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## PROSPECTUS

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### "The Grange Visitor" for 1877.

THE need of some medium of communication between the Officers of the State Grange and the Subordinate Granges of the State was so manifest, that in January 1875, the Executive Committee authorized the publication of the **GRANGE VISITOR**. Prior to that time, such matter as must be communicated to the Granges by the Master, Secretary, or Executive Committee, was put out in the form of a Circular at irregular intervals, as a necessity, these, each sheet under a penny stamp. This was both expensive and unsatisfactory, and the Committee determined on the experiment of a monthly paper. At first the price was fixed at 50 cents per annum, but one year ago it was reduced to 30 cents with the expectation that its increased circulation would justify this reduction. We have not gone beyond the original purpose of the committee, and admitted no matter except such as in some way was of interest to the Order. The **VISITOR** received a very cordial endorsement from the members of the State Grange at its last session, and we had many volunteer promises of aid in extending its circulation. It should be in the family of every Patron in the State. That it would serve to build up and strengthen the Order, give confidence in the Executive Committee and State Business Agent, and add to the material interests of the Order wherever read, we have abundant reasons for believing. The Order of Patrons of Husbandry has come to stay, and it should be so treated by its friends. Every Brother and Sister who believe this, should be willing to do something to make this fact universally recognized. We are asking but little of you, Brothers and Sisters, when we ask you not only to subscribe for the **VISITOR** yourself, but ask you to present the matter to other members of your respective Granges and try and send us some additional names.

You will bear in mind that this appeal is not in the interest of any individual. The profit or loss of the enterprise affects only the treasury of the State Grange. So far it has only been made to pay its way, and that is all that we have asked for it. Whenever the receipts give a profit, the price will be farther reduced, or the sheet enlarged. Until our subscription list is very much increased, no change can be safely made in either direction. In the make up and mechanical work of the **VISITOR**, we think it equal to any other Grange publication and far superior to some. For the Good of the Order, we ask every Brother and Sister to aid us in extending the circulation of the **VISITOR**. To advertisers it furnishes unusual opportunities to bring their business to the attention of a large number of people. An edition of 3500 is scattered each month over the State. Sample copies of the **VISITOR** sent to any address on application.

Let us have a response to this appeal for aid in increasing our circulation that shall prove that in Michigan, at least, the Grange is not "dying out." Price, 30 cents per annum, invariably in advance.

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This number of the **VISITOR** has been delayed to obtain Freight Rates on Plaster. We have not been able to give rates on J. L. & S. north of Lansing—have only learned that there has been no change from last year. Those interested can get the rates usually, by enquiry of the Local Agt. We shall not load the next **VISITOR** with Plaster.

Do not neglect to ask your friends to subscribe for the **VISITOR**.

#### Address of Lieut. Gov. Sessions upon the organization of the Senate.

Although the **VISITOR** is devoted exclusively to matter relating to the Order of P. of H., yet I cannot withhold from its readers the address of Bro. Alonzo Sessions, Lieut. Governor of Michigan, upon the organization of the Senate.

The propositions set forth address themselves to our common sense, and are commended to our judgment by their manifest truthfulness.

While we have such representative men of our class in our Agricultural State shall we always send nine lawyers to Congress from the nine districts of this State. Brother farmers, let us have "more justice and less law."

#### Senators:

Without any effort or desire on my part I find myself in the position of your presiding officer.

My business, my habits and my duties heretofore have not been such as to make me familiar with the service I am expected to perform. My age and condition makes it difficult to learn new ways and to adopt new methods. I realize very sensibly the responsibilities that rest upon us and the difficulties that surround me. I shall need your kind indulgence and your constant friendly aid. In return I can only pledge you industry, faithfulness, and a desire always to be impartial and just.

You make your own rules. You make them to expedite, not to retard the public business. If they are not satisfactory to you, you can change them; but whatever they may be, one of the duties incumbent upon me will be to see that they are rigidly enforced. It is a duty that I cannot escape, and with your aid, which you will not withhold, the task will be possible and perhaps not difficult.

In our system of government the senate is made a part of the legislative body in order to secure deliberation, care and caution in the enactment of laws, and to protect the people against hasty, crude and inconsiderate legislation. The theory is that senators will be older, more experienced, careful, cautious men, and being a smaller body, there will be more time for deliberation and wise and prudent decision.

Is it not well to consider whether this object has not been lost sight of, or obscured in the past legislation in this State, also whether the interests

of our people do not demand less legislation and better laws?

The wealth, the power, and the prosperity of the State depend upon its quiet, silent workers, that never clamor here, that ask no special favors or privileges, and only desire that no needless burdens be placed upon them and no obstacles placed in their way. If you do anything for them, give them what they need, and they will appreciate *more justice and less law.*

Neither your sympathies, your efforts or your acts can change the inevitable law that establishes a penalty for indolence, profligacy and crime, but you can protect the industrious and frugal from paying all the penalty. If there must be suffering let the guilty suffer; they can take their choice. The aim and object of legislation should be to protect the innocent and worthy, so far as may be at all hazard.

Senators, we meet here as the servants of an intelligent and prosperous people, inhabiting a great and growing State. May our intercourse be friendly and pleasant, and may our duties be so wisely and well performed, that our State will be honored, and all its varied interests protected and prospered.

Encouraged by the confidence I have that you will bear with me and aid me, I enter upon my duties.

### Master's Department.

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

The following will answer questions of correspondence relating to the several subjects:

1. Election of officers in subordinate Granges.

The constitution of the National Grange provides that officers in the Subordinate Granges "shall be chosen annually at the regular meeting in December, and installed at the regular meeting in January, or as soon thereafter as practicable."

This provision is intended to make the time for the election and installation of officers in subordinate Granges as near uniform as practicable; and subsequent to the meeting of the State Grange, thus making the Master of the Grange who had served one year in the chair, with his experience and knowledge of the wants of the Grange eligible to membership as a delegate in the State Grange.

