

Communications.

Report of Committee On Patent Rights.

WORTHY MASTER AND MEMBERS OF MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE:—OUR Committee on Patent Rights have conferred together and deem it unnecessary to go over and reiterate the many grievances that the agricultural class are compelled to submit to through the present Patent Laws whereby the innocent purchasers are compelled to pay a royalty.

We have repeatedly petitioned and demanded of Congress a revision of our Patent laws, so that the innocent purchaser of a patented article shall not become liable to pay royalty.

Our principles are, be sure and know that we are right then persevere. Patrons, we know that our Patent laws are unjust, that they tend to injure the industrial and agricultural classes and build up monopolies.

Let us continue to petition, and not only petition but demand of Congress, a revision of the Patent laws. Let our petitions be accompanied with private letters to our members written with due courtesy, but giving them to understand that our petitions ask for nothing but what is just and right, and that we must have.

Your Committee would recommend that, inasmuch as we have a fund in the hands of our Executive Committee for protecting Patrons from unjust claims for royalty on Patents or other swindles, and also have J. G. Ramsdell retained as attorney, that any claim for royalty or other swindles be referred through Secretary Cobb to J. G. Ramsdell, attorney, and that no Patron settle for any such claims till they are advised to do so by our attorney.

Your Committee would further recommend the passage, as soon after our State Legislature meets as practicable, a memorial asking Congress to so revise and amend our Patent laws as to protect the innocent purchaser of patented articles. Also that the Secretary of the State Grange shall prepare and have printed blank petitions to Congress, embracing the substance of our demands, and forward them to the Secretaries of the several subordinate Granges, with instructions that they shall procure signatures to them and then forward the petitions to the members of the House of Representatives from the district in which they reside, also to the members of the Senate, accompanied with private letters demanding in courteous terms that the interest of the agriculturalist must be looked after by them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

- HIRAM ANDREWS, M. D. AGENS, E. W. JOHNSON, ROBERT ALWARD, HIRAM SHIPMAN, A. W. CAMFIELD.

Report of the Committee on Dormant Granges.

Is there a sadder word than dormant? Alive, yet dead; existing, but not living; slumbering, but showing by neither pulse nor heart throb that there is the least life!

To-day we are confronted by the thought that again this subject must be met, treated, and presented to this body for action. Though we are saddened at the thought that there are dormant Granges, still we can joy over one thing, that their influence is not dead.

As every mother who has felt the breath of her first born and held to her heart that which was dearer to her than her own life, though compelled to know the silent angel that sometimes crosses our threshold has taken her child from her, is a better woman because of the great joy that had touched the mainsprings of that mighty deep—a mother's love; so is that community a better, purer community because it once fostered a live Grange, though now dormant; and we do rejoice over this fact, that the principles of our noble Order are such that they can never die, and its influence can never be obliterated.

We have attempted to canvass this question to the best of our ability. As a wise physician carefully diagnoses his case so we have tried to treat ours, and if those who are ill can not be restored we are determined to use every effort to prevent the spread of the disorder. We can lament the humanity of man. We fear in many instances, in fact we know, that the obligation is often treated of not much importance.

In so many Granges there has crept in a feeling of jealousy, which like a wedge has widened the bonds of fraternal feeling until they have separated and a strife has arisen so large and so formidable that neither through, around, or over it could be seen one single principle of the organization—the uplifting and upbuilding of humanity. Brothers and sisters, these things ought not so to be.

though remediable feature of the country. Not a "hand-breadth of shadow," only ghosts of shadows cast by passing clouds.

One of the least interesting natural curiosities I came across was the mosquito. It came, bringing all its relatives and connection, great and small, and remained a number of weeks. They were all very social and had inordinate appetites.

July changed the green to gold and August brought the "time of reaping." I never saw a more bountiful harvest than the one sown, grown and harvested while I was in the territory. On one farm there was 20,000 bushels of wheat raised on a little more than seven hundred acres, an average of twenty-seven bushels per acre.

The soil resembles our (Michigan) soil and there is now a manifest desire on the part of those who live on their land to conserve its fertility by summer fallowing.

Another interesting curiosity was a town without a saloon. Amenia, built by the Sharon & Amenia Land Co. It is on the Manitoba Railroad, a road that has greatly facilitated the development of its fertile region.

