

ITEMS FOR PATRONS.

OFFICERS OF THE STATE GRANGE OF MINNESOTA P. OF H.

Master, George L. Parsons, Winona.
Lecturer, John A. Jackson, Lake City.
Overseer, George C. Chamberlain, Northfield.
Steward, A. J. Murphy, Lake Crystal.
Asst. Steward, Wm. E. Lee, Rice Lake, Douglas Co.
Chaplain, E. C. Stearns, Zumbrota.
Treasurer, Lorenzo Hoyt, Saint Paul.
Gate-keeper, J. T. Price, Eyota.
Ceres..... Sister Sophia Parsons.
Flora..... C. P. Chamberlain.
Pomona..... R. C. Jackson.
Lady Steward..... Mary E. Lee.

DEPUTIES APPOINTED:

The following named persons have been appointed Deputies to organize granges under Article 12 of the Constitution of the State Grange, adopted February 20th, 1873.

Faribault county, S. F. Willkoff, Winnebago City.
Waseca, Hon. P. Woodruff, Blooming Grove.
Nicollet, J. H. Dunham, Nicollet.
Olmsted, M. C. Fuller, Rochester.
Fillmore, O. E. Rundell, Fairview Gr.
LeSueur, A. B. Swaney, Elysian.
Cottonwood, J. W. Benjamin, Windom.
Dodge, Wm. E. Lee, Rice Lake.
Mower, F. A. Elder, Spring Valley.
Martin, John F. Daniels, Fairmount.
Dakota, H. F. Akin, Farmington.
Steele, E. H. C. Darr, Owatonna.
Lyon, H. R. Marcey, Lynd.
Brown, R. B. Simmons, Golden Gate.
Freeborn, A. K. Vanderwarker, Moscow.
Kandiyohi, Burroughs Abbott, Kandiyohi.
Yellow Medicine, Gosham Powers, Yellow Medicine.
Ramsey, S. C. Goodrich, St. Paul.
Wabasha, John H. Jackson, Lake City.
Rice, George C. Chamberlain, Northfield.
Blue Earth, A. J. Murphy, Lake Crystal.
Goodhue, I. C. Stearns, Zumbrota.
Olmsted, J. T. Price, Eyota.
Nobles, J. H. Cunningham, H-rsey.
Todd, J. O. Milne, Sank Centre.
Rock, — McCullum, Lucerne.
Wright, William Slaght, Delano.
State Purchasing Agent—J. S. Denman, Winona.

OFFICERS OF THE WISCONSIN STATE GRANGE, 1873.

Master, J. G. Corbano, Waupun.
Overseer, J. H. Hubbard, Oxford.
Lecturer, S. W. King.
Steward, C. W. Foster, Metomen.
Asst. Steward, A. J. Sexton, Kilmourne City.
Chaplain, E. C. Stearns, Clemonsville.
Treasurer, J. C. Gory, Friesland.
Secretary, James Brainerd, Oshkosh.
Gate-keeper, E. Abbott, Almond.
Ceres..... Sister F. E. Foster.
Flora..... M. A. Brainerd.
Pomona..... Flora Grange.
Lady Steward..... L. M. Hungerford.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. Cochran..... Waupun.
J. H. Osborn..... Oshkosh.
O. D. Buckley..... Ripon.
H. C. Shorlin..... Ladoga.
A. W. McLaughlin..... Plainfield.
Purchasing Agent—J. H. Osborn, Oshkosh.

Featherstone Grange No. 52, meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month. THOMAS FEATHERSTONE, Master.

Belvidere Grange No. 64, meets the first and third Saturdays of each month. All visiting Patrons are cordially invited. EDWIN E. GAYLORD, Sec.

Ellsworth Grange, No. 162, P. of H., meets Wednesday evening of each week, in Odd Fellows Hall. J. W. WINN, W. M.

The regular monthly meeting of **Maple Grove Grange**, No. 164, of Pierce county, Wis., is the Tuesday evening nearest the full moon. J. H. CROSBY.

Red Wing Grange, No. 353, meet at its hall on the second and third Fridays of each month at 7 1/2 o'clock, P. M. Visiting Patrons cordially invited. J. F. PINGREY, Master.

Advance Grange, No. 60, Lake City, meets at its hall the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, at 1 o'clock, P. M. Visiting Patrons cordially invited. Monthly Council meets the second Friday of every month. JOEL CLARKE, Master.

A State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry was recently organized at Syracuse, N. Y. A full list of officers was inaugurated.

