

The Grangers and Their Doings.

The Grangers Advocating the Establishment of a Produce Exchange—A Place of This Sort Much Needed By Farmers—To Be Located at Bellefonte—Special Meetings of the Grange and the Report of the Picnic Committee—A Seasonable Melange of Grange News.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF CENTRE CO. POMONA GRANGE.

Pomona Grange, No. 13, at its regular meeting at Centre Hall, Jan. 25, 1895, resolved to hold the following special meetings for the order, at the following places and dates: Centre, Leonard and Halfmoon granges at the hall of Leonard Grange, on Tuesday, Feb. 12th, 1 p. m. Victor and Washington at Washington Grange, Wednesday, Feb. 13th, 1 p. m. Bald Eagle and Union, at Union Grange, Thursday, Feb. 14th, 1 p. m. Howard and Marion, at Howard, Friday, Feb. 15th, 1 p. m. Providence, Feidler, Rebersburg and Madisonburg, at Millheim, Thursday, Feb. 21st, 1 p. m. Fairview, Spring Mills and Progress, at Fairview, Friday, Feb. 22d, 1 p. m. Logan and Benner, at Benner Grange, Tuesday, Feb. 26th, 1 p. m. Walker and Zion, at Zion Grange hall, Wednesday, Feb. 27th, 1 p. m. The new Grange hall at Feidler, will be dedicated on Wednesday, February 28th, 1 p. m., which will be public. Private meeting in the evening. The officers of the county grange, assisted by brother J. H. Waters and Hon. W. K. Alexander, and other prominent patrons will be present and address the meetings. JAS. C. GILLIAND, Secretary.

THE MOVE FOR A PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

At the meeting of Centre county Pomona Grange No. 13, held at Centre Hall, Jan. 25th, the committee appointed at a previous meeting to consider the propriety of establishing a Produce Exchange—submitted, among others, the following suggestions for the consideration of the members of the organization.

To establish with some reliable party in Bellefonte, who would furnish the proper security a general Produce Exchange—If not there then at some other point.

The other and perhaps more practical plan would be to capitalize the Pomona Grange and open a Produce Market under the Limited Co Partnership Law in the name of the county organization, not contemplating a store for the sale of merchandise. The capital necessary for the enterprise to be raised by the county grange. The Grange Insurance company and the picnic association—absorbing according to its ability—this would form a nucleus to start with; then issue two hundred shares of additional stock at \$10 per share to be sold to patrons at par on patron being allowed to purchase more than ten shares. The above is simply suggestive and for the consideration of patrons.

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It is a lamentable fact that so long as farmers do not establish Produce Markets of their own they are at the mercy of others and compelled to submit to the humiliating position of inquiring "what will you give."

The foregoing subject was deemed of such vital importance that the committee was continued with instructions to more fully investigate the matter and report from time to time.

HONOR TO THE GRANGE PARK PICNIC COMMITTEE.

At the same meeting of Pomona Grange the picnic committee submitted their report for the year 1894 for which we take the following extracts.

The committee takes pleasure in reporting that the patron's encampment and exhibition for 1894 was an undisputed success. The very fact that so successful a gathering could be held under such unfavorable weather is the most positive evidence that a strong vitality underlies our organization in Centre county.

The equal resources of our county grange in all of its business departments exceeds \$107,000.00, this should be a source of congratulation and encouragement to every true patron, and forebodings even greater achievements in the future.

At the last picnic there were 213 tents occupied notwithstanding the rain, which prevented many people from coming.

The exercises and entertainments in the Auditorium were not near as full as arranged for, but interesting and instructive throughout.

The Agricultural, Horticultural and Floral exhibit under the management of the State College was the best of the kind ever presented to the public at the encampment and for that matter in the Central part of the State.

The Live Stock exhibit under the management of Geo. W. Gingerich surpassed that of any previous year, requiring the erection of additional stabling. There were thirty exhibitors in this department alone. The display comprised horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry.

The exhibit of implements and machinery under the management of George Dale was unusually large and interesting comprising nearly every class of implements used on well equipped farms; there being twenty-nine exhibitors in this department. The display of road machinery was the best ever exhibited in this part of the State, and was practically operated to demonstrate the capacity of the machines.

