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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE.

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF THE MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

We, the undersigned residents of the State of Michigan, and members of the legal corporation known as the Michigan State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, having been appointed by the Executive Committee of said association, for the purpose of effecting the incorporation of said State Grange under and in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, entitled, "An Act to incorporate State and Subordinate Granges," approved April 8th, A. D. 1875, do hereby, in pursuance of the appointment and direction of said Executive Committee, associate ourselves for the purpose of forming such corporation under the provisions of said act, and for that purpose do make and execute these Articles of Association, as follows:

ARTICLE 1. The names of the persons so associating in the first instance and our respective places of residence, are as follows:

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ARTICLE 2. The association hereby organized and incorporated, shall be known in the law by the corporate name of "The Michigan State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry," and the place within this State, where the office of the Secretary shall be held, shall be deemed to be the place of the business office of the corporation.

ARTICLE 3. The purpose of this corporation and the object for which it is formed, shall be to advance the social, moral, intellectual and material interests of its members.

ARTICLE 4. The period of the existence of the corporation hereby formed, shall be thirty years.

ARTICLE 5. The members of said corporation in addition to those executing these articles of association shall be composed of masters of the Subordinate Granges of the Patrons of Husbandry, in this State, and their wives who are matrons. Past-Masters of such Subordinate Granges and their wives, who are matrons may also be members of the corporation. The number of the members and the time and manner of their appointment or election and the rights, privileges and duties of members, shall be prescribed in the By-Laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE 6. The officers of the corporation shall be a master, who shall be the presiding officer, a Secretary and Treasurer; and such other officers, Agents and Committees may be elected or appointed as shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

The powers and duties of officers and committees, the time and manner of their election or appointment (after the first election), their terms of office, and the manner of filling vacancies, shall be prescribed and regulated in the By-Laws of the association. All officers and committees shall hold their offices and continue to discharge the duties thereof, until their respective successors shall be elected or appointed and enter upon the duties of their offices.

ARTICLE 7. An annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the second Tuesday of December in each year, or at such other time as the By-Laws shall provide; and special meetings may be held when necessary. The manner of designating the place of holding the annual meetings, and of appointing the time and place of special meetings shall be prescribed in the By-Laws.

Notice of the time and place of any special meeting, and of the annual meetings, shall be given not less than thirty days before the holding thereof, in such manner as the By-Laws shall prescribe. If for any cause any annual meeting shall not be held at the time herein, or in the By-Laws, specified, the same may be held at such other time as the presiding officer of the corporation shall deem proper, and open the like notice as herein provided, and in a manner similar to the last notice.

ARTICLE 8. The corporation hereby formed shall have power to make and enforce such By-Laws as may be deemed expedient for the management and regulation of the business affairs and interests of the association, and as may be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the association is formed, and for the due execution of the powers and enjoyment of the privileges granted by law; Provided, that such by-laws shall be in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the association known as the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, and not inconsistent with the laws of this State, and such by-laws may be added to, repealed, or amended, as the corporation shall deem expedient. The corporation may also establish such regulations for the observance and government of Subordinate Granges, as may be necessary for the promotion of the interests of the order of the Patrons of Husbandry in this State.

ARTICLE 9. The first meeting of the cor-
poration hereby formed shall be held on the 14th day of Dec., 1875, at o'clock in the morning, at the county office of the State, at which meeting, officers of the corporation may be elected, by-laws adopted and such other business transacted as may be deemed necessary, and if said first meeting shall not be held at the time above designated, it may be called and held in such manner and upon such notice, as is otherwise provided by law.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this day of A. D. 1875.

[Signatures of Incorporators and their acknowledgments.]

ORGANIZATION OF DISTRICT OR COUNTY GRANGES.