The Patrons of Husbandry of Waseca county are considering the question of building or purchasing a flouring mill in that county.

The Patrons of Husbandry of Le Roy have subscribed the necessary stock, and will immediately proceed to the erection of a grain elevator for the use of the members of the Order.

The Farmers' Warehouse is completed, bins and scales in place, and the management committed to the trusty hands of John Ross and Elland Erickson.—*Freeborn County Standard*.

It is reported that Mr. O. H. Kelley, Secretary of the National Grange and one of the founders of the order of Patrons of Husbandry, intends soon to return from Washington to Elk River, his former home, and there reside for the future.

Two more Granges were organized in McLeod county, last week, one at Bergen, of which Mr. Amos Holcomb is Master, the other at Rich Valley, of which D. S. Marshall is Master. The first started with 25 members, and the latter with 19 members. There are now seven Granges in McLeod county.

Remember the meeting of the State Grange at Faribault on the 16th inst. It is very desirable indeed that there should be a full attendance. In the multitude of counsel there is wisdom. The success of the order in this State will depend, to a great extent, upon the sagacity, prudence, and wisdom of this Grange. Come up prepared for business.

Mr. Geo. I. Parsons, Master of the State Grange Patrons of Husbandry, returned home on Wednesday from a trip up North. During his visit he organized the following Granges: Bergen Grange, in McLeod county; Rich Valley Grange, at Glencoe, McLeod county; Rush Lake Grange, at Rush City, Chisago county; Melrose Grange, at Melrose, Stearns county. All the above Granges start out with a large membership, and promise to become flourishing organizations.—*Winona Republican*.

What the farmers want is: Their burdens lightened—better reward for their labor—cheaper money—no monopolies fostered by State or nation—no increase of officers or salaries—less and better legislation—men in office whose aim is not money-making—a less extravagant Government—no rich Government at the expense of an impoverished people—a Government that the people own, and not one that owns the people. These things the people demand, and they must have them.—*Indiana Granger*.

—On the 16th, 17th and 18th of December, the State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry will hold a session in this city. It is expected that between five and six hundred members of that order will be present. The committee having the matter of entertainment in charge, has visited all the hotels and can find room for little more than half the number expected, and will therefore be obliged to visit private houses to engage accommodations for the balance. It is not to be expected that the guests are to be entertained for nothing, and the grange here will settle all bills. The committee will be round next week, and it is hoped that our citizens will do as well as possible for them.—*Faribault Republican*.

POLITICAL STATUS OF THE NEW ORDER.—As no real or lasting benefit can accrue to the working men of the United States without political action, the Patrons of Industry will aim to correct at the Ballot Box the evils of special and class legislation under which we are common sufferers and victims. The votes of the Patrons of Industry will be cast for honest men, and we can find them in our own Order. We shall not need to go outside of it for honesty and ability to fitly represent us in our State Legislatures or in the National Congress. Men of all shades of political and religious opinions can meet on one common ground and act in political concert, for we will ignore party organizations if such do not give us justice, and form our own party, whose basis shall be justice to those who labor for their bread.—*Indiana Granger*.

—The following is the preamble to the Constitution of the new Order called the Patrons of Industry:

By industry we thrive. In union we have success. In secrecy we have power. In confidence we have peace. In right we have might. In these signs we shall conquer. The prosperity of a nation is in the happiness of its people.

The people find happiness in peace and plenty, and peace and plenty result from diligence and labor.

Freedom and justice, regardless of persons, is the right of every human creature. Earnest work, honest dealing and equitable pay, is the just portion of every person.

In bonds of mutual interest and friendship, we join hands in working together for the general good of our Order.

—The California Farmer says: Farmers' Granges are also becoming quite popular, and soon as they work into the practical machinery of reforms, they will become a blessing to our State. The following are the main features of the Grangers' platform as laid down in the West:

1. The protection of honest industry in all its branches against the encroachments of aggregate capital.
2. Equal and exact justice to all classes and special privileges to none.
3. The control of all railroads and all other corporations by National and State legislation.
4. A tariff for revenue purposes, but none for the support of special interests.
5. Opposition to salary-grabs, and all other government steals.
6. Rigid economy in all departments of the public service.
7. No more land grants for railroads or other corporations, but a reservation of the public domain for actual settlers.
8. Honesty and capacity the only test for official position.

