Grange Column.

Under the Supervision of the Executive Committee of Ponsena Grange.

The following subordinate Granges are "clear" on the books of Secretary of P. G. P. H. to 30th of September, 1877, viz: No. 71, 266, 216.

The following subordinate Granges are delinquent seven quarters: 263 and 343. Delinquent three quarters: 154 and 294. Delinquent one quarter: 212, 214, 264, 271, 272, 295, 300 and 364.

With sorrow we furnish the roll of delinquent Granges this week, believing it is more from negligence than inability or indisposition to discharge a solemn duty. Brethren, pause and think what will become of your interest if you allow your Granges to die out. Already the speculators are rejoicing in your negligence, and are threatening to make you furnish the bagging and ties on your cotton bales free of charge. Continue this listlessness and the fetters will soon begin to tighten about your limbs.

The National Grange.

On Friday, at 7 p. m., the 30th of November, the National Grange adjourned its eleventh session, which had been a most harmonious one, of ten days' duration, at which thirty States were represented, principally by Master with their wives. On account of the death of the Master of the State Grange of Tennessee, that State was not represented. Sickness of the Master prevented South Carolina's being represented; and, from causes that we cannot explain, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Arkansas had vacant seats on the floor, and the Master of Iowa was absent. Oregon, California, Dakotah, Kansas, Wisconsin, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York and Vermont sent new Masters to Cincinnati. The personnel of the body was not improved, though not materially changed. The feeling was, perhaps, more fraternal than has ever existed throughout any former session. There was no sectional feeling manifested at any time. The purpose of every member seemed to be to legislate, so far as he was able, for the good of all the people. Even in the election of officers there seemed to be no clannishness.

There was a strong disposition to reelect the retiring Master, Jones, of Arkansas, and it was only after eight ballots that Adams, of Minnesota, was elected Master. Woodman, of Michigan, was re-elected Overseer; Whitehead, of New Jersey, was elected Lecturer; Vaughan, of Mississippi, re-elected for the second time Steward; Sims, of Kansas, a new member, Assistant Steward; Forsyth, of Illinois, Chaplain, a Methodist minister of twenty years' standing; McDowell, of New York, was re-elected Treasurer, and has held that office since the organization of the order; and the same may be said of Kelley, of Louisville, Ky., who was re-elected Secretary; and also of Dinwiddie, of Indiana, who has been Gatekeeper since 1873. Ellis, of Ohio, was elected a member of the Executive Committee; he has for five years been Master of the State Grange of Ohio, is a Methodist minister also, and has the reputation of having been a regular "Freedom Shrieker" in the days when "John Brown's soul went marching on," but is now as tender and cooing as a turtle dove, and seems to have a soul full of fraternal kindness for all his brethren and "the rest of mankind." The writer of this article was again for the third time elected upon the Executive Committee, and the third member of said Committee is a Minister of the Gospel, of what persuasion we do not know. If the strength, purity, co-efficiency of an Agricultural organization is dependent upon the number of clerical brothers there are among its officers, there need be no fears about the National Grange.

The legislation of the late session of the National Grange was perhaps better calculated to popularize the Order than the legislation of former sessions. Much complaint has been urged by large agricultural States that they had no more representation than the smaller States. A quietus has been put to this complaint by the National Grange submitting to the State Granges for their ratification or rejection an amendment to the constitution, which reads thus: "Each State shall be entitled to two votes in the National Grange, and an additional vote for every 10,000 paying members in excess of 10,000."

This will, if ratified by a constitutional majority of States, give an increased influence, but not an increased representation, on the floor of the National Grange. At present Ohio has a paying membership of over 40,000; if this amendment passes, Ohio will have, with that membership, eight votes on all questions, but she will have only two representatives—the Master and his wife. South Carolina, with less than 10,000 paying members, will have but two votes. As the constitution stands at present, Ohio has two votes, South Carolina has two votes, and Connecticut, with but twenty-one Granges, has two votes, provided the Master and his wife are both present. If either is absent, each State has but one vote.

