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CHANGES.
How merrily sounds the whistle,
How cheerily sounds the bell,
It tells, the "strike" is over,
And all has ended well.

Moberly Enterprise.

The transfer man is happy;
Express men all look gay,
And the commercial traveler
Goes smiling on his way.

Kansas City Times.

The peanut boy appears,
And sells to the rural pass,
The farmer who passes gently
He passes pell-mell.

St. Louis Journal.

Approacheth the gallowa conductor,
Like the President of free lunch,
He says, "Who can steal his passenger's luggage?
Hark Eyo!"

Patron's Helper.

Officials, whose Lines of profit
Are named Red, Blue and White,
Now skim the cream from R. R. Stock
And swear that all is right.

Correspondence.

Home, Aug. 13th, 1877.

Worthy Soc'y Cobb:

A friend whom I respect, and am pleased to oblige, wishes me to speak of the bad habit indulged in by many farmers, of carelessness in regard to the care of tools and machinery used on the farm. I am aware that my friend will not write better than 1, and that the men who are heedless and careless, are least inclined to read what is written for their benefit, and yet, the waste and loss occasioned by this bad habit, is so great, so constant and often so needless, that it seems desirable that some effort should be made to induce careless farmers to use a little thought and care in this direction. Some of us can remember when a wooden ploe, a poor scythe, a rude axle, hand rake, flail and sled were all the implements used on the farm, and it was easy to find shelter for all except the sled, which the farmer could himself make in rainy days. Even then it was the part of economy on the part of the farmer to take good care of all the tools; the sled even, was more reliable, and would last much longer if put under shelter when not in use. It was somehow discovered that a wagon caused less friction on the hard dry ground than a sled, and though it cost much more, every farmer now must have his wagon. And we will suppose there is 200,000 wagons on the farms in Michigan, and that they cost an average of $75 each, we will suppose there is 200,000 wagons on the farms in Michigan, and that they cost an average of $75 each, it will appear that 15,000,000 of dollars of the farmers' money is invested in wagons. And who among them all does not know that a wagon well cared for and sheltered when not in use, will last twice as long as if left out exposed to sun, wind and storms?

Take two wagons from the same shop, made of like material in all respects, and let one be carefully used and sheltered and the other used loosely without shelter, and the difference will very soon be perceptible. The first will long remain a new wagon, the paint will remain bright and adhere more firmly to the wood and iron; the wood will retain firm sound and will not shrink away from the iron and cause them to drop off; the iron will not become weakened and useless by rust, and the wagon is always ready and reliable for use. In six months will begin to look old and diny, the paint will give way, and if it will slide easily, the wood will shrink and swell alternately as it it dry or wet, the iron will rust—get loose and become useless, the bands will drop off and the tire will follow, and while they are not supposed to be endowed with instinct, or a spirit of revenge, they do possess the very annoying propensity to drop off, and leave the owner discontented, and unhappy, when the wagon is loaded and there is most need of their service. If he is engaged in hay or grain, he needs to make the best use of his time, and cannot afford to be hindered, they have not the discretion to stay in their places, but appear to delight in getting off when there is a load of hay or grain depending, and then lay quietly and grin perhaps, because the owner is disappointed and sad, or if he gets mad and curses the tire, the wagon, the man who sold or made it, or everybody, every thing, the delinquent tire lays quiet and seems to enjoy its condition all the more.

The new wagon must be repaired; it takes valuable time, it costs money, and creates more work. And it pays good again as it would be if it had been well sheltered, or with cost of repair lost. What has been said in regard to the care of wagons, is true in regard to all tools and machinery on the farm. The number and value of the implements used in agriculture has been constantly increasing during the last half century, and are still increasing. Large amounts of money are paid by farmers each year for tools, implements and machinery to use on the farm. The mower and reaper combined, which few farmers think they can get along without, often cost the value of the services of an able laborer for a year, and we often see them left in the field or yard in company with horse-rakes, tedders, cultivators, sleighs, plows, wagons, &c., to decay and rot, unless some legislation, if not of debt, of mortgages and bankruptcy. The farmer that cannot afford to provide shelter for his tools and machinery, and see that they are properly cleaned and sheltered after use, cannot expect the best results. The farmer who may continue to live with or without them, but his life will certainly suffer; he will not accomplish much, yet is sure to die early and in debt.

