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THE VISITOR is issued monthly by order of the Executive Committee, under the supervision of the Master and Secretary of the State Grange. It is sent to the Master and Secretary of each Grange, and it should be read in open Grange at the first meeting after it is received, for the information of members. The subscription price of the VISITOR is 40 cents per annum.

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

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—What have you done, or what can you say for the good of the Order.

Proceedings of the Meeting of the State Agents, P. of H., held at Indianapolis, Aug. 10th and 11th, 1875.

[This article, after having been put in type, was crowded out of the August number of the VISITOR.]

Pursuant to invitation by A. Tyner, the following State Agents for their respective State Granges, to-wit: W. H. Hill of Ohio, J. D. Guthrie, Ky., L. G. Kniffin, Wis., N. Chilson, Mich., and Spencer Day, Iowa, met at Indianapolis, Aug, 10th at 2 P. M. in the building occupied by the Indiana State Grange Agency.

On motion N. Chilson, was elected Chairman, A. Tyner, Secretary. after stating the object of the meeting to be, to inaugurate a more perfect, uniform and co-operative business system, and the discussion of such business matters of general interest, as may properly come before the meeting.—Each individual present gave a history of the rise and progress of the business department of the Order in their respective States, offering such suggestions as their experience had taught them was right and proper.

On motion of W. H. Hill, it was resolved that this meeting proceed to inaugurate the initiatory steps toward the organization of a State Agents Business Association.

In accordance with the proposition, W. H. Hill and A. Tyner, on motion of J. D. Guthrie, were appointed a committee to draft preamble and resolutions expressive of the sense of this meeting, in regard to establishing a National Grange Agency.

Meeting adjourned.
Meeting convened at 8 A. M., Aug. 11, pursuant to adjournment. N. Chilson in the Chair.

Committee on preamble and resolutions reported as follows, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The business department of our organization is one of great importance, not only to our Order, but to the country at large.

WHEREAS, The commerce of the country is conducted upon uniform and established principles, rules and regulations:

WHEREAS, General prosperity cannot be attained without unity of action, and unity of action cannot be acquired without organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that a National Business Association, composed of the Chairman of the Executive Committee and State Agents of the respective State Granges,

is indispensable to the success of the business department of our Order.

Resolved, That the National Executive Committee be requested through their chairman, to issue a call at once for a general convention of all the chairmen of the Executive Committees and State Agents of the respective State Granges in the United States, to meet at Louisville, at the same time of the next meeting of the National Executive Committee, for the organization of an association as set forth in the foregoing preamble and resolution, and the adoption of such uniform rules and regulations as will apply to the order at large.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be sent to the chairman of the National Executive Committee and the chairman of the State Executive Committees and the State Agents of the Granges in the United States.

After a free discussion of matters of general interest, the following preamble and resolutions were presented and adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, We desire the overthrow of the credit and the commission system, thereby avoiding the excessive profits and losses incident to a business conducted on a credit and commission basis.

WHEREAS, Business cannot be successfully and satisfactorily conducted without a sufficiency of means with which to meet the demands of the business; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting, and the only true policy is that the State Granges should furnish their respective agents a sufficient amount of funds to transact the business of their agencies.

Resolved, That a salaried basis is the true basis for compensating state, district and county agents for their services.

Upon motion of L. G. Kniffin, it was resolved that when this meeting adjourn, it convene upon call of National Executive Committee, and in absence of said call to meet again subject to notice by chairman of this meeting, upon a general invitation as contemplated by the resolutions.

Motion prevailed expressing the thanks of those present to A. Tyner, for the action taken in calling the meeting, and for courtesies extended.

The Secretary was in receipt of numerous letters manifesting great interest in the objects of the meeting, and expressing regrets that the wri-

ters were unable to attend in compliance with the invitations extended.

Meeting adjourned until 2 p. m.

Met again as per adjournment for the purpose of comparing notes and conferring with several leading manufacturers who were present, and manifested great interest in the success of the order. Much valuable information was given by Brothers Day, Hill and others.

The meeting was an harmonious and profitable one, and adjourned to meet again as per previous resolution.

N. CHILSON, Chairman.

A. TYNER, Sec'y.

The Farmer's Movement.

[From an address by Hon. W. C. Flagg.]

The farmer's movement begins, that is, at the end of a long series of abuses resulting from the undue influence of corporate and other consolidated capital in a republican democracy. It is called a farmer's movement, and in the minds of many it seems only a struggle of one class against another—a mere contest for profits. To my own mind it is a great deal more. I see behind this contest the coming of a far greater one. The question remains to decide again whether men or money are to govern, whether this country is to remain what Franklin, Adams, Washington and Jefferson designed it should be, or whether it is to be a plutocracy, such as Vanderbilt, Mitchell and Belmont would give us. Nineteen years ago the last month of May, I was present at the first Republican State Convention held in Illinois—at Bloomington, and I shall never forget the expression of Lincoln, who was replying to the accusation of being a disunionist. "This union," he said, "must be preserved in the purity of its principles as well as in the integrity of its territorial parts." I repeat that memorable saying: "This government must be preserved in the purity of its principles;" this is the spirit that animates and energises our work. It is a work in which all should join; for equal and exact justice is the duty of all, and the Golden Rule of doing as you would be done by, is binding alike on farmer and banker, on capitalist and coal digger. It is not our reformation, but it must begin with us.—Of the 40,000,000 of Americans, 20,000,000 are farmers, 8,000,000 mechanics, and more than 35,000,000 manual laborers. If we do not begin the work, certainly the trader and transporter will not.

