira, New York, has increased its yearly trade \$50,000 by dealing directly with Patrons for cash—*Husbandman*.

Lecturer's Department.

C. L. WHITNEY, - - - MUSKOGON.

GRANGE OFFICERS

There is no one thing that tends so much to weaken and render ineffective any organization as a want of regularity and punctuality of attendance on the part of the officers of such organization.

It is true that the same faults may exist among the members, but if they do, the cause, as a general rule, may be traced directly to remissness of the officials in charge. If those whose duty it is to warm, ventilate, and otherwise prepare the rooms for use are often dilatory in the performance of duty, how soon will the members learn the lesson of tardiness, lingering elsewhere until they may find the place of business ready to welcome them, while if the house is to be found in good order and attractive, besides being comfortable at an early hour, how prompt will be the coming together of the family or brotherhood which inhabit it, there to converse and consult together and mutually enjoy each others' society for a time before the routine of duty begins.

The rooms ready, the hour of business having arrived, how essential that the work should promptly begin, that each moment may bear its own burden, and not by delay be obliged to crowd its labors upon its fellows that succeed it, and thus bring hurry and consequent confusion.

If officers are behind, and the time of opening passes, the time of every person who waits is running to waste, and the aggregate is very great. But the loss of time is small in value compared to the demoralizing effect upon the society and its members and officers.

To have work well done it should be performed in its own appointed time and place, and by the duly constituted agents, hence the duly commissioned and instructed officers of society are the best persons to execute the official functions. An officer absent, and confusion begins, delay follows, and often harm and wrong results as the direct product, as no one can temporarily fill a position as well as one who has made the duties of the place a study, and is thus prepared for good work. No private member likes to be unexpectedly called upon to fill a vacant place, even though it be not difficult.

The moral effect is still greater on the remaining officers, and particularly so upon the membership. Let those whose duty it is to lead be away frequently from their posts of labor, and how soon will the privates find in such conduct both occasion and excuse for similar absence, and soon neither the officers or members expect to find the other in attendance, and the organization is powerless for good but fruitful towards undermining the foundation of the whole fabric.

What we have said is true in a general sense, but is particularly the truth in the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, composed as it is of a class of persons whose membership have had but little

if anything to do with organization. Then their isolation, arising from distance and modes of travel, render the tendency to, and excuse for absence and tardiness greater than among townspeople.

Brother and Sister Patrons, the Order, of which I trust we are all devoted and worthy members, was called into existence none too soon to be to us a school in which order, "Heaven's first law," and system, the ground work of success, are two great branches of study. If we would perpetuate an existence as an Order, and elevate ourselves as farmers and citizens, we must be faithful as members or officers, and ready and willing to discharge every duty promptly and fully.

If a person in office cannot be punctual and regular in attendance, let him resign the position at once, and let another be chosen, that the Grange may not lose by his unfaithfulness.

Every Grange is supposed to have a place and time for meeting, of which every member is supposed to be cognizant; then when the minute for the meeting to open arrives, let the ranking officer promptly call the laborers together and the work of the day begin.

If your hour of meeting is too early, put it later by amending the by-laws. Don't profess to meet at 7 o'clock and then begin work at 8; but if you can't get together before 8, make that your hour of meeting.

Some Granges have done well by having and enforcing a by-law vacating the office if the occupant is absent twice without a sufficient excuse; but no such vacancy should be made until the delinquent has had proper time to render a reason for his absence. Such a by-law, enforced with equity, would soon correct many irregularities and secure a much better and prompter attendance at the meetings of our Order.

Let us all, officers and members, have the good of the Order and our own welfare so at heart, that no such by-law ever need be enacted, or at least that there be no cause of its being enforced.

THERE is a general misunderstanding in regard to the object of Pomona Granges. Besides giving the chosen worthy members an opportunity of receiving the 5th degree, it is intended that these granges shall be made a more efficient body than the County Councils have proved to be, to do the business of the Order for the county in which they are located. If the membership is not chosen more for their ability to do that business, than for any other object, this new adjunct had better be abandoned. The Order cannot afford to have mere side shows, as they evidently would be, if they are intended only for the purpose of conferring an additional degree. Go slow, therefore, in the admission of members—*Patron's Helper*.

