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It is not the purpose of the Executive Committee in continuing the publication of the Visitor, by direction of the State Grange, to devote from the course first marked out in February last, which was to furnish the most direct, complete and cheapest medium of communication between the officers and members of the Order throughout the State.

We hope Masters and Secretaries will not fail to call the attention of members to every matter of general interest, which appears in the Visitor.

Communications on any subject, calculated to promote the good of the Order, are solicited.

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Proceedings of the National Grange.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"Worthy Master and Patrons:

"With this session our official terms expire. When elected at Georgetown, D. C., in 1873, the work of the Secretary's office required the constant attention of my worthy assistant, and occasionally one or two others were employed. During the past three years the press of business has required us to increase the force at one time to eighteen persons, mostly females. At the present time but four clerks are employed. During the past three years we have supplied twenty-two thousand six hundred and twenty subordinate Granges with their outfits, and issued a large amount of extra materials, such as song books, manuals, tracts, etc. The largest number of Granges supplied with outfits in any one year has been one hundred and sixty-five, and the smallest is one. We have yet to see the work fall off when not one application will be received any day, but the country being well supplied with Granges, that day can not be far distant.

"In the history of organization our order is the greatest achievement of modern times. Ancient history tells us of the Eleusinian Mysteries, where both male and female, old and young, were admitted to membership, and Ceres the Goddess of Agriculture was worshiped, to whom they built costly temples, and all Greece flocked to join in the sacred rites. "It is the leader of modern associations in admitting old and young of both sexes. The Masonic Order, consisting of blue lodges, chapters, com manderies, and other branches of its organization, number 12,500 b-dies on the entire globe; the Odd fellows number 7,601 lodges, encampments, etc., giving a total number of 19,981 in the whole world; and those orders that have existed for centuries; while at the outside we have but eight years growth, and have issued twenty-four thousand two hundred and ninety charters, conducted by the United States, alone. We stand far in the lead of any other association.

"From our efforts let us hope we may yet see not only the farmers and mechanics of this country, but those of all other nationalities unite in an equally glorious work. "During the three years past there have been upwards of three thousand and deputies at work reporting directly to our office, and I doubt if the same amount of similar work has ever been done with less trouble and complaint; and to the credit of those deputies, let me say there has been but three cases of dishonesty.

"It is quite reasonable to suppose that many of the Granges organized under the exigencies of last year should be weak, but our records at this date show only six hundred and eighty-six that have been disestablished, suspended, or had their charters revoked since the first introduction of the order.

"State Secretaries this year report a total paying-membership of seven hundred and sixty-two thousand two hundred and sixty-three, while the increase of new Granges for the past month has been ninety-two.

"The total amount of moneys received in the secretary's office and deposited in the fiscal agency in the past three years is in round numbers about $350,000, exceeding the united paid-in capital of all the purely agricultural societies in the United States for the past fifty years, or in fact since they first had an existence.

"We have on our books 1,247 deputies appointed by State Masters the present year. There have been during the past three years 3,172 deputies supplied with manuals and other documents, leaving us the States enough to supply all the deputies that may hereafter be appointed, as well as all new Granges that may be organized.

"I suggest that each State Master take active measures to recall the bulk of these supplies and utilize them; and that for new deputies only one copy of the manual and private instructions be hereafter furnished by the National Grange.

"The present plan of furnishing supplies, demands your attention. In the early days of the order, when few took any interest, and none were willing to invest capital in materials and risk a market, it was absolutely necessary as well as to secure uniformity, that materials be supplied by the National Grange; but I believe it no longer necessary, and suggest that we adopt the same plan in this respect that prevails in the Masonic Order, after the present stock on hand is exhausted.

"The general correspondence of the office indicates a strong desire that the National Grange should at this session adopt some work of a national
Co-operative Stores.

Wherever co-operative stores have failed in this country it has been from one of the following causes: Defective or dishonest management; giving credit instead of dealing on a cash basis; want of sufficient capital; too few products allowed, which it was finally found were too small to meet the actual expenses; ignorant business managers, especially in selection of a stock of goods; needless expenses; unfortunate location of store, sometimes too obscure in location from its customers; but the greater causes were starting with too small capital, and trying to extend the business and compete with combinations formed by other stores, and the want of a skilful, competent, and honest manager.

