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GRANGERS IN CONVENTION.

42d Annual Meeting of State Body Largely Attended.

Rutland, Dec. 9.—The 42nd annual convention of the Vermont State Grange opened at the Shrine Temple here this morning with prospects that the attendance will exceed 1,000. The weather was perfect with good sleighing to facilitate travel. The city is making a big effort to entertain the visitors. At the railroad station is a welcome sign with a "key to the city" and a similar token of hospitality hangs at the shrine temple. Most of the stores are displaying welcome signs. The auditorium of the temple is decorated with many electrical devices in addition to Grange emblems. There were three sessions of the convention to-day, terminating with a meeting this evening for conferring of the third and fourth degrees on a large class by Middlebury Grange.

Reports of officers, appointment of committees and the annual address of the worthy master, W. N. Cady of Middlebury, composed the balance of the program for the day. A. A. Priest of Randolph, secretary, reported that there were no new Granges organized during the last year, but Montgomery Grange was reorganized. The State now has 198 Granges in good standing, having a total membership of 18,954 and 24 Pomona Granges with enrollment of 6, 286. The largest Pomona is C. J. Bell in Addison county, which has a membership of 615. There were 119 Granges which reported a loss in membership during the last 12 months and 71 which reported a gain.

F. B. Pier of Brattleboro, the treasurer, reported a balance for the year of \$16,660.93 from which about \$3,500 will be taken to cover the expenses of the present convention. The assets include \$13,972.35 cash in hand, a permanent fund of \$965.73 and interest due of \$1,723.85.

Worthy Master Cady touched upon a variety of subjects in his annual address, including conservation, co-operation, education, county advisors, temperance and the work of the National Grange at its recent session in New Hampshire. He said that the social, fraternal, educational and business features of the State Grange have been developed and extended during the last year in a way which makes the future for the organization in Vermont look very bright. Continuing Mr. Cady said: "We believe that the work of the county advisor is producing good results and think that the Granges should cooperate with them during the coming year more than they have during the past. Every county should employ an advisor and if the Granges in each county will work for this we are sure that it can be accomplished. "We believe that it is the policy of the Grange in Vermont to advocate an education that will equip our young men and women for their life work. Those who intend to stay on the farm should have a practical, scientific and business education. To this end we should not rest until agriculture is taught in all of our schools. "The Grange has always stood as it stands to-day firmly on the side of temperance. As citizens of the 'Old Green Mountain State,' we should use our influence and votes in banishing this evil from its borders. In license towns we should see that the law regulating its sale is enforced, in no license towns, see that liquor is not sold. "Something is being done along the line of co-operation in many Granges, especially in buying, but we believe that much more can be done if we lose sight of the personal factor and remember that what is 'good for one is good for all.' We believe that cooperative buying and selling must be started in a small way and developed. If we cannot co-operate with our neighbor, it will be useless to try to co-operate with a stranger. "A great deal is being said to-day about conservation and we are led to think of it in a broad way as something referring to some other occupation than ours. We are all familiar with the importance of the control and conservation of our water power, the conservation of our forests and mineral wealth. But I think that we do not apply the principle to our own farm. "If every farmer in the State would handle his own forests so as to conserve them for future use, the matter of conservation of forests would be settled. We must conserve the fertility of our soil so that our children will have better land than we have. Is not this a practical way to further the great scheme of conservation? The great underlying principle of conservation is to provide for the future welfare of our state."

On the standing committees are the following from Addison county: Credentials, E. M. Adams, Vergennes; Mrs. Edward Peet, Cornwall; Mrs. F. A. Bellows, North Ferrisburg. Division of labor, C. B. Hubbard, Whiting. Finance, C. A. Bump, Salisbury; A. W. Foote, Cornwall. Resolutions, M. B. Gove, Lincoln. Co-operation, Mrs. A. W. Foote, Cornwall. Transportation, Friend Fisk, Vergennes, chairman. Agriculture, Mrs. A. C. Squier, New Haven. Mileage and Per Diem, Edward Nichols, Bridport; Edward Peet, Cornwall; Mrs. O. W. Ferguson, Starksboro; Mrs. T. V. Hooker, Goshen.