At its seventh Annual Session, the National Grange submitted a Constitutional amendment, providing for the organization of County or District Granges, which amendment having been duly ratified by more than the requisite number of State Granges has become the declared law of the order. Its provisions are as follows, to wit:

Sec. 1. The district or County Granges in the fifth degree, not to exceed one in each county, composed of Masters and Past-Masters of Subordinate Granges, and their wives, who are Matrons, and such fourth-degree members (not to exceed three) as may be elected thereto by the Subordinate Granges, under such regulations, as may be established by State Granges. Such District or County Granges shall have charge of the educational and business interests of the Order in their respective districts, and shall encourage, strengthen, aid and aid the Subordinate Granges, as essential therein. Dispositions for such District or County Granges shall issue from the State Grange, and under such regulations as the State Grange may adopt.

This gives a needed link in the Order between the Subordinate Granges and the State Grange, furnishes a medium of interchange, of collecting statistics and knowledge of crops and business, and may become a valuable means of diffusing information and cementing the interests of the Order.

Therefore the degree of Pomona can be conferred by and at the State Grange only, where it was inaccessible to a large number of those intitled to it, but by the Pomona Grange this degree is not only brought within the reach of those just named, but worthy 4th degree members are to be selected from each Subordinate Grange, as candidates to receive this higher instruction. The members will thus have the advantage of the advanced work of the Order.

Already many inquiries have been made to us of the mode of forming Pomona Granges and Subordinate Granges desiring such organizations. That such may duly organize, the State Executive Committee would respectfully submit the following plan, being substantially the same as that adopted by the National Grange, and in harmony with it.

PREMISE.

It will be seen that the organization of Pomona Granges is intended and designed to "strengthen and all" the Subordinate or Fourth Degree Granges. While the beautiful and instructive lessons of this degree cannot fail to broaden the understanding and elevate the moral and intellectual nature of all who receive it, at the same time, the knowledge and culture there gained should be used by any member of the Degree of Pomona to strengthen and advance the interests of the Subordinate Granges.

They are also required to take special charge of the business interests of the Order in these several districts. These interests are of vast importance, and daily growing in magnitude, requiring the best wisdom of those to whom they are intrusted.

CHAPTERS.

Sec. 1. Charters for Pomona Granges shall issue from the State Grange.

Sec. 2. Applications for charters shall be made to the Secretary of the State Grange, and be signed by the persons applying for the same, and be accompanied by a fee of $15.00. The number shall not be less than nine men and four women, who shall be Masters or Past-Masters, and their wives who are Matrons, or Fourth Degree Members, elected by Subordinate Granges in the district or County where the Grange is to be organized, in the manner fixed by the Constitution of the National Grange.

Sec. 3. On such application being received, setting forth, (1) that the good of the Order requires the organization of a Pomona Grange in a county or district; (2) that a suitable room will be provided, with the necessary paraphernalia for the convenience and work in such degree, it shall be the duty of the Master of the State Grange, to provide for the organization and instruct, in the manner fixed by the Constitution, and the ritual of the Fifth Degree, adopted by the National Grange.

Sec. 4. On the receipt of the certificate of the officer having perfected the organization, a charter shall issue in due form, containing the name of the charter members and bearing the date of the organization. The Deputy or other officer before completing the organization shall see that the room provided, is in proper order and suitably arranged; that the officers are duly elected and installed, and that the membership fee is paid to the Treasurer of the new organization. It shall be his duty to reject every person not strictly qualified, and to carefully instruct all officers in their several duties in the work of the degree, and he shall be entitled to receive a reasonable compensation for such service.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Pomona Grange shall be the same as in the Subordinate Grange, and their term of office shall be such as are provided for in the ritual of the Fifth Degree. They shall be chosen at the regular meeting in January of each year, or as early in the year as may be practical hereafter.

All elections shall be by Ballot. In case of vacancies in the office of the officers, members in addition to the Master and Secretary may be chosen to attend to the general business of the Grange when it is not in session.

MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1. Masters and Past-Masters and their wives who are Matrons, members of good standing in Subordinate Granges in the county or district, on filing a petition in due form, accompanied by the membership fee, shall be entitled to receive the degree and membership in the Pomona Grange. Fourth degree members are to be elected not to exceed three for any quarter from each Subordinate Grange, of which three at least shall be Matrons, on filing a petition setting forth their election by their Subordinate Grange, accompanied by the fee of membership, and having been duly examined as to their knowledge of the work in the fourth subordinate degree, and who are in good moral standing, and duly elected, shall be entitled to receive the degree of Pomona, and its benefits. It shall require three negative votes to reject.