The main bond of interest is a moral interest and a knowledge that the customer is buying cheap. When the customer knows that he is buying cheap and is being honestly dealt with in weight and measure, and knows that he is receiving a dividend of profits upon his stock invested, that customer is willing to support that store by word and trade.

Such stores can buy their goods at low rates of our large supply stores in St. Louis and Chicago, and the cheapness will depend upon the quality of their buyers, because it is best to start with a few necessities than keep a large supply on hand. "Quick sales and low rates of profit" will do for honesty and trustworthiness.

The manager of the store should be an experienced, intelligent person, who can do the work of some of the salesmen. He should not be too closely connected with any of the officers of the society to cause objection; he should be a kind, patient, obliging, and honest public worker, without necessarily having any interest in the stock and other stock-holders. He should have a fair, lenient, kind, and obliging. He should be patient, active, a zealous worker, without necessarily having any interest in the stock and other stock-holders. He should have a fair, lenient, kind, and obliging. He should be patient, active, a zealous worker, without necessarily having any interest in the stock and other stock-holders.

Operative advice.—Each store should keep an accurate record of the amount of all purchases made by its members through agents or from firms other than the Order. The amount saved should be ascertained as nearly as possible, and entered upon the minutes. Each co-operative store, co-operating with the profit or loss, should also be recorded.

The store of the sovereigns of Industry at Springfield Mass., did over $6,100 worth of business in June last. In the four months since it has been under its present management, sales have amounted to $21,255. Its expenses were only $927.28, and the entire capital $2,900. The profits of the store, after paying expenses and 7 per cent interest on the capital stock, were $34,367, indicating that goods were sold at only a small advance from cost.
In answer to many inquiries that are being made, by members of the Order, about the Centennial Encampment project, I have deemed it advisable to give the following a place in the VISITOR:

Patrons’ Centennial Encampment.

A meeting of the board of managers of this Association was held at the Penn Manor Hotel, corner of Eighth and Spring Garden streets, Philadelphia, on Tuesday last. All the members were present except Wm. Dean, Esq., of Delaware. Much important business was transacted, among which was the passing of resolutions determining to proceed at once to the building of the Encampment, and authorizing the Secretary to advertise for plans and proposals for buildings.

The members of the board are of one opinion as to the success of the project, in the matter of patronage, and as a financial investment, and intend to push it with energy, economy and strict business fidelity. It now remains with the Patrons of the country to sustain the managers, by promptly subscribing to the capital stock, and using all their efforts to make the Encampment national in its character.

To build the Encampment with capacity for the entertainment of 6,000 people, will require at least $75,000 additional capital to that already subscribed, and these subscriptions must be received within the next thirty days in order to enable the board to complete their contract. There are hundreds of Patrons throughout the land who intend taking stock, but they are delaying the matter to a more convenient time. We wish to impress upon their minds the fact that the time has now arrived when they must act if they desire to have a part in the consummation of this, the grandest enterprise ever inaugurated and carried out by farmers.

The Encampment will be built—the managers have determined upon this; but unless material aid to the extent above named, is promptly rendered, its dimensions will be much smaller than was at first contemplated. We hope and believe, however, that it will not be necessary to curtail the plans. The Patrons of the United States are able to carry out this project to its maximum capacity, and they will enter into it with a will, when they learn that the managers mean business.

In subscribing to the stock it is well to remember that the money will be called in by installments of ten dollars share, and that at least thirty days will intervene between dates of payment, so that stockholders will have ample time to arrange their money matters.

When the Encampment is open to visitors, stockholders will have preference in entertainment, by writing in advance and notifying the managers of the time they desire rooms. Those who desire, may use their certificates of stock, at par value, as money to pay for the lodging of boarding and boarding on the grounds. These inducements should be sufficient to cause every Patron, who intends visiting the Centennial, to take at least one share of stock. Those who take stock as a financial invesment, cannot fail in realizing its reversion of large dividends.

All stock subscriptions must be forwarded to this office, to be recorded in the books of the Association. Notice will be given by circular to each stockholder when and how to pay their instalments. An immediate response is expected from every Grange whose members are readers of the Farmer’s Friend.