STAND by your Grange. We mean by that let every member of the Grange stand up for, and defend, the rights and character of his fellows, the same as a good brother for the family's sake will resist all attacks on his own brother or sister. That is right, natural, fair, and it will win.

State Agent's Department.

N. CHILSON, - - - BATTLE CREEK.

WORTHY PATRONS OF MICHIGAN.

Your Purchasing Agent is well aware of the importance to the entire farming community of the position he occupies, and that upon his honor, integrity and industry depends his future success. He also realizes that without your co-operation and aid, the most gigantic efforts on his part will prove utterly futile.

Believing that we have so dealt with those who have given us orders for goods of any kind, that their favors will be continued, we extend an earnest invitation to other members of the order to concentrate their trade in this office as much as possible. The greatest care possible will be exercised in selecting seeds, implements, tools, merchandise, etc., that may be ordered, and the same shipped at the earliest time possible after the order is received.

It must be remembered, however, that I am no millionaire, and further, that no money has been furnished me by the State Grange with which to do business, either for your benefit or my own.

I find it necessary to add to manufacturers' prices a small percentage to pay me for the time and trouble required to do the business. In some instances manufacturers themselves have considerably allowed me a small commission, even after placing their goods at wholesale prices. In such instances Patrons have received the benefits, and I have added nothing to the wholesale prices.

Some men can do business for nothing and still prosper, and perhaps get rich! I cannot, and must therefore have honest pay for honest work. [And let me say right here, that those Purchasing Agents who work for nothing and pay their own expenses, must have a happy faculty of replenishing their pocket-books from some unknown source. Patrons can draw their own conclusions.] My office rent, freight bills, etc., must be paid, and my family must be taken care of. I know of no way to do this except in a legitimate manner, in a way that to me seems right and just; and my confidence in the good sense and wisdom of the members of the order throughout the State, leads me to believe that this mode of doing business for them will be sanctioned and approved.

He who would prosper must not sit by the wayside and grumble at the imperfections he may see in this unsystematized business of ours. We propose to meet all in brotherly love, and shall constantly strive to secure entire harmony among the members of the order, and believe that a strict adherence to this determination will tend to add to our mental, moral, social and financial advancement.

I now have on hand 18 men's and 12 ladies' Regalia, for sale. The material is good, and they are well made. Write for price.

PURCHASING AGENT'S SUPPLY HOUSE,

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At the above named establishment may be obtained all kinds of garden and field seeds, such as clover, timothy, orchard and lawn grass and red top seed, wheat, rye, buckwheat, barley, oats, different kinds of peas and beans, potatoes, etc., etc.

There is also on exhibition a large stock of implements and machinery—all first-class and warranted. Among others may be mentioned

HOLBROOK'S GARDEN SEED DRILL.

These are all first-class, and are furnished at very low prices. Next comes the celebrated

MURRAY WAGON,

So well known that it needs no recommendation. These wagons are being sent all over the State on orders from Patrons. It is delivered on board the cars at Niles, Mich., for \$65.00.

THE CLIMAX REAPER AND MOWER,

Is on sale and will be furnished at manufacturers' prices, as published in their circular. The work of setting up the machine is paid for by the company when done by me. I can also furnish the Wood's reaper and mower at reduced rates. (Prices will be given on application.)

THE DAYTON SULKY and the CLIPPER SELF DUMP RAKES

are both on exhibition, and are the rakes for business. None better are in the market, and we do not hesitate to recommend them to Patrons as equal to the best.

THE HOLLOW TOOTH HARROW

Is being sold at the very low price of \$20. This is 88.00 less than it has ever before been sold. It has 72 teeth, cuts a swath twelve feet wide, and yet requires no more team to draw it than does the ordinary harrow. (Send for circular.)