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A TRANSFORMED FARM.

Ten years ago Professor Cyril G. Hopkins, the soil chemist and expert of the Illinois Agricultural college, set about to find the poorest and most run down farm in twenty counties in the southern part of his state, where a majority of the farmers had been skinning their land for years. He paid \$20 per acre for a 300 acre farm dubbed "Poorland Farm," which was known for counties around as the poorest and most run down agricultural proposition in the state. Those who knew the farm laughed in their sleeves when Professor Hopkins bought it, while the owner thought he had slipped a good one over on the "lead pencil" farmer. The first thing the new proprietor did was to make a chemical analysis of the soil from the different fields. He found it sadly deficient in phosphorus and more or less sour. He divided the farm into six fields of forty acres each and adopted a six year rotation of corn, oats and cowpeas, wheat and three years of meadow and pasture in timothy and clover. The soil was plowed deeply and carefully and all available straw and manure returned to the land. The past season the poorest tract of the entire farm yielded 1,320 bushels of wheat, or an average of nearly thirty-five bushels per acre. The treatment which was given this and the other tracts was one ton of ground rock phosphate per acre applied the two years when the tract was in corn, while during the years of 1904 and 1905 two tons of limestone were applied to each acre, while on the tract in question two tons more of limestone per acre were applied in 1912 just before the land was plowed for wheat. The cost of two tons of limestone was \$225 delivered at the railroad station, the raw rock phosphate cost on the average \$6.75 per ton, while the cost of hauling each ton of material to the farm was 50 cents. This made the average annual cost of phosphate and limestone \$1.75 per acre. To determine even more definitely the effect of the application of the minerals to the land a three acre strip along one side of this forty was given the same manure and rotation as the forty, but to one-half of it no phosphate was applied and no limestone until the fall of 1912. One and one-half acres with farm manure alone produced eleven and one-half bushels of wheat per acre. A similar tract that had received farm manure and one application of ground limestone yielded fifteen bushels per acre, while thirty-six acres of land that had been given the same manure as the smaller tracts and two applications of ground limestone and two applications of finely ground rock phosphate produced thirty-five and one-half bushels per acre. It is Professor Hopkins' judgment in view of his own experiments that all that is required to restore a run down farm is lime to sweeten it, rock phosphate to restore the supply of phosphorus exhausted, the growing of clover and alfalfa and the conservation of all straw and manure produced on the place. Owners of run down farms might with profit make careful note of the methods used in the transformation of this farm.

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A SELECTION OF BULBS.

For those who have not yet secured their supply of bulbs for winter and spring, a suggestion as to varieties may be found helpful. The writer has found the following very satisfactory: Tulips—La Reine (white), Queen of the Netherlands (pink), Yellow Prince, Rose Griedell (white with pink tips), Couronne d'Or (orange), Murillo (pink) and Rubra Maxima (deep red). Of those named the blossoms of the first four are single, and of the last three double. Of the narcissi, the double Von Sion and Orange Phoenix are among the best, while of the single varieties the Emperor and Empress are very satisfactory. Of the hyacinths the Gigantea (dusky pink), La Grandesse (white), General Pellissier (bright red) and L'Esperance (bright deep violet) are among the choicest. The bulbs should be put in rich sandy earth, in pots or in groups in boxes about an inch below the surface, and the pots and boxes containing them submerged in earth in still larger boxes. They should be watered enough to keep the earth moist, but not wet. After the roots have developed well the pots may be brought up as desired, depending upon whether one wishes early or later bloom. The bulbs are easily handled, and no family should be without a few to give bloom when other flowers are scarce.

A NEW EGG CASE.