In copying this provision of the constitution into the By-Laws of the State and Subordinate Granges, the language and punctuation has been so changed as to make the qualifying words ("or as soon thereafter as practicable") apply only to the time of installation, thus making it imperative that subordinate Granges elect their officers at the regular meeting in December, and failing to do so the old officers must hold over for another year.

I am clearly of the opinion that such was not the intention of the law, and such a construction of it would conflict with the above provision of the constitution.

Sec. 1, of Art. 2, of the constitution provides that "Subordinate Granges

shall meet at least once a month, and may hold intermediate meetings." As these intermediate meetings are necessarily regular meetings, the By-Laws of the State Grange very properly indicate "the last regular meeting in each year," as the time for electing officers.

Hence it made the duty of subordinate Granges "to elect their officers at the last regular meeting in each year, and install them at the first regular meeting in January following," if it can be done without detriment to the welfare of the Grange. Circumstances however often occur, which render it impossible for a Grange to elect and install at the above meetings. The severe storm which occurred on the last days of December rendered it impossible for many Granges in the sparsely settled portions of the State to hold their last regular meeting in that month, and consequently officers were not elected.

Believing that it was not the intention of the law makers to debar a subordinate Grange from electing officers under such circumstances, it is hereby ordered that all subordinate Granges which have failed to elect officers as provided in the By-Laws of the State Grange, may do so at a subsequent regular meeting of the Grange provided that notice of the election be given by order of the Grange, or by the the Master, at a previous regular meeting thereof, or served on all the members in good standing and accessible by his order at least five days prior to said election, and officers thus elected may be installed on the day of election, or at any subsequent time to be fixed by the Grange.

### Plaster.

I am constantly in receipt of letters from members of the Order in different portions of the State relating to the plaster question, and asking for further information upon the subject. Many of these letters state that parties are canvassing for the sale of plaster in the interest of companies that were in the late combination, and exhibiting samples of ground plaster purporting to come from the "Grange Plaster Mill," of a very inferior quality, and stating "that all of the good rock mined by Day & Taylor was selected and shipped to be ground in other mills and that only the poor or inferior rock was ground for their customers; and further, that under no circumstances could Day & Taylor furnish members of the Order with the amount of plaster which would be needed.

In order to satisfy myself upon these points and be able to answer all questions relating to this matter correctly, I visited the plaster works of Day & Taylor and others in the vicinity and am prepared to state that, from my personal observation, and what I could learn from plaster men, and other reliable sources, the above allegations are devoid of truth and are a part of the new tactics which have been adopted by the combination to crush out Day & Taylor, and thus destroy the efforts of the Executive Committee of the State Grange, so successfully accomplished, to supply the members of our Order with plas-

ter at reasonable rates for a series of years to come. These plaster tramps are but wolves in sheeps clothing, deceiving only to destroy.

They are the agents of that interest which combined to control the plaster business in this and other States; and have left no stone unturned to accomplish that object, and compel the farmers to pay an exorbitant price for an article which nature has provided in inexhaustible quantities, and which should and can be furnished to them at prices much lower than have heretofore been paid.

From my examination of the plaster works of Day & Taylor, as well as those of other companies, and from information derived from other sources, I became satisfied upon the following points, viz:

1. That Day & Taylor are mining and grinding a quality of rock which is not surpassed in purity and excellence by any other rock found in the State.

2. That they are able to furnish any quantity of pure, fresh ground plaster which may be needed, to supply the wants of our members, and others who may desire to order from them.

3. That they make no stucco, and do not select their best rock for that purpose, or for shipping, which cannot be said of other companies.

4. That their plaster is equal to the best manufactured at any other mill in the State; and purer and more valuable than that which comes from mills which make stucco.

5. That Day & Taylor are honorable men, who will deal fairly and fill all orders as promptly and satisfactorily as any other firm in the State, and the contract price, \$3 00 per ton, is but a fair price for plaster at this time.

6. That the cards sent out to the Granges in this State offering to furnish them with plaster at two dollars per ton, is a reflection upon the intelligence and integrity of the farmers of Michigan, and a direct insult to every Patron. Failing to crush us by the concentration and combination of all the advantages of capital, influence and power which corporations have over individual enterprise, they turn and offer to buy us with a bribe, a hook with the point concealed by a sugar coated morsel in the form of two dollars per ton less for plaster, than they formerly charged, and one dollar less than our contract price with Day & Taylor, confidently expecting that we will violate our contract, go back on our friends, forfeit our honor, our integrity and good name, abandon Day & Taylor and our true interest, with all the advantages we have gained in this contest, as well as the principles inculcated in our noble Order, and take the insulting bribe, swallow the hook that they may again suspend us by the gills where they can hold us for all future time, and make us subservient to their biddings.

It is only necessary to place this matter before the members of our Order in its true light and prevent their being deceived, to unite them in the support of the Executive Committee and to procure their plaster of Day

& Taylor, even if the combination give it away.

I ask the Master and members of every Grange in the State to cause all information upon this subject which they may receive, either through the VISITOR or by circular, to be read to the Grange.

In conclusion let me say that the outlook is most encouraging. The resolutions of Granges, letters from members and orders for plaster come thick and fast. I have yet to learn of the first instance where a member of the Order has taken the bribe, but all seem to unite in treating the insult with the contempt it deserves.

#### Public Meetings Hall Dedications, &c.

Since the meeting of the State Grange, I have spent a large portion of my time in attending public meetings, hall dedications, installations, &c.

To give a detailed account of the many pleasant meetings which I have had the pleasure to attend, where sumptuous tables have been spread, sweet and stirring music discoursed, and where brothers and sisters in our noble fraternity have intermingled socially and fraternally without the forms, ceremonies and affectation usually found in social gatherings and which robs social life of half its charms, its real enjoyment, and its inspiring and elevating influence over the minds and hearts of men, would take more space than the columns of the VISITOR will permit.