R. H. Thomas, Secretary,
Mechanoville, Penn.

Patrons of Michigan, consider this matter, and if the enterprise meets your approval, give it material aid, and your influence. The following resolution was passed unanimously, by the Executive Committee of the State Grange at their last meeting:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Michigan State Grange, from the information in their possession, have full confidence in the success of the Patron’s Centennial Encampment at Philadelphia, and feel justified in recommending to Members of the Order in this State who contemplate visiting this great exhibition, to take stock in the Centennial Encampment Association of the Patrons of Husbandry.

The numerous inquiries that are being made by newly elected officers of Subordinate Granges, relating to subjects that have been fully explained in the VISITOR, leads me to infer, that in some cases, Secretaries have neglected to keep files of it for the benefit of the Grange, and new officers, As the VISITOR is the medium of official communication between the State and Subordinate Granges, much valuable information relating to the good of the Order, and its laws and usages, will appear in its columns, which should be preserved for future reference. This could be done, by using file-sticks, and preserving all the numbers in book form. In this way each number, as it appears, can be put upon the file without disturbing the arrangement of the previous numbers; and all may be preserved in a convenient readable form.

The following will answer some of the questions which have recently been raised:

1st. A Grange is not responsible for the acts of the Deputy, in the organization of the Grange, or any act done as a Grange, until organized and invested with authority.

2nd. A rejected candidate may renew his application for membership, in six months from the time of rejection.

3rd. A Member who knowingly signs the application of a rejected candidate, before the expiration of six months from the date of rejection, violates his obligation as a Patron, and invites the penalty.

4th. If a rejected candidate has illegally been made a Member of the Grange, he cannot take a Denial and join the Grange, rejecting him, without submitting to the same form of ballot as is required of new candidates; nor can he make application to join the Grange, rejecting him, even with a Denial, until after the expiration of six months from the date of rejection.

5th. A Secretary of a Grange, cannot use the seal of the Grange, for his own private use, either with, or without the consent of the Grange.

Services of the General Deputy.

It seems to be understood, that the General Deputy, is paid a salary for his services by the State Grange. Such is not the case. He receives the fees fixed in the By-Laws for organizing Granges; of this work there is but little now required. He is also paid $3.00 per day when engaged in special work, under the direction of the Master of the State Grange. Further than this, no provision is made by the State Grange, for paying him for his labor. He has a family to support, and his circumstances will not permit him to devote his time and means in the work of the Order, without reasonable compensation. He is devoting his whole time for the good of the Order, and Granges employing him, should remember that traveling costs money, and “the laborer is worthy of his hire.”

Woodstown Grange, No. 9, in New Jersey, presents having purchased during the last eight months, supplies to the amount of over $8,000, upon which we are well satisfied. We have saved 25 per cent.; which would make a saving of over $200, an average of nearly $100 per month. We have committees appointed, whose duties are to visit each member, and report in writing, which reports will be placed on file for future use as reference. &c. To examine the buildings, farm improvements generally—w ith modes of culture and of cropping—underdraining; if any, with what success; the different kinds of cattle kept, with what success, as well as the different soils of which the farms are composed; the kind of stock kept, with profits of same. The committee have had the matter in charge for some time, and different reports been made. We cannot but think much good will result to our farmers generally by such an arrangement.

The Farmer’s Vindicator thus speaks of the Order in Arkansas—“Our Order has accomplished a vast deal in Arkansas. It has taught the farmer to prune what he consumes and live at home. It has cheapened what he is compelled to buy. It has taught him self-reliance, nor king of the producers intelligent beings, and men and women of influence. It has given us the spring harvest of small grain and grass—a thing unknown before in the annals of our State. It has elevated the farmers economically and morally. It has been the great lever in elevating our State to its present happy political condition.”
Secretary's Department.

J. T. Core, - - - Schoolcraft.

Officers and members of Subordinate Granges in correspondence with this office, will please always give the number of their Grange.

Plaster.

In answer to letters of enquiry about plaster, the following explanation is presented:

Brother H. O. Weston, of Grandville, who, having been appointed by the Patrons of the State with plaster, found himself, early in December, in such a state of financial embarrassment that he was unable to push forward the building, mixing, and other necessary work preparatory to grinding plaster rock, with the rapidity that he had expected. At the meeting of the State Grange at Lansing, Mr. Weston came before that body and stated very fully the situation of his business, and asked that assistance might be rendered him in some way, so as to enable him to fill the orders for plaster that he had received.