We hope the State Grange of South Carolina will, at its next session, ratify this amendment; for as at present constituted the National Grange is a body whose representation is based upon nothing but the arbitrary provision of the Constitution, which for no reason says that any State having fifteen subordinate Granges may send a Master and his wife to represent them in the National Grange. There is no representation based either upon property or numbers. The 40,000 members of Ohio pay annually $2,000 into the treasury, which supports the National Grange. The 500 Patrons of Connecticut pay but $25 annually into the same treasury. Reason, justice, equity, everything demands that those 40,000 should have more power than that 500 in the National head which they relatively sustain. And as increased representation would make the body unwieldy and too expensive, it was thought most advisable to simply increase the influence without adding to the expense.

Another amendment was submitted, which, we doubt not, will be ratified by a large majority of States, to-wit: "The minimum fee for membership in a subordinate Grange shall be: For men three dollars, and for women one dollar, for the four degrees."

At present, the charter-members, or those who organize a Grange, pay: Men three dollars, and women fifty cents; but, when a Grange is once organized, an initiate pays five dollars if a male, and three dollars if a female. The proposed amendment makes it uniform, and makes the charter-members pay the same that is exacted of the applicant for initiation. We have often been told by farmers in South Carolina that they desired to join the Grange, but it costs too much. If this amendment is ratified, there can certainly be no such excuse offered by any man who wishes to be forced from his isolation into the social, intellectual, moral and material association of his friends and neighbors. If a farmer and his wife cannot see a pecuniary benefit of four dollars in such a step, he must be an Ephraim indeed, and should be let severely alone.

The Constitution of the National Grange says that every application for a charter for a Subordinate Grange must be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. At the recent session of the National Grange the executive committee were instructed to arrange to return to the treasury of the State Grange seven dollars and a half of every such fifteen dollars as was sent forward to pay for a charter. Of course, a list of all newly organized Granges will be kept by the secretary of the National, and the executive committee at their meeting next October will estimate the amounts due to each State Grange, and send a check for each amount to the State Grange treasurer. Should South Carolina organize one hundred new Granges by next October there will be paid $750 into her treasury.

Would it not be wise for the State Grange to put a lecturer in the field, and pledge him a portion or all of this money for every Grange he organized? There are Patrons in South Carolina competent to do this work most satisfactorily, and who would revivify the dormant Granges and resuscitate the Order all over the State. There is nothing that to-day reflects more severely upon the farmers of South Carolina than the fact, that they are so unorganized as farmers. We have, perhaps, 40,000 farmers in the State. These men, with their wives and children old enough to be eligible to membership in the Order, would perhaps number over 100,000 souls. We have far less than 10,000 in the Order. No other occupation has tried so hard and succeeded so badly at organization, and why?

This is a question we have often tried to answer, but have never been able. Farmers are intelligent but not gregarious; they seem to love isolation, and this is perhaps from their necessarily isolated life. And South Carolina farmers are more difficult to move than the farmers of any other State in the Union.

There was no other legislation of immediate concern to the Patrons of this State. The National Grange determined to memorialize Congress upon the necessity of making the Commissioner of Agriculture a Cabinet officer. They also resolved to ask Congress to so revise the Patent Laws as to prevent the extension of Patents, and to protect the parties buying patented articles from public vendors; also to remove the tax on tobacco so as to allow the producer to sell a certain amount on his farm, and also to open up the Gulf ports and increase the postal and commercial facilities with Mexico and the South American States.

Singular as it may seem, bills upon all these questions have latterly been introduced into Congress, by parties coming from States largely agricultural. Did they snuff the blowing storm or the tainted breeze? If so, it was organization that did it, and why would not organization in the agricultural State of South Carolina produce the same effect? If the farmers of the United States were as organized as they should be, Congressional and State legislation would be quite another thing to what it is. But we are not organized.—*D. Wyatt Aiken, in the News and Courier.*

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

— Franklin says, "A poor man must work to find meat for his stomach, a rich one to find stomach for meat."

—An experienced school boy says he regards hunger and the master's switch as about the same thing, as they both make him holler.