That the new wagon, &c., is so easy to comprehend, provide, for, and accomplish, that ordinary foresight, prudence and economy would seem to induce those who have suffered, to think seriously of the results of farmer
negligence, and improve their bad habits. Regarding the breaking or injury of tools, machinery and teams by careless and imbecile farmer’s when working near or on the roads, I think the only way that I can get better results in this matter is by example. If we, the leaders, do not act as we expect others to act, we have no chance of getting others to act as we wish. If we had a man in charge of the inspectors in the State, who could not be influenced by any personal interest, I am sure that many more injuries would be prevented. It is not only the responsibility of the State Agent to visit the companies to watch what they are doing, but it is also the responsibility of the State Agency to see that the companies are doing their duty.

Report of August Meeting of St. Joseph County Grange.

CENTREVILLE, August 18, 1877.

Bro. J. T. COBB:—St. Joseph County Grange.

1st. That we, Farmers of St. Joseph County, do hereby order the Patrons of Husbandry to meet at the Village Hall on the 2nd day of August, at 3 o’clock P.M., for the purpose of forming a new organization to be known by the title of the St. Joseph County Grange.

2d. That the Patrons of Husbandry put their wheel to the grindstone, and to the best advantage, and to the best interest of the State Agency, as well as the patrons who are to be benefited by the organization.

J. T. CORB, Secretary St. Joseph County Grange.

WORTHY BRO.—Permit us to offer for the benefit of the Order, and the consideration of our fellow Patrons, a suggestion relative to the Vistor, (not in a fault finding editor) but with a view to increasing the readers of the paper, by extending the area of its field of labor. This is not a price list to correspond with the actual condition of the markets, as the State Agent, in such a case we give our united support.

A more serious objection will probably present itself to the mind of the Visitor, in the form that the Vistor in its present form cannot contain such a list; that it would involve the enlargement and considerable additional expense in editing and publishing, for it seems more than probable to us, that the mass of its readers would desire, and its efficiency demand, that its present Department be, if possible, increased. But we submit that the paper in this form that we propose, would be worth to those in whose interest it is published, far more than its additional cost would amount to.

To illustrate, we desire in purchasing goods, to carry into practice the underlying principles of our Order, viz, cooperation, operation, and consequent concentration of our purchasing power. In carrying out these principles to the fullest extent and best results, it seems necessary that we should use our State Agency, and also furnish him the cash with our orders. To do this, it is essential to have reliable description which to base our estimates, which we now have not. Under existing circumstances, we wish to order a line of goods, we must first authorize the Secretary to correspond with the State Agent relative to the prices of the goods desired. This necessitates a delay of the time which intervenes between the meeting and another, for the Grange cannot act safely, that is, the most important interest in knowing whether it can purchase advantageously to the State Agent or not. It sometimes happens that the prices of goods we could do better with, some other recognized State, and forward the result to you. But the crops are so few and so irregular that I do not think there is any better idea of the manner in which this work is being done. The most that I can say is to secure greater uniformity, through the Vistor, if I sent you these specimens. At the present time, if there are enough reports to indicate the condition of the County, and they come in a shape possible for compilation, I will do the work accordingly, and forward reports to Hamilton Grange to you by next week.

By the way, the Directors of the Hamilton Township Fair, an organization that originated in the Grange, met yesterday to prepare for the second annual fair. The fair last year was a complete success, pronounced by many fully equal to either of the county fairs. What are the advantages which County Fairs have not? As a meeting of our own township it is more social, more educational, and is more conducive to bringing the people into better relations with one another, and more likely to add to their comforts and happiness. The fair will be held on the 12th of August, at the town hall, and will be open to the public at 10 o’clock in the morning. The fair will consist of exhibits of the most recent improvements in agriculture, and will be a great opportunity for the farmers to see the best that the county has to offer. The fair will also include a variety of entertainments, including music, poetry, and literary competitions. The fair will conclude with a grand banquet, and the farmers and their families will have the chance to socialize and enjoy the camaraderie of their fellow men.

Fraternally, A. W. HADSON, Lecturer Van Buren Co., Grange.

Ionia County Grange.

The Farmers shipped their own wool and this is what they are doing in another direction. We mean business.

M. C. W. AT A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE IONIA COUNTY GRANGE, HELD AT MULL, AUGUST 8TH, 1877.

Resolved, That the Patrons of Husbandry put their wheel to the grindstone, and to the best advantage, and to the best interest of the State Agency, as well as the patrons who are to be benefited by the organization.

Resolved, That all the Subordinate Granges discuss and canvass, and report without delay to J. B. WELCH, in the names of Patrons wishing to shop, their most direct mail address, and the amount they will have to market.