The higher honor of labor, the carrying out to their complete triumph the principles of equal and exact justice, are worthy objects of the most earnest effort of farmer and of patriot.

Hence we organize. We organize for the sake of social intercourse, to bring the men of one calling, of one interest and of similar wants, and their wives, sons and daughters together stately. The ordinary farmer is too much isolated, and his family is still more so. It is well for them to know what others are doing, thinking and feeling, and the mere coming together does them good. The grange, rightly, I think, attaches great importance to this feature of its organization. But to avail ourselves of it, we must avoid too much formality, and

aim to have a good time. Don't consider the grange meeting or the club meeting a prayer meeting, where everybody must keep still and wait for somebody else to move or say something, but as a place where, at least after the business of the meeting is transacted, you are expected to perform the duty of enjoying yourself.

We organize for educational purposes. Our agricultural and other industrial classes are ignorant, and hence easily deceived. If we can become wiser, we will be less deceived? We want to hear speeches, essays and discussions on farming, on finance, on transportation, on taxation and the various other topics that directly and indirectly affect us.

We organize for practical purposes, for selling our produce together, for buying our supplies in common, and other co-operative purposes that it may take long to learn and involve many failures, but which will make us freemen eventually; if in no other way, by teaching us to deal for cash, and not pay huge profits to the middleman.

These organizations especially the subordinate grange and the farmers' club, will need earnest, practical and persevering men and women to make them succeed. They will not run themselves. They must be made attractive places to young and old, and they can be. Three men in every club or grange who will attend all the meetings, devise ways and means to make it attractive and interesting, a good secretary who will make a good report of what is done, to the local newspaper; regular and not too frequent meetings; open sessions in the cause of the grange to which those who are friendly but not members can be invited; occasional and even frequent sociable meetings at the houses of members, would be my prescription for the success of a local grange or club.

—The editor of *Coleman's Rural World*, St. Louis, had a call a few days since from Col. E. R. Shankland, of the National Grange executive committee. He informed the editor, as we told the readers of the *Helper* last week, "that the executive committee have not made any attempt towards perfecting any system looking to an exchange of commodities between the two countries—they deeming such action premature—and that whatever has been said in regard to the matter is of an informal and unofficial character. They have, however, adopted some resolutions commending the plan for conducting business such as has proved to be so uniformly successful among the co-operative societies of Great Britain, as presented by their deputation to the United States, properly known as the Rochdale plan.—The executive committee heartily recommend it to the careful consideration of our state and subordinate granges, and to the members of our Order, and advise such action on the part of the executive committees of the several states as may be necessary to the organization and operation of such co-operative associations within our Order." He added: "The secret of the wonderful progress of the co-

operative societies of England, that of charging the regular price for goods and turning the profits over to increase the capital, instead of allowing the members to withdraw them, is well understood by the members of the executive committee with whom we have conversed. Had the Order in Iowa understood and adopted that principle two years ago, Col. Shankland believes it would have had a surplus capital in hand at the present moment of \$2,000,000. Soon after, if not before, the next meeting of the National Grange, the Order will be put in possession of the most valuable documents, rules, forms of accounts, the manner of working out quarterly and annual reports, with all necessary information for carrying out the principles here, he has written for these things to Mr. Abraham Greenwood, president of the co-operative society, and its originator of Manchester, England."—*Pat's Helper*.

—Brother Davie, master of the State Grange of Kentucky, and Gov. Jacobs, welcomed the officers of the National Grange to their new quarters in Louisville, Secretary Kelly responding. Afterwards the large party present partook of a Kentucky feast. The following is a description of the building and rooms selected for the various departments:

The property leased by the National Grange comprises all the granite building, No. 90 Main street, and the second, third and fourth stories of No. 94. The buildings are eighty feet deep; the entrance to the grange office is at 92 up stairs, they having relet the lower floor of No. 90 to the Masonic bank. On the second floor, at the right, is a very pleasant front room, occupied by the secretary. Adjoining this is a janitor's room, water closet, etc. In the rear of this is the reading and executive committee room. To the left is a large room, used as the packing and express department. On the left of the main stairway are the clerk's offices, very neatly and plainly furnished, having fine light from the front windows.—These are in charge of Miss C. A. Hall, chief clerk. The rooms are provided with all conveniences necessary to expedite business, and by having these, the same amount of work can be accomplished with less clerical force than at Washington. Take it all in all, we think the Order has made an excellent move in changing its headquarters.—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

—Bro. T. A. Thompson, National Grange Lecturer, writes from Kansas under date of August 2d: "After the 10th, I go home to Minnesota, there to spend a few days and arrange for my voyage east, where I shall labor until the meeting of the National Grange in November. I trust that I have done some good in Kansas, where, however, thanks to the indefatigable officers of the State Grange, the Order is very firmly established and prosperous. The brethren here have received me but too kindly."

—A pound of energy with an ounce of talent will achieve greater results than a pound of talent with an ounce of energy.

Master's Department.

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

Railroads and the Master of the National Grange.

The following extract from the letter of a correspondent of the *Husbandman*, is well calculated to convey an erroneous impression to the minds of members of the Order, and impair confidence in the Master of the National Grange:

"Our present Master seems to have gone over to the railroad interest, which is against the interest of us Patrons. I suppose the railroad interest imagine they have captured our organization. This is an old dodge of politicians to silence opposition—the gift of a lucrative office."

