

This is first time in the history of the State organization when its expenditures for the year have exceeded its receipts...

The history of this State Grange is a record of careful business management. No visionary schemes have been entered upon by its executive committee...

There are some questions of vital importance to the Order that come before this body with the regularity of the seasons...

Standing or special committees each year consider reports, rectify faults, make suggestions, present recommendations...

Receipts for fiscal year 1884: Subscriptions \$2342 22, Collections \$24 97, Total receipts \$2367 19

Expenditures: Printing \$295 93, Postage 295 93, Other expenses 29 96, Total \$820 82

There is an excess of expenditure over receipts of \$2.76. This balance though small, is unsatisfactory...

How to extend the circulation of the Visitor and increase the number of our readers without invading the treasury...

But large bodies move slowly and the education necessary to qualify the farmers of this country...

Some Granges have adopted the plan of subscribing for as many copies as there are families...

It would be quite out of order to complete this report without a reference to the plaster business...

State does not increase with the increase of cultivated land in the State, and there is an eager desire on the part of the combination to secure the trade.

No new developments in regard to the drive well suit have come to my knowledge. It still remains on the docket of the United States District Court at Grand Rapids...

In any other business but litigation this delay is usually an important element, and this case is no exception.

So long a time has elapsed that it seems probable that the suit will be thrown out of court in which case the promise made by the Executive Committee of the State Grange...

Referring to the condition of that Fund, I find that of the \$2,264.32 collected, there remains in my hands \$1,537.00.

If the suit is thrown out of court as now seems most probable, this unexpended balance less the cost of distribution belongs to nearly 2,900 individuals...

The Order we have so long served has undertaken a vast work. For more than a decade of years it has had thousands of determined, earnest workers...

But large bodies move slowly and the education necessary to qualify the farmers of this country to shrewdly care for their rights...

The seed sown by the Grange press of the country cannot all fall on barren ground, scattered as it is from week to week...

Again we are at the close of our official term. Again we surrender to the legislative body of the Order the official responsibilities with which it clothed us.

But we have some good correspondents in the Grange, who we expect will give from their several stand-points, an account of the State Grange...

We call attention of our Patrons to the advertisement of Geo. A. Hall & Co., in another column.

MICHIGAN PATRONS IN SESSION.

The twelfth annual session of the Michigan State Grange has come and gone.

It is Monday morning the fifteenth of December, a date that all this issue should be in the mails or in the hands of subscribers.

For the first time a full page of jottings appeared in the Visitor of December 1st. It is encouraging to hear from those who have never written before...

To come back again, the weather was mild and the conditions all favorable for a good session.

With wheat at seventy cents, those who felt they could afford to incur the expense were less than usual, by half a hundred or more.

At ten A. M. Tuesday the 9th, the Master's gavel rapped to Order in Representative Hall...

As is customary, every member was placed on some one of the twenty standing committees.

The address of the Worthy Master, and the reports of the other officers of the State Grange were all read Tuesday evening...

Resolutions from Subordinate Granges and individuals were presented, referred to appropriate committees...

All of Thursday and more than half of our time Friday was given to furnishing certificates of attendance to members and visitors...

Thursday was mostly spent in the election of officers, and Friday in the reports of committees not one of which did I hear.

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The matter of transportation has given us more trouble than usual this year, and everything was not fixed solid before getting to Lansing.

See the advertisement of P. Stekete & Sons, in another column.

DO YOU KNOW?

We shall be greatly disappointed in our readers if they do not manifest a strong interest for their homes and send us hundreds of names for our clubbing combinations.

We hear a little complaint from some who have not yet discovered the difference between the editorial page and the postal jottings.

The fifth volume of the Pioneer Collections has been published, and is now for sale by the state librarian.

We take pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement of the Rural New Yorker in another column.

Every good farmer, and every farmer who has an ambition to become such...

ARRANGEMENTS are being made by the Acme Manufacturing Company of Kalamazoo to run a special car to the New Orleans Exposition some time in January.

STENOGRAPHY is now taught by mail by several of the larger schools of short-hand, but perhaps the most perfect method of giving instruction by correspondence...

ONE of the greatest curiosities that we have recently seen is Ophthalmic Test Lenses, for testing the eyes of those desirous of purchasing spectacles.

IN our clubbing list the composer has made us offer the Husbandman, and the Visitor for one year for one dollar...

Do not forget our inducements for clubbing with the VISITOR when you renew for 1885.

