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The importance of educating a farmer is generally acknowledged by all. Not long ago the nearest rufines of culture are to be found in a small town in Illinois where the schoolmaster cannot afford to spend the $1.00 he receives for his services. Yet there is no school in the country where the benefits of culture are appreciated more than in the small town of Grangeville, Illinois. The people of that town are well aware that education is the key to success in agriculture. They believe that it is through education that farmers can learn the latest techniques and methods to improve their crops and livestock. Therefore, they have made it a priority to support their school and encourage their children to pursue education.

As the editor of the Grange Visitor, I urge all farmers to take advantage of the opportunities for education that are available to them. Whether it is through attending local classes, enrolling their children in school, or participating in online courses, education is a powerful tool that can help farmers succeed in their endeavors. By investing in education, farmers can improve their farming practices, increase their yields, and ultimately enhance their quality of life.

In this issue, we will be featuring a special section on the importance of education for farmers. We will discuss the benefits of education, share success stories from farmers who have benefited from education, and provide resources for those who wish to learn more. We encourage all farmers to read this section and consider how education can help them achieve their goals.

If you have any questions or comments about this issue, please feel free to contact me. I am always here to help and support our farmers in their quest for knowledge.

Sincerely,

O. G. FELLOWS
Editor, The Grange Visitor
The Grange—Its Benefits to the American Farmer.

The following paper submitted by Bro. Sam'1 Adams, the Master of the State Grange of Minn., at the late Session of the National Grange shows what the Master, a vigorous advocate of broad conservative views, and an alighting faith in the value of the Order of P. of H. to the farmers of America.

The Grange should have been made the bulwark of our farmers. To the careful student, tracing the several steps in the history of our Order, it is indeed strange that so many changes have been made. In the fundamental laws it is in a brief period of time that these things have been done. Those in and those out, all actuated by various motives, and those out sought constant changes in order to produce speedy disruption. Changes should have been made in the fundamental laws in so brief a period. Those in and those out, all actuated by various motives, and those out sought constant changes in order to produce speedy disruption. The surest way to interest the Indian in agriculture is to show him that whisky is made out of corn.

HUMOROUS.

Worcester Press.

The three golden links of Faith, Hope and Charity were circumscribed by the perfect circle of Fidelity in our early days. It has been hurled overboard; the noble Grange ship, freighted with the precious hopes of millions, would have been a wreck, if every one who expected our friends to be = men, have been guilty of any trespasses, and to create uncertainty, distrust and fear. The fires upon our altars must be extinguished, and the religious distinctions must be made in the grand chain of our nation. All links should be equal, and the Indian, black as a man or white as a man, should desire ourselves any longer. The fires upon our altars must be extinguished, and the religious distinctions must be made in the grand chain of our nation. All links should be equal, and the Indian, black as a man or white as a man, should desire ourselves any longer. The fires upon our altars must be extinguished, and the religious distinctions must be made in the grand chain of our nation. All links should be equal, and the Indian, black as a man or white as a man, should desire ourselves any longer.

Worthy Master Woodman assumed the chair promptly at the hour. The attendance of members and visitors is necessarily short, and a great deal of labor is crowded into a very short time. Before the close of the first days proceedings the organization was completed in all its parts. The standing committees, sixteen in number, were all announced. Each member was placed on some one of the several committees. Delegates to fair trial or reasonable operation, I pray, that my friends may be animated solely by the desire to do good.
smoothness and accuracy with which business is transacted. The Patrons of this State are a little proud of the business agency. The publication of the Secretary Cobb, also presented his annual report on the first day of the session. It is a complete and valuable report. The future of the business agency is promising.

The publication of the Visitor is indispensable. It is a monthly journal, and is the only organ of the Order. The history of the old world, has been but the history of oppression to the tiller of the soil. He has toiled and labored for the support of his Maker, and show himself the peer of others in social life, intellectual culture, and political influence.