— When a young lady offers to hem a cambric handkerchief for a rich bachelor, depend upon it she means to sew in order that she may reap.

— It is as true of newspapers as of churches—those who contribute least to their support criticise and find the most fault with their management.

— What is the difference between the news of a Democratic victory and a newly married couple? There's no difference. One is happy tidings, and the others are happy tied 'uns, too.

— The poor are only those who feel poor, and poverty consists in feeling poor. The rich, as we reckon them, and among them the very rich, in a true search would be found very indigent and ragged.

— "I will not learn a trade!" exclaimed a young Chicago blood to his father. But this business of learning a trade is only a matter of time, for within a year that young man was studying harness making in a State prison.

— The 15th annual report of the Union League at Philadelphia defends the President's Southern policy, commends the effort to enforce the civil service rules, and condemns the election of those who oppose the President in their enforcement.

— Gen. Lamar, of Georgia, who has succeeded Walter Frence, of Massachusetts, as tally clerk of the House, is a relative of Senator Lamar, and was Secretary of the Confederate Senate, over which Alexander H. Stephens, as Vice-President of the Confederacy, presided.

— The new collector of Charleston, S. C., Cyrus H. Baldwin, is vouched for by Senator Butler as well as Patterson, and is highly spoken of on all hands. He is a native of Connecticut, but has lived in South Carolina many years, having been collector of internal revenue and assistant treasurer of Charleston.

—The California Legislature has unanimously adopted a resolution asking Congress to levy a per capita tax of $250 on Chinese immigrants, and that Congress enact the necessary laws to provide for an international commission of the United States, Great Britain and China to restrict Chinese immigration.

— The Democratic Senators have presented Mr. Spofford a letter of condolence on his failure to get his seat, but he wishes they had avoided the necessity of such a letter by calling up his case ahead of Butler's, when he believes, and most independent observers agree with him, that he would have been admitted.

— Among the most important features of the new Georgia Constitution are strict provisions against dueling, making lobbying a crime, and petty larceny cause for disfranchisement, prohibiting the State from rendering financial assistance to railroads, abolishing the whipping-post and imprisonment for debt, making the sessions of the Legisiature biennial, and increasing the facilities for free public education.

— Jefferson Davis said recently: "I think Andrew Jackson had the greatest influence on his country of any American, and in that respect was the greatest man we have produced. He left a strong and romantic mark upon his time and succeeding times. I knew Calhoun, and was patronized by him when I entered the Senate. But all the boys and urchins, from generation to generation, feel Jackson's example."

— "Why doesn't this fire keep up?" asked a Chicago husband pettishly, as he pranced around half dressed, and furtively poked the stove grate, late one bitter morning. "It's so much like you!" piped out his wife, from her warm bed. "Like me!" exclaimed he stopping his work. "How so?" "Because," said she, roguishly, "it will go out nights!" He mumbled something to himself and returned to his work.

— Mrs. Spencer, of Washington, a strong advocate of women's rights, was at the Capitol this week with petitions from each of the States bearing upon the right of women to vote. These petitions were placed upon the desks of the Senators. It was monotonous but amusing to listen to one Senator after another, until nearly 40 had risen and stated for the edification of the chair that they desired to present the petition of certain parties of their State asking Congress to pass a constitutional amendment prohibiting the several States from disfranchising United States citizens on account of sex.

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Z. D. CHAMBLEE, Proprietor Emporium of Fashion.
Oct 11, 1877 13

GOOD NEWS TO ALL!

THE RAILROADS have reduced freights to this point, and we can **sell Goods as low, and pay as high prices for cotton,** as any place in the up-country. We are determined not to be undersold! You will find it to your interest to sell your Cotton and buy your Goods from us. We will keep a large and complete stock of Goods and Groceries on hand.
3000 pairs Mens', Women and Childrens' SHOES, of all descriptions, to arrive, bought from the manufacturers, which we will be able to sell lower than ever before.
Call on us before you sell your Cotton or buy your Goods.
We beg those indebted to us to bring along their Cotton. We will pay them a good price for it. Bring it promptly.
Anderson, S. C., Sept. 6, 1877. BLECKLEY, BROWN & CO.
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F. W. WAGENER & CO.,
Charleston, - - South Carolina.,
COTTON FACTORS AND WHOLESALE GROCERS,
AGENTS for South Carolina for the Celebrated HOOK COTTON TIE and GEORGIA GRANGE FERTILIZER. Agents for the South for the CALIFORNIA GRAPE VINEGAR. Sole Agents for "OLD CROW" and "OKALONA" WHISKEYS.
☞ We will make liberal advances on Consignments of Cotton.
Sept 27, 1877 11 3m

