## Taxation in Michigan

### V. J. Bury, Tax Department, Auditor General's Office

### VII.

The merits of a proposal to make the assessment rolls public are discussed. The language of the law is as follows:

> "Assessor's Manual:" "While the description of the property is required to be made and subscribed to in a true and correct statement under oath (See third paragraph of the property roll statement), this requirement is not a substitute for the personal examination of the overseers. There is abundant reason for believing that this requirement of the law is largely ignored by assessors, but we have no means of determining definitely to what extent it is obeyed or how largely it is disregarded. The result of all these omitted statements is to subject the law to the same abuses as in the case of property roll statements. It is therefore made the duty of every assessor to personally examine the taxable property within his jurisdiction, and the personal examination is the basis upon which the assessment roll must be constructed."

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### Summary.

We could not get access to the University salary data for 1895. We were unable to find them published in any report, and other state agency records for the time were stored away in the dark recesses of the capital.

### Notes for Discussion.

1. What stations should be paid to our state officers and agents? (L. D. Morse, "The Farmer Is of More Consequence than the Farm, and Should Be First Improved.")

2. Can the farmers aid in solving the liquor question? If so, how? Have they any interest or duty in the matter? (L. D. Morse, "The Farmer Is of More Consequence than the Farm, and Should Be First Improved.")

3. Are farmers' institutes valuable as a means of promoting agriculture and furnishing the young men with information? (L. D. Morse, "The Farmer Is of More Consequence than the Farm, and Should Be First Improved.")

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Field and Stock.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

How they are Regarded by Leading Farmers.

In reply to questions we have the following report of the result of a study of the condition of farmers' institutes among Michigan farmers. We included in our inquiries one asking if the farmers generally would be benefited by the appropriations for farmers' institutes, as well as the appropriations for agricultural colleges. The report is in a sense an evaluation of the benefits and disbenefits of this form of educational service to farmers. We have therefore included in our questions one asking whether the farmers would be so benefited, and the following letter, from the editor of the Wayne Farmer, contains one of the most favorable reports of the many that may be expected.

W. H. SPLATTER.

Dear Sir:

We have been discussing in our local press the benefits of the state appropriations for farmers' institutes. Our county tax assessor says the lesser amount of money and the larger number of students will make it a success. The old farmer is for it, and the young farmer holds to it. They both believe that it is the only way to educate the farmer in his occupation, and they are for the appropriations to be made either directly or indirectly, and have to be continued, for the appropriations must be increased so that every county will have a number of the most advanced farmers in the state in attendance, and the benefits of these farmers' institutes should be large enough to keep Michigan farmers and agriculturists abreast of the highest standards in the country.

S. B. BAILEY.

In reply to your question for my opinion regarding farmers' institutes, I would say that I am not opposed to the appropriations for farmers' institutes, as our state board of agriculture has been using this fund to educate the farmer in his occupation; but I do not favor the appropriations being more liberal in the direction you suggest.

From my experience I am convinced that the long institutes accomplish very little, if anything, and will cause great dissatisfaction among the people at any session. The chairman had to call time on every topic in order to complete the program. I would think that ten thousand dollars would be enough to hold one institute in every agricultural county in the state. I believe that this work may be done at such a cost, and I am satisfied with the results. There is now no need of giving the farmers any further assistance. The state board of agriculture has been used by the best farmers and the most efficient men in the state to do this work. I am not in favor of large appropriations, and I am opposed to any more being made as far as I am concerned. I think the state should be continued until every agricultural county is thoroughly organized.

L. J. POST.

The farmers' institutes held at the state college during the last season were a great success. I have been to several of these institutes and have found them to be very helpful to the farmers. The farmers' institutes are the only way to educate the farmers in their occupation, and I am satisfied with the results. There is now no need of giving the farmers any further assistance. The state board of agriculture has been used by the best farmers and the most efficient men in the state to do this work. I am not in favor of large appropriations, and I am opposed to any more being made as far as I am concerned. I think the state should be continued until every agricultural county is thoroughly organized.

Invocation.

I. M. E. REMINGTON.

The farmer needs thorough education in agriculture and can only obtain it by experience, or by the experience of others. I am in favor of appropriations being made to employ competent teachers or speakers, but I think that the appropriations should be made to the farmers themselves. I believe that the appropriations should be made to the farmers themselves. This will enable them to educate the farmer in his occupation, and will give them the opportunities to become better farmers. Let the appropriations be given to the farmers themselves. This will enable them to educate the farmer in his occupation, and will give them the opportunities to become better farmers.

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FEEDING.

Your question was, if I thought much good had resulted from farmers' institutes. I would say that all good and bad results have come from them, and I think that the good results have come from the farmers' institutes held in our state. On several occasions I have had the opportunity to visit some of these institutes, and I have found them to be very helpful to the farmers. The farmers' institutes are the only way to educate the farmers in their occupation, and I am satisfied with the results. There is now no need of giving the farmers any further assistance. The state board of agriculture has been used by the best farmers and the most efficient men in the state to do this work. I am not in favor of large appropriations, and I am opposed to any more being made as far as I am concerned. I think the state should be continued until every agricultural county is thoroughly organized.

W. H. F ISHER.

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H. H. LEWIS.

It is ridiculous to suppose that there is anything which will benefit the farmer more than the extension service. The system of feeding is so perfect and the results so good that we can hardly believe that there are any good farmers in the state who have not been benefited by it. If it is one provided with a corral and a water trough, the farmer can be satisfied. The system is so perfect and the results so good that we can hardly believe that there are any good farmers in the state who have not been benefited by it. If it is one provided with a corral and a water trough, the farmer can be satisfied. The system is so perfect and the results so good that we can hardly believe that there are any good farmers in the state who have not been benefited by it. If it is one provided with a corral and a water trough, the farmer can be satisfied.
Woman's Work.

