

THE GRANGE

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THE SCHOOL AND GRANGE.

Teachers in Rural School Districts Should Join the Grange.

A large proportion of the rural school teachers are boys and girls who have been raised on the farm. The interests of the farmer and his family, with whom they still associate, are still their interests, and each may be helpful to the other when associated in the grange.

There should be closer relationship between school and grange. A teacher in a rural district should, if there is such an organization as the grange in



GEORGE W. E. GAUNT. (Worthy Master of the New Jersey state grange.)

the community, become a member and make the interests of the farmer his interests and in every way possible help to make such organization inspiring and a success. If there is no such organization, a little effort on his part might make it possible to organize one in his community. If the meetings can be made interesting, educational and sociable and there is plenty of enthusiasm among the members, there is little doubt about the older members of the school joining the grange. In fact, they seem to look forward to the time when they will be old enough and eligible to membership.

The grange furnishes an excellent opportunity for the teacher to form the acquaintance of the parents, and the closer the teacher comes in touch with parents the better he will understand his pupils. Then if there are any school matters that the teacher wishes to discuss with the parents or the parents with the teacher the grange meeting furnishes an opportunity.

The above sentiments are those of a school teacher communicated to the Michigan Farmer and are worthy of the consideration of every rural teacher who may read these lines.

ADVANTAGE IN ASSOCIATION

The Grange Helps Farmers to Keep Out of the Ruts.

The grange should be a great help to the man or woman who is trying to extend his or her horizon, and it is just such people who leave their impress upon the world. The people who do not strive to broaden themselves get into a rut. The world has little use for those who stop growing, no matter what their age may be. It is the fuller life, the broader experience, the deeper culture, which enrich civilization, and these we get in our association together. Every occupation is crowded with men who have stopped growing, and agriculture is no exception—men who have got into ruts and cannot get out. Such men do not benefit the world much and are not missed when they retire from active life. It is the men who learn the secret of wise living, men who are broader than the bread and butter question, that the world wants, and the grange is striving to make more such men.

The Grange in Maine.

Mr. O. Gardner, master of the Maine state grange, says that at the close of 1902 there were 318 subordinate granges in Maine, of which 178 own their halls, while nineteen more were building halls. The value of the 178 halls with their furnishings is put at \$373,380, an average of more than \$2,000 apiece; the value of the real estate owned by subordinate granges is \$70,000, making a total value of \$443,380 for subordinate grange property in Maine. The membership is 35,000, averaging 150 to each grange. Three Maine granges have more than 600 members each, while several have more than 500.

The grange teaches kindness to animals. The grange at Montville, Vt., practices it. That grange has built a commodious stable in connection with its hall improvements which accommodates thirty-two horses.

What the grange has been and has done are worthy of study and praise. But the past is only an earnest of a much worthier future. Our best history is yet to be made.—American Grange Bulletin.

Little Falls (N. Y.) grange recently initiated a class of about sixty individuals in the fourth degree. Seven Star grange of Troy, Vt., had a similar class a few weeks previous.

The next session of the Pennsylvania state grange will be held at Wilkes-Barre.

WATER FOR THE BEES.

They Need It and the Wise Apiarist Will See That It is Always Within Their Reach.

It seems a little out of season to talk about watering your bees, if, as in a good many localities, they are snugly housed in the cellar at the present moment. However, it is well to anticipate their wants. Indeed, there may not be any anticipation in the case where the bees are wintered out of doors. Just as soon as there comes a day warm enough for them to fly, one of the first things they will do is to start in search of water, says a writer in the Bee Journal.