Generally speaking a town means from one to four wheat elevators, a store, a depot, and a saloon; anything larger is a city. But it is to the credit of the inhabitants that the saloons in the country towns are usually closed in winter when the transient element is wanting.

I one day asked a young Dane, whose blue eyes and light hair bespoke his nationality, if he liked living in the territory as well as in his island home. He replied he did. On being pressed for his reasons, said he received much larger wages and did not have to work so hard.

Boys, you American farmer boys, is your fate such a hard one after all?

A. L. F.

Home Again.

ALGONA, IOWA, Jan. 3, 1887.

EDITOR GRANGE VISITOR:— December 4 wife and I attended a meeting of Mt. Hope Grange in your State. Do you know the Grange? I think it likely their meetings are always good. This one was. Subject for discussion, The "Protective Tariff." This shows progress.

December 8th found us at Indededen, near the home of the W. L., Bro. T. S. Cameron, and also found "Uncle Tom" with horses as fat as himself, waiting to drive us to his home. Arriving, we found our good Sister Cameron with a smoking hot dinner waiting. After a few hours of social cheer, Bro. C. said, this is our Grange meeting night, will you go? Of course we would go.

December 10th at Newton, Iowa. Bro. J. W. Murphy, our W. Secretary met us and we drove half a dozen miles through rain and fearful mud to his place. Once in his hospitable home our discomforts were soon forgotten. In converse with his companionable wife and intelligent boys, time passed swiftly away, indeed, the day was too short, and we borrowed largely of the night.

December 13th we went to Des Moines to attend the meeting of the Iowa State Grange. Here we found many of our good brothers awaiting us, and on that and the succeeding days, we were able to renew many old acquaintances and make some new ones.

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December 18th Bro. B. took me out to a meeting of Liberty Grange. To-day we went in a sleigh, and I thought of Paddy's direction to the man who inquired as to which road he should take.

I spent the night and part of the following day at the pleasant home of the W. M. Bro. Hartsook, and a more enjoyable visit one could not have.

The evening of the 20th found me in Story County the guest of Bro. Sawtelle, W. M. of Homestead Grange. On my way, and while waiting for a train at Des Moines, I called on Bro. Carpenter to say to him that his complaint to the Madison County Patrons was an exact statement of facts.

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Did you do any good on this trip? Of course I did. I gave all those people an opportunity to demonstrate their kindness, and goodness of heart, which I will ever hold in grateful remembrance.

FROM MY DIARY.

Charles Lamb was called Carlogulus, the Latin for little lamb. John Keats was called "Junkets," probably by a sententious Scotchman. That prince of polemics, Cobbett, fought with nicknames as a weapon.

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Political Parties and religious sects have been ushered into being by a nickname given them in scorn, and by which they have ever after been known. Thus "Tory" originally meant freebooter, bog-trotter, an outlaw who favored the cause of James II.

And lives contentedly between The little and the great, Feels not the wants that afflicts the poor, Nor plagues that haunt the rich man's door, Embittering all his state.

The London Times called Macaulay "Thomas Babbler-tongue Macaulay," and Byron called Brougham "Bungling Brougham," but both Macaulay and Brougham shook off these nicknames as Paul did the viper.

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Ladies' Department.

ON THE THRESHOLD.

Ring out, O bells, ring silver sweet o'er hill, and morn, and fell!

God-bye, Old year! tried, trusty friend, thy tale at last is told.

The flowers of spring must bloom at last, when gone the winter's snow;

THE LAND OF FRESH AIR.

Dust and glare on the city street, Alleys blighted with the scorching heat.

Here they go on the rushing train, Oh to the beautiful farms again.

Milton As A Poet.

Milton's childhood home was in the very heart of London where his mind must have been filled with such imagery.

Still greater, however, was the influence of Milton's home life on the development of his genius.

When I was yet a child, no childish play To me was pleasing, all my mind was set.

power and triumphant virtue which is beautifully expressed in his "Sonnet on Blindness."

What They Did. In the spring of '58 two brave women with their families set their faces toward the then Eldorado of the west.

Gold was the watchword, and among miners' and miners' camps they at last rested. What a contrast to their former home.

One evening three women, wives of the miners, came and stood at the door. They would not come in, but listened from the outside.

Report of Ceres of Moline Grange.