The department of amusements which is as essential to the picnic as the play to the school room, was never better arranged for, but owing to the muddy condition of the grounds this department was very much handicapped therefore could not give as many outdoor entertainments as contemplated.

It is probably due to the county grange that a statement be made of its property: The buildings comprise one large auditorium, seven permanent exhibition stables, capable of accommodating one-hundred animals, numerous temporary buildings seventy-five wall tents, poles and pins, flooring banks, and tables to numerous to mention in detail. Insurance has been taken upon this property for the amount of \$1944.00 and will run until September 30th, 1898.

The total amount of receipts for the year 1894 was \$1852.64. The total amount of expenditures \$1345.67 leaving a balance in the treasurer's hands of \$506.97.

Balance in hands of treasurer for 1893 \$192.05 making a total balance of \$459.92 which has been used to pay the entire interest due and \$300.00 on the mortgage indebtedness. The financial indebtedness on the grounds is in two notes of \$400.00 each which have not yet matured, and one note upon which \$200.00 yet remains unpaid, thus leaving only \$1000.00 of debt on the entire property which another favorable year ought to cancel.

The committee has never made any charges for their services although the most of them were compelled to be on the grounds from three to four weeks each year. Patrons of Centre county think for one moment, the debt you owe this committee for the labor they have performed for a number of years without any compensation, and the grand success that they have achieved financially. Patrons uphold them in their good work for they deserve the thanks of all true patrons in Centre county.

Property in North Dakota.

Devil's Lake, N. D., Jan. 31st, 1895. DEAR WATCHMAN.

It is now almost five years since I have been in old Bellefonte, but I read the WATCHMAN every week and so, of course, keep very well posted about all that is going on there.

I read with surprise the accounts of cold weather and deep snows you are having; while here the weather has been beautiful, very little cold weather and a snow fall all told of six or seven inches. There has been but one day this winter that our teams could not make the trip to the city and back with comfort to both animals and driver.

Times here are dull, and prices low; but the farmer who diversifies his crops is sure of a good living. Wheat used to be the only crop raised here; but the great failures of '89 and '90 changed all that, and now oats, barley, flax, millet, corn, rye, potatoes and all sorts of vegetables and root crops are grown in great quantities; while dairying and live stock growing are also receiving a great deal of attention. Many farmers have not fed a ton of hay this winter, pasturing cattle, horses and sheep on the prairie.

I have just read Chester Potter's letter in the WATCHMAN and it started me thinking how many children Centre county has, scattered over the great West. I have met them in every state from the great lakes to the Pacific there are no Centre counties outside of my own family near here, but there are many in the State, most prominent among them being Willis Blerly, of Grand Forks.

Western Pennsylvania is well represented in this (Ramsey) county; Barton, Hartman, Boyce, Saunders, Watt, all prominent citizens, are from that part of the State. There is a large company of Dunkards settling along the east end of Sweetwater Lake, this winter some of whom are from Lewistown and Millroy.

There will be a large immigration into this part of the State in the spring and the last of the free government land will soon be taken. There was about seven hundred thousand acres homesteaded in this district last year.

Desirable land within fifteen or twenty miles of the railroad is scarce; and by the middle of next summer there will be none within thirty miles of the rails. I know of two good claims that have been overlooked, they are in a well settled neighborhood, near school and post-office, and anyone who reads this and wants to get a western farm, should address box 112, Devil's Lake, N. D., and I will give him all the information in my power. I would like to tell you more about our Dakota home, the lakes, timber, hunting, rich soil and prosperous people; but my letter is getting too long, so goodbye.

Yours truly, W.

Books, Magazines Etc.

A flying-machine that actually flew—not wisely but too well, or rather, not exactly when but distinctly before it was required to fly—is described by Hiram S. Maxim in Harper's Young People for January 29. A weight of eight thousand pounds, lifted from the ground and carried along through the air, in opposition to the will of the designer and in spite of the mechanical restraints which he had contrived, ponderously emphasizes the claims of this invention to be seriously regarded—and no longer lightly dismissed as a mere mechanical toy.

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