The whole subject was canvassed very fully by the State Grange, and a resolution adopted, pledging the support of the Committee in carrying to a successful issue any plan they thought best to adopt.

Without further delay, tell us that the Executive Committee felt it to be in the interest of the Grange, and although considerable time has elapsed, the complications were such that the Committee feels it should not have solely pushed forward faster.

It has been necessary to advance money to Bro. Weston, which has been done by the Committees, and we think he will be able to begin to ship plaster this week in February.

By arrangement, all orders for plaster that have been sent forward are now in my hands, and they will be filled, so far as practicable, in the order in which they were first received by me.

Parties preferring to have their orders filled later in the season, will not lose their priority of claim by such postponement.

All remittances of money for plaster will be made to me.

By order of the Ex. Com.

J. T. Core, Secretary.

We hope our friends will not overwhelm us with letters of enquiry about this plaster business, for it is really necessary.

While we hold ourselves ready to answer direct, all letters that will not admit of a general reply through the Vis- tro is, we must see that this medium of communication is cheaper and far better than private correspondence, upon all subjects of general interest.

In looking over this number of the Visitor its readers will see that, while it has not been enlarged in size, by the use of smaller type, we furnish more reading matter than ever before.

With the expectation that our friends who wish to make a large subscription, the price has been reduced to 30 cents per annum.

At this price every Grange in the State should send us some subscription, with the 1st of February. We shall try and make it useful, in fact indispensable, to every Patron who desires to be kept informed of the condition of the Order in this State.

Patrons will bear in mind that in urging you to take the Visitor we have no sort of pecuniary interest at stake.

We hope the support given it will make it entirely independent of the State Grange Treasury, and that in the future, as in the past, it will be the best channel through which to reach the membership of the State.

Election Returns.

Our list of Masters and Secretaries of Subordinate Granges for 1876 is very incomplete. We send this No. to Masters and Secretaries of last year, where election returns are not yet received, with a request that it be given to their successors and report officers elect. We hope Secretaries who have been dilatory in this matter will forward the names of Masters and Secretary, with the P. O. of each. We do not care to have sent us a full list of the officers of Subordinate Granges.

Notice to Secretaries:

As soon as official notice has been received of the action of the State Granges upon the Amendments to the Constitution of the National Grange, we shall issue a revised edition of the National Constitution, the Amended By-Laws of the Michigan State Grange, and the Codex of By-Laws recommended by the State Grange at its last session, for adoption by Pomona and Subordinate Granges. Price, 20 cents per dozen.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee on the 6th inst., J. H. Gardiner, of Centerville, was appointed State Business Agent. Bro. Gardiner is a man of considerable business experience, and although considerable time has elapsed, we may fairly expect that Mr. Gardiner will fill the bill, as he stands in the front rank of the best farmers of St. Joseph County.

His opportunities are very much increased by the action of the Executive Committee, authorizing the Agent to furnish goods at cost, and look to the committee for pay for his services.

As Bro. Gardiner has received definite instructions from the committee, there will be no variation from this rule, that goods will be furnished to Patrons at cost, or salaries accompanied by the money, or on such assurances as are satisfactory to the Agent.

I think the business arm of the Order will gain strength by this arrangement, and hope Subordinate Granges and County Agents will at once open correspondence with Brother Gardiner.

There are still quite a number of orders on Treasurers of Subordinate Granges, issued to Masters for attendance at the session of the State Grange in January 1875, which have not been returned to me, and placed to the credit of the Subordinate Grange.

I was instructed by a vote of the State Grange, to pay Masters holding these orders, whatever balances remain unpaid after the fees and dues of the Grange for the full year of 1875 had been endorsed thereon, and reports of Secretaries for the year received at this office.

I hope Masters or Treasurers holding those orders will return them to me at once, that the Grange may have credit for the amount paid, and the Master receive from the State Grange Treasury the balance still due him and not endorsed on his order. All that matter should be closed up as soon as possible.

I have just received a notice that a sufficient number of copies of the Proceedings of the Ninth Session of the National Grange, held at Louisville in November last, had been shipped to me to supply every Grange in the State with one copy. I shall mail a copy to each Master so far as election returns have been received. Masters not receiving a copy will know why.