As the Lecturer has called for reports from all the officers of the Grange, I must obey, though very unwillingly.

great obstacles. What we do must be well done, we hear at every meeting, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Health and Amusement.

From a Mental Scrap Book.

"We had the jolliest time at our house Christmas week," was the universal verdict. All the boys and girls, with an additional two or three, were at home.

Among other things, and "other" in this case means "many," we played charades. Perhaps you never did! You may think it too elaborate an undertaking for your unsophisticated hands.

When once we were alive to thinking, words came thick and fast to mind for use and we verily believe that had we taken the pains, which we did not, we could have worked up some striking scenes.

yellow key on his knee and would have hastened to claim "Ne-bras-ka" as the trophy of your good wit.

But we voted a pantomimic rendering of "Curfew must not ring to-night" the best of all. It was in three parts and the idea of giving it came to one of our visitors, from memory of the pictures in an illustrated copy of the poem.

Thinking Among Farmers. As a farmer's son, brought up to the plow and the scythe, and always associated with farmers in the most intimate of business relations, I cannot but be especially interested in anything that concerns farm life.

Farmers are somewhat isolated from each other, less dependent upon the plans and motions of their neighbors than other people, and so less likely to feel the importance of those plans.

Farmers find the routine of daily cares—the chores forever returning—enough to keep their thoughts busy.

Farmers, too, are the most practical of men in certain definite lines of work. They care nothing for a crop that does not pay.

Not to give too many doses at once, the conclusion is that every means of acquaintance with neighbors and their thoughts and ways, with science and its method, with the world and its progress, is needed as much by the farmers as by other men.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

Hon. Norman J. Colman, U. S. Commissioner of Agriculture, has issued a circular requesting the Lecturer of the National Grange and the various State and Territorial Granges to forward to him the name and postoffice address of the Master, Lecturer and Secretaries of the Pomom and District Granges.

The reports that have been coming in from the annual meetings of the State Granges in December are full of encouragement. A few items plainly tell of the rising tide all along our lines.

Put Darden, Worthy Master of the National Grange and Master of the Mississippi State Grange, writes: "I have just returned from a most successful and profitable meeting of the State Grange."

W. S. Chowen, Master of State Grange, writes: "The work is beginning to look up in this State. Had a very harmonious meeting of the State Grange, and I think accomplished more work that will result in good to the Order than for a number of years."

Alpha Messer, Master of State Grange, writes: "We had the largest and best meeting of the State Grange that has been held for several years. The utmost harmony prevailed and the enthusiasm and determination of the members to push the work was a surprise to the members themselves."

J. D. Chardy, Master Kentucky State Grange: "Just closed one of the best meetings of our State Grange we have had for several years. We hope to have a general revival during the year."

Eleven new Granges during the past year. Total membership, 15,059; 1,100 new members; net gain, 628.

Eighteen new Granges between sessions of State Grange, 1885 and 1886; 1,726 new members; net gain, 994; \$1,000 appropriated for lecture work in 1887.

Eighteen new Granges during the year. Increase in membership nearly 150 per cent. Bro. J. H. Hale, State Master, says: "There is an increasing interest and love for the Order in nearly all of the older Granges, and a growing respect and confidence for the Grange and its work by all good citizens."

Eleven new Granges. Large and profitable State Grange meets in the State Capitol building at Lansing.

Nine new Granges; total membership, 5,300; net gain, 561. "The Grange in New Hampshire has realized a year of great prosperity numerically, financially and educationally, and it is increasing in popularity each year in the minds and hearts of the people of every class and profession."

S. C. Carr, Master State Grange of Wisconsin, writes: "Our State Grange closed on the evening of the 16th. We had a good attendance. The Governor of the State gave a rousing reception. All went home happy, feeling that the Order was on an upward and onward course."

James Draper, Past Master of State Grange, writes: "We closed a very successful session of the State Grange yesterday. The city papers gave us free reports and liberal editorial notices. I feel that the Order has received a boom it will feel for a long time."

Brother Milton Trusler, Master of State Grange, writes: "The 16th annual session of the Indiana State Grange was the best ever held in the State. Citizens of Frankfort and the Patrons of the county gave us a hearty welcome and public reception. The Masons, Odd Fellows and other benevolent orders furnished their beautiful halls free for our private meetings; the press, eager for news, published the Master's address in full, sending it broadcast over the State and recommending it to be read by all. We are growing stronger in the minds of the people and the heaven is at work."