EXCHANGE TABLE.

A prominent breeder said the other day that the Breeder's Gazette was getting to be such a good paper he could not keep up with the times without it.

Their free seed distribution is a valuable feature for farmers and is worth the price of the paper.

Poultry Journal has an engraving of a pea of Brahmas, owned by Morgan Bros. More breeders are engaged in this class of fowls than in any other.

A long and interesting article comes in the Poultry World on "Poultry on the farm." The profits are compared with that of feeding cattle, sheep or swine.

ONE of the largest, finest and most extensive jewelry stores in Michigan, is that of A. Presser, No. 35, Monroe street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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IS THE GRANGE DYING OUT?

From the following description of the part taken in a parade on the second anniversary of the settlement of the present city of Worcester, Mass., it is safe to say there was a good share of vitality in the Patrons of Massachusetts on the occasion.

The special features of the parade, which is admitted on all hands to have been the best appearing and most skillfully handled military and civic pageant ever seen in Worcester...

Another weekly farm journal which readers will always and wisely look for is the Rural New Yorker.

After seeing and reading a number of the Jersey Bulletin, no one who owns one Jersey cow or more would do without it.

The editor was at Lansing when the outside of the Visitor was made up, which we mention, to explain the bad arithmetic in our report at the foot of the last column of the first page.

THE Acme Manufacturing Company have made arrangements at New Orleans for the convenience of those going by their special car.

Does your time expire with this number? Stand in renewals at once.

WE now offer Problems of Nature (price \$1.50) with the VISITOR for 1885.

Labor has failed to secure its proper share of the great profits resulting from the far-reaching of science and the inspired genius of industrial invention.

THE national debt is only twelve times as large as that of the city of New York.

Horticultural Department.

Notes on Horticulture.

The annual meeting of the State society was held at Ann Arbor, Dec. 1, 2, and 3. The delegation was large, and the meeting of usual interest.

A new insect enemy the "apple maggot" was described by Prof. C. Cook. It is more injurious than the codling moth worm as it burrows through and through the pulp leaving dirty tracks.

The "grape rot" was discussed at some length; no one knew the cause, but all agreed that it was less injurious on high or dry locations.

Legislative was asked for permitting the destruction of the English sparrow.

The State Horticultural Society.

The 15th, annual meeting of the above society which has been in session at the court house during this week, will close its deliberations this evening.

Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the meeting was called to order. Prof. H. S. Frieze, upon whom devolved the duty of delivering the address of welcome, spoke in pleasing terms of the progress made in horticulture, and gladly welcomed the society to this country, which was a representative one of this great industry.

To prepare for meeting of American Pomological Society at Grand Rapids—Byron G. Stout, Pontiac; Henry G. Reynolds, Old Mission; A. J. Webber, Ionia; W. K. Gibson, Jackson; Wm. L. Webber, East Saginaw; J. D. Ramsdell, Traverse City.

On Resolutions—A. C. Glidden, Paw Paw; C. Weed, Chicago; H. W. Davis, Leeper. Prof. J. B. Steere, of the University followed with an exceedingly interesting paper upon "The Origin of Horticulture," at the close of which a discussion followed engaged in by Messrs. Saunders and Beadle, of the Ontario association.

The question box being opened, the plucky little English sparrow popped out and had his little anatomy and marauding tendencies discussed by L. D. Watkins of Manchester, and Prof. Baur and Steere.

The first session then adjourned. President Lyon called to order, and Rev. Mr. Lockwood offered prayer. An invitation to visit the University was received from President Angell, and same accepted for ten o'clock Wednesday.

The orchard was discussed. President Lyon advised against the practice of orchardist turning nurserymen. Mr. Buell of Kalamazoo gave advice, respecting grafting. J. Austin Scott of this city did not think much of root grafting.

W. C. Barry the great Rochester Nurseryman, thought that root grafting was a question not yet thoroughly solved. Other views were taken by Harper Green on Eaton Rapids, President Lyon, et al.

Some "tricks of nature" were then shown, such as chesnut kernel growing on a wheat head, russet spots on other apples, etc. Some thought it the result of pollenization, others thought differently.

The methods of judging fruits at fairs was then criticized and discussed by Prof. Slattery, of Lansing, and others. Prof. Tracy, of Detroit, gave a very entertaining talk respecting horticultural displays.