As it is absolutely necessary for the prosperity of a Grange that it have a permanent place of meeting, convenient and accessible to all, I will briefly mention two dedications which I have recently attended. South Boston Grange, No. 175, in Ionia County dedicated their new hall on the 27th of December. The whole building was filled to overflowing with members and visitors. The choir did credit to themselves; and the ceremonies of dedication were well performed and impressive. The large dining hall was a scene of great activity, and no effort was wanting on the part of the officers and members, and especially the ladies to make every one happy and comfortable.

This hall is located six miles from Lowell, and about the same distance from Saranac, in a rich and beautiful farming country. It is a magnificent and imposing structure, well furnished and beautifully ornamented, costing over \$3,000 and paid for. In connection with the hall is a beautiful plot of ground with out buildings, and stable accommodations for over one hundred head of horses. As I have the promise of a description of this hall and its surroundings for the VISITOR I will only add that no language can be more complimentary to the members of South Boston Grange, than the simple mention of the fact that a Grange with seventy-five members have shown their devotion to and confidence in the Order, by building such a beautiful Grange home.

On the 10th inst. I dedicated the new hall of Groveland Grange No. 443, in Oakland County. This hall is located in the country, six miles from

Holly. The number of members in the Grange is not large, but they are intelligent enterprising farmers. They think for themselves, act for themselves, and are capable of taking care of themselves. They have received great benefits from the Order, and their love for its principles and faith in its perpetuity is unshaken. Their Hall is a model of its kind, perfect in all of its parts, store, stone cellar, kitchen, ante rooms, ladies room and attic. It is a beautifully constructed building, painted white, with green blinds, and was built at a cost of \$1,200 and is nearly paid for. The decorations of the main hall, and the sumptuous tables spread for the guests at the dedication, convinced every one present that the Matrons of Groveland Grange possessed not only a taste for the beautiful and ornamental, but a due appreciation of the wants of the inner man. The occasion was a very enjoyable one, and will be long remembered by all who participated in its social festivities.

The Legislature of the State is now in session for the purpose of enacting laws for the public good. I am confident that it is composed of fair minded honorable men, who desire to do equal justice to every interest in the State, and will consider every question which may be presented to them with candor and impartiality. Every County and Subordinate Grange in the State should discuss all questions of State Policy relating to agriculture, education and the productive industries of the State; and petition the Legislature for such changes in the present laws, and reforms as may be needed.

The question of interest on money loaned, securities for the same, fees and foreclosures, assessment taxation, and transportation, are all immediately connected with the interests of agriculture and the laws regulating them should be carefully and thoroughly revised; not in the interests of agriculture alone, but for the just and equal protection of all.

The laws of the State require that all property shall be assessed at its "true cash value." The Governor in his message says that it is estimated that not one tenth of the personal property of the State pays any tax whatever. The plain inference from this seems to be, that the owners of real estate bear nearly all the burdens of taxation; which is doubtless true. It is also stated that real estate, or farms "are not assessed for more than one fourth or one third of their "true cash value." This may be true in certain localities, but as general rule I think farms are assessed higher in proportion to their "true cash value," than the mortgages upon them, where the mortgages are assessed at all. What is the true cash value of a farm or other property? is the question to be considered. If money, or cash, which is the standard of values, can be loaned for ten per cent interest payable annually, secured by a mortgage upon a farm, or other real estate, is not the true cash value of a farm that sum, which a man having money to invest can afford to pay for it in cash, with the assurance that he will realize

for his investment an income or profit equal to the interest on his money. Is there any other equitable and honest method of estimating the true cash value of real estate for the purpose of taxation? and how much higher must the farm of this State be assessed than they now are, to bring them up to this standard. Farmers and assessors think of this matter, and ask the Legislature to give us a law which will secure a fair "cash valuation" of all kinds of property for the purposes of taxation.

#### List of Granges and their Officers

In order to enable the Secretary of the State Grange to perfect and publish a list of the county and subordinate Granges, with the names and address of the newly elected officers, it is necessary that the secretary of each County and Subordinate Grange forward to the Secretary of the State Grange immediately after installation the names and post office address of the Master and Secretary of the Grange, together with the name and number of the Grange, and the county in which the same is located. The names should be correctly spelled and plainly written.

The Master of each Grange is specially requested to see that the Secretary of the Grange performs this duty without delay.

The Masters of Subordinate Granges entitled to the Annual Word, who do not receive it from the delegates who attended the State Grange, can obtain it from the Master of the State Grange, by sending an order for the same, under seal of the Grange, signed by the Master and Secretary.

#### County Council, P. of H.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Ionia County Council, P. of H., at the Odd Fellows Hall, Ionia, Jan. 4, 1877:

*Resolved*, That it is for the interest, as much as the duty, of every Patron, to buy their land plaster of Day & Taylor, of Grandville.

*Resolved*, That the Master of each subordinate Grange of our Council, and each delegate or member, whose attention is called to this subject, be requested to call the attention of members of the Grange to the importance of sustaining Day & Taylor.

*Resolved*, That all the Patrons be requested to advertise the superiority of Day & Taylor's land plaster, and to induce, when practicable, those who are not members of the Order to purchase of them.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be published in the GRANGE VISITOR, and a copy sent to each subordinate Grange of our Council, also to Day & Taylor. JAMES L. FOWLE, Sec'y.

AUGUSTA, MICH., Jan. '77.

Mr. J. T. Cobb, Sec'y State Grange:

SIR—The following is a copy of resolutions passed by this Grange on January 6th, 1877:

*Resolved*, That we, the members of Ross Grange, No. 24, buy our plaster of Day & Taylor, of Grandville.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Day & Taylor and another to the Secretary of the State Grange. C. L. YOUNG,

Sec'y Ross Grange, No. 24.