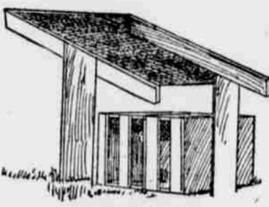
Bees are hard drinkers, and it is a matter of some importance that they have easy access to plenty of pure water without being obliged to fly some distance to secure it. Especially is this true in the early spring, when cold winds and sudden changes in temperature work such havoc with our bees. Water they must have, and if they do not have it supplied near home they must seek it elsewhere. More bees are lost in spring by flying some distance, becoming chilled, and never getting back to their hive, than some bee-keepers are aware of. We don't want anything that will induce them to take long flights, much less anything that will oblige them to. Bees are largely creatures of habit, and when once they have established a drinking place it is not so easy to change them from it. And one of their favorite selections is the watering tank, causing much annoyance to stock, and to the people taking care of our stock as well. It is also a great nuisance to have them around the well or cistern pump. Especially is this the case if there are small children in the family.

All this bother may be avoided if we select their drinking place for them, and get them started in the right place before they have learned to go anywhere else. This is not difficult to do. A large jar filled with water, with a number of pieces of wood put into it, for the bees to alight upon (if they are somewhat rotten all the better), is all that is needed to make a good watering place. If this jar is kept supplied with water, after the bees once get started there will be no more trouble about their bothering you anywhere else. It is a good plan to put a little salt into it once in awhile. Then it will not be a breeding place for mosquitoes, and the bees seem to like it better when it is a little salty.—Bee Journal.

SHELTER FOR CHICKENS.

Make a Cover for the Coop and Afford the Bird Protection Against Sun and Rain.

Here is an easily-made protection for the chicken coop against both sun and rain. Drive into the ground two bits of board, and nail a cross strip



A SHELTERED COOP.

to the top of each. Across the top stretch a piece of tarred paper, or red resin-sized building paper, and tack it as shown. Make this cover large enough to protect the hen and chicks in case a sudden shower comes up.—Farm Journal.

POULTRY YARD POINTERS.

Barrels on their side are not ideal coops for young chicks.

Eggs cannot be produced without nitrogenous material in some shape.

Eggs from over-fat hens, if they hatch at all, are apt to produce weaklings.

Many a farmer would do better if he plowed less acres and raised more chickens.

Coops without bottoms moved daily make healthful places in which to raise young chicks.

To keep disease away from the fowls, keep everything perfectly clean where they are kept.

Feather pulling is often the result of confinement in idleness. Give the hens something to do.

Keep the outside doors and windows of the poultry house closed during a rain or snowstorm.

Playful dogs in the hen yard do not add to the comfort or peace of the hens. Keep the dogs out.

Hens with frozen combs will not produce eggs till the sores are healed—do not expect them to.

Bowel trouble that carries off many chicks when one or two weeks old may be often corrected by taking away their drinking water and giving scalded milk instead.—Commercial Poultry.

The Music of the Bee.

The honey bee is an excellent co-worker on the farm, even if he is not absolutely necessary to the pollination of fruits. The bee can be denied many of the advantages it is claimed to possess and still be worth much more than the little labor required to care for it. The music alone of the busy hive compensates many for the trouble it costs, to say nothing of its garnered sweets, that make of good bread and butter a morsel fit for the gods.—Midland Farmer.

GRANGE NEWS.

By J. T. Allman, Press Correspondent and Secretary Penn'a. State Grange.

Valley Grange, No. 846, Warren Co., have re-papered and repainted their hall this spring.

New York has 22 grange fire insurance companies, carrying risks aggregating \$58,738,632.00. Last year the cost averaged \$2.20 per \$1000.00.

A good laugh is better than medicine or advice for tired people. The Grange must help to make the labors of this life cheerful. It is an old lesson, but it needs constant repetition and frequent enforcement.

J. W. Darrow, Press Correspondent, of New York State Grange, says: "A good grange meeting is not only a pleasant and sociable occasion, but it is something that will promote intelligence and increase the knowledge of those who desire to gain information on all practical subjects which are of value to the agricultural classes."

Whatever farmers are doing as farmers should interest every farmer. That the farmers of our neighborhood are able to maintain an organization, hold successful meetings regularly, and make the social and educational conditions of the community better, do business in a business way and save money by co-operating should move other farmers to do likewise.