Resolved, That at our next County Grange Meeting a full attendance be requested, and meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 7th, at 1 o’clock, at the State Agency, as well as the patrons who are to be benefited by the organization.

A SUGGESTION

I presume that our Grange is not an exception to the general rule. We have a great number of members who like the Grange and its principles, but for some reason have become a negligent in their attendance at the meetings. There are many who silently attend for their absence, and for the sake of the company. To arouse them to a sense of their duties, a committee composed of some of our most attentive and wide-awake lady members were appointed to assist the chairman in the work of the Grange. The report of the committee promises the most gratifying results. Will you report the result in the next number of the Vistor?
J. J. WOODMAN, "Workers' friends, are these all my apology for the lack of original material in this Department of its Monthly's Varnor. We earn their bread by the sweat of their jaws."

Communications.

Unjust Taxation.

J. T. COBB.—Dear Sir and Brother: Will you please send me a sketch of the system of taxation in your State. We in this State are burdened with an unjust system of taxation caused by the State Supreme Court rendering a decision declaring mortgages, book debts, and such like chatties, non-taxable. This is rapidly heaping a heavy burden upon the farmers, producers and other industrial classes. The amount released from taxation would aggregate something like $200,000,000. We Patrons consider it is contrary to the principles of justice, to allow the rich money lenders and monopolists to escape taxation in this manner. Money commands from seven to eight per cent per annum, can well afford to pay its proportion of the taxes in support of the government. I would be greatly obliged indeed to receive from you the favor I ask, to the end that I may be able to use it in showing them how great an interest the brotherhood of Patrons in this State.

E. S. BOGELow.

Paw Paw, Michigan, July 4, '77.

SMITH'S CREEK, St. Clair Co., MI., August 14, 1877.

Bro. Cobbe: In visiting the Subordinate Granges in our County, I find them lamentably slack in attention to the object of Wheat culture. The interval between the visits were longer or shorter, which could only be accounted for by the sessions being unfavorable or unfavorable for the propagation of the Hessian fly—that the intervals between the visits were very numerous in the fall, while in the following spring they did but little harm. In such cases late sow wheat would be the best. That if they were active in the fall with such a spring as we have had, they would do much harm to late sow wheat, especially the most tender white wheats. That the red wheats were much safer to sow than white, from the fact that the blade falls from the stem, and as the nit is deposited on the leaf which is growing by rain and fall to reach the stalk, also that those kinds that are strong growers will often tiller out and make a fair crop when the main stalks are injured by rain. It thinks better not to sow the present season until near the 20th of September. Shall send you a copy of the Executive Committee of the State Grange, come as a granger and you are cordially invited to attend. If you expect to do to make our meetings both interesting and instructive.

R. E. JAMES, Master.

THEODORE BATHY, Lecturer Co., Grange.

Wheat.

The Grangers Discuss the Cereal—Clawson. We have been wanting some announcements like the following.

Brother Duggals said that his experience of growing wheat for forty years upon opening lands, was: That we were subject to periodical visits of the Hessian fly—that the intervals between the visits were longer or shorter, which could only be accounted for by the seasons being favorable or unfavorable for the propagation of the Hessian fly—that sometimes we would find them very numerous in the fall, while in the following spring they did but little harm. In such cases late sow wheat would be the best. That if they were active in the fall with such a spring as we have had, they would do much harm to late sow wheat, especially the most tender white wheats. That the red wheats were much safer to sow than white, from the fact that the blade falls from the stem, and as the nit is deposited on the leaf which is growing by rain and fall to reach the stalk, also that those kinds that are strong growers will often tiller out and make a fair crop when the main stalks are injured by rain. It thinks better not to sow the present season until near the 20th of September. Shall send you a copy of the Executive Committee of the State Grange, come as a granger and you are cordially invited to attend. If you expect to do to make our meetings both interesting and instructive.

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The Universal Life Insurance company of New York is also in trouble. The Guardian Mutual and the North American are also likely to go down with it, as they have been practically absorbed in the concern. The superintendent of insurance states that the whole management of these companies has been utterly reckless, and that the whole system of life insurance is likely to be shattered by these successive exposures of mismanagement. Mr. Henry J. Furbisher, who ruined the Charter Oak, was also concerned in the Universal Life, and has received a settlement of $221,492 as commissions. This is unnecessary.

The Grangers of Wisconsin have established forty-one co-operative associations for selling out grain to the market; twenty-nine insurance companies, all flourishing and representing capital to the sum of $4,000,000.
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Secretary's Department.