As we receive letters daily without the number of the Grange, we sometimes find it very difficult to determine where to direct an answer.

We hope calling attention to this matter often will show an improvement in the future. We lose time every day, and frequency cannot answer, therefore, immediately, for want of the number of the Grange to which the enquiry relates.

We receive letters every week, and sometimes from Secretaries, asking the price of some article found in our List of Supplies.

Please take notice that all articles kept by us, and prices of the same, will be found in List of Supplies in every number of this Visitor.

We send blanks for Secretaries' Reports, on application.

Before the close of the current quarter we shall send a full supply for this year of a new form, to all Masters whose election has been reported to us.

In the December number of the Vis- tro, the printer made a resolution reported by the Finance Committee, relative to the pay of the Worthy Treasurer, for his services, recommended that he be placed in bankruptcy, and as the resolution was adopted by the State Grange, he was paid that amount.

The following Granges are not entitled to the Annual Word, on account of delinquency in Secretaries' reports as follows: 1. New Market, 27, 28, 68, 105, 117, 150, 169, 199, 216, 291, 254, 238, 294, 345, 365, 382, 405, 412, 418, 420, 446, 448, 450, 453, and 542.

Nos. 451, 571, 577, 588, 589, 595, 596, and 598 have never reported.

Scientific Butter.

If science continues in her present rapid progress, the occupation of farming will very soon be played out, and instead of sending their sons to agricultural colleges, the farmers will do better for them by having them take up chemistry, physics, and agriculture.

We are led to this reflection by the exposure of the last scientific dodge for dispensing with genuine butter, and substituting for it an extract prepared from the fit of beeves. The oil contained in the fat is separated by a series of processes, and new butter containing nothing but a little milk and churned and prepared like ordinary butter.

It is distressing to find that this ingenious dodge by which the monopoly of butter producing, hither- to enjoyed by the bovine race, has not met with success, and that the "oleomargarine manufacturing Co." have been rewarded for their efforts to benefit mankind, by a series of persecutions which have at last driven this company into bankruptcy.

The Butter and Cheese Exchange took the matter up, and declared that the innocent looking stuff which might easily have been mistaken for good yellow Orange Co., butter, was a danger- ous adulteration, liable to turn a scabbed, streaked, and rancid. The proceedings of the New Market company were closed, and the final act of the drama took place in the Marine Court, a few days ago, when judgment was granted against the stockholders for the wages of their employees, and for other debts.—Patron's Gazette.
Permanency.

No better evidence of a permanent future for the Order of Patrons than the building of numerous commodons and tasteful halls.

Within two weeks, we have had the honor and pleasure of dedicating three of these halls, according to the rites and usage of the Order.

The influence of these services, well conducted, as representative of the Order, and especially upon the Members?

This ceremony reflects great credit upon the Order, and especially upon the author, Bro. Thompson, to whom we are indebted for many of the finest portions of our literature.

The first of these dedications was at Worth, or Tuscola Village, in Tuscola Co. Whitney Grange, No. 353.

Bro. Richardson entered into the installation services that duly dedicated, and its keys restored, the Hall declared Jonesville, followed by installation—all followed.

Chas. Hivers, inst., for Fayette Grange, No. 251, of Year.

Burquins pending suitable lace cur- tain for the Order of Patrons than the tasteful halls can be asked.

Brown, Sec., may well be proud of their efforts in securing so good a Grange Home. The dedication on the 7th inst., was followed by the installation services, and public addresses, installations, and dedications, nearly every day since the Lansing meeting, he has not had as much time as he desires when he appears in these columns.

Hiers; Secretary—John F. Beyers, Big Beaver Co. Whitney Grange, No. 513.

The Whitney and Home Sewing M. Smith, of Smith's Creek, Grange No. 672.

J. H. Gardner, - CENTREVILLE.

Patrons of Michigan:
I have been appointed State Business Agent by your Executive Committee, and in my place, Mr. N. Chilton, with instructions, "that the business is to be conducted so as to give you all discounts, both general and special, and all rebates allowed by manufacturers and dealers."

What can be done to add to the interest, increase the attendance and promote the greatest good in our Granges and among the Members?