That Dudley W. Adams, Master of the National Grange, has been elected President of a railroad corporation I understand to be true; and without further explanation the above conclusion might very naturally be drawn. The facts in the case I understand to be as follows: The Worthy Master lives at Waukon, Iowa, eighteen miles from a railroad station. The citizens of Waukon and farmers in the vicinity, organized a company and subscribed the stock to build a narrow-gauge railroad eighteen miles in length from the village of Waukon to the nearest railroad station, and elected one of their own number, a farmer and Master of the National Grange, for its President. I am informed that under his wise and judicious management the road is rapidly approaching completion, and will soon be in operation at a cost, including rolling stock, of less than six thousand dollars per mile, demonstrating to the world, the wisdom of the stockholders in selecting a competent and honest man to superintend the enterprise.

As it is not the policy of the Order to oppose the building of railroads, but rather to encourage their construction and judicious management, should any member of the Order lose confidence in his integrity, or interest in the welfare of the Fraternity, simply because his neighbors and friends, who know him well, have entrusted to his hands the building of their road, to be paid for with their own money and operated for their own benefit: Should it not rather inspire confidence among the members of the Order in the Master of the National Grange?

The following will answer questions of correspondents:

1st. A regular meeting of a Grange is any meeting fixed by the by-laws or standing rules of the Grange. "A Grange must hold at least one regular meeting in each month, and may hold intermediate meetings."

2d. Special meetings may be called by the Master, or by vote of the Grange for special purposes; but no business relating to the general work of the Order can be transacted at such meetings, unless notice of the same be given with the call for the meeting.

3d. "A rejected candidate may apply again in three months."

The National Grange will meet at Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday, the 17th day of November.

Election of Representatives to the State Grange.

It will be seen by reference to the action of the Executive Committee, published in the August number of the *VISITOR*, that a Convention "for the election of members of the State Grange," will be held at the county seats of the several counties—unless a majority of the Masters of the county shall call it at some other place—on Tuesday, the 26th day of October.

As this is a matter in which every Grange in the State is directly interested and should be represented, I will suggest, in order to secure uniformity of action and prevent any misunderstanding—

1st. That the Subordinate Granges take action without delay to elect delegates to the County Conventions.

2d. That unless a majority of the Masters in the county sign a call for holding the Convention at some other place, and cause a copy to be served upon the Masters of all the Granges in the county at least ten days prior to the time of holding the same, the Convention will be held at the county seat.

3d. That the Master of the Grange at or nearest to the county seat, or his legal representative, be requested to provide a place for holding the Convention, and make all necessary preparations for the same.

4th. That the Convention assemble at 10 o'clock A. M., and balloting for Representatives commence at 1 o'clock P. M.

5th. That a certificate of election, signed by the President and Secretary of the Convention, be given to each Representative elected; and full returns of the election, with the names and post-office address of each member elected, be made forthwith to the Secretary of the State Grange.

6th. That the Convention provide for filling vacancies that may occur from the inability of any of the Representatives to attend the State Grange—either by electing alternates or empowering Representatives to appoint substitutes.

Patrons writing to this office will excuse any delay that may have recently occurred in answering their letters. During a large portion of the time for the past six weeks I have been absent from home, attending Grange meetings, and mingling with the Brotherhood in different portions of the State. Almost daily I am in receipt of invitations to attend Grange picnics, mass meetings, hall dedications, and harvest feasts; and not one fourth of these invitations is it possible for me to accept, without greatly interfering with the executive duties of the Master's office. Whenever it has been possible for me to do so, I have, in response to invitations, met with the Patrons at their public meetings, in their Granges, and around their hospitable firesides. Everywhere have I received the most cordial welcome and fraternal greeting.

The thorough and complete preparations made for these public meetings, imposing and well appointed delegations, beautiful decorations, fine music, sumptuous tables, and the earnestness of the assembled thousands, tell

in language too plain to be misunderstood how the Order is appreciated by those who have connected themselves with it. The general outlook is favorable, and everything seems to bid fair for a bright future for the Order in this State.

It has been the practice in this and some other States for the Master of the State Grange to install Masters of Subordinate Granges presenting credentials, at the State Grange. As several questions of a serious nature have grown out of this practice, I have deemed it for the good of the Order to modify the rule, without affecting in any sense what has been done in the past. The rule will stand as follows:

The Master of the State Grange will install Masters of Subordinate Granges at the State Grange, only when requested by resolution of the Subordinate Grange, under its seal, and signed by its Secretary, to do so.

Members attending the State Grange will present certificates of election corresponding with the returns made to the Secretary of the State Grange.

The State Grange will meet at Lansing on Tuesday, the 14th day of December next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

NO ABUSE OF OFFICIAL POSITION.—We notice that all the leading agricultural and other papers, whether advocates of the farmers' movement from the first or only from a recent period, are very generally declaring, as this paper declared at the beginning of last winter, in favor of the supremacy of those broad republican principles through the practice of which control is based upon representation. The Order of Patrons is one of those institutions the absolute permanency of which is eminently proper and absolutely essential to the full development and maintenance of the farmer and his household. Nothing will so dampen the ardor of the subordinate membership as a persistent disposition on the part of those who are in official communication with subordinate granges to use the advantages so obtained to get up a remunerative trade in books, dry goods, grange jewels, etc., etc.—*Western Farm Journal*.