J. T. CORB. ——— SCHOOLCRAFT.

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

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 Grange.
Blank applications for Membership in Pomona Grange.
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 applications for Certification of Subordinating Granges.
Blank Application for Certificate of Dues.
Blank Certificates of Incorporation.

To Secretaries.

Many of you may have overlooked the amendment made to the By-Laws at the last Session of the State Grange, requiring the Secretary of the State Grange to "prepare and publish a tabulated sheet of balances of account, of each Subordinate Grange with the State Grange, as it appears on his books on the first day of September of each year, and before the 15th day of said month, send one copy of such balances to every Grange Secretary in the State."

As some Secretaries have not always made a correct computation of dues, an excess or shortage appears in the account of the Grange they represent, and this showing is made for the purpose of having these balances set right when payment is made with the Report for the quarter ending September 30th.

You will remember the fiscal year ends December 1st, and your next report will therefore be the last of this fiscal year. There are balances standing against some Granges that should have been paid long ago. Secretaries have been notified and Statements of account rendered, but an easy going negligence or other cause has allowed a few to remain unpaid.

After issuing this Balance Sheet we mean to be prepared to answer promptly all questions made in relation to accounts, and furnish Statements of accounts on demand, and hope our effort to square the books will be seconded by our Bro. Secretaries without delay.

From the organization of the State Grange until now, there has been a manifest improvement in the completeness of reports, but perfection has not been reached in all cases, and I would suggest to some who are remiss in this matter, that their work is incomplete until they fail to carry out in the place designated, all additions of membership, and add up and write down the total footing, after which deduct all losses, setting down in place the actual membership at the close of the quarter for which the Report is made.

We think the Blanks for Reports are good, and a little care and attention will enable any one using them to make very complete returns.

Rambles Notes.

In response to a pressing invitation from Brother Thomas Mars, Master of Berrien County Grange, No. 1, I attended a picnic at Berrien center, on the 19th inst.

The place of meeting was in a fine grove of heavy timber on the premises of Bro. Mars, just across the road from his house.

Though this meeting was under the auspices of the county organization, the labor of preparation developed mostly on the members of Berrien Center Grange, No. 14, near whose hall was the place of meeting.

At the hour of meeting everything was in order. A spacious stand appropriately trimmed with evergreens, grains, and flowers, and substantial seats for several hundred people was but a part of the preparation for the cordial greeting of "welcome, thrice welcome, Patrons and friends," which appeared over the front of the stand, in the most perfect of evergreen letters.

In this gathering of about 1,200, sixteen Granges of Berrien County were represented. Of the speakers billed to be present, only Bro. Whitney put in an appearance. But other talking patrons were there and in response to a call from Bro. Mars, brief speeches were made before dinner by Hon. A. B. Riford and Capt. Ford.

The dinner—well, it is commendation enough to say that in quantity and quality it was a Grange pic nic dinner, with a surplus too good to throw away, and too much minded to carry home in as good shape as it came.

After dinner and music, a carefully prepared Essay read by Wm. Smith Farmer, of Eau Clare, served to entertain and interest all present for half an hour.

Bro. Whitney, though quite unwell, followed with characteristic earnestness and humor, evidently to the satisfaction of the Berrien County Grangers, most of whom knew him well.

The "Berrien Centre Cornel Band," which furnished both vocal and instrumental music for the occasion, is a Berrien County Institution, admitted to be the best Band in the County—all Patrons and members of Berrien Center Grange—earned, industrious men. Away from any village, and those influences that prove so dangerous to an average Grange organization, in a district of rich timbered lands, that are only made fruitful by unyielding industry, we find a Grange organized March 7th, 1873, with fifteen members—Thomas Mars its Master, that has gone steadily forward with a healthy growth, numbering now 82. No falling off or spasmodic growth at any time.

Last year this Grange built a hall 24x50. The lower story is for public use when wanted. The upper for the use of the Grange, is convenient and comfortable, and will soon be fitted up with those attractive decorations that make the Home held in common by Patrons so pleasant and desirable. Let no one suppose these Patrons who have been engaged in forging farms out of the forest are indifferent to the advantages of education and culture.

Their brick school house is a model of beauty and excellence, and there is everywhere evidence of intelligent thrift. The trained shrewdness, flower, walks and grounds of Bro. Mars are seldom excelled by the wealthy citizens of our large villages.

There are many excellent Granges in Michigan, but few I apprehend have better material for present enjoyment, and a brighter prospect for future usefulness than has Berrien Centre.