The establishment of free institutions in this country, was not only a new era in the history of civil government, but the beginning of agriculture, and intellectual development. The one has provided a foundation upon which will rise a structure grand and durable. The future of agriculture in this country, but of the nation itself. The soil is the most important factor in agriculture. The one has provided a foundation upon which will rise a structure grand and durable. The other, having "built up the sand," has failed in the object sought, and however costly the structure may be of little value.

Education, to be useful, must be based upon knowledge and experience, and be directed by the great truths of science, in comparison with the young man or woman, reared with unceasing toil, has acquired but a superficial knowledge of many things. The one has provided a foundation upon which will rise a structure grand and durable. The other, having "built up the sand," has failed in the object sought, and however costly the structure may be of little value.

In the labors of the field and the kitchen, the aid of all science, except Agriculture, was ignored: The labors of the field lightened by the combined influence of science and inventive genius. The future of agriculture is in its infancy. Agricultural schools, laboratories, libraries, museums, experimental farms, and Professors of agriculture, have not yet commenced their work; yet the "Iliad" has been presented to the prejudices of the people overcome; the "Odyssey" a profession or calling, presents so broad a field for the utilization of the deductions and advantages gained but drops, to be compared to the refreshing showers which are to follow. Science may never be able to explain the marvelous processes of growth and decay in the vegetable world, but fail to explain the unknown depths and mysteries of Geology, or enable the farmer to utilize all of the wonderful developments of Chemistry and Meteorology. It cannot be expected that the wisdom of man, will change the laws of nature and prevent droughts and storms, heat and floods, blight and mildew, or the depression of the market, but when the laws of nature are understood, they can be controlled and governed by judicious management, and wise foresight.

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Secretary's Department.

J. T. Cobb.

Office and members of Subordinate Granges in corresponding with this office, will please always give their names and the names of their Granges.

BLANKS.

Blank forms are sent free from this office on application for:

Blank forms of Officers of Secretaries of Subordinate Granges.
Blank forms of Members of Committees of Pomona Grange.
Blank application for organizing Pomona Grange.
Blank application for Membership in Pomona Grange.
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Blank forms for the Certificate of Apprentices in connection with the manufacture of plaster in connection with the manufacture of stucco is no doubt more profitable than when the business is conducted by the firm of Day & Taylor, judging the future by the past, prepared for early shipment, as last year at this time they were loading several cars a day. As none has yet been shipped from any of the mills, there will soon spring up a demand for ours, and our competitors will be disappointed. We will be in a position to get plaster as soon as expected. We hope this suggestion will be heeded by the farmer who has a house and who have plaster houses will order it forwarded at once.

The Visitor.

The Vvisor as enlarged seems to give very general satisfaction, every subscriber to it to be received and the work of approval. We have many promises of aid from Masters and Secretaries in increasing its circulation, and some very substantial evidences of their earnestness in the work. Several Granges have voted to supply every family with a copy, and pay from the treasury of the Granger. We are getting about fifty subscribers, including renewals each day. This would soon show a large list, but about two thirds of the subscriptions of last year expired with the year, so that to-day we have not as many subscribers as we had last year. Those interested in the Vvisor as now issued must see that old subscribers all renew, and that some new ones be obtained. This is an absolute necessity to make a business pay its own way, and the Vvisor has stated very explicitly in the first number: Our Executive Committee, having allowed the paper to become a tax upon the State Grantee, is not to be purchased from any source whatever, now that the interest of meeting is fully paid, and that some new ones be obtained. This is an absolute necessity to make our business pay its own way, and the Vvisor has stated very explicitly in the first number. Our Executive Committee, having allowed the paper to become a tax upon the State Grantee, is not to be purchased from any source whatever, now that the interest of the affairs of the paper, and friends of the Order. Some old subscribers may not have written on the margin of the paper at the right of its date, and against "Your Subscription will expire with this No.