Sec. 2. No persons shall be eligible to this degree unless personally engaged in agricultural pursuits, or who has other interests in conflict with the purposes of the Order.

DUES.

Pomona Granges shall meet once in three months and may hold intermediate meetings as may be deemed necessary by the Master of the Order. All meetings are confined to the Fifth Degree.

FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The minimum fee for membership in the Pomona Grange shall be $2.00 for men and $1.00 for women, which shall accompany the application, and they shall be allowed to become a member of the County Pomona Grange without the payment of the regular fee.

Sec. 1. The minimum fee of dues shall be 25 cents per quarter for each member, payable at the regular meeting.

Sec. 2. All necessary expenses shall be paid out of the Treasurer's fund, or of the County Grange, such fund being used under the direction of the Board of Directors, as a fund for business purposes.

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DIMITS.

Any brother or sister who is in good standing in the Pomona Grange, and clear of the books, may claim a seat in the Pomona Grange, and clear of the books, district, they shall first obtain the written consent of the Grange, having jurisdiction.

AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS.

These articles may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members at any regular meeting of the State Grange.

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Each County Grange may make such By-Laws for its own government (not to conflict with this Constitution,) or the Constitution of the State or National Grange) as it may deem best.

J. J. WOODMAN, - - - PAW PAW.

JURISDICTION.

Complaints continue to come to me of violation of the laws of jurisdiction by Subordinate Granges. I have hoped and flattered myself, that nearly all difficulties had been removed, but an examination of the Constitution, had been arranged, amicably, and with great credit to the Granges interested. A few cases are yet unsettled and some complaints of late have been reported, but I trust that all Subordinate Granges in the State will hereafter, knowing the law, give their whole influence in sustaining it. Granges must be protected in the right of jurisdiction, and if each Grange will do right, and take no members from the jurisdiction of another Grange, without the consent of such Grange, no difficulty can arise. For laws on jurisdiction, see Deputis, and April Circular.

INITIATORY FEES.

I am in receipt of many letters asking if there is any way, by which the initiatory fee of membership may be reduced. Article 8 of the Constitution reads as follows:

"The minimum fee for membership in a Subordinate Grange shall be an absolute necessity, a medium of direct communication, between the State and Subordinate Granges, and for that purpose should visit the Granges in their jurisdiction, and correct all irregularities, or report the same to the Master of the State Grange. In organizing new Granges, they should in all cases be governed by the strict letter of the law, and take no persons as charter members who are not actually engaged in agricultural pursuits, or have interests in conflict with our purposes. The position requires men of broad views, generous hearts, untiring zeal, and self-sacrificing spirits, for the pay is not adequate to the labor required.

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the initiatory fees. Experience has demonstrated, that the Granges hav-
ing it are the most successful. Some worthy members seem to hold to the idea, that initi-
ted members should pay no more than charter members; while others are just as sincere in their views, that charter members pay for all the ad-
advantage they receive in fees, in orga-
izing the Grange, and getting it into working order. So, while members differ and thereby effect no change in the Constitution, it must be obeyed, and I trust that no Grange will here-
after, entertain a proposition, to avoid this reasonable requirement, of the fundamental law of our order.

In answer to correspondence, I have made the following rules in addition to those given in the April number of the CIRCULAR.

JURISDICTION.
1st. When a Grange receives an ap-
plication for membership, from a can-
petition residing within the jurisdiction of another Grange, it may be laid upon the table, and no further action taken upon it, until the consent of that Grange, certified to by the Sec-
retary, under the seal of the Grange, is obtained.
2d. A Grange giving its consent, to allow another Grange to receive a can-
didate from its jurisdiction, have the right to demand as a consideration, all the initiatory fees, except what belongs to the State Grange.

VOTING AND ELECTIONS.
1st. No member of a Grange has a right to vote on any question, who was not present at the meeting when the question was stated, and ballot ordered.
2d. Officers of the Grange on duty, or members necessarily absent, by or-
der of the Grange, should be allowed to vote on re-entering the hall, and before the result has been announced, but not until the question has been re-stated by the Master.
3d. All ballots should be secret, and may be submitted at any time to know how another member voted, or question the motive for casting a negative bal-
let.
4th. A ballot, ejecting or rejecting a candidate, cannot be reconsidered.