The Patrons of Lane county, Oregon, have succeeded in raising subscriptions to aid in the completion of the State University building to the amount of \$5,000, and they do not propose to relax their efforts until they have raised at least \$6,000. This amount is in addition to what Grangers have given heretofore as individuals. This is one of the most favorable indications of the usefulness of the Order, the public spirit, the interest in education and the general welfare of the community which it is infusing among the people. It encourages social intercourse, unity of action and purpose in neighborhood affairs that tend to allay the causeless jealousy that sometimes spring up between individuals and communities by uniting all in a common purpose, the good of the whole.

Secretary's Department.

J. T. COBB, - - - - SCHOOLCRAFT.

Officers and members of Subordinate Granges in corresponding with this office, will please always give the *Number* of their Grange.

Secretary's Quarterly Reports.

Before the 15th of September we received several reports from Secretaries for the quarter ending Sept. 30.—These and all others that may be made before the close of the quarter, are of course premature, and may not be correct at the time the report should be made. If no more meetings are held during the remainder of the month a Secretary cannot be certain that the membership will remain the same. Death, removal or other cause may diminish the number. While we like promptness, we are not much in favor "of crossing a bridge till we get to it."

As the State Grange meets the 14th of Dec. next, its fiscal year must close with the reports of Secretaries for the current quarter, which we should receive in October. These reports are not always made in accordance with the rules which appear on the face of the blanks. A Grange often has credit for a little more or a little less than appears by the report to be due the State Grange, as we endeavor to charge up to the several Granges their dues by one uniform rule.

After the first of October, as fast as reports are received for the quarter ending Sept. 30, we shall, where the account is not balanced, send a STATEMENT of account to Secretaries to enable each Secretary to correct his books by our statement, or ask for such explanation as may be necessary to come to a mutual understanding of the business. It is not only desirable but it is really important that each Secretary have his account with the State Grange in such shape as not to involve his successor in perplexity and trouble. If our account with a Grange is balanced or if the Master of a Grange holds an order that is in part unpaid, we shall not send statement.

Where our statement does not agree with the Secretaries account with us we hope we shall be notified at once of the disagreement that we may adjust the matter at as early a day as possible.

In several instances articles of association for the incorporation of Subordinate Granges have been returned to this office after having been signed by the requisite number of members. In order to correct a misapprehension which seems to exist, we will give that section of the Act of Incorporation which relates to subordinate Granges. The whole Act of Incorporation can be found in the April number of the "Circular." As the sole object of incorporation is to give the organization a legal existence so that a Grange may hold property, make and enforce contracts, and have the rights and liabilities of a citizen, it is necessary to strictly conform to the requirements of the Act of Incorporation

else the object is not attained:

SEC. 7. Any thirteen or more persons, of lawful age, residents of this State, and being members of any county, district or subordinate grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, duly chartered by the National Grange, by charter approved by the State Grange, desirous to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association, specifying therein, as provided in section two of this act, and acknowledge the same as specified in said section two, and file a copy of such articles, together with a copy of the charter granted as aforesaid by said National Grange, in the office of the county clerk of the county where the business office of the Grange is located, and the same shall be recorded by such county clerk, in a book to be kept in his office for that purpose; and thereupon, the persons who shall have signed such articles of association, together with their associates and successors who shall sign such articles, shall be a body politic and corporate, by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession, and by that name may sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, and may have a common seal, which they may alter at pleasure, and may purchase, take, receive, own, and hold real and personal estate, and the same, or any part thereof, grant, sell, mortgage, lease, and convey at pleasure. But every such corporation shall be limited as to the amount of estate which it may hold, and the disposition to be made thereof, and of the income and proceeds therefrom, by the provisions of section four of this act, and a copy of the record of the articles of association, and of the charter thereto attached, certified by the county clerk, under the seal of the county where such record is kept, shall be received in all courts and places in this State as *prima facie* evidence of the existence and due incorporation of every Grange incorporated under this section.

In the August number of the VISITOR we gave the numbers of all Granges delinquent in Secretaries reports prior to Jan 1st, 1875. We reprint the list still remaining delinquent, and are glad to find the number reduced, several secretaries having made good the reports due last year and this year also at one time. It should not be overlooked that Granges delinquent in reports and payment of dues for two quarters, are not entitled to take part in the county convention that will elect representatives to the next State Grange. To the list has been added those Granges delinquent in reports for the quarter ending March 31, as the rule will exclude all such from participating in the work of the convention. We shall send secretaries all necessary blanks to facilitate the work to be done in carrying out the plan adopted by the Committee.

Let it be understood that Granges here represented as delinquent in reports, may, or may not be delinquent to the State Grange in dues. This

cannot be determined until we get the reports.

Granges delinquent in Secretaries reports for the quarters ending June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31, 1874, and March 31st, 1875, are No's 15, 27, 79, and 294 For quarters ending Sept. 30, Dec. 31, 1874, and March 31, 1875, the Granges delinquent in Secretaries' reports are No.'s 163, 293, 367, 369, and 451. For the two quarters Dec. 31, 1874, and March 31st, 1875, the Granges delinquent in Secretaries' reports are No.'s 71, 93, 117, 182, 347, 354, 365, 418, 419, and 453. And we find No.'s 12, 28, 42, 50, 58, 98, 105, 109, 150, 151, 169, 183, 196, 216, 224, 231, 241, 254, 258, 291, 331, 341, 345, 359, 382, 396, 404, 412, 418, 419, 446, 447, 449, 477, 489, 492 and 542, delinquent in Secretaries' reports for the quarter ending March 31, 1875.

