**Agricultural Department**

**THE OAK AND THE VINE.**

**SCHOOLCRAFT, MICH., DECEMBER 15, 1883.**

Winter Laying of Eggs.

Well Brown Leghorn chickens lay when they are a few months old, as early as from 2 to 3 months, though many do not begin to lay until from four to six months. The reason why some, but not others of the same age begin to lay at an early age, is that those that do are the best birds. Everything in the dairy is an exan- tion. The clover sows are pulled from the field in time to be used for grain, and the molasses is still used for the spring.
The committee on recognition gives the results of experiments in that direction. The names of the states you desire to see recognized are on file here. If you will write us, we will be happy to give you the address of the persons engaged in this work in your state. It is to be hoped that the state officers will do everything in their power to encourage this work.

The committee on the subject of intoxicating liquors is about to bring forward some resolutions. We believe that the time has come when the state officers should take an active part in the work of combating the evil of intoxicating liquors. We therefore propose that the state officers should, in every instance, where such liquors are sold, require a license from the state, and that such license shall be renewed every year.

The committee on the subject of political reform is about to bring forward some resolutions. We believe that the time has come when the state officers should take an active part in the work of reforming the political system of the state. We therefore propose that the state officers should, in every instance, where a political party is engaged in a campaign for office, require a license from the state, and that such license shall be renewed every year.
December 15, 1883.

The Grange Visitor.

To the Members of the Franklin Grange.

Dear Sir:

I have just received a letter from the Secretary of the Grand National Grange at Washington, informing me that he has sent the rules and by-laws of the National Grange and the American Journal for the past year. They are now on their way here and will be forwarded to you as soon as they arrive. I do not know how many of you have received them, but I am sure you will be interested in them.

I am glad to hear that the Grand National Grange is making good progress. It is a great pleasure to see the old Granges give way to the new ones. I believe it is the best thing that has ever happened to the Grange movement.

The secretaries of the Grand National Grange have been very busy, and I am sure they will do their best to make the Grange movement a success. I am sure you will do your best to help them.

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THE GRANGE VISITOR.

DECEMBER 13, 1888.

Agricultural Department.

Weather and Pest.

The pestiferous conditions of many of our agricultural regions—pestiferous in the sense that the soil and atmosphere are not rich enough to produce the best results—remain the same. In some cases the climate has been so unfavorable that the farmer has been compelled to abandon his efforts. In others the land is so poor that it is impossible to make a success of farming. The solution of the problem lies in the hands of the farmer himself, and not in the hands of government or any other body.

Returning of Bonds From Storage.

A pair of pigeons is the famous European thrush, which is said to have been observed in this country. It is a native of the United States, and was introduced into Europe by Dr. W. J. B. Potter, of New York. The bird is about the size of a small thrush, and has a brown plumage.

The Signal Service for Farmers.

The project of making the United States Signal Service a suitable instrument for the protection of farmers from the ravages of grasshoppers is now正在实施. The signal service is, therefore, a splendid agent for the prevention of grasshopper damage to crops.

A' Guilt by Pending.

The phrase is that "a man's country becomes more than ever his own country when he is in the army." It is to be hoped that this will be the case in every instance, and that the soldier will be made to feel that he is serving his country.

Distraining of Beasts Doing Damage.

The law under which the Michigan legislature has operated in this matter is one of the best measures that has ever been passed. It is a law that will do much to prevent the destruction of crops by wild beasts.

The recent change in letter postage is one of the most important changes that has ever been made in the postal system. It is a change that will do much to benefit the people.

The Seeing Post Office.

The post office is a place of business, and not a place of entertainment. It is a place where business is transacted, and where letters are written and delivered. It is not a place where a person can go to see the sights.

Price, says that no good can come of the agitation of the question by parties to a contest. It is a question that should be settled by the law, and not by the passions of men.

English Trusses Engage in Laws.

The English trusses are engaged in laws. They are a species of clothing that has been in use for many years. They are worn by men and women, and are said to be good for the health.

"I don't know," is too often the reply of a farmer when asked about the condition of his crops. "I don't know," is an excuse that is used by many farmers who are not able to produce a good crop.

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The optimistic farmer is not the one who is likely to succeed in the world. He is the one who is likely to fail. He is the one who is likely to fail. He is the one who is likely to fail.
COMMUNICATIONS.

The Resident's Story.

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Ladies Department

A COUNTRY VISIT.

A CHILDERA VISIT.

The quiet, unpretentious way in which the Rev. W. A. Allen, D.D., has been recently visiting the different parts of the United States, has contributed to the great popularity of his work. He is an earnest, capable, and efficient preacher, whose sermons are listened to with the greatest attention by the people who have heard him. The Rev. W. A. Allen is a man of strong mind and great energy, who is ever ready to take up any cause in which he is interested, and to give it his utmost support. He is a man of great influence, and his words and speeches are always listened to with the utmost respect.

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