MISCELLANEOUS.
1st. The use of profane or disrespect-
ful language in the Grange, is an of-
fence against the Grange, and should not be tolerated.
2d. A dimit or withdrawal card takes effect at the time the vote granting it, is taken; and the date, whether made out and delivered at that time or not, must correspond with the record upon the Secretary's books.
3d. A member of a Grange, living within its jurisdiction, cannot take a dimit, and join another Grange, in the jurisdiction of which he does not reside, without the consent of the Grange granting the dimit.
4th. A member holding a dimit is analogous to the Grange granting it, during the lifetime of the dimit.
5th. A member of the order cannot hold an office in a Subordinate Grange, to which he does not belong.

Secretaries of Subordinate Granges often write, asking that the Annual Word be communicated to the Grange through them. This cannot be done. The order should come from the Mas-
ter of the Grange, certified to by the Secretary, and stamped with the seal of the Grange.

No Grange is entitled to the Annual Word, if its dues to the State Grange are not paid up to Dec. 31st, 1874.

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ized with a smaller membership than is desirable, and as it in no way im-
pairs the efficiency of a Grange to withhold its charter until it proves its vi
tum, we have instructed the Sec-
retary of the State Grange to forward no charters to Granges having less than thirty members until such Grange has reported, and paid dues to the State Grange for two full quarters.

We copy from The Monthly Talk, the medium through which the Execu-
tive Committee of the Pomona State Grange reach the Patrons of that State, what expresses better perhaps than we could the motives and objects of the Executive Committee of the Michigan State Grange, when it determined to issue this CIRCULAR.

The Monthly Talk was first issued as a 'Circular' of the Executive Com-
mittee, but as the name was construed to subject it to postage as third class material, it was given a new christening, an example which it is quite likely we shall follow in our next issue.

'To Masters and Secretaries.—The principal object of this paper is to keep every Patron posted in regard to Grange news, ideas, decisions, reports and authentic information, emanating from the State Officials. It is hoped that every thinking Patron will sub-
scribe for it. In that event, the ideas and information herein contained would be digested at home in time for intelligent discussion in the Grange hall; whereas, heretofore they have been hurried over and considered at all during one meeting, at which time members are frequently neither pre-
pared nor disposed to consider mature-
ly the points advanced. As a result, the communicative thoughts of State officers are scarcely perused by some, and wholly uncommunicated to those who may have been absent at the meeting of the Grange.

Every zealous Patron should, there-
fore, urge his brothers to order The Monthly Talk, and study it. The ad-

vantages to be derived will surely com-
pensate for the time and expense in-
quired. Every officer of a Subordinate Grange is aware that his Grange is dependent upon the intelligence of its members for permanent success. This medium of communication is the cheap-
est, safest, and the best the Executive Committee could devise. It will, at least, be kept pure and free from all improper influences; will contain such information as the officials can com-
municate, and will be the means through which the principles of this Order will be enunciated and disseminated. Every Patron should, therefore, take it and read it.'
Ancient Granges have been crowded out of the number, but will appear in our next issue. Granges desiring to be come incorporated should send to this office for a blank, as we have had prepared by order of the Executive Committee, such blanks and have now on hand a supply got up in good shape.

We have sent Charters by express as follows since the middle of April.

No. 443 B. S. Fosket, Holly.
No. 451 L. E. Wright, Newago.
No. 511 Carew J. Guthrie, Ithaca.
No. 523 F. E. Cummings, Lexington.
No. 530 W. S. Haywood, Allegan.
No. 532 Thos. Deakin, Deliacona.
No. 533 Wm. Beulton, Otter Lake.
No. 534 Wm. Turner, Vassar.
No. 536 L. A. Dubert, Case City.
No. 537 Wm. F. Guthrie, Clolo.
No. 540 Wm. Wilson Green, Port Huron.
No. 539 E. J. Caskey, Ionia.
No. 541 A. Flynn, Land Lake.
No. 542 Wm. W. Carter, Newago.
No. 543 Robert Keys, Imlay City.
No. 546 B. B. Smedley, Kalamazoo.
No. 554 C. L. Whitney, Muskegan.
No. 555 J. A. Watson, Shepardsville.
No. 556 C. H. Teamore, Maniste.