AFTERNOON.

Mrs. S. H. Tyrer, Granger, thanks for favors, hope you win.

From the meeting of Kent county Grange, by Miss Mertie L. H. Woodman from these fields of illustration.

She was a charter member of this Grange, and has been, for nearly two years, in active subordinate, State and National work. She was the first to voice the need of the true woman in promoting all growth and fruitions.

While her voice was inaudible, we felt a deep, anguished yearning that some strong, steady voice might rise up and speak in behalf of the true woman in the home and the world. We have heard it, and the way is clear for her to follow it. She will be a power. She is, she will be a power.
Butterfield, Editor and Manager.

THE GRANGE VISITOR.

To whom all Grangers, advertisers and friends, who desire to see their names, notices, or advertisements inserted in this paper, are respectfully reminded that all such notices for the next issue should be mailed no later than the Saturday preceding the issue date.

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The improvement which we are endeavoring to secure, is the development of larger, cleaner, better, and more and more completely those ends which we seek. This improvement can in large measure be accomplished by giving better and more attention to the moral and intellectual condition of the people; and it was this that we are encouraging, rather than any special resolution that was made.

It is the hope of every good Patron that the Grange will become more and more distinct. The movement of the Grange in the United States is not on the highway, but is the great central road of the people, and the weight of that movement is our surest guide. The spirit of the people is the life of the state, and the people's spirit is the power of the state. To the people's spirit we must address ourselves, and to the people's spirit we have placed our trust. We believe that the Grange can become more and more distinct, and that it will become more and more the grand and vital power of the nation.

The first thing to do is to study the means by which we can accomplish this. We must form our purposes so clearly that none can misunderstand us. Then we must delegate to some members of the Grange the work of forming committees to study the means by which we can accomplish this. We believe that the Grange can become more and more distinct, and that it will become more and more the grand and vital power of the nation.

The Pennsylvania state college will add a short dairy school this winter. The following are the names of the instructors and the dates on which the lessons begin:

- Meadville, January 9
- New Castle, January 15
- Washington, January 15
- Pittsburgh, January 22
- Ravenna, February 5
- Ravenna, February 9
- Manistee, February 5

Each of these institutions is a "long" institute of four days. There will be five or six workers present at each session. Each, Howard, of Wisconsin, will attend the institutes at Meadville, Grinnell, and Mt. Pleasant.

THE CAPITOL.

A number of Detroit politicians, disquieted and alarmed by recent exhibitions of excesses in the state, have incited a movement for reform in the state. The state, the task of organizing and pushing the work under each head. These measures must work in harmony. We believe the State Grange should continue the four standing committees, on cooperation, woman's work, education, legislation. These committees should respectively have the real direction of the work designated under the numbered heads of "Our Work," as the committee on cooperation should, in addition to the usual duties, open a systematic campaign on the lines laid down in (a) and (b) above. We are of course not necessary that separate committees be formed in every branch of the Grange. The master and secretary can act as a committee on cooperation as they do under the present system; there should be a woman's work committee, an education committee, and a legislation committee. The betterer can, perhaps, do the required work under the system of education. But the point to be emphasized is that one in each Grange should be in charge of the whole state office, and have the right to devote his time to the work and to have the right to receive all communications on that subject.

We do not expect that such a system can be inaugurated in a single season. But we are sure that the committee on cooperation should be continued in the state Grange for the next season.

The Breckenridge campaign was a useful object lesson in campaign reform. Had the convention method been used in vague in
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Institute in New York.

Mr. J. H. Woodward, to whom I sent a copy of this article, sent me a short letter, which was followed by a letter from Mr. G. V. Dimms.

"Dear Sir:—We have been trying at Grange Visits. Our legislature appropriate $15,000 for the purpose of organizing such associations in the State, and an attempt will be made to establish such an association in this state, selected for that purpose a committee to prepare a specific legislatieus.

We also get some news from other states, such as John Green T. B. Terry, etc. We hold from 20 to 130 each association, and are progressing rapidly.

T. B. Terry, etc."

Institute in Michigan.

D. H. Stebbins, in charge of an Institute at Atwood, Antrim County, to which I sent a copy of this article, sent me a short letter, which was followed by a letter from Mr. G. V. Dimms.

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Institute in Kansas.

The following from a printed circular, shows what Kansas is endeavoring to do for farmers.

"The Institute of Kansas."

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The agricultural college intends to have its work in full activity in this direction. Members are now drawn from both the school and college, and the work of the institute will be sent to all parts of the State. Every effort is being made to get the farmers to their institute, who are asked to do as much as possible in the way of supplying materials for the institute. Each farmer is asked to do a considerable amount of work, and we offer to print programs and posters free of charge.

BIBLICAL EXCISIONS OF THE STATE GRANGE.

Editor—Grange Visits. An annual session of the State Grange is now being held, which will continue throughout the year. Many sessions of our state legislature have been held, and the sessions of the Grange will be held hereafter so that the various institutions have been held here.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the institute is held in the city of Kansas City, so that the institute is held in that city.

The plan is to allot in small parcels of land to the farmers in various counties. A part of the districts in the county are to be held in the city of Kansas City.

The local farmers furnish half of the necessary labor. Each association is to furnish one speaker for each session of the institute. The institutes are to be held in the county seat and in a number of towns in the county. The institutes are to be held under the direction of the institute directors in the county seat and in the towns in the county.

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