LAKE CITY GRANGE.—One week ago Saturday, we had the pleasure of meeting with the brothers and sisters of Advance Grange, No. 60, of Lake City, and had intended to say something about them in our last issue but were crowded out by other matters. This Grange now occupies the Odd Fellows' Hall, which is carpeted and most beautifully fitted up. The hall being arranged almost exactly the same for the work of the Odd Fellows as for the work of the Patrons, a splendid chance is given for carrying on the work of the Order. Every officer was in his or her place and all evidently understood their duty. The members entered into the discussion of all questions brought up, with perfect freedom and with a cordial good feeling pleasant to witness. The Grange is supplied with regalia and jewels and made certainly a very fine appearance.

Fairpoint Grange.

We had the pleasure of visiting, on last Saturday evening, Fairpoint Grange P. of H. This is one of the oldest granges in this county, and we believe the only one that struggled right through from its organization, in 1868, to the present time without any break. The Grange now numbers between eighty and ninety members, and was never in a more healthy and growing condition than at present. It is a model grange. A great deal of the success of this Grange is due to the faithfulness of their excellent Master, Mr. Elijah Higgins, who travels from Concord, five miles distant, every week to preside, never yet having failed to be present at a meeting. He is quite an elderly gentleman, with a face beaming with animation, geniality and intelligence; has a kindly bearing and patriarchal appearance, if we may be allowed the expression. He understands the Patron's manual and feels deeply the precious truths it teaches. His knowledge of the manual makes him easy and free in its use, and enables him to make the ceremony of initiation impressive and instructive. In a word he is a model master, and we need more just such. There is no more beautiful manual or ritual in existence than that of the Patrons, nor one containing more sublime or more beautiful truths; and it is a disgrace to have this ritual murdered by bad reading and unintelligent mumbling. Brothers study your manuals more, commit it to memory, make its noble truths a part of your very being and let these truths work out in your lives.

Olmsted County Union P. of H.

The Union met in special meeting at 2 o'clock, P. M., on Saturday, in accordance with previous notice. The first items of business attended to were the reports from the respective subordinate Granges on the several questions referred to them at their previous meeting, and which were published in our issue of the 13th ultimo.

We were informed that these reports were very interesting and instructive, as we expected they would be from the very interesting nature of the questions.

We regret that we did not arrive in time to hear these reports, but we hope to have them in time for publication in our next issue, from the talented Secretary, Bro. S. D. Hillman, who takes all his minutes in short-hand, necessitating their translation into common scrip before they are intelligible to the uninitiated.

At the time of our arrival, the Union had just taken up the discussion of the State Agency question. The subject was discussed with great freedom, a large number of the delegates having their say. The discussion was carried on in a most fraternal spirit, and with an evident desire to harmonize, and to arrive at just conclusions. After considerable discussion it was voted to refer the matter to the subordinate Granges for their investigation, and report through their Masters, to the State Grange, and through their delegates at the next meeting of the Union.

We were glad to see a strong feeling among the members in favor of patronizing and building up home industries and home manufactures. Our readers will remember that we took occasion to commend a resolution passed at a former meeting of this same body, in favor of home manufactures. The more we see and hear of, and think upon the difficulties surrounding the farmers' movement, the more are we convinced that the surest way to solve them is to combine, just as the Iowa farmers are doing, in the building up of home manufactures. This is the only way to get out of the clutches of soulless transportation companies, or of Eastern monopolists. As long as we are in a shape that we are compelled to buy there, just so long will they compel us to pay their prices. Just so long as we are asking for more freights to be carried over the railways than they can carry, so long will they ask their own prices.

We are glad that so earnest a body of Patrons are looking at this question in the same light.

The delegates were all earnest and wide-awake in the work. Among them and acting as Overseer we were glad to meet our old pupil, H. T. Hannon, who, by the way, is the Clerk elect of the District Court of Olmsted County.

Senator Westfall was present and took an active part in the discussions. A lively time is anticipated in that County in the Senatorial contest between Mr. Westfall and his opponent Mr. Benedict, who, as the vote showed, had just an equal number of friends at the time of the recent election.

Thanksgiving Day at Trenton.

We gave thanks and rejoiced with the brethren and sisters of the Trenton Grange, at the house of B. F. Way, on the 27th ult., at a dinner over which the sisters of that Grange may well feel proud. The occasion was one of social intercourse and enjoyment, which will long be remembered with pleasure by those who were there. We are satisfied that the social feature of the Grange movement is among the highest and noblest of its benefits, and this alone would be reason enough for making the Order permanent in the land, if it offered no other advantage whatever.