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### BLANKS.

Blanks that are sent free from this office on application are:  
Blank Quarterly Reports of Secretaries of Subordinate Granges.  
Blank Quarterly Reports of Secretaries of Pomona Granges.  
Blank Application for organizing Pomona Granges.  
Blank applications for Membership in Pomona Granges.  
Blank Bonds of Secretary and Treasurer.  
Blank Election Reports of Sub. Granges.  
Blank Certificates of Election to County Convention.  
Blank Certificates of Representatives elected to the State Grange.  
Blank for Consolidation of Granges.  
Blank Application for Certificate of Dimit.  
Blank Plaster Order.  
Blank Certificate of Incorporation.

### 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.

### The Visitor.

We send this number to many subscribers whose time expired with the December number. We hope and expect a general renewal of subscription.

### Blanks.

Blanks were sent to all Grange Secretaries for reports for quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1876.

### Election Reports.

Reports of Masters and Secretaries elect for 1877, have not all been received yet. I have no time to write to each Secretary who has neglected to make such return, and as Secretaries under the decision of the State Grange, will no longer receive the Visitor free, it becomes necessary for each Master to know that such a report has been sent to this office. Do not overlook this matter.

### Delinquent Granges.

To Sec. 6, Art. 7, By-Laws of State Grange (which prescribes the duties of Secretary) was added "He shall keep a list of Granges delinquent more than one quarter in reports or payments of dues, standing in the official paper of the State Grange, and shall correct the same monthly."

Granges delinquent more than one quarter in reports from Secretary:  
No. 7, 12, 15, 36, 52, 54, 70, 71, 93, 105, 109, 111, 116, 117, 119, 120, 131, 132, 139, 147, 150, 164, 165, 184, 201, 204, 205, 210, 215, 224, 231, 244, 246, 257, 263, 277, 286, 299, 300, 305, 306, 311, 312, 324, 341, 349, 352, 354, 357, 365, 369, 377, 378, 396, 397, 398, 409, 413, 416, 418, 425, 433, 444, 449, 457, 470, 493, 490, 493, 504, 506, 507, 512, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 529, 532, 538, 541, 543, 546, 550, 555, 561, 569, 571, 572, 576, 577, 578, 586, 587, 598, 601, 607, 609, 611, 615, 617, 621.

### Special Lecturers.

As the Master of the State Grange and the public speakers of the Executive Committee are daily receiving invitations that they cannot possibly

accept, to lecture to or address Granges and public meetings, it was thought best by the Executive Committee to arrange with some of the Brothers and Sisters of the Order, who are accustomed to public speaking, to hold themselves in readiness to respond to invitations when called upon. We give the names of the Bros. and Sisters who have signified their willingness to serve the Order in this State, with their Post Office address. The conditions of this arrangement are, that they shall be paid by the Grange or parties inviting them, \$2.00 per day for time spent, and necessary travelling expenses:

THOMAS F. MOORE, Adrian, Mich.  
L. R. BROWN, Rawsonville, Wayne Co., Mich.  
REV. A. M. FITCH, Albion, Mich.  
GEO. W. WOODWARD, Shelby, Oceana Co.  
MRS. A. B. STEEL, Bear Lake, Manistee Co.  
MRS. C. D. BLAKEMAN, Kalamazoo.  
Past Master S. F. BROWN, Schoolcraft.  
R. A. INGERSOL, Kalamazoo.  
R. E. JAMES, "

**Brother Patrons.**—Since the last issue of the VISITOR, the plaster fight has taken a new turn.

Two of the strongest firms of the Plaster Association have each sent postal cards to all dealers, agents, Secretaries of Granges, and others known to take any interest in plaster, offering to sell plaster on cars at Grand Rapids for \$2 00 per ton, just one-half the combination price of the last two years. This attempt to break down Day & Taylor by putting the price below cost, is in keeping with the course pursued by the association from the beginning of this contest.

It has been a matter of surprise to me from the commencement of this controversy that shrewd business men should be so slow to see the utter folly of arraying themselves against their own customers.

In this instance we are reminded of the old adage that "It's an ill wind that blows no good."

This last move will result in furnishing cheap plaster to the farmers of the State who are not Patrons, and to the weak and unfaithful of the Order who cannot see that cheap plaster to them this year may easily make dear plaster to them next year.

The Association have a large amount of plaster on hand that would have been sold one and two years ago if it had not determined to make us buy through its agencies at their prices. How much of this has been ground a long time I do not know, and whether it is better or worse for being ground a long time before it is used, I leave for every one to decide by his own observation and experience. They have determined to dispose of the accumulated stock at some price, that they expected to sell to us last year at \$4 00 per ton. They have determined to test the integrity and honor of the Patrons of Michigan. They have determined to break down Day & Taylor and place themselves in condition to control the price of plaster in the great North West. The question becomes at once pertinent. What are you going to do about it? I know what Patrons who attended the late session of the State Grange either as delegates or visiting members will do. This subject was so thoroughly discussed and so well understood that all

such will sustain Day & Taylor without any regard to the price of plaster offered by the members of the combination.

I think it fair to assume that the farmers of Michigan are willing to pay a fair price for any article of necessity or luxury, that they require. As a class they only ask an equal chance with their fellow citizens, and the Order of P. of H. is aiding them to attain the position to which they are entitled.

Under the head of communications will be found some good reading on this subject.

When ordered plaster will be furnished in bags or barrels without extra charge for filling—"A" bags 20c. barrels 36c.—I would advise ordering in bags rather than barrels, as bags are not injured by using one, while barrels have to be so thoroughly nailed that they are nearly worthless after having been used.

