

THE GRANGE

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SOME POINTS OF PRACTICE.

Authoritative information on Many Questions.

The following answers to questions by the master of the Michigan state grange, Hon. George B. Horton, are of general interest:

Q.—How often should a grange meet? A.—Article III of the constitution says, "Subordinate granges shall meet at least once each month and may hold intermediate meetings." Experience proves that meetings should be held at least semi-monthly to meet all demands upon the grange in carrying on its several lines of important work.

Q.—Are the open meetings desirable? A.—The grange is established as a closed session organization for the benefit of its paying members. So called open meetings may be held with profit occasionally, say once a year. On such occasions the grange should be shown at its best.

Q.—In holding open meetings should invitations be given in general? A.—For the success and benefit to be derived from such meetings each member should be given the privilege of inviting such neighbors and friends as are eligible to membership and who would make desirable members. There are but small chances for good from a general public meeting.

Q.—Should the rejecting of a candidate be discussed by the members? A.—Except in very extreme cases no good can come from discussing beforehand the rejection of a candidate, and after the event it is positively irritating and wrong. All such matters should rest with the conscience of each individual member.

Q.—Can a master give the annual word to a visiting member? A.—No. Each member must receive the word from the master of the grange to which he belongs. Q.—Can the first and second degrees be conferred on one candidate and the third and fourth on another candidate all in the same evening? A.—Yes. The constitution says that "No grange shall confer more than two degrees on the same candidate at the same meeting." It is considered that the lessons of two degrees are all that the candidate can retain sufficiently to proceed intelligently, and if the grange performs the word properly it is all that should be undertaken for the good of the order.

Q.—When should the minutes be approved? A.—The ritual provides that the minutes or record of a meeting shall be approved at the close of the meeting when they were enacted. The reading of records at a subsequent meeting is for the information of members only.

Q.—Should the worthy master sign the minutes? A.—There is nothing in grange law which requires the signature of the master to the record of a meeting.

Q.—When the assistants are taking up the word shall the annual or degree word be given first? A.—It is required that the annual word be given first, then followed by the fourth degree word.

Q.—Has a grange the right to elect a new officer to fill a vacancy where a resignation has not been made? A.—Yes, for the grange can declare a vacancy when an officer is delinquent in duty. Any officer, from whatever cause, should not be permitted to be a stumbling block to the progress of the grange. Punitive officers and regular meetings are essential to grange success.

Q.—In electing officers is it permissible to vote to instruct the secretary to cast the vote of the grange for a certain member for a certain office? A.—Election by ballot in the grange has reference to a free, untrammelled expression of preference by each individual member. To instruct the secretary to act for the whole body is not in line with this just principle and should not be allowed.

Q.—Should an applicant come to the grange meeting at which his application is to be balloted upon? A.—While an applicant can be elected and have the first degree conferred upon him at the same meeting it should not be encouraged or practiced except in extreme cases to concentrate several candidates and thus save work to the grange. With the applicant in waiting at the grange his presence would be very embarrassing in case of rejection. There is generally time enough to wait until results are known.

Q.—Should the worthy master or lecturer be addressed when rising to speak during the lecture hour? A.—The worthy master. Q.—In the initiatory work has an officer the right to use any language not given in the manual? A.—The ritual is very complete within itself, and it is not in good taste to use outside language. There is no law, however, against it, providing the ritual is not abridged or changed.

Q.—When an incorporated grange becomes dead, what disposal can be made of the grange property? A.—Grange property may include a hall. A.—The grange, thus being a business body can proceed legally to close out its real and personal property for the benefit of outstanding indebtedness or other disposition of the proceeds, but state grange law provides that if it appears that a few members are acting in a way to purposely wreck the grange for the property the state grange may take possession and hold it in trust for such time when the grange may be re-erected.

Q.—What redress has the state grange when a subordinate grange persists in receiving new members for a less fee than stated in the bylaws? A.—If a subordinate grange is working in violation of the bylaws, Article XVII of the bylaws of the national grange makes it the duty of the master of the state grange to suspend the charter of such offending grange. Q.—Does a Pomona grange send any of the initiation fee away? A.—Pomona granges have full benefit of all fees and dues collected.

POULTRY PARAGRAPHS.

Systematic Grange Work. "There is no genius like the genius of labor. There is no reward like that which comes to energy, system, perseverance." The great Napoleon never uttered a greater truth than that, and the grange which would accomplish results and become a real help to the members must be systematic and persistent in its work. The grange which has one big feast at the beginning of the year, at which the members come to pay their dues, and which lays dormant the balance of the year might as well be out of commission so far as practical help to its members is concerned. It is the regular, systematic work which counts for real good in the grange as elsewhere.

The woman's work committee of the New York state grange has issued a series of twelve leaflets of four pages each on "Child Culture Studies." Sixty thousand leaflets were printed for use in the subordinate granges.

In Harrisville township, in Michigan, there is a school building which is occupied by the public school, a church congregation and the grange. The upper story is used by the church and the grange.

THE SQUAB INDUSTRY.

It is a Nice Business and One That Can Be Made Remunerative at All Times.