—We have received from the publishers, R. W. Carroll & Co., Cincinnati, O., a little book entitled, "The Patron's Pocket Companion," by J. A. Cramer, first lecturer of the Kansas State Grange. From the brief examination we have given the work we are pleased with it. The author evidently understands his subject. As the name indicates it is a small book, but the arrangement is complete, and its "Explanation of Terms," and the "Analytical Index" are so perfect that nearly every question that may be raised "within the gates" can at once be settled by reference to its pages.

—A brother has written us asking that a monthly market report appear in the GRANGE VISITOR. We have consulted the Worthy Master upon this point and arrived at the conclusion that prices are so fluctuating that such reports would be of little or no practical value. By the time it would reach the membership generally it would in most instances be too old to be of value.

We would call attention to another item added to list of supplies kept at this office: Bro. A. B. Smedley's Manual of Jurisprudence and Co-operation. It will be found a valuable book. In addition to a general explanation of the rights and duties of officers and members of a subordinate Grange the advantages of co-operation in general business, are fully explained. Also, Banking and Insurance, with necessary blank forms, and general instructions for organizing co-operative associations.

If these plans are not considered in every respect perfect, they are certainly very valuable as affording something definite to improve upon, as they may be examined by other minds. Patrons should buy this book.

—Will the Secretary of every Grange that has not received its charter, and is entitled to it under the ruling of the Master of the State Grange please give me notice immediately and give particular direction to what place it shall be sent by express, and to whom directed. On receipt of such direction we will attend to the sending of all such charters still in this office without delay.

Lecturer's Department.

C. L. WHITNEY, - - - MUSKOGON.

Pomona Granges.

I am often asked if any of the Counties have yet formed Pomona Granges, and how many and which? In reply I would say, that on the 11th of June, Berrien Pomona Grange, No. 1, was duly instituted, with the following officers, to wit:

W. Smith Farmer, Master; Wm. B. Davis, O.; W. J. Nott, Lecturer; Burnus Helmick, Steward; Freeman Franklin, A. S.; Jacob Helmick, C.; C. F. Howe, Treas.; John S. Beers, Sec.; J. B. Metzgar, G. K.; Maggie Mars, Pomona; Mary E. Haslett, Ceres; Georgiana Mason, Flora; E. J. Lamb, L. A. S.

A second meeting was held on the 4th of August, and much important business was done, including the election of an executive committee, and the 5th degree was duly conferred upon thirty persons.

Mecosta Pomona Grange, No. 2, was duly instituted July 17th, and the following persons elected and installed as officers: Abel Knapp, Master; C. M. Darrah, O.; Wm. Warren, Lecturer; James H. Decker, S.; George T. Saell, A. S.; Wm. Ladner, Treas.; D. A. Turner, Ch.; John T. Byers, Sec.; J. E. Evans, G. K.; Sarah E. Darrah, Pomona; Margaret Medgley, Ceres; Kate L. Short, Flora; Laura Snell, L. A. S. Executive Committee, Master, Secretary, John P. Short, Wm. Ladner, and C. M. Darrah.

On the 27th of July, Calhoun Pomona Grange, No. 3, was duly instituted under the leadership of the following officers: N. J. Kelsey, Master; Ephraim Marble, O.; H. B. Smith, Lecturer; W. N. Baker, S.; A. L. Johnson, A. S.; Sister Manchester, Ch.; E. C. Manchester, Treas.; Richard Keeler, Sec.; Jonathan Johnson, G. K.; Sister E. M. Merritt, Pomona; Sister N. Chilson, Ceres; Sister J. Eddy, Flora; Sister A. Johnson, L. A. S.

The St. Joseph County Pomona Grange, No. 4, was instituted July 29th, and its officers duly elected and installed, as follows: Richard Dougherty, Master; Wm. G. Leeland, O.; Daniel Shurtz, Lecturer; Wm. B. Langley, S.; S. G. Leeland, A. S.; S. M. Nash, Ch.; Geo. Schack, Treas.; J. H. Gardner, Sec.; John Freeman, G. K.; Julia Langley, Pomona; Eliza Cook, Ceres; Maria Richards, Flora; Adelia Freeman, L. A. S.

The last three named will also have held their second meeting before this sheet reaches its readers.

In obedience to the petition, a meeting of the Oakland Co. Granges was held on the 10th of Aug., at Pontiac, and Oakland Pomona Grange No. 5 duly instituted, and its officers duly instructed after installation, after which, the 5th degree was conferred in due manner upon a large number. The officers are as follows: Sloan Cooley, Master; A. G. Noble, O.; Jas. L. Wilbur, Lecturer; J. West Hunt, S.; A. E. Green, A. S.; Ira H. Dorlandson, Ch.; Edwin Phelps, Treas.; C. E. Dewey, Sec.; Henry Conert, G. K.; Lucy Cooley, Pomona; Maria J.

Phelps, Ceres; Sister A. D. Simonson, Flora; Sister A. E. Green, L. A. S.