Worthy State Lecturer, A. M. Cornell, of Altus, Bradford Co., writes: "An unusual number of calls for lecture work for this season of the year denotes general activity in the order. He must decline many invitations on account of previous engagements. He adds, A very successful Pomona session held with Columbia Grange No. 83, Bradford Co., closed yesterday."

Donation Grange No. 330 Huntingdon Co. met in regular session April 25. There was a good attendance, the first and second degrees were conferred on a class of two. After the initiation the following programme was carried out. Reading, Frank Whitzel and Verna Corclius, recitations, Emeline Wilson and May Sanks.

Instrumental music, A. C. Miller and John K. Wilson. Debate. GEO. E. CORCETIUS, Sec.

A large number of grange picnics and rallies will be held in Penn'a. during the summer, especially in August and September. The services of Bro. A. E. Morse, of Maine, have been secured to attend these meetings during the month of August. Bro. Morse has a wide and enviable reputation as an elocutionist and an entertainer. His presence will add much to the pleasure of the meetings. He will be accompanied by one or more grange speakers.

The farmer by the nature of his occupation is isolated. Isolation rusts. Contact brightens. To meet the competition and the combinations of the present day. The farmer needs to have his wits sharpened. No one doubts that the successful farmer uses his brains as well as his hands. The Grange furnishes the opportunity for the farmers of a community to get together. Exchange of ideas, giving experiences and discussing subjects quicken thought. The plodding farmer does not belong to the Grange.

The work the grange is doing in the country is a work that needs to be done. It is a work the schools are not fitted to do; that the churches are not organized to perform; that institutes and farmer's clubs will never be able to accomplish. Let all other associations fulfill their proper functions, but do not let anyone make you believe for a moment that the Grange has not a great mission, the task of making country life nobler and more enjoyable and country people better citizens and better neighbors, richer in all that makes life worth living.

Lincoln Grange No. 914, Huntingdon Co., met in special session on March 31, for initiation when a class of four very desirable members presented themselves. The 1st and 2nd degrees were conferred. The grange then closed to meet in regular session on April 10.

Lincoln Grange No. 914 met in regular session at 7.30 p. m., April 10. The class of 7 presented themselves for the 3rd and 4th degrees. At the close of the 4th degree the sisters had a bountiful feast prepared which was very much enjoyed by all present. Almost all the members being present. Since we have moved into our new home it is a pleasure to confer degrees. We have several more applications on hand at present to be taken in the near future.

BOYS GET A BERKSHIRE HILL FARM.

The State Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Massachusetts and Rhode Island have been presented with a two hundred acre farm in the Berkshire Hills near Holyoke and Dalton, to be used as a summer camping resort for the boys of the Associations of these states. The farm is situated at a high point in the Berkshire Hills and has a frontage of three quarters of a mile on Rush Pond, 1,500 feet above sea level. It will be made a vacation resort for boys between the ages of twelve and twenty. The several parties will be limited to 100 at a time, and will be in charge of the physical directors, secretaries and boys' leaders of the Associations. This society has evolved in the past twenty years a remarkable system to give the boys all the freedom they need to have a rattling good time and yet be under wholesome discipline and supervision, so that accidents and illness are almost unheard of in these camps. Expenses are reduced to a minimum, averaging between four and five dollars a week.

The same State Committee received two years ago the gift from Miss Frances Moody of an island on the coast of Maine. Here there is a fleet of thirty boats, a steam launch, a dining pavilion with large fireplace, baseball field, etc., capable of accommodating 150 boys at one time. These camps, together with the two or three hundred other Association camps in different parts of the country, accommodate between 5,000 and 7,000 boys each year. Several of the Canadian Associations own or control lakes and camp in log cabins. New York boys have their camp on Lake Champlain and New Jersey boys at Lake Wawayanda. The Philadelphia Association has a farm of 467 acres within twenty-two miles of the city. Cleveland had 500 boys last summer in its boys' reservation, an attractive old farm through which a river runs; besides taking a large party on a gypsy trip from Lake Erie to the Ohio River. At these camps every eight or ten boys are accompanied by a robust, companionable, Christian leader. Pennsylvania Railroad boys, of Philadelphia, raised \$700 and had their own sail-boat built for their camp at Atlantic City. These camps are of inestimable value to the city boy, who can enjoy a vacation and be trained in camp and athletic life amid surroundings which make for manliness, self-reliance, courage and strength. Were the equipment and means available, the Association could easily operate camps accommodating 50,000 boys.

