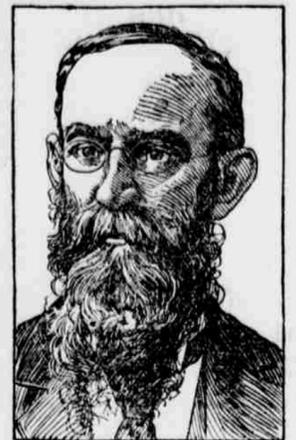


THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARROW, Press Correspondent New York State Grange

PROFESSOR T. C. ATKESON, Master of the West Virginia State Grange.

Thomas Clark Atkeson, master of the West Virginia state grange, grew up on the farm. His work for the grange in that state has been most valuable, and he has been honored with several important offices in his state grange.



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elect master of the state grange in January, 1897; re-elected in February, 1899, and January, 1901. As a member of the state grange legislative committee he prepared the bill creating the state board of agriculture, was appointed a member of the board April 1, 1891, and has been continuously reappointed.

He was elected professor of agriculture at the West Virginia university in July, 1891, which position he filled for two years. In June, 1896, he was unanimously elected president of Barbourville college, which he resigned in June, 1897, to accept his present position.

Governor Atkinson appointed him a member of the board of regents of West Virginia university in May, 1897, for a term of six years, and in June following he was elected dean of the college and professor of agriculture, which position he now holds.

A SUGGESTIVE PLAN.

To Promote Interest in Grange Work and Increase Membership. Sometimes it seems to be necessary to introduce new methods for awakening a flagging interest in grange attendance and grange work.

Grange Fire Insurance in Connecticut. The last annual report of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance company of Connecticut shows a most gratifying condition of business, says Secretary Bacon in the New England Homestead.

A member who countenances the abuse or ill treatment of dumb animals is liable to suspension or expulsion from the Order. Did you know it, reader?

Hon. A. C. Barrett, overseer of the Pennsylvania state grange, is chairman of committee on agriculture of the Pennsylvania legislature.

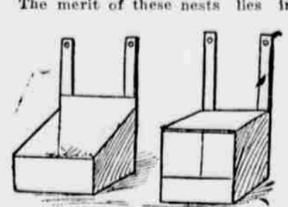
Little Falls (N. Y.) grange has over 400 members, and 100 have been received since Jan. 1, 1903. That's a good record.

POULTRY AND BEES

MOVABLE NEST BOXES.

They Are Easily Taken Down for Cleaning and the Hens Seem to Like Them.

Various arrangements for nesting boxes in the henhouse have been suggested, but the best, for all general purposes, the plain box hung on two nails so that it can be taken down easily.



PLANS OF NESTING BOXES.

the ease with which they can be taken down for cleaning, etc. About once a month they are taken to some convenient place to receive an application of insecticide and new filling.

These movable boxes are just the thing where hens are used for incubation. When a hen becomes broody eggs are given to her, and at night the box, hen and all, is carried to an apartment of the brooder house, where she can serve out her time unmolested, and at the same time get off to take food and exercise.

The boxes should be all made uniform as to distance apart of the holes by which they are suspended, so that a box may be removed from one pair of nails to another pair anywhere else.

I have torn down the long nest rows and the patent "hide away boxes," which are said to tempt the hen to lay a few extra eggs, and now use the movable boxes, excepting a few trap nests in the breeding pen, where it is serviceable to know the best layers.

CLEANING THE EGGS.

No Other Little Job That Can Be Done Around the Farm Yields Better Cash Results. It is remarkable how many soiled eggs may be seen in the country stores and elsewhere. Many make no attempt to clean them and many more do not know how to do it properly when they make the attempt.

Eggs all of one color and perfectly clean make an attractive appearance and will readily bring several cents more per dozen than a dirty lot, particularly when quality goes with appearance and the one is generally an indication of the other. An egg is improperly cleaned when it is wet too much and not rubbed dry with a dry cloth.

WOMEN WHO WEAR TROUSERS.

Squad of Feminine Gardeners in Kew Gardens Work in Bifurcated Garments. At Kew gardens, in London, a small, intelligent, capable and scientific squad of practical women gardeners is employed. They labor in the potting sheds, wield the pruning shears, study fertilizers and wear trousers.

Interesting Statistics.

The death rate of the globe is estimated at 68 a minute, 97,920 a day, or 35,740,800 a year. The birth rate is 70 a minute, 100,800 a day, or 36,972,000 a year, reckoning the year to be 365 days in length.

Belgian Socialists.

In many respects, and especially because of the people's palaces in which they carry on all kinds of co-operative industry, the Belgian socialist party is the most interesting in Europe.

FORESTS AND FRESHETS.

Floods Were as Great Before Trees Were Cut Down as They Have Been Since.

After all, the deforesting of the country is not responsible for the floods. There were more forests half a century ago along the watersheds of some of the tributaries of the upper Mississippi than there are now, notwithstanding the tree planting which the late J. Sterling Morton started on the Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa plains, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE POPE'S GODCHILDREN.