An Executive Committee of five including the Master and Secretary, was duly elected

Genesee Pomona Grange, No. 6, was duly instituted on the 1st of September, with E. W. Rising, of Davidson Station, Master; J. M. Davis, O.; Chas. W. Perry, Lect.; M. S. Goodrich, Steward; P. B. Taylor, Asst. S.; G. Townsend, Chaplain; D. F. Bennett, Treasurer; E. O. Brewer, of Flint, Secretary; John Noble, G. K.; Melida Warner, Pomona; Mary Schram, Ceres; Rebecca Noble, Flora; Lydia Goodrich, L. A. S.

On the 3d of September, Washtenaw Pomona Grange No. 7, was duly instituted with the following officers: J. J. Robinson, of Manchester, Master; James W. King, Overseer; J. Webster Childs, Lecturer; A. Campbell, Steward; H. H. Webb, Asst. S.; Robert Campbell, Chaplain; S. Parker, Treasurer; Geo. A. Peters, Sec.; E. Sandford, G. K.; Lucy A. Childs, Pomona; Jane Peters, Ceres; Lavina Campbell, Flora; Emma Peterson, L. A. S.

The Wayne Pomona Grange No. 8, came into being on Sept. 24th, the officers installed being: Geo. C. Gordon, of Redford, Master; H. O. Handford, O.; O. S. Straight, Lecturer; J. R. Brighton, Steward; J. Podley, Asst. S.; S. A. Cady, Chaplain; E. B. Thoupson, Treasurer; W. E. Smith, of Plymouth, Secretary; J. Lee, G. K.; Mary Kellogg, Pomona; Lydia Cady, Ceres; Maria Tingham, Flora; Carrie Gordon, L. A. S.

Where Pomona Granges have been formed they are productive of good, in that they secure harmony and unity of action between subordinate granges, are a connecting link in forming thorough and efficient organization, and are a valuable medium for collecting and dispensing information to the members.

POMONA GRANGES.—One of the objections to the fifth degree Grange is, that it will create an aristocracy among the farmers. Another, that it is a useless expense, etc. Now we cannot see if masters, past-masters and their wives who are matrons, see fit to organize a fifth degree Grange, and pay their own fees and dues, who it is going to discommode in the least; they pay their own money for the degree, the subordinate grange does not pay it. But, ah! they say some can never get up so high as to get the degree. Grant it; we are all in the same boat, in the subordinate Grange; we all have a chance to work our way up, and if we that are always at our post, and are skilled in the workings of our Order should happen to be chosen master of our Grange, have we not earned our position? We say we have, and we cannot see where the aristocracy comes in if we should see fit to go one step higher. We have no room for drones in the Grange room: let the office seek the person; the best qualified to fill the office, and the members that attend strictly to their business and are always punctual in their attendance, are the members that the offices should be filled from.—*Cor. Spirit of Kansas.*

State Agent's Department.

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Underwear Suits.

In regard to a previous notice that appeared in a late number of the VISITOR, concerning suits for underwear, there seems to be some misunderstanding on the part of Patrons, inasmuch as I have received numerous inquiries by letter. Some understand that 24 pieces were allowed to the dozen (a pair of each). This is not correct: 12 pieces only are allowed to the dozen, and not less than a dozen can be obtained at the stated rates. The following is the price-list for the same:

No.	Lb.		
130	12	Blue Mix,	\$7.50
70	10	" "	6.50
85		Cheap Blue Mix,	4.50
100		Boys' " "	4.50
55	10	White, red fronts,	7.00
60	10	" silk "	7.00
65	12	" " "	7.50
125		Gents' B,	9.50
105		Ladies' AAA,	9.50
120		" AA,	6.00

Orders for the above goods must be sent direct to the address of E. C. Manchester, Battle Creek, Mich., or to N. Chilson, General Purchasing Agent for the State.

— Agreeably to a previous notice, which appeared in the last number of the VISITOR, we were in attendance at the recent State Fair, held at Saginaw Sept. 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th. The attendance was not large, and the weather remarkably cool and unpleasant for the season.

A part of the machinery which we advertised to exhibit on the grounds failed to reach us in due time, probably owing to the fact that most of it was shipped from other States.

To give some general idea of what we had on hand and did exhibit, we will mention the following articles:

The Whitney Sewing Machine, in our opinion the very best in use, and one, we feel confident, that when tried will give complete and perfect satisfaction to all parties. The demand for this machine is large: indeed, we deal almost wholly in this make, and it is meeting with unparalleled success everywhere sold.

The Statesman Grain Drill, manufactured by Jacob Strayer, of South Bend, Ind., a force feed drill, with grass-seeder attached, is acknowledged by all to be a good thing, and fully meets our expectations.

The Shoe Grain Drill, manufactured by Warner & Tuttle, of Dowagiac, was also on exhibition, and attracted much attention. It is well adapted for some soils, and no doubt will give general satisfaction.

The Hollow-tooth Harrow, of which Decker, Russell & Wells are the proprietors, claimed its merited share of attention, judging from the interest evinced in its merits. Having used it ourselves, we feel justified in saying that we deem it the best in use, one destined to stand in advance of all others.

Straw and Hay Press.—We would also make mention of a well constructed Hay and Straw Press, Bittorf's

patent, Wyandotte, Mich., mounted on wheels, and can be readily moved from barn to barn. It has been thoroughly tested, and found convenient and practical. Price \$225, without wagon; with wagon, \$250.

Rue's Potato Digger—This is a new tool for the farmer, and has been tested in many parts of the State, and we believe in all cases has given good satisfaction.