Be Content.

The following paragraph from the annual address of Governor Robie, as Master of the Maine State Grange, is worthy of consideration by farmers, as well without as within the Order: "Patrons, be content with your occupation and so act that your sons may feel the high respectability of an enterprising and industrious husbandman, and teach your daughters that the highest and noblest position of a matron is the wife of an independent yeoman. The many defalcations and criminal frauds which have been practiced in the financial and business world during the past year are worthy of consideration. There is a useful lesson in these experiences which speaks to all to beware of the greed and false glare of wealth, and the danger of speculation. The temptation for sudden and great gains does not hover around the cultivation of the soil. Nature discounts its favors and smiles with an equal and just hand, and fraud and dishonesty never hover around the great band of nature, over which Providence presides as our great Patron and example. Speculation means loss somewhere or to somebody. Gains thereby are often predicated upon sharp practices, ignorance and undue advantages. The fruit thereof seriously injures at least one, and oftentimes many victims. The vocation of the farmer is surrounded with the lesson of honesty and justice, and from the seedtime to the harvest home the same bow of promise for success spans the heavens, and when success crowns the efforts of the husbandman with an abundant harvest, not a single person is injured, not one person fails. We read in our daily papers of the wreck of fortunes, the failures of commercial houses, and the large banking and insurance companies, the absconding and defaulting bank presidents, cashiers, confidential employes, and of the many dark and inexcusable frauds in the business world; but we scarcely ever read of the insolvency of the tillers of the soil; they are the most independent class in this nation, scarcely ever becoming bankrupt, and are the subjects of but little unjust criticism. This vocation, therefore, above all others, commends itself as the best and highest employment for any member of the great human family."

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Corrected by Thornton Barnes, Wholesale Grocer and Grange Selling Agent, No. 231 North Water St., Philadelphia, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15, 1887.

PURE SUGARS.

Table listing various sugar products and their prices, including Cut leaf, Pulverized, Standard granulated, and various grades of white sugar.

SYRUP AND MOLASSES-In Barrels.

Table listing syrup and molasses products and their prices, including Amber drops, Fancy white maple, and New Orleans extra light.

COFFEES-GREEN AND ROASTED.

Table listing coffee products and their prices, including Fancy Rio, Green Rio, and Roasted Rio.

TEAS.

Table listing tea products and their prices, including Imperial, Young Hyson, and Oolong.

FOREIGN DRIED FRUITS.

Table listing various dried fruit products and their prices, including Raisins, Prunes, and Currants.

WHOLE SPICES.

Table listing various whole spices and their prices, including Black pepper, White pepper, and Cloves.

PURE GROUND SPICES.

Table listing various ground spice products and their prices, including Pure pepper, African cayenne, and Cinnamon.

GROCERS' SUNDRIES.

Table listing various grocery sundries and their prices, including Soda, Flour, and various types of starch.

PATENTS.

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A liquid preparation of the phosphates and phosphoric acid. Recommended by physicians. It makes a delicious drink. Invigorating and strengthening. Pamphlet free. For sale by all dealers.

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Beware of Imitations. July 1887

L. S. & M. S. R. R. KALAMAZOO DIVISION TIME TABLE.

Table showing train schedules for the Kalamazoo Division, including Standard time and going south/north routes.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Table showing train schedules for the Michigan Central Railroad, including departure times for westward and eastward routes.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM KALAMAZOO.

Table showing departure times for various train lines, including Kalamazoo Accommodation, Evening Express, and Atlantic Express.

Current Rates on Chicago Market.

Table listing current market rates for various commodities such as Potatoes, Turnips, Onions, Apples, and various types of Beans.

ON 30 DAYS' TRIAL.

Advertisement for Elastic Truss, highlighting its benefits for various ailments and its ease of use.

THE WOMAN'S MAGAZINE.

Advertisement for The Woman's Magazine, edited by Esther T. Housh, featuring a year's numbers and various articles.

MONEY TO LOAN.

Advertisement for a money-lending service, offering loans in sums of five hundred dollars or more.