Many Added to the Long List on His Ninety-Third Anniversary March 3 Last.

Leo XIII. is, as everyone knows, the godfather of young King Alfonso of Spain. But the latter is by no means the only godchild of the holy father, who announced his intention of acting as sponsor to every child born in Rome on March 3 last, which was the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession to the papacy, says a London paper.

LONGEVITY OF QUAKERS.

Estimated Duration of the Average Friend's Life Given as Fifty-Eight Years.

The longevity of Quakers was discussed by a group of Philadelphians the other day, says the Philadelphia Record. A physician of Quaker descent said: "It is undoubtedly true that Friends are among the longest lived persons in the world. Statistics, laboriously and accurately collected, prove this clearly. The statistics were compiled here in Philadelphia in 1860. They showed the duration of the average Friend's life to be 58 years. There were living at that time in this city 30 Friends who were over 88 years old, and there were 50 other Friends whose years aggregated 5,258. These persons, that is to say, were, on the average, 85 years old. Marked longevity among our people proves how wholesome and beneficial our rules of living are. The abstemiousness, the early hours, the avoidance of worldly excitement—these were the things that multiplied so remarkably our forefathers' years."

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The Pennsylvania State College. Resumption of the Short Course in Agriculture in 1904.

The Short Course in Agriculture, which has been suspended for the past four years, will be resumed in 1904, beginning Jan. 6th, and closing March 30th. This is a thoroughly practical course of twelve weeks, designed to meet the wants of those who cannot afford the time or money necessary for the four years' collegiate course and yet desire preparation for their life-work than can be acquired on the farm alone.

THE CREAMERY COURSE FOR 1904.

It is confidently expected that the new Dairy Building will be completed in ample time for the Creamery Course of 1904. The building will accommodate a class of one hundred, and will enable the course to be given under much more favorable conditions than at any previous time.

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CR.
By amt. expended last term... \$ 18 26
Balance... 169 21

PICTURE FUND, Dr.

To balance from former year... \$ 16 75
Amount last report... 113 35
INDEBTEDNESS.
Bonded debt last report... 30100 00
By bonds paid during year... 1900 00
Orders discounted... 2300 00
\$ 31900 00

ASSETS.

Bal. on duplicate 1901... \$ 34 19
Bal. on duplicate 1902... 3023 95
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EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

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In the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Partition proceedings. The undersigned, Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, in the above estate to ascertain and report to the court the amounts due the respective heirs and parties entitled, will sit in his office at No. 46 Second Street, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Saturday, August 1st, 1903, at ten o'clock a. m. to attend to the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties having claims against the said estate must appear and present the same or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund. Wm. C. JOHNSTON, Auditor.

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Table with financial data: Interest... \$ 3100 00, Bonds paid... 1900 00, Interest on loans... 2 70, Interest on bonds paid... 45 00, Coupons paid... 1242 59, Orders paid... 1917 01, Treas. Commission... 456 23, Balance in Treasury... 326 85, \$ 2819 59

Table with financial data: BUILDING FUND ACCT. Dr., Bal. on Duplicate 1900... \$ 91 34, Bal. on Duplicate 1901... 1296 92, Duplicate... 1902... 4364 92, \$ 5594 21

Table with financial data: CR., By additional exonerations 1900... \$ 1 67, Bond duplicate 1902... 2 41, Exonerations and errors 1901... 90 31, Collectors com. 1901... 46 02, Bal. on Duplicate 1901... 94 25, Disburse 1902... 98 93, Exonerations and errors... 49 96, Col. com. 2 per cent... 37 59, Returns to Co. Coms... 88 59, Col. Com. 5 per cent... 95 69, Coupons and interest... 1345 10, Bonds redeemed... 1003 00, Treasurer commission... 46 90, Bal. on Duplicate 1902... 866 38, \$ 2747 73, 1779 49, \$ 5524 21

Table with financial data: SCHOOL FUND ACCT. Dr., By Bal. on duplicate 1900... \$ 107 70, Re-payments added... 11 00, On duplicate 1901... 3148 99, Amt. duplicate 1902... 1642 48, Penalty added... 333 10, Appropriation special... 268 73, Appropriation general... 5327 40, Supplies sold... 15 12, Proceeds commencement... 64 56, Proceeds orders discounted... 2265 50, Amt. from former Treas... 43 44, Amt. from building fund... 1776 48, \$ 26894 00

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Table with financial data: Liabilities exceed assets... \$ 2789 73, Estimated value of Buildings and Grounds... \$ 9000 00, Wm. E. RINKER, F. W. REDEKER, Secretary, President.

We the undersigned auditors having examined the accounts and statements and vouchers as presented by Treasurer and Secretary, and found them correct as stated. P. H. FREEZE, C. H. KLINE, J. W. LEE, Auditors.

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