But I have wandered away from the Berrien County pic nic and return only to say that in our time and dusty roads which kept many away, it was in every way a success.

The "free and easy" way that every body appropriated the hay, grain, stable and anything else wanted, belonging to Bro. Mars, during the day would have taught a selfish soul of average weight beyond recovery. But Bro. and Sister Mars treated the matter as though they had kept a free hotel for years and liked the business.

We are under special obligations to Capt. Peck, and Bro. and Sister Mars, and shall not soon forget the pleasure afforded by our first visit to Berrien Center.

Plaster.

In answer to some enquiries about plaster, I would say that Day & Taylor are prepared to supply the fall trade, be it little or much. All orders forwarded to me will receive prompt attention.

To Advertisers.

The visitor with an edition of 4000 copies, scattered monthly over the State, proves an excellent sheet for advertising goods that farmers need. The manufacturers of the Spring Tooth Harrow tell me that they have had several hundred letters in answer to their advertisement in the June and July numbers, and continued in this. They say that they have used this season 60 tons of steel for teeth—have made about 900 Harrows, and sold 800. This looks as though they were making a good implement, and the advertising pays. See seventh page.

I would call attention to the new advertisement of Montgomery, Whiting & Co., on last page. This firm has done an immense business and have an established reputation for fair dealing. Send for their Circular.

Read O. K. Ingeroll's Sewing Machine advertisement. He means what he says.
On the 10th inst it was our good luck to be present and participate in a Pic Nio of the Patrons of Berrien and surrounding counties, at Berrien Center. It was an enjoyable occasion and appreciated by all present. Adirees were given by a number of persons, of which we particularly noticed that of Bro. W. S. Farmer,Past master of the Berrien Pomona Grange. Bros. Bond and Chairs were present and enlivened the occasion with good music. The feast did honor to the Ladies who supplied it, and an Oriental Banquet could not have been more tempting or destroy- one's appetite sooner. May Ber- rien County Patrons see many annual returns of this gathering.

The Board of Directors of the Berrien Co operative Company and Grangers, met a day before the Pic Nic, and reported the increased success of the enterprise, doing about a $50,000, dollars business this year. Great prospects are being made for the next meeting of the Pomona Grange which occurs at the new hall of Mt. Tabor Grange, No. 43, on the 28th and 29th inst., on the last day of which, at 10 A. M., the Hall is to be

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had best to con- ciliate me or one of the above firms for prices, by sending a bill of the kinds wanted. I also have an arrangement for doors, sash and blinds at low fig- ures.

The following suggestions by Bro. Hill, State Agent of Ohio, in relation to business, may well be considered and acted upon by Patrons in Michi- gan.

1. "That purchases, as far as pos- possible be made through the Agency; and that this should be done in cases where little or no saving will be had, as may be the case in some instances. If the saving on the entire purchase is a paying one, there should be no grumbling if on some item there is none.

2. "Orders should always be made in time, so that the agent may have full time to secure articles desired. If a dealer seeks you a specific price for an article, and then says, 'find out what your agent will charge, and I will sell it cheaper than he does,' it is evident that if you could not be posted as to the value, he would rob you of the difference in the prices.'

4. "In making orders, Patrons should remember that all contracts are made on a cash basis, and if the purchaser fails to furnish money, the agent must do so, to keep up the confidence of the dealer."

A full stock of nearly every thing in the grocery line; orders of goods can be filled on short notice in any quantity desired, as low as the same quality of goods can be bought in Detroit or Chicago.

I now have a stock of domestic cotton goods, sheetings, checks, and cheviots, flannels, both plain and plaid and worsted yarns, easy and all kinds of boots and shoes.

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SKEPTICISM OF LEARNING. WOULD THAT TWENTY YEARS AGO WE COULD HAVE HAD ITS AND GIVE US EQUAL CHANCES WITH THEM?

To secure a confidence that may be made for the benefit of humanity, share not only its benefits but responsibility.

Brother patrons are opposed to the monopoly of the elective franchise, by the men of our country, but they have at least opened the gates to the Grange, and hidden us enter there, and share not only its benefits but responsibilities and honors.

Henceforth when any great effort was being made for the advancement of humanity, woman has had the privilege of bearing her part; but she is no exception, for she may also enjoy the fruit of the tree she has helped to plant.

As a social band, a festal throng, let us lift our hearts in singing for a bountiful harvest, the rich reward of our industry.