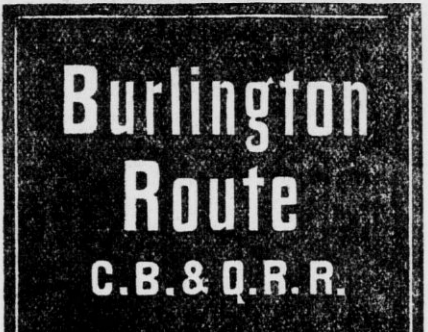
GREENWOOD STOCK FARM.

Advertisement for Greenwood Stock Farm, specializing in Poland China Swine and other livestock.

A NEW INVENTION.

Advertisement for a new invention, a machine for cutting wood, highlighting its efficiency and safety.

THE LINE SELECTED BY THE U. S. GOV'T TO CARRY THE FAST MAIL.



It is the only line with its own track from CHICAGO TO DENVER, Either by way of Omaha, Pacific Junction, St. Joseph, Atchison or Kansas City.

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This powder has been in use many years. It is largely used by the farmers of Pennsylvania, and the Patrons of that State have purchased over 100,000 pounds through their purchasing agents.

GROUND OIL CAKE.

Now is the time to buy the genuine article cheap. To be had in Michigan by F. VAN DRILE & CO., Grand Rapids; MAYOR RANNEY, Kalamazoo; T. B. TAYLOR, Jackson City Mills, Jackson.

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THORNTON BARNES, Wholesale Grocer and Grange Selling Agent, 241 North Water Street, Philadelphia, Penn.

THE GUIDE. We issue the Buyers' Guide in March and September of each year. It is now a book of 304 pages, 8 1/2 x 11 inches in size, 28,576 square inches of information for the consumers.

CHICAGO & GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY TIME TABLE, JUNE 26, 1886.

Detailed time table for the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway, showing departure and arrival times for various routes and stations.

GROCERIES!

It will be interesting to every Farmer in the vicinity of Grand Rapids to learn that the Wholesale Grocery House ARTHUR MEIGS & CO. Have Opened a Mammoth Retail Department,

and are selling all goods at much LOWER PRICES than any other dealers. SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS will be given large purchasers. OUR STOCK IS LARGE, and embraces everything in the line of Groceries and Provisions.

ARTHUR MEIGS & CO., Retail Department, 77 and 79 South Division St., GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

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Young Folks' Club.

SHADY NOOK, Jan. 7, 1887. A Happy New Year to the Club in general and to President Mae in particular!

What a vastness the idea of self-improvement suggests—vastness of possibilities. "But," says one, "I can't just see how I am to find time for self, there are so many calls to help others."

Teachers must try to realize that very soon, indeed, their pupils reflect the spirit of the teacher. One thought more I very much wish to impress on the minds of the Club, for we are now organized for mutual benefit and I hope our numbers may be greatly increased, for a nobler purpose we could not wish.

DEAR COUSINS:—Glad Christmas time has come and gone. We find ourselves once more in the dawning of a new year. To the majority of us this beginning may be a sunny one; still, "There's never a day so sunny But a little cloud appears."

And before another twelve-months has joined the forever some of us may be called upon to leave our school work never to return to it again, perhaps to take father's or mother's place in managing the farm or the home.

Now I am coming to what I wanted to say. Are the boys and girls using the chance they have in writing to the Visitor? We don't know how many Carletons or Bancrofts, George Eliots, or Carys, there may be shut up on the farm. We want to find out, the world wants to know. We do not know our powers, our talents, till we try.

Surely we have one of the most encouraging facts in history in our favor that our greatest leaders have been farmers' sons and daughters.

CARPET SWEEPING.—In all carpet sweeping great care must be taken to brush well round the skirting board. This is the favorite spot for the moths to breed. Should you suspect their existence, lay a wet cloth, folded about three inches wide, on the carpet round the skirting board, and on this press a very hot iron. The steam caused by this process will kill both moth and eggs, and there need be no fear of injuring the carpet. I have said a wet cloth, because I mean more than merely damp, but it must not be dripping wet. A cloth wrung out of water as dry as you can will be right.—Good Housekeeping.

THE OWNER of a fruitful little garden where the earliest radishes, peas, strawberries and potatoes grow in plenty, and beautiful flowers abound, though the soil was poor and the location exposed, was asked: "How do you make so much of your little garden?" "I give my mornings to it," he answered, "and I don't know which is most benefited by my work, my garden or I."

Obituaries.