The firm of Colyer & Dobkins, we learned, are doing a business of about \$100 per day in the general assortment line, and the other store is doing about the same amount of business.

The saw mill of Palmer & Johnson, located on the east branch of the Trimbelle, saws from 250,000 to 300,000 feet per annum. They saw, principally, bass wood, maple, ash, oak, and rock elm. They do custom work exclusively, charging so much in cash, or taking a certain proportion of the lumber. They expect to put their mill into better running shape in a short time, so that they can manufacture 500,000 feet next year. Aside from this, they have manufactured from six to eight hundred dollars' worth of bedsteads annually.

About 160 rods above this mill is a new mill built by Mr. A. A. Fisher. Mr. Fisher intends to manufacture farm implements, such as cultivators, shovel plows, seeders, &c., in connection with the saw mill business. This is a good thing, and we sincerely hope he may succeed. He has already made several threshing machines which are said to work equal to any manufactured in the east. He made his own wheel for the mill out of wood and steel obtained from old mould boards of plows, &c. It is much like the turbine, and works upon the same principle. It is a perfect success. Mr. Fisher is a genius.

George Harpstar has another mill about one mile above Palmer & Johnson's. It is also a custom mill, with a capacity to

make a half million feet per annum, but is idle a large portion of the time.

We shall speak of the stove factory on the main branch of the Trimbelle, now owned by Capt. Ames, of Wacoota, at another time. There are also other interests of Pierce county that we hope to be able to write up soon.

What Manufacturers Say.

In conversing with home manufacturers in our travels in this State we have had it asserted, that farmers when asked to buy of them will promise that when they need anything they will remember them and come and buy, and will even grow eloquent over the necessity of supporting home institutions, but invariably forget all about it as soon as some smooth tongued agent from some company away down East, where they boil the sun up, comes along, and buy on the spot, for fear they will miss the splendid chance. There is about five million times too much truth in such charges. How such men expect to get out of the clutches of eastern monopolists, while they will starve those of their own household that they may bestow their goods upon these benevolent (?) creatures, is a question which we confess ourselves unable to answer. The home manufacturer says that, without keeping the very best of agents in the field at great expense, he cannot compete with these runners of the east, and would be compelled to shut up shop. The man that has the keenest agent sells the most goods, not necessarily the man who sells the cheapest, nor that sells the best article. The farmers will persist in buying of the oily chaps, with oleomargarine lingual appendages, hawking over the country for some Bagdad or other distant manufacturing company. Now will this nonsense ever be stopped?

NOVEMBER 29th, 1873.

Editors of "The Grange Advance":

DEAR SIRS:—The festival of the Hay Creek Grange, held for the purpose of raising money to build a hall for grange purposes, was largely attended, there being about three hundred present. After spending a part of the day very pleasantly we were highly honored by an ably delivered oration by Mr. B. B. Herbert, of THE GRANGE ADVANCE, which should long be remembered by every Patron present. The receipts of the festival cannot be fully given yet, but are estimated at about sixty dollars.

Yours truly,
A POTATO BUG of Hay Creek.

THE GRANGE ADVANCE is the name of a new paper started in Red Wing. As its name indicates, it is to be devoted to the cause of the Grangers, and from the number before us, we judge it to be an able advocate and is entitled to a liberal support. It is a neatly printed five column quarto on good paper. The Editor remains incognito, but whoever he may be, he wields a facile pen, and seems just now specially interested to fix the status of Hon. O. P. Whitcomb, the present State Auditor, whom he quotes as having said that, "this whole movement of the Patrons of Husbandry is a most stupendous humbug." The Subscription price is \$2.00 a year in advance, or in clubs of ten \$15.00 cheap enough. We place it on our exchange list.—*Rice County Journal of Nov. 29th.*

RIVER FALLS LOCALS.

DECEMBER 1st, 1873.

Wheat 95 cents; Corn 50; Oats 35; potatoes 75.

D. W. Currier's hand is healing rapidly. Mr. C. being a temperate man nature does not have to counteract bad whisky.

G. F. Williams is teaching the Mann Valley school and is said to be an excellent teacher. Trimbelle village is yet without a teacher.

J. E. Boles and Olof Oleson, of Esdaille, have been employed in the cutter factory of Thomas E. Tubbs of this place: both are excellent workmen. We understand that Mr. Tubbs will place 50 cutters in the market this winter.