### Freight Rates on Plaster.

The Freight Rates on Plaster have been changed but little on any of the Railroads from last year. The schedule here given are rates from Grand Rapids, to which must be added on all shipped over the L. S. & M. S. R. R. 86 00 per car; on all shipped over the G. R. & I. or Grand River Valley Roads, \$5 00 per car; on all shipped over the D. & M., \$4 00 per car.

### MICHIGAN CENTRAL—GRAND RIVER VALLEY DIVISION.

Bowen, Hammond	\$ 8 80
Caledonia	9 50
Middleville, Irving	11 20
Hastings	12 80
Quimby, Sheridan	13 60
Nashville	14 40
Vermontville	15 20
Chester	16 00
Charlotte	16 75
Eaton Rapids	18 25
County Line	19 00
Onondaga	19 75

### MICHIGAN CENTRAL—MAIN LINE—GOING EAST.

Jackson	\$20 00
Michigan Center	22 15
Leoni, Grand Lake	23 50
Francisco, Chelsea	24 10
Dexter, Scio	25 90
Delhi Mills, Farmer's, Foster's	26 50
Kellogg's, Ann Arbor	27 70
Geddes, Ypsilanti	27 10
Denton's	28 90
Wayne Junction, Wayne	29 50
Dearborn	30 00
Grand Trunk Junction, Detroit	25 00

### GOING WEST.

Sandstone	22 75
Parma	23 50
North Concord	24 10
Bath Mills, Newberg Mills, Albion	20 00
Marengo	22 00
Marshall, Emerald Mills, Ceresco, White's	
Battle Creek, Bedford	24 00
Augusta	20 00

### LAKE SHORE AND MICH. SOUTHERN—SOUTH.

Byron, Dorr, Hilliards, Hopkins	\$ 8 00
Allegan, Abronia, Otsego, Argenta	10 00
Cooper	12 00
Portage, Schoolcraft, Flowerfield, Moorepark	14 00
Three Rivers, Constantine	15 00
White Pigeon	18 00

### L. S. & M. S. R. R.—GOING EAST.

Douglas, Sturgis	18 00
Burr Oak, Bronson, Batavia, Coldwater, Lansing, Allens	20 00
Dimondale, Eaton Rapids	18 00
Dereux, Albion, Condit, Homer, Litchfield, Jonesville, Hillsdale, Osseo, Pittsford, Hudson, Clayton, Napoleon, Norvell, Manchester, Clinton, Tecumseh, Adrian	20 00
Blissfield Junction, Blissfield, Deerfield, Petersburg, Ida	22 00
Ottawa Lake, Sylvania, Monroe, Toledo, Stony Creek, Rockwood, Wyandotte, Detroit	25 00

### L. S. & M. S.—GOING WEST.

Middlebury, Bristol, Elkhardt	18 00
Osceola, Mishawakee, South Bend, Warren, Laporte	20 00
DETROIT, LANSING & LAKE MICH. VIA IONIA.	
Greenville, Belding, Kidville, Chadwicks	15 00

Palmer, Lyons, Stebbinsville.....	14 00
Portland.....	15 00
*Danby, Eagle, North Lansing, Lansing.....	16 00
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*Delta, *Ingersol.....	18 00
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Laroy.....	22 00
Fowlerville.....	23 00
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Green Oak.....	25 00
South Lyon.....	26 00
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*Tenwicks.....	15 00
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Muir.....	15 00
Pewamo, Fowler.....	18 00
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Davisburg.....	25 00
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SOUTH.

Kalamazoo.....	\$12 00
Sturgis.....	18 00
Battle Creek.....	24 00
Plainwell.....	10 00
Vicksburg.....	14 00
Scotts.....	18 00
Climax.....	20 00
Mendon.....	15 00

LOWELL MICH., Jan. 15th, 1877.

Worthy Secretary :

At a regular meeting of the Lowell District Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously, and the Secretary ordered to send copy of same for publication in the VISITOR:

Resolved, That all members of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry of Michigan, are in duty bound to buy their plaster of Day & Taylor, and in so doing they are not only fulfilling their moral obligations, but are also getting more value for their money.

E HANCOOME,  
Sec'y. of Council.

State Agent's Department.

J. H. GARDNER, - CENTREVILLE.

I commend the following from the *Farmer's Friend* to the consideration of Patrons in Michigan as being applicable here as well as in Pennsylvania:

"The State Business Agent has been and will continue to be, wronged and embarrassed, if you only "pay as you go." He must advance the money when he purchases, if he would get the best goods at lowest prices; for cash in hand is worth several cents on the dollar to a merchant above the promise of payment in a week or two. If your Agent pays cash out of his own pocket he must wait 'till he can send the goods and the bill—then 'till you can send him the money—before he is paid back again—several days; and if you are sick, or absent, or out of funds, or careless, he may have to wait several weeks at great disadvantage and uneasiness.

If he has many such "Patrons" (?) to work for, he loses interest on hundreds and thousands of dollars, with risk of losing principal—a risk worth some per cent. Therefore, if you would do as you would be done by, if you would be *honest* (as every Patron should be,) pay in advance—remit with your order, about as much as the goods will amount to, if a little more, the agent will return it, and you and he will feel much better for it. "Pay as you go;" but if that will cost the agent loss, or even only anxiety, *pay in advance.*"

The attention of subordinate Grange is called to the importance of having a Secretary that is responsible and trustworthy, so that the seal of the Grange may carry confidence and assurance that contracts will be met promptly. This suggestion is made from the fact that we have cases in which goods have been ordered and payment delayed for months, and in some instances no pay has come at all and probably never will. Some manufacturers refuse to send their goods unless pay is sent with the orders; and unless money is sent to me I cannot forward the order to the manufacturer.