This is kept standing, and every subscriber will in this way be notified when he gets the last No, he has paid for, and shall adhere inflexibly to the rule adopted, to return every article to the author, with the notice on the margin. The Vvisor is a Grange Paper, and will be run on Grange principles for the good of the Order at cost,—we will hold it in all the light of our Grange Strengthening the Order in the State, and in proportion to its circulation, and it will not be denied to this agency of the Order be sustained! In answer to those who want to know the thirty cent subscriptions, we say: That thirty cents paid for twelve numbers, and the twelve numbers you get will, and get much sooner than you expected. We live those who scorch thirty cents in December, to send the additional twenty cents, and they will be credited for payment of a Subscription for a full year.

Farm Visits.

On another page will be found a communication from the Committee sent by Oakwood Grange, No. 333, to examine and report upon the condition of certain farms belonging to some of its members.

The Committee thought that the members of their Grange would seem to have met in it, and if adopted would soon improve the appearance of many of the very near neighborhood of the State. There are a few farms, however, that will bear a few hours work picking up and making ends and ends, and putting things in their places, and it is certain that many farmers that would not find these few hours to do that work if they knew the Committee of their own Grange, were to visit and inspect and report upon the condition of their premises in two weeks.

This usage has a valuable social adjunct when conducted on Grange principles. The Committee should take their wires—not unpretty ones, but the best the market would supply in an afternoon, and always stay to tea. The only objection that can be urged against it is the fact that a good supper might have upon the report of the Committee, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth "might not be reported. But if the only objection that Committees of this kind if judicious in their criticisms may do a good work.

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J. H. GARDNER, - CENTREVILLE
Patrons, There is Something of Importance to You in the Following.

CENTREVILLE, Jan. 26th, 1878.
I have endeavored to get as good farm machinery as there is made, of all kinds used, and have spent considerable time in visiting and examining machinery and getting prices, and now believe that there is nothing better than that which I have here in stock. I can furnish annealed fence wire from 54 to 500 per cwt., according to size of wire, at any time. Also iron nails, the largest quality have advanced to 82.75 for 10's and smaller sizes in proportionate price, in wholesale lots.

I would call the attention of all wanting wagons the coming season, to the one made at Buchanan, which I have been using during the two years past, as being unsurpassed in durability by any other; and is recommended as the best by farmers acquainted with the South Bend, Niles, and other makes of wagons.

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Ladies' Department.

CUSTER.

For across the western prairies, where no man moves in freedom And where there is no city to be seen. They have left our gallant Custer, They have left him in Donegal. When our country was in danger Our Custer stood and saw it all. Years have passed, but we remember Where Custer stood and saw it all, And the sorrowful order.

Now were fewer, none were true Whosoever would to Custer go, On Tany Fever, Water, Grange, Meech, W — .

And a host of other worthless.

From the ranks of the brigade, From the families of the brave, From their wives, from their mothers, Where their honours never fade; And their griefs are gone to meet those Standing on the other war, We will all be his remains; See his body return.

But when our blood shall fail Back to our old Headquarters We'll raise the rose and the laurel, Water to the lusty, Water in easy blue.

Our toy federal, tried and true.

Grand Rapids, Jan. 29, 1868.

W. N. K. Emmaus.

Benefits of the Grange to Farmers.

It has been said, that the originators of the Grange, "built better than they knew they built," in laying down the foundation of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. They did build much better than they knew, and that those who come after them, no matter what their aims may be, will do better than they did. Description one of the usual descriptions of a member of the Order of Husbandry, as given by the women of a majority of these county meetings of the Grange, that has been handed down, and made them more than mere machines, whose aims and objects have been too groveling and mercenary.

But when memory shall wander From Gettysbrough, and Failing Waters, And wherever there shall muster! Back to our old Headquarters We'll remember Brandy Station, From f. . . .

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...down on the lounge and take a nap, or... 

...daughter One disease set in after an other, and to-day she is on her dying Hon...

...If some member of the family is sick, and you have been kept awake night after night watching over them, while they are comfortable and sleeping, make:

...Too many are wearing themselves out unnecessarily, and unselfishly, without any real sense of the beauty and... but it is all wrong to wear ourselves out prematurely and without the least necessity of so doing.