THE CERES RIDING CULTIVATOR,

Manufactured at Rockford, Illinois, and the

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Manufactured at Dublin, Ind., are both standard tools, and rank as No. 1. They sell respectively at \$40 and \$28.00. I also have 5-tooth corn cultivators and 2 and 3 shovel plows, at prices that have never before been known.

Not having room or time to enumerate the merits of the many tools and implements for sale, I am prepared to fill all orders for plows, (and all kinds of repairs), wheel barrows, hand rakes, pitch forks, hoes, scythes, snaths, spades, shovels, and in fact almost everything needed by the farmer, not forgetting the

GYPSON FANNING MILL,

Manufactured by Long & Wood, Charlotte, Mich. For cleaning grain and seed, this mill cannot be surpassed by any in the market. It has been well tested, and we recommend it to Patrons as THE Mill to buy. It is sold at \$23—fully warranted.

Orders will receive prompt attention for groceries, stationery, Bellevue lime, white lime, water lime, salt, lumber, shingles, etc.

If you want anything, order it from

this office and you will have your order attended to without delay.

FLAVORING EXTRACTS.—Arrangements have been made to furnish Patrons a very superior article in the way of flavoring extracts, at reduced prices, put up in two ounce bottles. By the dozen we quote Lemon at 15 cents per bottle, and Vanilla at 20 cents; other kinds at equally low figures. Send orders directly to State Purchasing Agent.

A FIRST-CLASS Single Buggy can be had for \$120, delivered on board cars at Battle Creek, and warranted. The same article usually retails at \$160 to \$185. A splendid Double Buggy, two seats, pole and thills can be furnished for \$140. The same quality of work usually retails at \$175 to \$200. Send orders direct to State Agent.

THE Battle Creek Wind Mill Co., are offering a good mill at a discount. Patrons will do well to write me for particulars.

AS THERE seems to be a misunderstanding in regard to the way business is done at this office, the following in explanation may not be out of place:

By the action of the State Grange, the Purchasing Agent is required to do business without capital, or not do it at all. It is very embarrassing, to say the least, as well as sadly detrimental to the best interests of the Order, that this is the case. Our opponents are well supplied with the money necessary to carry out their schemes, and they are enabled to buy for cash and in large quantities.

On the other hand the State Purchasing Agent must either buy on 30, 60 or 90 days time, or else pay for goods with his own money, trusting to the generosity of the Patrons to recompense him for the same. As the result of this state of facts, it has been found necessary to add a small per centage on goods (5 per cent. being the highest), to pay for time spent in handling them. In several instances goods have been forwarded at precisely first cost, no commission whatever being added.

The expense to the State Grange of the Purchasing Agency is very trifling, owing to the fact that most of the work is done for nothing. It is apparent, however, that a stronger and more general support must be given to the State Agent, if members expect to derive any pecuniary benefits from the organization.

It is to be hoped that Patrons will come squarely up to the work and concentrate their orders into the hands of the State Agent.

The Pomona, or 5th degree Granges, are under the exclusive control of the State Grange in whose jurisdiction they may be located, including the right to fix all initiation fees and dues.

GRANGE ITEMS.

BRO. SAMUEL McNUTT, of Muscatine, advises us that the patrons' manufacturing association of his county is now employing some fifty or sixty men in its shop in the city of Muscatine; that the shop is fully equipped with the best of machinery, and that it is turning out first rate work and at very reasonable prices. It is owned and managed entirely by patrons. He promises to give us a more extended account of its workings so soon as he can get the figures.—*Patron's Helper*.

BRO. JONES, of the National Executive Committee, is proving himself to be an intelligent working member. He is doing great things for the Order in the South, especially in Arkansas, his own State. Almost every week there is an encouraging letter from him in the *Weekly Granger*, Little Rock, Arkansas. We hope other members of that committee may be as communicative in regard to their doings.—*Patron's Helper*.

