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Secretary's Department.

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THE GRANGE VISITOR FOR 1884.

We rise to explain, the VISITOR has not been offered to old subscribers for 33 cents for one year.

As the State Grange at its last session felt the great importance of largely increasing the number of its readers, we were authorized to offer a commission of 33 per cent to canvassers for new subscribers.

The very low price at which it is offered for new subscribers is to give a liberal commission to those who are willing to work to enlarge our field of usefulness.

Some good work is being done. One Brother sent us \$29.50, \$4 for the North American Review and \$25.50 for the VISITOR.

If we had such workers wherever there is a Grange, our list would soon reach ten thousand.

What is your answer? Shall this work be done? What we want is readers, and we believe a sufficient inducement has been offered.

In Illinois seventeen distilleries are turning out 103,000 gallons of whiskey daily, against 90,000 gallons at the same time last year.

THE STOCKHOLDER IN THE COURTS.

A new decision in the New Hampshire Supreme Court (Parson vs. Concord railroad company) is both interesting and instructive. It illustrates a common method of manipulating railroad stocks for speculative purposes.

The directors who engage in such schemes are not subjected to loss on either side, even by their connection with the injured corporation because their ownership of the stock is not held for the purpose of receiving the dividends as an interest on investments.

The public at large and especially the farmers are vitally interested in finding some remedy for corporation difficulties. The great transportation interests of the country are made the plaything of powerful speculators.

It is a prevalent opinion that transportation evils can never regulate themselves, but will grow more oppressive with the development of the country.

Several measures are now before Congress for the reform of the land laws, all having a general tendency to cut down the amount of land which any one citizen may acquire from the government.

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under the control of their enemies as of their friends.

The subject must be studied wisely and judiciously by the people and their representatives. The foundation principles have already been firmly established by the decisions of courts so that no doubts remain as to government rights in the matter.

REFORM OF THE LAND LAWS

The wasteful policy of the United States land laws is at last beginning to attract the attention of the people's representatives in Congress. These laws, it is supposed, were framed originally with the purpose of confining the sale and disposition of agricultural lands in the west as far as possible to actual settlers.

It is now beginning to be noticed that extensive frauds have been practiced under all of these laws. The object of such frauds has in most cases been to secure a large amount of land at government rates.

It has been the boast of western papers that under the existing land laws, even without fraud, the settler might have dominion over a principality.

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BETTER PAPER.

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PATRONS AID SOCIETY.

We shall soon send circulars to every Grange Secretary calling attention to this society. We think it is about to have a boom.

We want readers as bad as a politician wants votes.

THE CAPTURE OF RAILROADS.

Capturing railroads has for a long time been a favorite scheme among those who manipulate the stocks and bonds of corporations for their own purposes.

The famous fortunes of ancient times were insignificant, compared with the millions which have passed into the hands of single individuals within the last twenty years.

Wrecking and capturing railroads have figured largely in the financial history of the last few years. These operations usually go on so quietly that they are seldom understood or noticed by the people.

How shall we interpret this extraordinary official action on the part of the legislative branch of our government? It was simply a bid for political influence among our Irish citizens.

THAT PACKAGE OF VISITORS.

We have sent to Masters of Subordinate Granges, elected to serve as such for this year, so far as they have been reported to us, a package of the VISITOR of Jan. 1st, and by the time this goes to press we shall send other parcels to the Masters of 1883.

The premium offered for new subscribers is liberal and good workers will get good pay. We have a large supply of the VISITOR of Jan. 1, and shall commence new subscriptions with that number for the present.

Send for extra or sample numbers at any time, or send the name of a friend who you would like to have a copy, and we will forward it from this office.

Do not overlook the articles from Bro. Mason.

POLITICAL SYMPATHY.

Patrick O'Donnell, the slayer of the informer Carey, was executed in England on Monday, the 17th ult. The story of the events leading up to this result is well known.

Now these representatives of the people knew perfectly well that their action in this matter was a most ridiculous farce. They knew that their pretended solicitude for a vulgar murderer in a foreignland, who was about to undergo a just and legal punishment for his crime, was a puerile and idiotic thing.

From a correspondent we learn that the busy friend of Agriculture is now operating in Monroe county, this State and vicinity selling Bohemian seed oats for \$10 per bushel.

We are mailing a large number of papers. In the changes that must attend the business, mistakes are likely to sometimes occur.

Before the next issue of this paper, we expect to send to the Master of each Subordinate Grange a copy of the proceedings of the National Grange and also of this State Grange at their late sessions.

The hindrances and delays encountered in the trial of criminal cases are as burdensome and vexatious as those complained of in civil cases.

BUSINESS METHODS IN COURTS.

The condition of our courts of law and their modes of procedure are subjects of vital interest to all the people. Property, liberty or life may be involved in the proceedings of these tribunals.

Already the attempt has been made to take the greatest business operations of the large cities out of the domain of the courts. The great exchanges, organized to facilitate the operations of commerce and trade, have determined to attend to the administration of justice for themselves and conduct the proceedings on business principles.

It may be necessary soon for business men to declare the courts an injurious monopoly and insist upon introducing the competition of common sense.

The Chicago Tribune, in a late issue remarks on this subject: "The present courts are hopelessly behind the work that has to be done in adjusting the disputes between citizens."

Ladies Department.

CHRISTENING THE HOME.

[Dora Reed Goodale in Harper's Bazar.]

The final blow was struck to-day, The final nail was driven; The last young workman's got his pay, Picked up his screws and chisels—nay, Just touched his cap and gone away, And left us here, thank heaven!

Hope.

[An essay read before the Livingston County Council, Feb. 7th, 1882.]

A pleasant and ever-welcome theme is hope. Its sweet influences, its ministries of courage and patience, its glorious promises of success, enter largely into the lives of rich and poor, high and low. It is the friend of all conditions, and sheds its light into the heart of the child, and buoy up with its cheerful smile the man of three score years and ten.

early workers. They have come to our homes beautiful to look upon. Orchards and meadows with broad fields of waving grain, secure from outside harm by pretty and novel fences. Roads, wide and well kept, add beauty as well as pleasure to the homes of our choice.

have watched the crowds in Chicago, New York, Washington, and other cities, and it is ever the same sight, so many people unlike, and yet so like each other, each bearing on their brow the impress of their maker and working out for themselves, the great problem of life, illy or well, as the case may be.

which went down with all on board. Dunkirk is a city of seven thousand inhabitants. It has a dingy, dirty appearance, caused in some degree, no doubt, by the extensive car and engine works, but chiefly by the slovenly character of the inhabitants, being principally foreigners.

Patrons Aid Society. Bro. Cobb: In answer to "many questions," in regard to co-operation we justly entertain with favor, and on looking over the vast field of its possibilities, I cannot conceive of a single subject better suited for its exemplification, than the one of life insurance.

blest, it must be in such a case, as it brings a blessing both to the giver and receiver. Fraternally yours, THOS. MASON, Business agent, Michigan State Grange. Ch cage, Jan. 10, 1884.