We hear a good many farmers say that it does not injure machinery to stand out in the winter. To such I would say be not deceived. You have now time to arrange and store your machinery. The winter wind and sun will warp the boards: the dampness will rust the irons: the paint will become dim: in the spring you will be in a hurry and will spend no time to take care of the machines left out during the winter. Then do it now. "Wait not for the morrow," and I venture to say you will never regret the step you have taken.

Crossing is good on the ice at Stillwater and Hudson. Sleighing is good now in these parts.

Burhyte Brothers are doing the largest business of any merchants in our village. They are live men and occupy two stores, 25x65 feet each. They have merited success and have won it. T. E. T.

THE upper story of the grist mill begins to loom up so as to be plainly seen from Main street. Its prospect is good for being able to grind in a few weeks. The construction, under the supervision of Mr. C. W. Andrews, is being hurried with all possible speed, and considering the inconveniences and drawbacks against which he has battled, he deserves great credit.—*Prairie Schooner*.

THE MILL BUSINESS OF HUBBARD, WELLS & Co.—While at Mazeppa the other day, as we passed, we looked through the flouring mill at that place lately bought by the above named firm, and obtained some very interesting information not only with regard to this mill, but also with regard to the business of the firm in general.

The mill at Mazeppa is a three run mill, and has been lately refitted and furnished with a La Croix Middling's Purifier. The mill is under the charge of two first-class millers, who grind and pack thirty-five barrels of flour per day besides exchange and home sales. The flour from this mill is taken to Lake City to be shipped, employing for that purpose eight men with teams.

It is proposed to put in an eight run mill in place of this one the coming season and to use the present building for a warehouse.

This firm is also operating a three run mill at Pine Island, and a mill of five run of stone at Zumbrota, known as "The Forest Mills." The latter is the principal mill operated by the firm. It is a new mill and furnished with all the most recent improvements in machinery, having two of the LaCroix Middling's Separators. At this mill they manufacture their celebrated patent fancy flour, which sells at nine dollars per barrel in this market and twelve dollars in New York, being three dollars more per barrel in New York than the common qualities of flour.

The firm employ in all their mills seven millers, and twelve hands, and in taking their flour to places for shipping an average of thirty-eight men and teams. The firm operate at each of their mills a cooper shop, and employ in these several shops fifteen coopers. At Zumbrota the firm run a store in connection with their mills for the accommodation of their employees and others, carrying in the store a stock of twenty-five thousand dollars' worth of goods. They turn off about two hundred and fifty barrels of flour per day at all their mills. The firm employ one hundred thousand dollars on an average in their business. Mr. Wells of the firm is a practical miller and resides at Zumbrota. Gen. L. F. Hubbard, and W. P. Brown two other members of the firm, are well-known residents of Red Wing, and not unknown in the politics of the State.

The business of this firm is of great value to the respective sections in which their several mills are situated, and a general benefit to the county, giving employment as we have seen to sixty-two men and thirty-eight teams, besides the greater benefit derived from the manufacture of wheat into flour here at home.

The cars of the Green Bay road will be running into Winona next week.

The Sherman House at Lake City has new proprietors and a new outfit; the tables are well furnished and guests receive the politest of attention; we found this all true and more also. Call and see for yourselves.

Mrs. Charles has returned from Chicago and New York with a large and elegant stock of Fall and Winter Millinery, and invites the ladies to call at her store, in Red Wing and examine.

O. J. Everson of this city has opened a New Millinery and Fancy Goods Store. In order to build up a lively trade he proposes to sell goods as low as can possibly be afforded. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.

THE ELIXIR OF LIFE is the name of one of the best cough remedies in use; for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and all diseases of the lungs. Satisfaction is guaranteed or money will be refunded on return of the empty bottle. Ask your druggist for it and if he has none ask him to order some at once. It has never failed to give satisfaction. This medicine is put up and sold at wholesale and retail by Thos. E. Tubbs, River Falls, Wisconsin, to whom all orders should be addressed.

On looking through the various stocks of goods kept in Red Wing we find an endless variety, and safely say, that the stocks and stores of Red Wing, are not second to any in this or any other State. In visiting the various institutions we are greatly surprised to find such an endless variety in any one store as we find at A. J. CLARK'S new store corner of Bush and Third streets. It would seem almost impossible to call for anything in the Drug, Grocery, or Fancy Goods line and be disappointed in not getting it. We also found Dr. G. W. Bothwell in charge of the Medical department, with everything on hand to attend to the wants of such as are in need of medicines. We can safely say there is no more complete store in the State than this. It will pay you to go and examine; goods are sold very reasonable.