E. Murray, of Niles, offers wagons ten to fifteen per cent. below last season's prices; J. Hutchinson, of Three Rivers, offers his power corn-shellers at twenty per cent. off. These shellers, with a two-horse tread, or four-horse sweep power, will shuck seventy to eighty bushels per hour of dry corn. A two-horse walking cultivator for same, with steel blades and clevis, provided a contract can be made soon for a definite price. On plows, several makers offer 25 per cent. off from retail rates of last season.

The Whitney and Home Sewing Machines, both first-class, can be had for five per cent. less than heretofore. In

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He would, however, suggest some food for thought, and recommended the same for your consideration, discussion and investigation:


3d. With this open weather may the stirring of the soil be tried to destroy cut-worms, &c.

4th. Shall not the Grange subscribe for, and have for the use of the Lecturer, some paper, or papers, not taken by any Member?

5th. What can this Grange, or community contribute towards the best possible representation of Michigan products at the Centennial? (No time to be lost.)

When, and how, shall we best prepare hot-beds and cold-frames for forwarding early vegetables and plants?

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Co-operation, Concentration and Combination.

Concentrate your forces, friends, Good Patrons one and all, till every foot shall be occupied, be, and every traitor fall. Combine as one in harmony, in this fall; you started out in life to “pay as you go.”

Perhaps your farm is mortgaged, or the mortgage is not due for a long time, and even if it comes due, the man who holds the mortgage says he is in no hurry for his money, he will renew the mortgage. Now you feel there will be time for you to build a new house, and as you always expect to live there, you build a nice one. When you have got it built, then you must have it furnished or people will think you are “hard up” sure. Then the small things must be improved, a carriage and faster horses must be added, and other things to give the appearance of wealth. You live along so for a few years, but it takes all you can raise to keep up appearances, but those debts you have made, must be met.

What is the consequence! Your beautiful home is lost, the home you had made so beautiful is gone. God pity you; you are not as young and hopeful as you were when you began; age is creeping; what will you do? I cannot tell. But had you taken for your motto “pay as you go,” this would never have happened.

“Pay as you go.” How many of you have long accounts, or no written accounts, or accounts imperfectly kept with the men you employ to work for you. The settling up comes. If he is a man that works by the day, perhaps he will say that he has worked more days than you have given him credit for, or he has not been paid as much as you claim you have paid him. Now the best way is to “pay as you go,” and the next best way is to keep daily accounts. “Pay as you go,” not in advance. If you pay a man before he does the work how hard it is to get him to work, what short days he makes, and how little he works, and he would rather work for someone else. I believe he does you an injury. He has not that courage and ambition to work that he would have, if he was expecting pay when his day’s work was done. Suppose he be a young man, working by the month, and you pay him two or three months in advance, I have known, and he should take it into his head to put out some dark night, wouldn’t you wish he hadn’t done it? Or, suppose he should be taken sick, or should put his foot or some other accident happen so as to be laid up for a long time, how are you going to get your pay. If he needs things, pay him as fast as he earns them, it will be better for him and you too.

Auctions are a nuisance! Do you ask why? For several reasons. You look at the handfuls, you see some things advertised you imagine you want and can get trusted for them, so away you go to the auction. First, you know you are buying lots of things you do not want, because you think they are cheap and you can sell them and make a big profit.

When the sale is over you give your note (larger than you expected) for ten months or a year at ten per cent. When it comes due, you find it hard work to pay it. You have not made as much on the articles you bought as you expected, and then you thought you needed, it would have been better if you had waited until you could have paid for it. And again, you often bid on articles you do not want or intend to take, but bid on them just for fun, and when no one else bids higher, you have to take them. Then it is not so much fun. Auctions are good enough for those that have things to sell, but I would advise farmers to keep away unless they have the money to pay down, and judgment to buy only what they need.