In the afternoon the effect of bees upon fruit, the apple scab—to remedy

which Mr. Beadle of Ontario, recommended trimming—the keeping of fruit in cellars, the best strawberry, and raspberry, the way to prevent plums from falling, etc., were treated upon.

"Useful insects" came in for a good discussion, and some insects that were harmful were brought in also, the session closing with the paper by Robert Hewett of the Secretary of State's office respecting horticultural statistics in Michigan.

The evening session was very interesting. Mr. Alexander, of Birmingham, told about raising peaches from the pit, grapes and grape rot, the three best apples to raise—Baldwin, Non-such and Maiden Blush—How will sweet potatoes and egg plants succeed in muck land; the question of pears, etc., were each treated upon.

Prayer was offered by Rev. R. B. Pope, after which Secretary Garfield made a report of the disbursements for the year amounting to \$1,774.89.

The following officers were then chosen for the ensuing year: President—T. T. Lyon, South Haven. Secretary—Chas. W. Garfield, Grand Rapids.

Treasurer—S. M. Pearsall, Grand Rapids. Librarian—Thos. H. Foster, Lansing.

Executive Committee—E. H. Scott, Ann Arbor; C. A. Sessions, of Oceana.

The committee reported that they had examined the flora decorations, and arrangement of exhibits, and spoke highly of both.

The meeting then adjourned to visit the University. Another session will be held this evening.

The supervisors' room is a fine display of apples, steam evaporated fruits, honey made from different blossoms, a few garden vegetables, etc., etc. The fruit is all properly labeled and is certainly tempting to look upon.

Among the curiosities exhibited at the State Horticultural meeting now in session here, is the collection of Indian relics owned by David Dupue, of Pittsfield.

These are of various kinds, and are of great interest. There are several years, and has a valuable collection, excelled by few in the country probably. All the implements are made of stone of course, and consist of axes of all sizes and kinds, grooved and not grooved, both for battle and domestic purposes; hammers, moccasins last; the medicine man's mortar and pestle, pestles for pounding up corn, flattened stones on which to bake their bread, etc.

A little out of the line of Indian relics, but relics just the same, are two bills of Continental money. One bore the assertion that the note was five dollars; a letter V. on the corner and a picture of a candle-stick bearing 13 candles, represented the 13 colonies on the other end. It was evidently a fine piece of printing for its day.

The California winemakers exhibited this year the remarkable number of 94 varieties of wine grapes grown in that State.

Liability for Carelessness.

A passenger on a Pullman palace car going from St. Paul to Portland gave his pistol to the porter to put away. In going through the car the porter dropped the pistol and it was discharged. The ball struck a woman in the ear and caused a serious injury.

An authority estimates the average power of Niagara Falls as seven million horse power on the total fall, including the rapids above, of 230 feet. He places the cost of a plant necessary to utilize this power, transform it into electricity, and transmit it anywhere within a radius of 500 miles, at \$5,000,000.

The economy of the power is shown by the calculation that its use instead of steam would effect a saving of \$40 per annum in the cost of running each electric light used in the city of Buffalo.

Annual Address of the Master of the State Grange.

Worthy Patrons, and Members of the Michigan State Grange. In obedience to the Constitution and laws of our Order, we are again assembled in annual session to consult together, and labor together in the interest of agriculture and the agriculturalist.

While we have not realized all of our hopes and desires, during the year now drawing to a close; yet so far as the Order in this State is concerned, we have cause for congratulations.

More firmly have our members become impressed with the absolute necessity of the organization.

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Stimulate thought. Prepare and present reports that will have a tendency to do this. If the committee on good of the order can devise means, or make suggestions that will dispel apathy from the Grange hall and enlist the active interest of all the members of each Subordinate Grange in the State, it will have earned the eternal gratitude of all lovers of the Order.

DORMANT GRANGES

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THE NATIONAL GRANGE

met on the 12th of November in its 18th annual session in the city of Nashville. It is now hoped and expected that its full proceedings will be laid before you during this session.

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AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

One of the pet schemes of our Order has been the elevation of the department of agriculture to a cabinet position in the government.

It is also hoped that the committee on DORMANT GRANGES will grapple with and shed light upon this dark subject. It is one that has taxed the ingenuity of National, State and County Granges from the infancy of the Order down to the present hour.

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CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

attack and destroy the live stock of the country. Congress is ignorant of necessary facts upon which to base action.

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much for the Patrons, was destroyed by fire, but through indomitable courage and energy it has risen from its ashes, and we sincerely hope is prospering as before.