We have the following Charters as numbered, ready to forward, but do not send on account of deficiency or delinquency in payment of dues, pri- vate to make report, or other cause un- der the ruling of the Master of the State Grange.

No. 210, 294, 347, 451, 504, 513, 516, 517, 518, 529, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 551, 556, and 558. Above the last number no Charters are ready for delivery.

We have received a copy of A. B. Smelley’s “Manual of Jurisprudence and Co-operation of the Patron’s of Husbandry.” This work of 200 pages is bound in cloth, and too soon, and will prove of value in the development of the order. Bro. Smelley has obtained a national reputation with Patrons as a cleared-sighted, earnest worker, and we think the order has to-day no more useful member. We commend his new book to those brothers and sisters who are determined to keep close up with the vanguard of our army.

We have been notified by Secretary Kelley that a sufficient number of copies of the Proceedings of the eighth session of the National Grange, have been printed to supply each Subordinate Grange with a copy, and that the quota for Michigan will be forwarded soon.

As we occasionally receive com- plaints that reports are not made for want of orders, we renew our state- ment made in the April number of the Circular that a year’s supply of blanks for Secretaries and Treasurers’ reports were sent to every Grange in the State about the middle of March. We uniformly send another supply when notified that none have been received.

Granges and individuals, the sum of $26.50 for which we hold the receipts, have been sent to this office for a blank, as we have had pre- pared by order of the Executive Committee, such blanks and have now on hand a supply got up in good shape.

The quarterly report of the Secretary of Grange No. 442 for the quarter ending June 30th, just received—made six weeks before the close of the quar- ter—is returned.

The Constitution of the National Grange requires monthly meetings of Subordinate Granges, and changes by addition, removal, death or other cause may make a report made at this time wholly incorrect June 30th.

Article 10 By-Laws of National Grange reads: “The financial reports of Subordinate Granges shall be made on the first day of January, the first day of April, the first day of July, and the first day of October.”

GRANGES not yet supplied with seals we think cannot do better than to or- der of T. J. Crowe & Co., Toledo, O. In our correspondence and reports we receive seals in great variety. The best impressions we get are from the press of this company. The poorest from James Murdock, Jr., Cinematini, Ohio. We advise Granges to send for sample impressions of T. J. Crowe & Co.’s work before ordering seals of any one.

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Blanks Books specially prepared for the use of County Agents are kept at this office. Price, $2.00 per set. We think by their use agents will be assis- ted in bringing their business into systematic shape.

PRIVATE instructions to Deputies, Masters, and assistant Stewards will be sent on application of either of these officers under the seal of the Grange to which he belongs.

The subordinate granges in the state of New York are being incor- porated under a general law of the state.

The solid corner stone of our order must be mutual trust, mutual sympa- thy and mutual helpfulness. We must know each other better and trust each other more.

COUNTY or district councils wishing to perfect their organization as Pomona Granges as provided by the amended Constitution of the National Grange, can obtain a blank form of application free, by sending to the Sec’y of the State Grange. For blank “Articles of Association” see price list on last page of Circular.

The Aims of this Order, composed of Farmers and their wives are:

To increase knowledge by stimulating mental activity and aiding inquiry.

To add dignity to labor and elevate the social position of the Husbandman.

To mutually refine the mind and suffering among the Fraternity.

To prevent cruelty to animals, and to lessen litigation and its consequent evils.

To collect accurate statistics of products and gain a fuller knowledge of markets.

To give a better understanding of the principles of business and the laws of trade.

To overthrow the credit system and encourage the practice of true economy.

To bring the manufacturer nearer the producer and faster a varied home industry.

To place the producer and the con- sumer in more intimate relations with each other.

To teach better culture of the soil, and to surround our homes with beau- ty and comfort.