...How many women, who are trying to make the... But it is all wrong to wear ourselves out prematurely and without the least necessity of so doing.

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that a society is nothing more or less than what its members make it. In our State Grange every one was full of interest and enthusiasm, and its success was due to the fact that it existed, and the members were of necessity individuals. We have not, of course, nothing but the very best of men in the country, but most of them have been our neighbors, and we have fared it would involve the destruction of the State Grange; but we begin to see that it is not a question of politics as it is a question of life and death. It is not only for the good of the Grange, but for the individual interest of all the farmers in the State.

I wish that every true farmer could be induced to join us, and if there be any, I expect we shall. And that is just selfish in inches die wWTL.

"Raised Corn Bread." For one I will do all that I can that our Grange may live and prosper, and then if it ought to be done, I will do it.

Distance from our County Grange store is against the Farmington Grange. But we should make the greater effort to the success. All that is needed is a determination on the part of the members to make it so.

The greenback repudiation project and the Granger project having come to naught, and being utterly dead, "dishonesty comes up in another form." Whew! Let us take a long breath now, honest or dishonest.

We have not, ourselves, searched very diligently for the true cause of the wide-spread bankruptcy and ruin that is going on. Are we to consider it as being the result of the efforts of those who are not murderers at heart to carry out their schemes? Or is it that we shall remain silent while a government officer conspires with Wall street gamblers to rob us of our rights and our liberties?

"The Grange is the cause of their financial disasters, borne, who are not murderers at heart have said they wished every Granger was dead—and we make no effort to disabuse them of their false impressions."

"Patrons have wisely determined that the Grange shall not be made into a machine for designing politicians to run; but does that mean that we shall tie our hands behind our backs, so that we can do nothing to help our Grange, or to stop the evil that is going on?"

"And then he takes the same rule and applies it to County Granges, and says: "If a member of the State Grange will be elected in a lawful way and has taken the fifth degree, no member is competent to install "till they have been elected in a lawful way by a member of the State Grange."

The laws of Michigan State Grange says that on the installation of the officers of the State Grange, the officers of the Subordinate Grange shall consist of. Fraternally yours,

J. H. MURPHY, Secy.

WOODBRIDGE, No. 183.

Brother J. T. Cobb:

Jan. 15th, 1878.

I see by the Visitor of Jan. 15th, that the Worthy Master of the State Grange says he was requested to explain the following rule in the Digest, which may install officers in Subordinate and Provincial Granges:

"A member of the State Grange, of proper standing, may install the officers of a Subordinate or County Grange.""
We invited all who had ever been members of our Grange and offered to take them back into full fellowship if they would share a quart in back does. Quite a number availed themselves of the opportunity taken here, and many more will at our next meeting. So write Hastings Grange, No. 21, to the Grange of one of the counties, and we will have done for the Vassar town you will be informed by your secretary. Believe me, yours sincerely,

Peter Crader.

COLDWATER GRANGE, No. 137,

January 26th, 1878.

Worthy Secretary:

On the evening of January 15th, 1878, occurred the installation of officers of No. 137. The services were conducted by Rev. Joseph, of Quincy Grange. The attendance was very large; the hall also was crowded with persons, C. H. Williams (at which our hall is located) was filled to their utmost capacity. The services were impressive and were conducted in good order. I think everyone said that this was the most interesting meeting ever held by Coldwater Grange. I have nothing further to write this year under more flattering prospects than at any previous time. The Master's address I will send you in a few days.

We have a Plaster house nearly completed, and shall want a large quantity.

Believe me, yours fraternally,

C. W. TREAT,

Secy.

THE REAPER, DEATH.

January 26th, 1878, En. Richard K. Willey, aged 75 years. Shuler Hill farm, No. 262, in the south of the township. He was an active member. Stylist, 47 years. Pr. C. DAWSON, Svt.

PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES

Kept in the office of the Secretary of the Michigan State Grange.

The following list contains articles sold by the Grange Supply House, which is a part of the Michigan State Grange, and is conducted on the principle of serving the members of the organization.

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