OWOSSO GRANGE, Michigan, has procured and hung up a black-board, which it intends to use as an advertising medium for the sale and purchase of such things as the members may have to sell or want to buy, for the benefit of those wanting farm help and those who want work, and for those who desire to borrow or loan money.

A LARGE per centage of the farming population of Missouri consists of Germans, and these are said to be eagerly embracing the advantages of the Order. A large German edition of the constitution and by-laws of the Missouri State Grange has just been issued, and is being extensively circulated.

In the ceremony of initiation a good deal of ease and satisfaction, both to the candidate and to the members of the Grange, may be gained if the officers, both male and female, have committed to memory their parts so that there need be no occasion for reference to the manuals. This is done in some Granges with marked beneficial effect.

The first Pomona Grange in this State was organized at Buchanan, on Friday, the 11th inst., under the direction of Master Woodman, assisted by C. L. Whitney, State Lecturer, and is called Berrien Pomona Grange, No. 1. The attendance was good, and the meeting harmonious and pleasant.

About one-third of the Granges in the State of New York are incorporated. Blanks for the purpose are furnished by the Secretary of the State grange, and the Executive Committee urges all to incorporate as soon as charters are received, this being an indispensable condition under the law.

The quarterly report of the National Grange shows that the aggregate number of subordinate Granges has increased during the last three months about 1,000.

It is rumored that Louisville will probably be the headquarters of the National Grange.

THE dues from the State to the National Grange are five cents a year on each member, payable quarterly. Last year the dues were ten cents.

The Wisconsin Granges have gone back on the regularly constituted life insurance companies, as they think they detect a swindle about them, and have organized a company of their own.

THE codification of the rulings of the National Grange upon questions of law and usage was revised and amended at its last meeting and has been issued in pamphlet form, and is furnished to masters of the National Grange, with the proceedings of the eighth session.

NO ROOM FOR LOAFERS IN THE GRANGE.

We occasionally meet some who have gained admittance into the Grange, that have entered it under an entire misapprehension of its meaning or objects. They seem to have thought that all they had to do, to grow suddenly rich, was to join the Grange; and now, because their foolish and unreasonable expectations are not suddenly realized, they have lost confidence in it and think it a humbug. Now, suppose such an one had bought a farm with similar views, (and they would be just as reasonable,) and then sat down expecting that farm to make him rich, without plowing, planting, cultivating, etc., would the farm be a humbug?—*Monthly Talk*.

The New York *World*, which stands in high favor with the unscrupulous money speculators of the north, while professing friendship for our Order, is constantly hinting objections to its workings which is calculated to destroy confidence in the movement. It would be well for patrons to keep a close watch upon the *World*, and all other political papers in the business centers that offer to lead them.—*Ex.*

Bro. Allen, master of the grange of Missouri, in one of his letters to the *Rural World*, says: "Let true patrons beware of malcontents and disorganizers who have crept into the Order to run it for their own selfish purposes, or, failing in that, to ruin it. These fellows have only a smattering knowledge of the principles, objects and purposes of the Order, and failing in their designs to use it for their own ends, yet true to their morbid instincts, they attempt the work of destruction by scribbling for such newspapers as will admit them to their columns, such as the New York *World* and others of that ilk."

THE NATIONAL GRANGE.

A few sore heads in the Order are exclaiming against the Nat'l Grange as an expensive nuisance, and direct their puny shafts at the head of the Order with a silly view to its destruction. Suppose they could succeed to raise a popular clamor against it and overthrow it? How long would it be till they would try the same thing with the State Grange? That too would

be an expensive luxury, and must be abolished. Next would go the County Grange, then the Subordinate Grange. Silly disorganizers! Fit tools for our worst enemies.

Grange, means a farm. Take away the master of that farm, and what is the consequence? In our system, a Subordinate Grange is a small district; a County Grange is a larger one; a State Grange, still larger. But there are many States, and these make a National Grange. Here is system, utility, symmetry, beauty, consistency and propriety.—*Monthly Talk*.

Another county grange has been organized in Kansas, this one in Franklin county.

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