Perhaps the next tool of importance is the Clipper Self-dump Horse Rake, manufactured by the Dayton Machine Co., Dayton, Ohio. To all appearance it is to be the coming rake for the farmer.

This implement will be furnished to the Order for the year 1876 at reduced rates, and will be warranted to do work equal to the very best.

The Phoenix Cross-cut Sawing Machine is probably one of the simplest and best now in use. It is manufactured by Chandler & Taylor, at the Phoenix Foundry and Machine works, Nos. 370 to 375 West Washington st., Indianapolis, Ind., and will be sold to Patrons at the low price of \$85. Orders must be sent to N. Chilson, Battle Creek, Mich., General Purchasing Agent, or to Charles Merritt, of the same place.

— We have to announce that C. T. Cook, of Detroit, who has furnished the Order with groceries for the past year, has discontinued his business in that line, and is therefore unable to furnish us with anything more. At present we have no arrangement with any wholesale grocery house in Detroit; but I will endeavor before long to consummate arrangements and announce them in the next number of the VISITOR. I am keeping a stock of goods sufficient to supply all Granges with groceries and dry goods at reduced rates.

— We have made arrangements with Messrs. Raymond & Hibbard, of Detroit, commission merchants, to handle wheat for one cent commission per bushel. We have shipped to this firm for the past year, and always found them to be prompt and reliable business men. All members of the Order can ship to them with perfect safety, any and all grain they may wish to dispose of.

— For the benefit of Michigan Patrons who may wish to know of a reliable New York Commission House, we clip the following from the *Husbandman*: "Are Smith & Ensign, 335 and 337 Greenwich St., New York, in the employ of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry?"

This house is exclusively engaged in trade for the Order, and so far as we know has given entire satisfaction. Up to the first of June last it was the recognized agency established by the Executive Committee of this State, but owing to a difficulty in terms and other causes, in no manner affecting the integrity of the firm, on that date it tendered voluntary resignation of the position, which was accepted, without impairing confidence on either side. The books of the concern were then as now open to the inspection of Patrons, and cash balances were at once made up for all who had made

consignments and who had not received full returns. The gentlemen composing this firm are thoroughly familiar with the business in which they are engaged, as represented in their advertisement in *The Husbandman*, and they offer terms so exceedingly favorable to Patrons that they must win support. They take all the risks, trusting the honesty of Patrons. Send to them for circulars explaining the nature of transactions.

— When contracts are made by a Grange with the full consent of its members, there is no plea of expediency or offers of better conditions which can honorably absolve the contracting members from their plighted obligations. No trickery or dishonorable conduct in any respect can be tolerated in the Order. Prompt compliance with contracts, no matter how burdensome the obligation, is the first duty of an honorable man.—*Ex.*

Communications.

Is the Grange an Educator ?

We answer: Most assuredly it is. It educates, exalts, refines, and ennobles, both man and woman, in every phase and department of their life and being; intellectually, socially, morally and physically. This last statement some, we are well aware will deny, but nevertheless we assume that proper cultivation and development of any one faculty of our organism cannot exist without producing like effects upon the whole structure of mankind. For instance, those who have hitherto devoted their entire time, and whatever of talent they possessed, solely to agricultural pursuits, have lived too exclusively confined, narrowed-down and fettered, if not dwarfed to some extent. Every force and energy of their nature being bent upon one aim and purpose, that of obtaining the hard-earned dollar, by ceaseless, tiresome, earnest toil, and giving little or no time to develop or expand the higher and more ennobling attributes of the soul.

Let it not be understood that we depreciate labor; no, we admire it; but we do most decidedly object to any plan of living, which defrauds man or woman of one legitimate right or privilege; or which even through honest though misdirected effort, permits our minds to run in one groove, and our energies to one purpose, at the expense of other faculties.

Therefore we assume that the Grange movement has been one of the greatest educators of any reformatory method of advancement for the laboring classes the world has yet produced. Those whose sympathies have become enlisted in our behalf, and have given their sanction and interest to further our good cause, and many who hitherto have been so absorbed and confined to self-interest,—almost wholly estranged from the world at large, have now found time to become socially united with their friends and neighbors, in their respective Granges and in the discharge of their individual duties as workers for one ultimate result, have extended and widened their influence and ideas, by reciprocating

cal and constant interchange of thought and sympathy,—living and toiling, as God designed them, not for self-interest *alone*, but as one united band and brotherhood.

Then let every Patron take courage, and put his or her shoulder to the wheel, helping to push on and forward the car of progress,—equal justice, equal rights, equal privileges and advantages *for all*.

We may cheerfully say with Gen. Massey:

" 'Tis coming up the steeps of time,
The whole world's growing brighter;
We may not see its dawn sublime,
But hopes are high, and hearts are lighter—
The people's advents coming."

A Nice Little Game.

And now it is the lightning-rod men who defraud the farmers. It is done on this wise. An agent first comes along and solicits orders. He will put rods on a farmer's dwelling and barns for so much per foot, and the entire cost will amount probably to \$20 or \$30. If it amounts to more than \$30, he will throw off \$10. A contract is signed at so much per foot with the \$10 proviso, and agent No. 1 goes on his way. In a few days the workmen come along and put up the rods. They put up a good many, and make what appears to be a very complete job. The farmer feels sure that he will get the benefit of the \$10 deduction. In a day or two another agent presents himself to measure the rods, foot up the bill, and to take the farmer's cash or obligation. Then it is discovered that those workmen understood their business. They worked upon the principle that if protection is a good thing it is well to have an abundance of it; and the farmer is astonished that the bill, strictly following the terms of the contract, amounts to from one to three hundred dollars! Several of the sharpest farmers of Benton have taken a hand at this nice little game.