An Oregon inventor has tackled the proposition of devising a method of packing eggs for shipment that will reduce breakage in transit. Sheets of molded pulp board are used for this purpose, each sheet having holes evenly spaced and of such a diameter as to fit firmly over an egg a short distance from the end. When packed each egg projects slightly through two adjacent sheets, the spacing of the holes being such that no two eggs are in contact. A case of eggs packed with handmade sheets of this description was loaded over the rear axle of an express wagon, hauled rapidly over a rough plank logging road and dumped on the station platform as a package of unbreakable merchandise would be. Only one egg out of the fifty dozen which the case contained was broken, and it is claimed that this was the result of an imperfection in the handmade sheet.

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MIDDLEBURY LOCALS.

Hon. F. C. Dyer is confined to the house through illness.

Charles N. Brooks, who has been ill, is again attending to his duties.

The Century club will meet with Mrs. A. S. Harriman Tuesday evening, December 16.

Miss Helen Nourse is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Geo. W. Mead of Washington street.

C. A. Munroe of Chicago spent Saturday with his mother, Mrs. M. A. Munroe, of Seminary street.

Theodore Haggood of Boston, who has been the guest of his aunt, Mrs. M. A. Munroe has returned home.

The trustees of the Burlington savings bank have voted to pay depositors the usual dividend at the rate of four per cent per annum for the six months ending December 31st.

The ladies of the Methodist church are making preparations for their annual Christmas exercises and benevolences. The following were appointed committee: Mrs. Duane L. Robinson, Mrs. F. C. Dyer, Mrs. Arthur Hinman, Mrs. David H. Corkran and Mrs. F. Patrick.

A large number of the Middlebury Grange went to Rutland Tuesday to attend the state meeting which was held in that city this week. The local Grange worked the third and fourth degrees.

Addison Encampment, No. 27, I. O. O. F., held a well attended meeting in their rooms in the Dyer block Monday evening. A banquet was served in their banquet hall at the close of the meeting.

Monday, December 15th, is the last day for payment of taxes. The treasurer's office will be open Saturday and Monday evenings for the accommodation of those who wish to take advantage of the discount.

The trustees of the Winooski savings bank, Winooski, Vt., have declared the usual semi-annual dividend for the current six months at the rate of four per cent per annum payable January 1st.

At the Connecticut Valley Poultry show held at Bellows Falls last week E. J. Woodbury of Shoreham won first and fifth on his Barred Rock cockerels, also winning a special prize for the champion Barred Rock cockerel in the show.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dewey, who has been ailing for some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Horace Elmer, in the east part of the town, died Sunday evening at the age of 81 years. She leaves three sons and three daughters. The funeral services were held at her late home at 12 o'clock Wednesday and the burial was in the family lot in the Weybridge cemetery.

Fred Fassett, a former chef at the Hotel Logan, has taken a similar position at the Middlebury Inn.

The ladies of the G. A. R. will serve a bean supper in their rooms in the Dyer block Monday, December 15th, from 5 to 8 o'clock. Everybody invited.

Several members of the local Knights of Columbus went to Fair Haven Sunday to witness the working of the third degree.

Louis Muller, whose left eye was badly injured a week ago by the breaking of a whip, went to Burlington Saturday forenoon to receive further treatment. Although much improved it will be sometime before he will have the full use of the member.

Word has been received here that the condition of Miss Mable Norton, who underwent an operation at the Fanny Allen hospital in Burlington last Friday, was slowly improving.

The work of repairing the Murkland saw mill on Mill street is progressing rapidly, but the mill will not be opened for several weeks.

Nelson Goss, who was injured while at work in the marble mill several days ago, is again able to attend to his duties.

The Camp Fire Girls will meet at the Congregational parsonage Saturday afternoon, December 13, at 8 o'clock.

Louis Hope has returned to his position as mail carrier after a ten days' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Donah have returned to their home at Shoreham after a short stay with friends here.

The Rev. Sedgwick Bidwell of East Middlebury celebrated his 104th birthday Saturday and despite his many years is still hale and hearty. He was born in Hinesburg in 1809. He is vigorous for one of his age and can still at times read without glasses. Four years ago he was able to preach a rousing sermon the day of his 100th anniversary.

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