The price of sugar and coffee which I gave in the December VISITOR, were the prices at New Orleans; and the freight from there is about a dollar a cwt. including cartage. I state this again as some understand it to be the price here. A mistake in the type makes that article read: "These are pure sugars from the plantations and have not been mixed with common sugar &c" For common sugar it should be *corn sugar*. I have now just received a lot of sugar, rice and coffee direct from the south which will be sold at cost if orders are accompanied with the money.

I can now furnish kerosine oil, Michigan test, here for 38c a gallon I have a few nice corn shellers on hand, also some wagons from Buchanan and Niles.

I will be obliged if all when writing to me will use sealed envelopes; don't forget to put the name of your post office at the head of your letter,

and don't neglect to sign your name somewhere on the paper in a plain hand writing. I can read almost anything about business, but names are not as easily made out.

At a meeting of the St. Joseph County Grange, held at Centreville, on January 4th, it was resolved to use no plaster the coming season except that made by Day & Taylor, of Grandville, and the subordinate Granges of the county were requested to do the same.

Communications.

Will The Grange Succeed.

If the Grange succeeds in accomplishing the objects it originally had in view, it will be because the members will have performed their duty. If the Grange does not accomplish those objects it will be because the members neglect to perform their duty, and refuse to use the means to better their condition.

The foundation is laid for great work. The opportunity is offered to every Patron to assist in accomplishing a much needed reform in business transactions. Will we improve it? We complain of wrongs and usurpations. The opportunity is offered by which these wrongs can be removed in a great measure, if we will do our duty; and reward is sure, but never without some effort on our part.

A co-operative Grange Store can flourish only if two conditions are supplied: First, the members must furnish sufficient capital. Secondly, they must patronize it, do their trading there. With a competent business agent enough capital and plenty of patronage a co-operative store is a sure success and a paying enterprise. It will prove a success like any other business transaction the Grange may engage in if the members do their whole duty.

Such is the case in regard to the plaster enterprise, whether it fails or succeeds, depends entirely upon the members of the Order. A few prominent and leading members of the Order, have by diligent and persistent effort, and by assuming pecuniary liability for the good of the Order, made it possible for members to buy plaster at a reasonable price directly from the manufacturers at a less price than that fixed by the association. The little shabby scheme of the association to compel all the farmers of Michigan to buy plaster of the agents of this combination has been set aside.

These companies who proposed to monopolize the plaster trade and make the farmers pay dear in the end for their plaster, have put the price down because they are determined to break down Day & Taylor and crush this movement of the Grangers.

Brothers shall we permit this thing to be done? Shall we sell our manhood and our honor for a few shillings or shall we stand by those who have stood by us?

Where principle, honor, duty and interest all point in the same direction, it seems to me that one brother should know as well as another what to do.

A. FANKBONER.  
Prairie Ronde, Jan. 10, 1877.

HALL OF ST. JOHNS GRANGE, No 140,  
St. Johns, Jan. 1877.

*Bro. Cobb :*

With this find preamble and resolutions unanimously adopted by St. Johns Grange, No. 140, together with the answer to card of F. Godfrey & Brother, inviting us to dishonor the name of Patron, surrender to an enemy in the moment of victory, disregard our obligations to the Executive Committee of the State Grange, and to Day & Taylor, by buying plaster of said Godfrey & Brother at \$2, per ton.

The spirit of "stand by those who stand by us" is the spirit of this Grange.

WHEREAS, A firm of the plaster ring by their authorized agent in Nov. 1874, did enter into a contract with the Executive Committee, through the State Secretary to furnish Patrons with plaster on board of the cars at their mill in Grandville at \$3 00 per ton, and

WHEREAS, Said company did after such contract was fairly made, signed and sealed with its corporate seal, refuse to comply with the terms of said contract, and

WHEREAS, An arrangement was subsequently made with the Grand Rapids Plaster Association to furnish plaster on orders under seal of a Grange at the advance price of \$4 00 per ton upon as favorable terms as the agents of the several firms composing the association were supplied and

WHEREAS, The association did break faith with us, refusing to recognize us or our agents, and accepting orders for plaster from us only when the plaster ordered was paid for in advance, discriminating against us their customers who number thousands and in favor of a few dozen agents, and

WHEREAS, We recognize in the offer of Godfrey & Bro., of Grand Rapids, the hand of this same Plaster Ring who have more than once dishonored their word, and

WHEREAS, We have through our agents contracted with Day & Taylor, whom we have reason to believe are honorable dealers, therefore

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of this Grange be instructed to return the card of said Godfrey & Bro. with the assurance that we shall not take or use their plaster even if delivered on cars free of charge.

*Resolved,* That we believe it to be the duty of Patrons through the State to sustain Messrs Day & Taylor in the investment and enterprise in which they are engaged on our behalf.

*Resolved,* That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be sent the State Secretary for publication in the GRANGE VISITOR.

ST. JOHNS, Mich., Jan. 1877.

*Messrs. Godfrey & Bro.,*  
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich :

Your card "To old dealers and the tradegenerally," addressed to O. E. Brown, Secretary of St. Johns Grange, offering plaster delivered on board the cars at your mill for \$2 00 per ton, was duly received. The same was brought for consideration before the Grange. The

price was considered low enough without abatement.

Were it not in consideration of the bad faith and treatment received at the hands of the Plaster Ring the past few years by the Patrons and farmers generally throughout the State, the offer might meet with a favorable reply, but past facts are not wholly forgotten and in this offer the St. Johns Grange No. 140, of which I am the Secretary, imagine they see the hand of the same monopoly which worked a corner in the plaster business one and two years ago, repudiated their agreement and fleeced the farmers of the State out of large amounts of money.

Acceptance of this offer, liberal or more than liberal as it is, if based as we view it, upon the idea of breaking down Messrs. Day & Taylor because they dared assume the independence of standing aloof from the ring and recognize the right of the farmer to deal direct with the manufacturer, it would be a very fatal error for the Patrons of this State to commit.