TRIVERS.—On the morning of December 13, 1886, Mr. James C. Travers, husband, father, friend, and member of our Grange, died where manhood's morning almost touches noon, and while the shadows were fast falling toward the west. He had not passed on life's highway the stone that marks the highest point, but being weary with the journey and suffering from pain, he lay down to rest and sank into that dreamless sleep which kisses down his eyelids still.

What can we say of death that shrouds this world in mystery? "Oh, Death, where is thy sting? Oh, Grave, where is thy victory?" But what can we say of our dear, departed brother? 'Tis much we can truly say of Brother Travers. He was a kind parent, a generous neighbor, an honest man. These words build the glory of a monument above the humblest grave. Cut off so suddenly by the King of Terrors, he had no forebodings of a future and neither around his heart nor around his dying pillow did there crawl or coil that deadly, slimy serpent of eternal pain.

Resolved, That, whereas Death has entered our lodge and taken away our much beloved brother, we tender our heartfelt sympathies to Sister Travers and mourn with her in this the hour of her bereavement.

Resolved, That we drape our charter in mourning for a period of sixty days, also.

Resolved, That a copy be sent to Sister Travers and to the public papers as well, viz. GRANGE VISITOR, Athens Times, Union City Register, and the Sherwood Times for publication.

FISHER.—Died, in Keeler, November 28, 1886, Brother Ambrose Fisher, a worthy member of Keeler Grange, No. 159.

Resolved, That while we mourn his loss and bow to the will of the Divine Master, we revere his memory and would imitate the virtues of a faithful and respected brother.

Resolved, That we offer to his children and friends our heartfelt sympathy in this their sorrow.

Resolved, That our charter and implements be draped in mourning for the period of sixty days, that these resolutions be spread on the Grange records and sent to the GRANGE VISITOR and county papers for publication.

HOBBS.—December 7, 1886, suddenly and unexpectedly, passed from earth to the Grange of the Great Master above, Richard L. Hobbs, a beloved brother, of Redford Grange, No. 367.

Resolved, That while in grief for our own loss, we extend the warmest sympathy to his mother and family, to friends and companions.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, to the Wayne County Courier, and the GRANGE VISITOR, and that they be spread on the Grange records. Also, Resolved, That our hall be draped in mourning.

It takes a little time, patience and courage, but the successful mother will try to interest herself in that which interests her children, as well as to try to interest her children in that which interests herself. She will play old games with them and invent new ones. She will help them in their studies and help them in their play. In short, she will make home, home, and she will try by this means, and not by forbidding and fault-finding, to keep her children out of the street.

Ensilage.

In the annual report of Prof. Samuel Johnson, of the State Agricultural College, as Superintendent of the College farm, the Professor gives his experience and opinions regarding the feeding value of ensilage, which we give herewith:

The silo was filled in September last. The ensilaged corn came out in excellent condition. Continued feeding of ensilage only confirms me in the claims that I have for some years urged respecting this method of preserving fodder.

Ensilage is a cheap substitute for roots, and gives in convenient form an appetizing, healthy food for our stock, during the long period they must be confined in stables. It should never be the only food of the animal, but fed in connection with some grain and dried fodder to secure the best results. It has passed the trial period and has come to stay. Silos have been built all over the country, and without exception, so far as I can learn, when a silo has been filled properly and its contents fed judiciously by a practical cattle man, it has proved satisfactory.

Query—Is it because the papers, or their contributors, took the wrong side of this question on the start, and have been trying to prove themselves consistent ever since that they maintain this antagonism?

The English Parliament recently appointed a committee to investigate and report upon this method of preserving fodder as likely to be of great importance to agricultural interests. This committee, composed of some of the best known men in the kingdom, after taking a large amount of evidence from those who had built silos and fed ensilage, and after the most thorough examination of the subject, have made a most favorable report. They say that "all the evidence seems to show that a nourishing, useful food for animals can be preserved by this process."

The principal news the day after Christmas was a list of murders and maimings caused in almost every instance by liquor, and in many instances occurring in saloons. Is it any wonder that the prohibition vote is growing? Even those who by no means regard liquor-drinking as sinful are growing tired of the obstinate defiance offered by the saloon-keepers to law and regulations. True, and pity 'tis true.

WANTED.—A few good goats and a "Billy Goat." Address P. AEBEL, Appenzell, Crawford Bounty, Mich.

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