THE GRANGE VISITOR

still stands in the front rank of Grange and agricultural papers. No State has been more fortunate in its organ than Michigan.

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PATENT RIGHTS.

Upon this subject we do not expect to present new thoughts or suggestions. But lest some one might suppose that we had yielded the contest the question is again presented.

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Months' Department.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

Backward roll the mist of ages
Till the softened mellow light
That the star of Bethlehem sheddeth,

Then with steps whose reverend stillness,
Mocked the pulses rapid flow,
Through the silent streets they hastened

Dear Nieces and Nephews:—When
the half of December is gone but a
few days of the old year remain.

What better way to improve these last
days than to put everything in order,
square up accounts, etc. preparatory

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trades in which the women and children
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APPLES Cars of choice winter fruit are
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WAS it the proof reader, typo, or my
phigraphy? In the article above
my signature in last issue, "happy!"

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paper for again referring to so silly a

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Prof. Kedzie's Letter to the Alabastine Company.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Lansing, April 19, 1884. To M. B. Church, Manager: Dear Sir, -The Alabastine put on the walls of the Chemical Laboratory more than four years ago in as good condition and bright appearance as when first applied, save where water from a leaky roof has injured it.

IMITATIONS AND INFRINGEMENTS. Some cheap attempted imitations of Alabastine are being offered in some places to Alabastine dealers, under different names and at very much lower prices than Alabastine could be sold for.

The State Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich.

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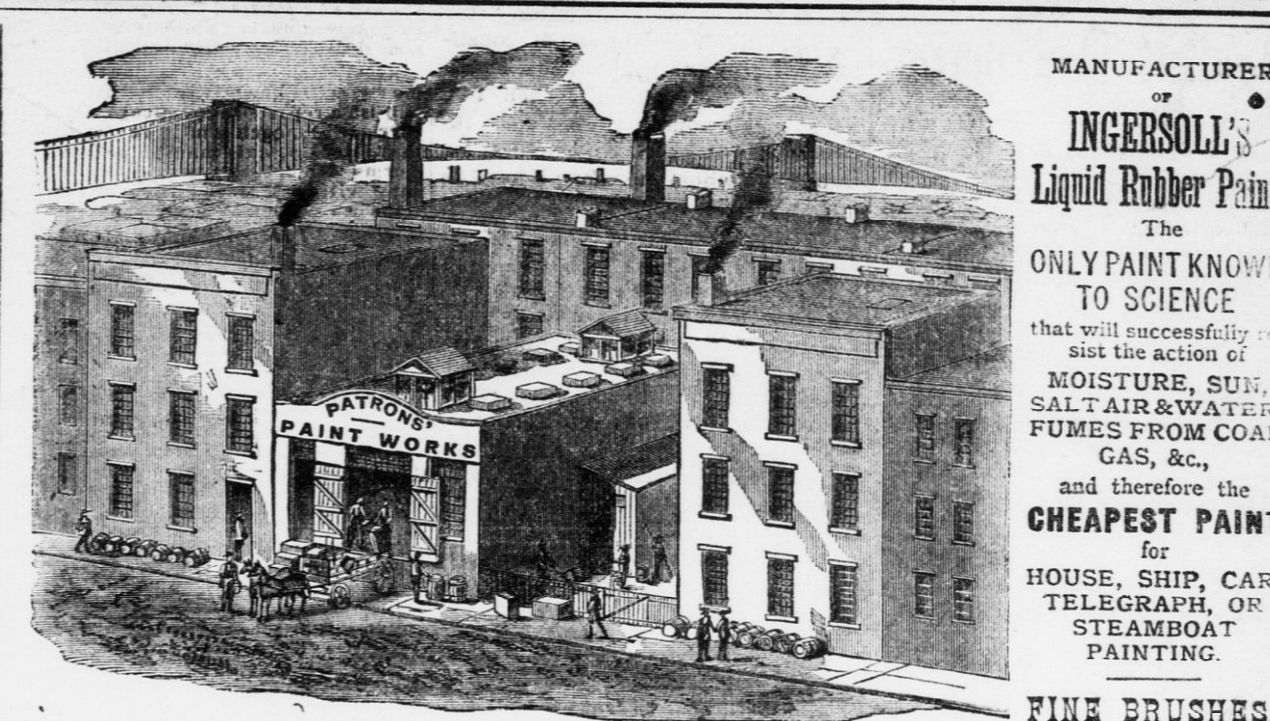
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