To avoid imposition and dispense with middlemen as far as practicable.

To inculcate morality and temperance, foster education and cultivate brotherly love.

GRANGE HISTORY.

NUMBER II EUREKA GRANGE OF WATER- LOO, JACKSON CO.

Uninformed of even an effort to form a Grange elsewhere in the State, the farmers of Waterloo began to work the result of which was Eure- ka No. 2. Six months after the Grange at Barwise was put in work- ing order, Bro. B. W. Sweet, of Wa- terloo, a reader of the Prairie Farmer, in which was published many articles upon the Grange and its operations in the west, saw the address of O. H. Kelly, Secretary of the National Grange, and wrote him and received the necessary papers to organize, and power of Special Deputy to form a Grange. Some effort was made about the last of June to form a Grange, but not being able to get names enough, the subject rested until October, when the question was again agitated.—The first of November Russell John- son, a member of the order from Indians, came and made a visit to his cousin, Bro. Sweet; while there another effort was made, and a meeting held on the first Friday of November at the school house near Bro. Sweet’s residence. At this meeting Bro. John- son explained the objects of the order, and nine persons put down their names for membership. One week later anot- her meeting was held, and enough names added to the list to make fifteen in number. Another meeting was held on the 19th inst, and twenty- seven names appeared upon the list, and an organization was effected with the following officers: B. W. Sweet,
A list of names was obtained—17 in Slack Schoolhouse, and addressed by Bro. Abbott, on Nov. 26th, 1872, a meeting was held at Overacker's, in a hall fitted up there for the purpose.

The first name suggested for the Grange was Twilight, a very good one, but it did not suit all the members. On the suggestion of Eureka by Bro. J. A. Collins, it was adopted as the name of the Grange. In two weeks the Grange met again and had their necessary papers, but how to get the unwritten work was a question not easy to answer. In a short time, however, this question was solved by a letter from Bro. J. C. Abbott, of Clarkville, Iowa, who was a National Deputy, and at that time in Kalamazoo Co. Bro. Abbott had been notified of the existence of Eureka Grange in the center of the farm lands of Michigan, and directed him to go and give the necessary instructions. A meeting was held the 15th of December, at which time full instructions were given by the National Deputy to the Subordinate, which had all the time supposed they were the first in the State, as they were the first and almost only one organized without outside aid, and which now began the full and legitimate work of a Grange.

A question came up as soon as organized,—where to hold the meetings of the Grange. Fortunately, Sister S. A. Boyce had an unfinished room in her house, which was offered by her and accepted as a place of meeting by the Grange, and used as such until November, 1874, when a hall was rented in the Village of Waterloo, where the Grange may now be regularly found.

Last year, 1874, Bro John A. Collins held the office of Master, and Bro. John E. Yeomans was Secretary, which office he still holds, and Bro. B. W. Sweet is again the worthy Master of the Grange he organized.

The Grange is in good, thorough working order, with 70 live, active members, who believe in doing everything well and working up fully to the merit of the instruction. This Grange reports that they did not only receive good returns in dollars and cents from co-operation, but in a knowledge of their work and duties, of general business, and of social advancement, and a higher sphere of life, the harvest they reap is in value beyond computation.

This Grange participated in the organization of the State Grange, and its Master, Bro. Sweet, was elected as Stewart, which position he held until his successor was duly installed at the late meeting at Grand Rapids.

Osceola No. 3.—A Farmers' Club had been in operation in the vicinity where this Grange was formed for two or three years before a Grange was talked of, but like most other clubs, members went in, and when the plan of a Grange was placed before the farmers of this vicinity by Gen. Dep. Bro. J. C. Abbott, they saw the difference and formed a Grange.

The first meeting was held at the Slack Schoolhouse, and addressed by Bro. Abbott. On Nov. 26th, 1872, a fine list of names was obtained—17 in all—and an organization was effected with the following officers, to-wit, Thomas Buckhout, Master; Alonzo Overacker, O; Almy Winslow, L; Jas. Buckhout, Stewart; Nathan M. Sheldon, A. S.; C. L. King, Ch.; C. Roberts, Treas.; Chas. L. King, Sec.; B. Slack, G. K.; Addie King, Ceres; Marion Bitley, Pomona; Mrs. A. Overacker, Floria; L. S. A. Another meeting was held on the 3d of Dec., at the Buckhout Schoolhouse, and Bro. J. C. Abbott, gave instructions in the work of the order.