Two Babies Found Dead in a Coal Car. The crew of a Newberry freight train made a ghastly discovery.

The crew of a Newberry freight on the Reading railroad tell of a ghastly find while their train was north bound near Locust Gap. While a brakeman was in the performance of his duties, he was astonished to discover the bodies of two babies lying in the corner of a coal car. They were wrapped in a piece of carpet, and the children were evidently twins. The train was stopped and the babies were buried in a nearby culm bank. When the matter was reported to Coroner Dreher of Shamokin that official hastened to the scene for the purpose of exhuming the bodies. It was discovered that one of the dead bodies had strangely disappeared. The other child was given a decent burial.

The authorities at Shamokin announced yesterday that the car in which the babies were found came from Tamaqua and it is believed that the bodies were thrown in it at some intervening point.

Reduced Rates to Asheville, N. O.

Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Meeting National Music Teachers' Association. For the benefit of those desiring to attend the meeting of the National Music Teachers' Association, to be held at Asheville, N. C., June 30 to July 3, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Asheville from all stations on its lines, June 26 to 30, inclusive, good to return until July 10, inclusive, at reduced rates. By depositing tickets with Special Agent, at Asheville, not later than July 10 and payment of fee of fifty cents, an extension of final return limit may be obtained to reach original starting point not later than October 10.

Sites For Hatchery.

Fish Commissioner Wm. E. Meehan will begin examination of sites for a trout hatchery in Central Pennsylvania. Residents of several counties have offered ground and water rights without cost to the State. The hatchery is to be established under the law passed by the Legislature and Commissioner Meehan declares that a suitable site must contain springs with a flow of not less than 500 gallons a minute, and that land must be near a railroad station.

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SCIRE FACIAS SUR MECHANIC'S LIEN.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, No. 3, September Term, 1902. S. C. Creasy, doing business in the firm name of Creasy & Wells, vs. Gail C. Shultz, owner and Gail C. Shultz, Contractor.

To Gail C. Shultz, owner and Contractor. You are hereby notified that a writ of Scire Facias has been issued on the Mechanics' Lien or materials furnished by plaintiff to you; filed on May 24, 1903, in the above entitled case; which said lien covers the following described premises: All that certain lot of ground situate in the Borough of West Berwick, County of Columbia, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a point on Fairview Avenue at the corner of lot No. 184, thence along said lot south two degrees fifty minutes east one hundred and sixty feet to Dewey Alley; thence along said alley south eighty-seven degrees ten minutes west forty-five feet to corner of lot No. 182; thence along said lot north two degrees fifty minutes west one hundred and sixty feet to Fairview Avenue; thence along said avenue north eighty-seven degrees ten minutes east forty-five feet to the place of beginning; containing seven thousand two hundred square feet. It being lot No. 183 in D. A. Michael's addition to the Borough of West Berwick, and whereon is erected a two story frame dwelling house twenty by thirty feet, with an L six by fifteen feet, and plaintiff claims therein the sum of \$494.31, and the lien dates from Oct. 13th, 1902. You are also notified that judgment may be entered against you, and the property described in said lien sold, if an affidavit of defense be not filed by you within fifteen days after June 25th, 1903. DANIEL KNORR, Sheriff.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Elizabeth D. Phillips, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Elizabeth D. Phillips, late of the town of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to J. M. CLARK, Atty. J. L. DILLON, Administrator. 5-14 61.

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Estate of Ann Teep, late of Hemlock township, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Mrs. Ann Teep, late of Hemlock township, Columbia County Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to William Tilley, resident of said township, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to W. J. CLARK, Executor. 6-4 61.

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