Hence I am directed by the unanimous voice of this Grange to return your card with the assurance that no proposition will be accepted having in view the abandonment of Day & Taylor and the building up of a new and more powerful combination, even should the same propose placing plaster *free* on board the cars at their mills.

We speak not from a spirit of revenge, but fairness towards those who have shown no disposition to betray or take advantage of us as a class. If the price paid for an article is only a fair compensation for its production it is all we ought to ask, for labor the product of wealth unrewarded, is in the end destruction to our best interests as a class.

Yours &c.

O. E. BROWN, Sec'y.

DEXTER GRANGE, P. of H. No. 351. }  
DEXTER, Jan. 8th, 1877. }

*Bro. Cobb :*

Please find enclosed our dues to the State Grange for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1876.

Our Grange at its meeting on the 6th inst, adopted the following resolutions unanimously:

*Resolved,* That we heartily endorse the action of the State Secretary in reference to the plaster matter.

*Resolved,* That we will not buy one pound of plaster of anybody but Day & Taylor or their successors while they remain faithful to their agreement with the Executive Committee of the State Grange, and we will buy what we want of them.

W. D. SMITH, Sec'y.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote at the meeting of the Calhoun County Grange held at Battle Creek, on Thursday, January 4th, 1877:

*Resolved,* By Calhoun County Grange No. 3, that we will not patronize the Michigan Plaster Association, and under no circumstances any agent *outside* the Grange, nor any agent inside the Grange, who procures plaster from any source than that provided by the Executive Committee of the

State Grange; and further, we urge upon the members of the Grange everywhere the importance of taking the same position.

E. WHITE, Sec'y. *pro tem.*

LOWELL MICH., Dec. 1876.

*Bro. Cobb :*

Under suggestions for the good of the Order, I would say:

1st. Now is the time above all others to *stick* to your Grange, stick to your State Agent, stick to your Grange principles, stick to everything that is for the interest of the Order, and above all stick to that which pertains to finance, stick to the State Executive Committee, who have led us over one of the greatest monopolies yet formed against us in Michigan, viz: The plaster ring. Any Patron who buys plaster through any other source than our State Secretary of Day & Taylor, knowingly or ignorantly, I believe gives sufficient cause for his expulsion from the Order.

I might say much in regard to the business of the Order.

1st. That every dollar we purchase should be done through our Order, all that can be should be bought through our State Agent, that his purchases being large, he may buy at the lowest cash rates. Every dollar so spent strengthens our Order, and every dollar spent in dicker or barter, weakens it in so much as we should buy and sell for cash.

Every Grange should have a hall of their own; if they expect to prosper they must have one I believe, and more than this they must have a purchasing fund, also readings, discussions and some intellectual entertainments, something educational at every meeting so much so that no member can be absent without feeling that he or she has lost a rich feast they never will be able to avail themselves of again. And any member who does not take part in one or more of the above, and who has no money in a purchasing fund or in a good hall, fails to receive the benefits he should.

Of all the benefits we receive from the Patron movement, the educational is of the greatest importance, consequently should receive our careful attention to that extent that we will look forward to the time of our meetings with interest, and our children will look forward to them with anxious expectations.

Meetings conducted on the above plan cannot fail to benefit every member taking part in them and the world be better for their having lived in it.

All of the above and many more suggestions I believe for the good of the Order. Fraternally Yours,

J. C. ENGLISH.

P. S.—I think it is for our interest to sell our products together in large quantities, as possible if we would do so and wait until each kind was wanted we would nearly get fair returns for our labor.

J. C. E.

MARENGO MICH., Jan. 1st, 1877.

*Bro. Cobb :*

You will please find inclosed the report for the last quarter of Excelsior Grange, No. 101. Also the dues for this quarter and the previous quarter. Also the election notice for 1877.

And I am requested to give the following notice, that

WHEREAS, The arrangements made by the Executive Committee of the Michigan State Grange for plaster are perfectly satisfactory to this Grange, therefore you can depend on us to do all we can, to dispose of as much plaster outside of the Grange as well as to Patrons, as possible, and we pledge ourselves to not buy or use one ton of the combination company's plaster at any price. I have received their card offering plaster at their mills at \$2 00 per ton.

Yours Fraternally,  
FRANCIS HOGMIRE, Sec'y.

NORTH LANSING, Jan. 1st, 1877.

J. T. Cobb, Sec'y. State Grange:

I thought I would drop you a line as an illustration of what we can do if we will only try, and make use of the facilities we have at our command.

I shipped before christmas to Quick & Reed, N. Y.:

217 lb Geese, 4c. here Rec'd 10c net.  
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Yours Fraternally,  
CORRILL GOODNOE.

UNADILLA, January 12th, 1877.

Bro. Cobb:

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by this Grange at its last session.

WHEREAS, The arrangements made by the Executive Committee of the Michigan State Grange for plaster, are satisfactory and the parties that arrangements were made with are ready to fulfill their part, therefore, be it unanimously

Resolved, By the members of Unadilla Grange, No. 6, that we will buy all the plaster we use the coming season through these arrangements, although Godfrey & Co. have offered to furnish the same to us in bulk at \$2 00 per ton.

Resolved, That we firmly believe in the doctrine of standing by those that stand by us and who fulfill their agreements with their patrons.

Unadilla Grange, No. 6. Post office address Chelsea Michigan.  
P. W. WATTS, Sec'y.

JONESVILLE, Jan. 10th, 1877.

Bro. Cobb:

At a meeting of the Hillsdale County Grange, held on the 3d inst., the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we, Patrons of Husbandry of Hillsdale County, will buy all the plaster we want this year of Day & Taylor, in accordance with arrangements made by the Executive Committee of the Michigan State Grange.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grange that the Executive Committee should use all honorable means to induce the L. S. & M. S. R. R. to construct a spur from Grandville Station to the plaster beds of Grandville.