SLOAN, LEE & TAYLOR,
Grocers and Commission Merchants,
GREENVILLE, - - - S. C.
PARTIES visiting our Town will find it to their interest to give us a call. We have in stock at CHARLESTON PRICES,
1000 Bundles Arrow Ties. Also, Bagging.
We have a fine line of—
BACON, FLOUR, COFFEES,
HAMS, FISH,
MOLASSES, SALT, TOBACCO,
And an Extra assortment of choice TEAS,
Which have been selected with great care. Send us your orders, or write for samples.
A good stock of Woodenware and all Goods kept in a first-class Grocery.
Don't sell your Cotton in Greenville until you see us.
We will duplicate Invoices of Groceries of any near-by markets.
Sept 20, 1877 10 3m

$25,000 WORTH OF GOODS
TO BE SOLD AT NEW YORK PRICES
FOR THE NEXT SIXTY DAYS FOR CASH.

Everything Warranted as represented or the Money Refunded!

THE Stock is well assorted in all Departments and complete, to which I invite all to give me a call, feeling assured that you will be pleased. Give me a call before buying elsewhere.
P. S.—JOE. B. McGEE and J. A. RUSSELL are with me from Anderson County, and will be pleased to see their friends, and to sell them Goods.
Respectfully,
T. W. DAVIS,
Main Street, Greenville, S. C.
Oct 25, 1877 14 3m

J. E. ADGER & CO.
CHARLESTON, S. C.,
JOBBERS OF
FOREIGN and DOMESTIC HARDWARE,
CUTLERY, Guns and Saddlery, Cucumber Pumps,
Bar Iron and Plow Steel. Fairbank's Scales.
Agents for South Carolina for the celebrated Farmer's Friend Plows—one, two and three horse—at reduced prices.
LIBERAL TERMS TO THE TRADE.
Large assortment of Agricultural Implements. Agricultural Steels a specialty.
Bull Tongues, Turn Shovels, Scooters, Sweeps, Heel Balls, &c.
State Agents Tredegar Horse and Mule Shoes.
Orders receive prompt and careful attention.
J. E. ADGER & CO.,
Charleston, S. C.
Aug 9, 1877 4 3m

Greenville to South Carolina what Augusta, Ga., was before we had Railroads!

WE would respectfully inform our numerous friends and customers in Anderson County that we are now receiving a full and complete line of **Dry Goods, Hats, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, Crockery, Groceries, Bagging and Ties,** which will be sold low for Cash. We also offer **Pumps, Doors, Sash and Blinds** at manufacturers' prices, freight added. Give us a call when in our City, and be convinced that you can do as well, if not better, with us than anywhere in upper S. C.
Mr. CHARLES M. McPHAIL, of Anderson County is with us, and will be pleased at all times to serve his frends.
CELY & BRO., Greenville, S. C.
Sept 20, 1877 10 6m