Great difficulty was experienced in holding meetings throughout the winter owing to the amount of snow and the drifts making the roads impassable. In the spring a hall was erected in a private house, which was occupied until the spring of 1874, when the property changed hands, and the Grange, 90 in number, met and do now meet at Bro. Overacker's, in a hall fitted up for the purpose.

March 22d, 1873, a partial change of officers was made, and Chas. L. King was chosen Master and Thos. Buckhout, Sec'y. Soon after Bro. King resigned, having been appointed General Deputy of the order for Western Michigan, and Bro. Orin Sweet was chosen Master in his stead and was, with the Secretary, re-elected at the last election.

This Grange has had as high as 98 members, and is now agitating the subject of building a suitable Hall, of which they say,

We feel sure this is the only practical step that has been successfully taken to bring the manufacturer and consumer more directly together, and we trust that the organization may go to members and efficiency until every Patrons can obtain his purchases direct from the manufacturer, and have himself the profit that have heretofore gone to support the middle man. Such a system will and is advantageous to the manufacturer as to the consumer. The discount allowed Patrons is fifty per cent. below the retail price, with freight added, making it the cheapest machine, considering the quality in the market. Patrons will consult their own interests by purchasing no other.

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"Heretofore it has been necessary to produce our machines through the medium of intermediate agencies. The Grange movement seems to be the first practical step that has been successfully taken to bring the manufacturer and consumer more directly together, and we trust that the organization may go to members and efficiency until every Patron can obtain his purchases direct from the manufacturer, and have himself the profits that have heretofore gone to support the middle man. Such a system will and is advantageous to the manufacturer as to the consumer. The discount allowed Patrons is fifty per cent. below the retail price, with freight added, making it the cheapest machine, considering the quality in the market. Patrons will consult their own interests by purchasing no other.

Order anything you need, from a Reaper and Mower to a hand rake, through this agency, and you may rest assured every effort will be made to fill your order promptly and at the lowest attainable price.

OWING to sickness and death in the family of the State Purchasing Agent, orders and correspondence were somewhat neglected during the latter part of April. The business of the state purchasing Agent is gradually increasing as the members see the advantages of the organization. Hundreds of dollars thus far have been saved to Patrons on goods bought through this agency, and the amount is being rapidly increased each month. But every Patron is requested to send his order to the State Purchasing Agent.

When sending orders for goods, be very careful to write your name and Post-office plain, and give explicit directions how you want your goods shipped.

One of the great obstacles in the way of our trying to better our marketing facilities is, not poverty, but a one idea, penuriousness.

If the little streams go dry, the great rivers can float no boats. So, if by the indifference and neglect of their members the Subordinate Granges languish, the State Granges and the National Grange will be shorn of their power for good. Brethren and sisters, keep the fires burning brightly within the gates.

A state Grange was organized at Danbury, Connecticut, by Levi Hubbard, of Iowa, on the 22d of April. There were fifteen granges represented. For Master, Henry Melvill, of East Granby, by, was elected; for Secretary, Edwin Soley, of Roxbury; for Treasurer, Bro. Mason, of Washington. A banquet was served and many other pleasant things done on the occasion. All the granges are reported strong and healthy. Thus is the last state brought into the patrons' fold.
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These prices we have been assured are very low. The quality of the stock in the paper and envelopes is excellent, and we confidently anticipate large orders for this line of goods.

If, after writing to us, you do not receive an answer within a reasonable time, the chances are your letter never reached its destination, and you should write again, being careful to direct your letter plainly. Also be very particular in writing your own name and postoffice in a legible manner.

When sending your orders to this agency, it is necessary that the business is being carried on without capital, and remit the amount you think necessary to pay for the goods you wish to purchase. The orders are filled by the State agent for cash, and goods sent to members of the order must be paid for by this agency before they are shipped. It is therefore but an act of justice on the part of those sending in orders that they send the money at the same time.

