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OBJECT OF THE GRANGERS.

At the recent meeting of Grangers at Mankato, at which some 300 were present, the Grand Master discussed the objects of the order, which he said were fourfold, as follows:

First and foremost the Grange is the school of the farmer.

Through the instrumentality of the stated meeting of the subordinate granges, with their lectures and discussions, interchange of views, opinions, and experiences; books, pamphlets, and newspapers, together with the attendant and inevitable interchange of social amenities and fraternal courtesies, our order is destined to make more intelligent and better farmers and citizens.

The second object is the promotion of social enjoyment and the cultivation of the social graces, and the Grand Master showed that the Grange is admirably adapted to these purposes.

To dispense charity is another of the leading objects of the order, and we should love it, and cherish it, and defend it, because it provides a plan for the systematic, sure, and speedy relief of those amongst us who, from any cause, need assistance.

Opportunities are constantly occurring, even amongst that class considered the well-to-do class, for the exercise of charity; not often, it is true, in the form of pecuniary aid, but more usually in the form of help rendered in cases of sickness or other disability.

In discussing the fourth object, which he termed "the business arm" of the order, the Grand Master said that the farmer was still at the mercy of a horde of speculators, warehouse men, and carriers, combined in monopolies and rings, who fix the price of his produce at their pleasure, taking to themselves the principal profits, and leaving to him but little more than the bare cost of production.

A MINNESOTA CANAL.

The St. Paul Chamber of Commerce came together last week to hear addresses upon the question of cheap transportation, and especially upon the Fox and Wisconsin River improvement.

Hon. I. Donnelly read a carefully prepared address, abounding in facts and figures of interest, and taking strong ground against the proposed Wisconsin canal.

One of his strongest points is as follows: Freight from Green Bay and Duluth are substantially the same. Let us then suppose the proposed canal finished, and a merchant living at the geographical centre of the State, we will say in Stearns county, to send a thousand bushels of wheat to New York through this canal, while another, his neighbor, ships the same quantity by rail to Duluth. The first sends his wheat by rail to St. Cloud, and thence by rail to St. Paul, say 100 miles in all.

Here it is reshipped into barges, and carried to Prairie du Chien, 250 miles more; there it is reshipped into canal boats and carried 295 miles more to Green Bay. It has been subject to three handlings and 645 miles of transportation.

The other merchant loads his wheat upon cars, and we will suppose the Brainerd extension to be by that time finished—it is carried via that road and the Northern Pacific railroad to Duluth, without rehandling, a distance of, we will say, 188 miles. Thus then the two routes will compare:

Fox & Wisconsin 3 handlings, 645 m. Brainerd & Duluth 1 handling, 187 "

Difference 457 m.

So that for the satisfaction of having his wheat dragged through shallow rivers by slow canal boats, our Minnesota merchant goes 475 miles out of his way, and reships his wheat twice, and loses, probably, two weeks in time.

Mr. Donnelly proposes a Minnesota canal and proceeded to show that a canal to Lake Superior via the St. Croix river and the Nemadji or St. Louis river to Duluth was entirely practicable. He sustained his views by various authorities. He then showed that Minnesota was already drained by rivers either already navigable or that could be easily rendered navigable, to-wit, the Mississippi, St. Croix and Minnesota, and that four-fifths of our people, and nearly all our wheat crop, were within an average distance of fifteen miles from navigable water-courses; and closed by showing the results of such a canal upon the agriculture and commerce of Minnesota.

Hon. E. F. Drake endorsed the proposed canal to Duluth, and said: Minnesota should be most interested in the subject of transportation. Her chief product is in bulk that cannot be reduced. As I have had occasion by my occupation to look into the future, I am led to the conclusion that no one has even half conceived the capacity of Minnesota as a grain growing State. Take, for instance, some of the counties in the southwestern part of the State—Watonwan, we may say. He computed the yield of wheat to the acre, section and township, showing that the average-sized county was capable of producing 4,000,000 bushels annually.

And this but a single county. We are lost in the magnitude of the calculation. I feel no hesitancy in saying that Minnesota is destined to be the great grain-producing State of the continent. Since it is destined to produce the most tonnage it is im-

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