$100,000!
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF MERCHANDISE!
SELECTED with the view of supplying the wants of all the people visiting Columbia during the Fair, consisting of
DRY GOODS, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, WALL PAPER, WINDOW SHADES, LADIES', GENTS', and CHILDRENS' FINE SHOES.
We offer in all our various departments an extraordinary collection of the latest Novelties in DRY GOODS, FANCY GOODS AND SHOES. We call special attention to our IMMENSE STOCK OF DRESS GOODS, comprising everything that is new and pretty. In our Hosiery Department you will find everything you want at moderate prices. We keep always on hand a complete assortment of Harris' Seamless Kid Gloves. Also, a superb article of Two-Button Kid Gloves, all colors, for One Dollar a pair.
Our Upholstery Department is stocked with a full assortment of Carpets, Oil Cloths, Rugs, Mats, Canton Mattings, Cocoa Mattings, Window Shades and Lace Curtains.
Strangers visiting Columbia will find this establishment decidedly the most attractive place in the city, and we extend a cordial invitation to every one to pay us a visit.
Orders from the country for Goods or Samples promptly attended to. We prepay freight on all cash orders of Ten Dollars and upwards.
JONES, DAVIS & BOUKNIGHTS,
(Successors to R. C. Shiver & Co.,)
COLUMBIA, S. C.
Oct 11, 1877 14 3m

CONGAREE IRON WORKS,
COLUMBIA, S. C.
John Alexander, Proprietor.
Reduced Prices Vertical Cane Mill.
LIST OF PRICES.

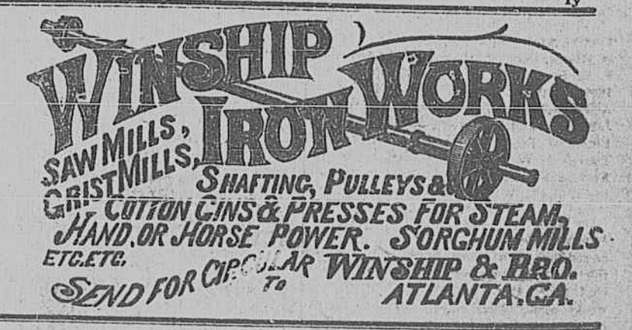
2 Rollers, 10 inches diameter	$35 00
2 " 12 " "	45 00
2 " 14 " "	55 00
3 " 10 " "	60 00
3 " 12 " "	70 00
3 " 14 " "	80 00

Above prices complete with Frame. Without Frame, $10 less on each Mill.
HORIZONTAL—3 Roll Mill, for Steam or Water Power..... $150 00

Steam Engines, Boilers, Cotton Presses, Grist Mills,
AND SAW MILL GEARING,
Of all kinds to order. IRON and BRASS CASTINGS on short notice and most reasonable terms.
REDUCED PRICES.
Gin Gearing constantly on hand of the following sizes:

8 feet wheel and pinion	$21 00
9 " "	23 00
10 " "	25 00
11 " "	30 00
12 " "	35 00
14 " "	40 00

With Bolts, $3.50 extra for each set.
Anti-friction Plates and Balls for Cotton Press, $10 and $12 per set.
Would respectfully call attention to ten new patterns of Patent Iron Railings; can be run any length without posts. Also ten new patterns of Bannisters, got up expressly by J. Alexander for the Fair. I have a great many different patterns at my shop of old style; will be pleased to show any one around who may call.
Terms Cash on delivery at Railroad Depot in Columbia. Works foot of Lady Street, opposite Greenville Railroad Freight Depot.
SULLIVAN & CO., Agents, Anderson, S. C.
Oct 4, 1877 12 1y



BUSINESS IS BUSINESS!

AND those who carry on business are compelled to have money. That is our situation at present. Therefore, we earnestly call upon all parties indebted to us to pay at once and SAVE COST. Prompt payment is a great source of friendship, and it is our desire to remain friendly with our customers, if they come forward promptly and pay us what they owe. Money we are obliged to have. We offer an inducement of one cent per pound for Cotton over market value to those indebted to us, and wish to settle their Accounts. We have on hand a large stock of

GROCERIES!

Flour, Bacon, Shoulders, Hams, Coffee, Sugar, Molasses. ALSO, Boots, Shoes, Leather, Saddles, Hats, Caps, Dry Goods, Tobacco, Cigars, Wines, Liquors, Iron, Steel, And all Farming Implements.

Any person or persons purchasing Goods will benefit themselves by calling and examining our stock before purchasing elsewhere. We buy for Cash and sell for cash only; therefore, we are enabled to sell cheaper. Call and judge for yourselves, and be convinced of this fact.
McGEATH & BYRUM,
Mechanics' Row.