“Pay as you go!” I know a farmer who bought a farm a few years ago. This man had a mortgage on his farm, but he had a mortgage on his farm, but the agent asked thirty dollars at ten per cent. payable in one year, or he could pay down $25. The man paid the $25 and took the mill, made a sawmill for five years, but, wasn’t a Granger either. But you say you haven’t got the money and must save up the things that you want and trust to luck to pay for them. I tell you it is like trying to raise a mill with a sickle, and save up the money you have to buy it with. You would find a way, for “where there is a will there is a way.” Take the money you pay for tobacco, it takes a great many years toward keeping you out of debt, it is a dirty, filthy habit, doing no one good. No, I tell you; you must have the money to buy anything for a little money; does she get it? No! he says I haven’t got the money to spare, I’ve got to pay my debts. If he is a reliable legal gentleman, no, of course you can’t. I tell you, this always being in debt is a bad state of affairs. I can’t tell you it can be done. Let us begin the coming year and pay for what we get or go without it until we can pay for ownership, and never pay the old debts, and then keep out of debt. Finally, if you want to live and be happy, pay as you go.

Mrs. E. S. STUBBINS.


Grange Real Estate Agency of Beaverton.

Worthy Brothers and Sisters of Michigan, Greetings:

Allow me to bring you before, through your GRANGE VISITOR, a subject on which I have spent a great amount of time; the subject now under consideration is the organization of a National Grange Real Estate Agency or Bureau. This will be the poor man’s friend. Through this agency the man with small means at his command will receive help that will enable him to secure a home in the best way is to “pay as you go.” and the next best way is to keep daily accounts. “Pay as you go,” not in advance. If you pay a man before he does the work how hard it is to get him to work, what short days he makes, and how little he works, and he would rather work for someone else. I believe he does you an injury. He has not that courage and ambition to work that he would have, if he was expecting pay when his day’s work was done. Suppose he be a young man, working by the month, and you pay him two or three months in advance, I have known, and he should take it into his head to put out some dark night, wouldn’t you wish he hadn’t done it? Or, suppose he should be taken sick, or should put his foot or some other accident happen so as to be laid up for a long time, how are you going to get your pay. If he needs things, pay him as fast as he earns them, it will be better for him and you too.

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of their own. How sorry I frequently feel that they sing "Sweet Home," and the loneliness come into my mind. Our worthy brothers and sisters have been as busy as bees in doing up our Grange work, and have mastered everything while we have been away. Our officers have undertaken; our will is law, and I am happy to say our works have been those of love, of brotherhood, and to our brother agriculturist. We as an order have shown, while all our farming communities have reaped equally with those of Vermont, and a more social co-operative people.

The Ohio State Grange met at Columbus on the 15th of December. Delegates were present from 14 out of 16 Granges. The Master's annual address passed in review the past year of labor, and concluded with an encouraging representation of the future. One session was profitably spent in relating the experience of the several Granges, considering some of the means of sustaining the social and intellectual interests and of securing the greater good of the Order. The result revealed the difficulty of maintaining the interest excited by the novelty of the organization, and the unwillingness of many scattered members to persevere in the legitimate work of the Grange. Many are too hasty in trying to reap where they have not sown, overlooking the fact that the Grange is designed to make better farmers, better housekeepers, and a more social co-operative people.

The Order has been at work about a year and a half, and numbers about 700, in as yet widely scattered bodies through the State; it is thought the present is a good time to begin. It may easily be troubled during the present year undet the expected reduction of fees. The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That we look upon the organization of the Patrons of Husbandry as the dawn of a new era in agriculture, and from the character of the work which it contemplates, well calculated to elevate the producing classes to that commanding position in social and intellectual importance which they are justly entitled to occupy among a great people.

Resolved, That in our financial operations we wage no war and the legitimate laws of trade, nor do we expect or ask any favor or privilege above any other class of citizens acting on the same principle.

Resolved, That we adopt as one of the cardinal principles of our Order, the payment in cash for all articles when delivered, and honest dealing with all.

Resolved, That the injunction is especially obligatory upon us as a brotherhood, to look first for the blade, then the ear, and thus to labor with patience for the harvest, not greedily to reap where we have not sown, nor to harvest where we have bestowed no labor.

The Granges of California are after the lawyers with a sharp stick. They are circulating a petition praying the next legislature to pass a bill fixing the rate of attorneys' and lawyers' fees, where no special contract is made. Better way not employ them, generally speaking.

It is the Grange that is giving new life to our industries and commerce, by teaching men the value and effectiveness of co-operation that the different parts of society are as separate parts of an intricate piece of mechanism of which none can be spared—each is necessary to the other in the successful working of the whole. Intelligent co-operation is its watchword—disentanglement from ignorance, vice, and despotism in all its forms.

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