With right hand on one side are fields of corn and clover, and waving grain, bards of cattle reek, o'er made trees, the very picture of contentment, and flecks of sheep, the pride of the farm. And the birds in the sky are owls, and honey bees seem to have caught the spirit of rejoicing.

As to the health, middle and advanced age doubts there are those who can tell us interesting stories of pioneer life, how they came long years ago, from the then fast set in their waggons with their young wives and little children; how they had sometimes to cut a road with their axes, and ford streams, and how they and their wives took hold together and cleared a place for their rude cabin, and hung up blankets at the door and window places to keep out the cold and night. If they did not know that his sentences were not the thousand other things equally unprofitable and unpleasant, he must read. If he would leave his farm better at the close of his labors than when he began to till it, he must read. If he would grow the best fruits, and stock of all kinds, he must read. How well it is understood by other classes, whatever their calling, that they must keep themselves informed and posted in regard to their own business. And shall we be less wise, "Say, verily." And who need we, when so many of the very best papers of the land are devoted to our interests? The Grange Visitor, published at Cincinnati, as a home magazine is not surpassed by any in this country.

The Grange has come to us as a new dispensation. As an answer to the demands of the hour. Those who stand outside its gates and listen with suspicion and hesitancy and jealousy, know not the wrong that is doing themselves. Come in, there are golden treasures, and you shall have the key. You have already received many benefits, much more perhaps than you are aware of, through our instrumentality, come in and share the whole.

But as we are mixed as assembly, we believe there are as many communities and professions represented here, I beg leave to say to you as a philanthropist, as one having the interest of the rising generation at heart, if I were expecting to make a fat-banking business, I should most certainly seek admission to the Grange. If I were a mechanic or a laboring man or woman, I would most assuredly seek a union with the Patrons of Industry. They are not our brothers, but they are our double cousins.

They aim to associate together the working men and women of our towns in bonds of fraternity. The organization was effected in X. Y. City by various working men of several states in 1873, and in one year its lodges numbered many hundreds. The emblem of the Order is a circular saw around which are grouped the implements used in the various mechanical industries. Their grand object is the improvement of the laboring classes, the increase of wealth and general happiness and prosperity in the land. It is founded on this axiom: "Labourer is worthy of his living," and that the wealth of a country depends upon the general intelligence, and mental culture of the laboring classes."

The initials of both sexes are admitted after the ages of 15 and 18, respectively. They solicit the cooperation of women because of a conviction that without her aid, success would be certain and desired. They say that every husband and brother knows that where he can be accompanied by his wife and sister, no lessons will be learned but those of purity and truth.

They ignore all religious discussions in their lodges, but use those of their order for the purification of our State and national legislation. In a word, it is for other laboring classes what the Grange is for us, an Order in which all persons find innocent recreation, valuable instruction, pecuniary profit and mutual protection.

But I was only invited to the stand and to address the audience.

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that she requires of us, is loyalty. "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread," is one of the mandates, and when we essay to circumvent it, we are quite as likely to sorrow, if not to want. Let us as one united hand join hearts and hands and labor assiduously for the cause of justice and humanity. There is one great field ready for us all as laborers. Laborers. Laborers. Laborers, and with keen syckles eradicate the weeds of greed and avarice, and speed the time when every right hand willx, and, ideas shall conquer words.

PINE GROVE, Aug. 13, 77.

WORTHY SIR:—I see in the July number that the Ladies' Department was rather neglected, and as I have a few leisure moments, I will improve them by writing a few lines for your department. It is raining finely and everybody is glad, for vegetation was needing it badly. I was very much interested in reading the letter of Amie Hall Johnson, and Mrs. M. A. Parker. I think we could make our Department very interesting if we would consider it worthwhile.

We are in the height of the harvesting and berrying season, and of course every one is busy. I have been looking over the columns of the Toledo Blade, and saw a piece of poetry entitled, "Tobacco in the Grange," I think it a good bit at the commencements of "farms and woods," and will forward it for the Visitator, if you see fit to publish it and my scribbling.

Summerton Grange, No. 310.

Tobacco in the Grange.

BY A GROVE.

As spirits are not always bound to be kept, the boys wrap them round, I one day thought I'd take my seat beside the Hall where Grangers meet. I perched myself upon the stand, quite near where "Flora" has command, and could then with a clearer view, behold their forms, both old and new. I saw that those assembled there were those who toll from year to year. And I had exerted myself down, when lo! the melody of sound filled the room with accents sweet—When lo! the melody of sound filled the room with accents sweet.

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