We have in our office two of the Dayton Sulkie Rakes. The "Clipper" is self-dumping, and works like a charm. The other works with a lever and is first class. We have no hesitation in recommending them to members of the order as just the rake they want. Remember, Patrons, this is the only rake that is sold through the Grange. Other manufacturers have been compelled to come down with their prices, but we hope and trust that members of the order will have principle enough to stick by their friends and buy none but the Dayton Rake. Send your orders direct to this agency.

Patrons are too apt, if a certain plow or wagon, or other article pleases them, whether the manufacturer belongs to a ring that is opposed to the Grange movement or not, to disregard the principles they advocate and buy their favorites, thus strengthening an opposition that seeks to overthrow and trample our noble order in the dust. This is all wrong. Unless we give our aid and encouragement to the men who seek to do business by the methods we have adopted, we may as well admit that our professions mean nothing, and surrender at once to the greedy cormorants who have for years lived upon our industry, and who are more anxious than ever to fleece the hardy sons of toil out of their hard earned dollars. Again I urge every Granger in the State to stand by their colors. Burn your prejudices and buy only of men who are willing to deal through the Grange.

IONIA, May 12th, 1875.

To the Executive Committee of the Michigan State Grange:

The undersigned, with Bro. N. Chil- son was named a Committee to ex- amin the books of the Secretary, Bro. J. T. Cobb, to ascertain and determine their accuracy. A Committee being re- quired for that purpose by the Sec- retary.

I have to report that on the 8th and 10th days of May instant, I compared carefully the books of said Secretary with his vouchers, and checked the items on the books as they were found to agree, that I footed all columns of figures on his books with the following result:

Commencing with his official term and coming down to the 1st day of January, 1875, we found errors in footing $15.30, and an item in supply account overlooked in posting of $2.00. In all short, $17.30. Of money re- moved to Grange debt, has overpaid fees and dues, and which was footed in account and not charged back as was proper we found, - $131.50
And not error of footing, - $1.10

Thus leaving a balance to the credit of Secretary Cobb, on correcting his books of $143.60. An examination of the supply account showed a large amount of business done with a net gain to the State Treasury for the year 1874 of $120.00.

Perhaps it is proper to say that when the service was commenced by Secretary Cobb, he had no ideas of the magnitude of the work given him, and his system of keeping books and accounts was soon found inadequate, but he has been constantly improving and systematizing the business, and it is a matter of surprise, as it is also of commendation that notwithstanding, the vast and varied amount of work he has had to do, every entry is made so full and so plain that his books give all the information that can be desired. In furnishing supplies he has been induced to the credit system somewhat, by placing too much confidence in the promises of some brother Grangers. He is out about doing all he can, but curel of a delusion that can have on other result but to bring the supply business to his present Grange standard. Very Respectfully,

ALONZO SHERMAN.

The patrons of Cambrian county, Pa., are now buying a plow for $7.00 that one year ago they had to pay $16 or $17 for.

TEN thousand dollars worth of arti- cles week before last were purchased for, and sold to the patrons of Indians by their state agent.

Every member of the order should keep a memorandum book and enter in it his profit and loss in consequence of his connection with it. If loss, it is generally chargeable to the member; if profit it should be credited to the order.

Bro. T. R. ALLEN, master of the Missouri state Grange, scarcely gives himself any rest from labor for the interest of the order and the individual comfort of the members. He is out again lecturing and gathering supplies for the starving brethren of that state.

The National Grange at its session, in Charleston, passed a resolution urging upon the members of the order in each state, to interest themselves in securing specimens of the products of the country, to be placed on exhibition during the next meeting in November.

Tax Grange store at Ott洧ville, Cooper County, which was opened a month ago with a stock valued at $1,400 reports a business of from $90 to $150 a day.

Worthy Master Athans, says, in an opinion published in the Farmers' Union, "I very much doubt the lawfulness or wisdom of taxing any Grange per head for the building of a hall or mill or for a project of a like character. The only lawful charge per capita known to me is the payment of monthly dues."
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