The choice of officers resulted in the election of H. D. Pessell Master, E. J. Hodges, Secretary.

HALL OF LITCHFIELD GRANGE, }  
January, 6th, 1877. }

WHEREAS, The Michigan and Ohio Plaster Association have in every way they could, tried to beat Day & Taylor, and are now offering plaster for just one-half the price fixed by them for the last two years, therefore:

Resolved, That we, the members of Litchfield Grange, will not buy or use a pound of plaster manufactured by any firm that is, or has been, a party to the association or sold by its agents. That we will buy what we want of Day & Taylor, through the authorized channel of such purchase—that we firmly believe that the doctrine is sound and the practice honorable of "standing by those that stand by us."

Resolved, That this preamble and resolutions be sent to Sec'y. Cobb, with a request that they be published in the next number of the GRANGE VISITOR.

B. W. FREEMAN, Master.  
J. B. LINSDAY, Sec'y.

DECATUR, Jan. 17th, 1877.

Bro. Cobb:

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by Hamilton Grange, No. 355, P. of H., Jan. 13th, 1877:

WHEREAS, The plaster companies of this and adjoining States, combined and advanced the price of plaster to an unreasonable rate, and

WHEREAS, The Patrons of Husbandry were compelled to establish a plaster mill to protect themselves against said combination, and

WHEREAS, Said companies are now contracting to sell plaster for less than cost of production, for the avowed purpose of breaking down the Grange Plaster Company, and

WHEREAS, We have every reason to believe that if they should succeed in so doing we should have to pay higher rates than ever before for plaster, therefore

Resolved, That all true Patrons of Husbandry throughout the State should sustain the Grange Plaster Company.

Resolved, That any Patron who will accept of an agency for any other company under the present circumstances is not worthy the name of Patron of Husbandry.

Resolved, That the Patrons of Hamilton Grange, No. 355, will buy at no other but the Grange Plaster Mill at any price.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be sent to the GRANGE VISITOR for publication.

We shall send an order for plaster in a short time.

Yours Fraternally,  
S. H. MALLORY, Sec'y.

BURR OAK, GRANGE, No. 303, }  
January 15th, 1877. }

Bro. Cobb:

Please find inclosed report of election of officers, quarterly report, order for plaster and club of thirteen for the VISITOR with draft for amount of \$9 36.

Our Grange is alive and means business. We have all kinds of offers on plaster but we heed them not, we will stand by our men, we have an order list for two car loads, but have no

place to store it, so must take it one load at a time and distribute it from the car.

Respectfully Yours,  
W. H. FAULK. S.

To the Officers and Members of Paw Paw Grange, No. 10, P. of H.:

Your committee appointed at the last meeting, to draft and report resolutions relative to the subject of railroad monopolies and the necessary legislative changes respecting the same, would respectfully report the following:

WHEREAS, Corporations, and especially railroad corporations, are usually in the habit of combining their wealth and influence, thereby forming monopolies, inimical to the interests of the people, working great injury to both producer and consumer, by which the farmer is deprived of a large portion of the rightful fruit of his labor, and the latter compelled to pay greatly enhanced values for articles transported for consumption;

AND WHEREAS, It is a well established principle that "the creature is not above the creator," and therefore, that all corporations are proper subjects for legislation, and that those that trench upon the rights of the people by extortion, should be summarily dealt with, by the enactment of stringent and wholesome statutory provisions;

AND, WHEREAS, The several railroads of this State, and particularly those operating under special charters, have been for a long time, and are yet, charging enormous and unjust rates; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the imperative duty of the Legislature of this State, now in session, to most thoroughly examine into the great evils growing out of the immense railroad power, inasmuch as the charters of several railroads of the State, operating under special corporation privileges, have now expired, that we respectfully ask our legislature to bring all such roads under the general railroad laws.

Resolved, That the general railroad laws should then be so amended, as to require all roads to establish uniform maximum rates, according to the distance of transportation, for the carrying of all produce and merchandise over their lines.

Resolved, That we request our State Executive Committee to take immediate action, whereby the principles of the foregoing resolutions shall be promptly placed before our legislature, and further recommend that a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be published in the GRANGE VISITOR, and that blank petitions be forwarded to the several County and Subordinate Granges of the State, for general circulation among the people.

T. R. HARRISON,  
A. C. GLIDDEN,  
O. J. GRAVES, } Com.

MARSHALL MICH., Jan. 12, 1877.

Our Grange is in a flourishing condition and we dwell together in unity. Enclosed please find orders for plaster. More are coming in soon. We received a card from Godfrey & Co., offering plaster for \$2 00 per ton, on track. Upon which the Grange

adopted the following resolution unanimously:

*Resolved*, That we respectfully decline the offer of Godfrey & Co. of two dollars per ton for their plaster, and instruct our Secretary to say to them that we cannot honorably accept their plaster even if offered to us free.

Respectfully Yours,  
G. S. WOOLSEY, Sec'y.

BOWEN, KENT CO., MICH.

*Resolved*, That in case Messrs. Day & Taylor need farther assurance that the Patrons of Michigan will support them in their effort to furnish us with plaster, we, as a Grange, offer to advance to Messrs. Day & Taylor ten (\$10) dollars, and would recommend every Subordinate Granges in the State to do the same, and by so doing make assurance doubly sure, and break the plaster ring.

Please insert this in the GRANGE VISITOR and never say die.

M. A. HOLCOMB,  
Sec'y and Past Master.

MORENCI GRANGE, No. 280, }  
January 16th, 1877. }

Bro. Cobb:

Morenci Grange passed a resolution at its last regular meeting pledging its members to buy all the plaster they use this season of Day & Taylor even if other parties offer to sell at a less price.

Yours Fraternally,  
W. S. G. MASON, P. Master.

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