

## PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

## DOES THE GRANGE PAY.

The nation is prevalent that when a grange is so far away from grange dealers, agents and stores that its members cannot buy and sell through grange channels, it is of no benefit to them. This notion may be, indeed it is, well grounded. Very few granges thus situated are of any service to their members. But for this the members themselves are to blame; and not their location, nor any circumstances over which they have no control. Ofttimes, the members of a grange think they cannot profitably buy and sell through the grange agencies and stores when really they can. They may be too far away from agencies and stores for each member to send in his own little orders alone; and yet so near that, if three or four or five members combined their orders, and bought of a grange store or agency, they would do better for themselves, morally and financially, than if they bought of the country store-keeper on credit. But, suppose, a grange were so far from all grange business establishments as to be, from a business point of view, of no earthly service to its members, it might still be of the greatest benefit. If the Order imposed a heavy tax on farmers, and it to keep up a grange it was necessary to incur any burdensome expense, then members might complain, when they bought no cheaper and sold their produce no better because of the grange, that the grange did not pay. But the expense is light; it is nothing compared with the pleasure and instruction that any grange may be made to yield, whether it yields any financial return or not.—*Grange Bulletin.*

## THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.

The farmer and the mechanic whose joint labor produces not only the necessities of life, but all the wealth, have for a long time been doing all the laborious drudgery—while the politician, the banker and speculator have derived the profits and the comforts of their toil. The result has been, after a careful investigation, to establish societies among themselves. We have two societies now fairly organized, with lodges premeating every state. The Grangers, whose members consist of farmers, and the Sovereigns of Industry, composed of operative mechanics and others whose employment is chiefly confined to manufacturing pursuits. Secret societies to a certain extent they are, but they are not governed or hampered by laws, circumscribing the intellectual capacity of the members with the terrible hush of secrecy, like the Masonic and their kindred societies. The Grangers as a society, have thrown down the barriers of silence and dissimulation, they tell their members, it is their duty as farmers and as citizens to be so much politicians as to exert a legitimate influence for political reform. Thanks then to the Grangers for cutting the Gordian knot of silence in the lodge. It tells them plain as the hand-writing on the wall the time has arrived when all questions belonging to them, as free men and citizens, must be met and debated upon by them, not with the rancor of party strife, but as farmers and citizens.—*Elmira Husbandman.*

## THE CENTENNIAL ENCAMPMENT.

The twenty-one Granges in the Pomona Grange of Crawford County, Pa., at its last meeting, unanimously adopted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Much dissatisfaction has arisen in regard to the result of the Grangers' Centennial Encampment; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of Pomona Grange, 26, that it is the duty of the officers of said Encampment to make a full and detailed statement of the financial affairs of the association.

In the discussion which preceded the adoption of this expression of opinion a great many members of the order who are stockholders in the enterprise stated that they had been left entirely in the dark in regard to the management and disposal of the stock and receipts of the Encampment, and had received no return whatever for the money invested. The Patrons of Crawford are not the first to utter a similar complaint—a complaint which is only too well founded. It is now nearly five months since the Expedition closed, and as the Encampment was destroyed by fire the work of the man-

agers in winding up its affairs was simplified, since instead of having to dispose of their material, they had but to prove their loss and collect their insurance. They began with sufficient subscriptions paid up—so, at least they assured the public—they transacted a cash business, which appeared to be remunerative, and it is but reasonable to expect that they paid cash. If there is any hitch about the business, it would at least seem proper that the stockholders should know it. Thanks to the official position and journalistic connections of the managers of this enterprise, they enlisted at the outset the hearty co-operation of the Grange press and prominent Patrons everywhere, and were enabled to make it a success. They owe it to these Patrons and papers to give a speedy and satisfactory account of their stewardship. If a clique or "ring" of "bloated monopolists" should be thus tardy and mysterious in their action towards their shareholders, would they not be denounced?—*N. Y. World.*

## THE GRANGE.

As the diamond is polished by friction, so people by associating together wear off their angles and peculiarities, and become better members of society, and also better fitted for the struggles of life in which all must take part. Large families which have grown up together, have more harmoniously developed and evenly balanced characters, from continual contact with each other, and the Grange is intended to do for the masses what the family does for the individual. To the presiding officers we look for counsel and admonition; to each and every member for love, confidence and sympathy; and we should mutually assist each other in the varied walks of life. But to the women the Grange has particular advantages. It opens the door and throws wide the portals to infinite possibilities and advancement. She has too long been considered as a toy and a slave, subject to the passions and caprices of men. All honor to the founders of this society, who have given her the position she now occupies; but it is not enough, she is not considered equal—for if it is not an insult to all womanhood to hold her position in county, State or National Grange by virtue of being somebody's wife, it is a stigma upon the character of all.—*Kansas Farmer.*

## LOUISIANA STATE GRANGE AGENCY.

We regret to announce that N. D. Wetmore, State Grange agent of Louisiana has been seriously embarrassed financially, so much so that he has been obliged to suspend prymment until an arrangement can be made with his creditors, which, we are informed, will be done in a very few days.

The Patrons of Husbandry in Louisiana and elsewhere will loose nothing, in any event;—Bro. Wetmore's bond being sufficient to cover all contingencies. We are reliably informed that the debts due the Agency by Patrons are greater than the amounts due by the Agency to Patrons. The real cause of his embarrassments is the neglect of the order to render that cordial, united, and effective support, which, as the bonded Agent of the State Grange, he had a right to expect. This is another triumph for the enemies of our Order and they are not slow in making the best use of it.

Bro. Wetmore is still receiving and filling orders and will continue to do so, when orders are accompanied by cash or its equivalent. He will not be able to make advances, as he has sometimes done. The Executive Committee of the State Grange will hold a meeting at an early day and the result of their deliberations will be made known through our columns.

The Grange plaster mill of Michigan, has shipped 6,000 tons of plaster over the Michigan Central Railroad.

The Livingston Co., (Ill.) Grange has been considering the propriety of establishing a purchasing agency for the county, but no immediate steps were taken in that direction for the present.

A MEETING was held at Owen Sound, Canada, pursuant to notice, for the purpose of organizing a Mutual Fire Insurance Company under the auspices of the Dominion Grange, on Wednesday the 28th. This Association commences business under very favorable circumstances, having applications for insurance to the amount of \$400,000.

The next meeting of the National Grange will be held at Cincinnati, Nov. 21.

A GRANGE store with a capital of \$25,000 will soon be started at Robinson, Ill.

The York County (Me.) Council has organized a grange insurance company, on the mutual plan.

The new Grange store at Greenfield, (Mo.) reports a business of \$1,600 during the last quarter, purchase to the amount of \$600 being made by Patrons.

The Wisconsin State Agency reports goods in store valued at \$4,985.63, and cash and debts to the amount of \$6,340.59. Its liabilities are \$8,253.19.

J. T. Stevens, State Lecturer of the Patrons of Husbandry, says the Kansas Co-operative Association has already got half its capital stock subscribed necessary to commence operations. It intends shipping grain to a smaller co-operative association in Great Britain.

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