We learn from parties who have been victimized by the lightning-rod men, that our statement of their operations was altogether too mildly put. The agent resorts to all sorts of expedients, representations and promises, to obtain a contract, and the bill, as figured up, amounts to from \$100 to \$500. Several suits will grow out of their operations in Eaton county, and many will pay only because they will not involve themselves in a suit. We warn our farmers to beware of the tricks of these fellows.

An indignation meeting was called in Benton the other day, to take action with reference to the lightning-rod men; but we have not heard what action was taken.

— Mr. S. Bacon, writing from Yates City, Illinois, says: "The Grange sample room managers report a large sale this spring in the way of implements. They propose to start a co-operative store and incorporate it. They have the stock subscribed and the officers elected, and will meet in a few days to complete arrangements. As they own the buildings, and among them are wealthy men of good business qualifications, who must justly feel a pride in their undertaking, it will undoubtedly prove a success."

GRANGE ITEMS.

YOUR DUTY.—Are you eligible to membership in the Grange, and yet not a member? If so, why not? The Grange is a secret society! That is a very small objection, and really means nothing. You object to it because it is secret, and being secret you must know absolutely nothing concerning those things that you term secret, else they are not secret, but public. There is many a secret in this world which, developed, is very valuable. In fact, all things are secret to us until we find them out, and there is scarcely anything secret that it is not our privilege to develop. Many a secret when found out we care nothing for and never use: others we avoid. It is your privilege, and we think your duty, to fully understand, by becoming a member, the secrets of the Grange, for, like many a man as wise as you, you will learn to love them as you learn to know them. Go in and learn.

"The movement can get along without me." In reply to this it strikes us that it is enough to say that it is very unmanly and ungenerous to leave others to bear the whole of a burden that will benefit you as well as others.—*American Patron.*

GRANGE TACTICS—A certain Grange thirty miles from New York City recently attempted to procure a reduction in the price of railroad tickets, the round fare being one dollar and eighty cents. Last week its purpose was accomplished, the road offering to sell five hundred tickets for five hundred dollars, which offer was promptly accepted, the operation effecting a clear saving of four hundred dollars, and nobody hurt. The tickets are good during the current year, but will be used long before the expiration of the time. This is the kind of war Granges are making on railroads. The road in question seems to like it and is likely to have more of it.

—The social feature of the Grange, the fraternal union of its members, the unity of the farmers in one grand consolidated organization, are facts of to-day. What they will do; what use they will make of the organization; how far they will be able to throw off the schemes of wild theorists and confine their efforts to the right and the practical, are questions of the utmost moment, that are yet to be solved.—To these questions we devote ourselves. Organization is no longer a problem—but the safe conduct of that organization is a problem that will require the best efforts of the best minds in the Order. To one and all the real lovers of the noble Order of Patrons of Husbandry, we most earnestly appeal, asking that you carefully study whatever positions we may take in our editorials, or that may be taken by the correspondents, and that you aim to keep us right. We shall fully discuss all questions of policy; plainly and fully criticize whatever we fear; approve what we regard as right, and disown what we do not like; but at all times, with the full understanding that our opinions are not regarded by us as infallible, but are ad-

vanced for the purpose of throwing light on the subjects wanted, and that we are willing to receive instructions and listen to arguments.

We are in a new field; we are traveling over ground that has never been explored, and that will require careful surveying before it can be mapped—we are traveling however; we are pushing forward fully paid for our labor by the beauties of the new, that constantly develops before us.—*American Patron.*

—We are going to have a library in our Grange," said a very intelligent sister to us. "Every one is going to contribute some of their books." It is encouraging to hear such things.—Get books of history, poetry, travel, agriculture, and if romance, let it be of the best kind; don't fill up with old reports, speeches, etc. Make it interesting and useful. Let there be books with declamations for the younger members to commit and declaim. This is the way to make the Grange useful and profitable.

—The Son of the Soil (Louisiana), says: We wish again to call the attention of our brothers in the North to the fact that this is no season to purchase sugar and molasses in this market. The stock is very low and prices are high. There is none in first hands. Order this fall during the months of October and November, and you will get not only good articles, but the advantage of low prices from the producers.

—The New Jersey Farmer and Artist says: "It is possible that the Patrons of Pennsylvania will form a Centennial Encampment for the accommodation of members of the order who may attend the American Centennial Exhibition next summer. It is proposed to lease, for a short term a tract of land upon which to erect tents and buildings for the use of farmers from all parts of the world"

The Age was happy to receive a call on Tuesday morning from the Hon. Dudley W. Adams, the Master of the National Grange. Mr. Adams is on his way home in northern Iowa. He is looking well and reports the Grange movement in a flourishing condition. The addition of 250 granges in the month of June shows the movement is still alive and doing well.—*Industrial Age.*

—Ladies are bound to have an equal share of Grange work accorded them. They deserve it, for they work well and thoroughly. They should have a place on all important committees.

—Michigan has 605 Subordinate Granges and seven Pomona Granges. The State Grange is incorporated and many of the subordinate Granges.

—There are several Granges organized in the Indian Territory west of Arkansas.

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