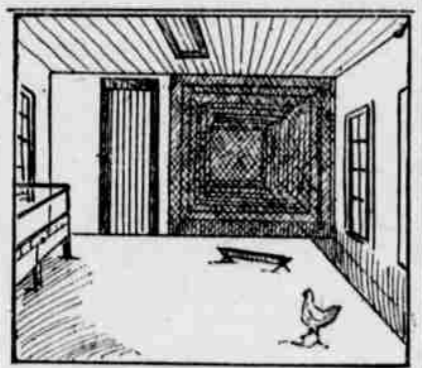
With 800 Homer and Antwerp pigeons Fred Sidow, a clerk in a grocery store, is doing a nice business in raising squabs. He writes: My plant consists of a house 250 feet long, 16 feet deep and 10 feet high, divided into 18 rooms, and 11 feet high wire runs to the south of house, all one run. The wire is put 2 feet in the ground; no boards are used. The construction of my nests and nest room for a pair of birds differs from anyone else's I have seen. I give each pair of birds a nest room of 20 inches deep (2x10-inch board shelves), 3 feet long, 10 inches high; in this compartment I place a removable box, just to the nest 8x10 inches, open top and one side, which gives a chance to clean very readily with a small hoe, enabling one man to clean the whole 250-foot house in four hours. Pigeons look for a dark place to hatch, and having this one separate compartment there is no interference from other breeders. We all know so well when making love we look for a secluded spot; pigeons are a great deal of the same nature.

A thorough cleaning is done every week; the nests from which squabs were taken that week are removed and whitewashed again, this keeping the house perfectly whitewashed at all times without further disturbance to the birds. Never remain over 15 minutes in one room. Two cups of kerosene oil is mixed to a bucketful of whitewash. Kerosene is a great lice and lice egg destroyer. The droppings are taken from the floor with a large shovel. The house is made rat and mice proof with mice proof wire netting under the floor. The manure is also scraped in the run from the ground and a horse and hand cultivator used to refresh the soil, never allowing it to get green.—Farm and Home.

LARGE POULTRY HOUSE.

Erected Recently in New York State, in Accordance with Latest Scientific Principles.

Reliable Poultry Journal gives an illustrated account of the continuous poultry house erected by the White Leghorn poultry yards at Waterville, N. Y. The interior view is here produced. The house is 250 feet long by 16 feet wide. The floor is of matched one-inch boards. The outside walls are boarded, then covered with sheathing paper and clapboarded, with inside walls of matched timber, making an air space of four inches between the walls. The ceilings are of matched boards laid at the level of the plates. There is a



AN INTERIOR VIEW.

door at each end of the house opening into the alleyway, which is three and a half feet wide and extends the entire length of the building on its north side. This passageway is separated from the pens by a matched board partition. The pens are 12 feet square, with two windows in the front or south side of each pen. A door opens from the alleyway into each pen, and there is a door in each partition between the pens.

Ventilation without direct draughts is provided by means of an opening two feet square cut through the ceiling to the loft above. Fresh air is supplied to the loft through cupola ventilators in the roof and by windows at the gable ends. These ventilators are constructed so that they can be closed at any degree necessary and give complete control of the air supply.

The roosting platform, with perches above and nests beneath, is placed on the north side of each pen.

POULTRY PARAGRAPHS.

The hens ought to have a dry place to scratch and loaf in during rainy weather.

The work of the poultry yards is an every-day business, though not an arduous task.

This matter the flocks the better the chance for each hen and the more eggs to be expected.

Give the chicks fine grit with their first food. They must get their first teeth early in life.

Breeding fowls especially should be kept in a good condition, neither too fat nor too lean.

The principal cause of ducks dying in the shell is too rapid evaporation during incubation.

Give regular attention to the poultry as to any other stock on the farm and it will pay you.

If the poultry is yarded see that they have more shade than afforded by a wire netting fence.

Don't sell your poultry. It is too valuable to dispose of now, right in the midst of the egg season.

Cooked turnips are good feed for chickens, and they do well on the mangle wurtzel, fed raw.

Many a little chick dies from what is supposed to be some mysterious ailment, when the trouble is simply lice.—Commercial Poultry.



"It's a bad time to swap horses when you are crossing a stream."

That was Lincoln's famous reply to those who urged him to make a change in generals at a critical period of the Civil war.

Lincoln's saying is worth remembering, especially when you are asked to "swap" Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for a bootless bargain, described as "just as good," at the critical time when health is at stake.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a medicine which has a record of ninety-eight per cent. of cures. It is an absolutely reliable family medicine, non-alcoholic and non-narcotic. It always helps; it almost always cures. Why should any one who is seeking a cure for sickness, and is persuaded that the "Discovery" will cure him, "swap" the substance for the shadow at the risk of health?

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. What is popularly termed "weak" stomach is the common cause of various forms of physical weakness,—such as "weak" heart, "weak" lungs, "weak" or slungish liver, "weak" nerves, etc. The entire body and its several organs are dependent for strength upon the food prepared in the stomach. The "weak" stomach cannot provide the food-strength for the various organs, which in their turn become "weak" and unable to accomplish the work for which they were designed. "Golden Medical Discovery" cures through the stomach diseases which have their cause in a diseased condition of the stomach. It has been a "discovery" with but little hope of success. It enables the perfect digestion and assimilation of food by which the body is built up into a condition of sound health. It purifies the blood, driving out the poisons which breed and feed disease.

Preferred to Die.

"I had been sick for more than a year with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Lucy Hayer, of Jackson, Jack Co., Texas. "Several different doctors treated me, but none did me any good. One doctor said I never could be cured; that I had Bright's Disease. I suffered nearly death at times, had spells the doctor called spasms. My mother begged me to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, but I thought it was a waste of time. I bought a bottle, and I took that and the first half seemed to help me. I took six bottles before I stopped. I am perfectly well and am cooking for boarders (I have six), and am taking in washing besides. I will truly say I think your medicine will do all it is recommended to do. It has been a God-send to me. I will be willing to answer any letters of inquiry that any one wishes me to. If you think this will be of any help to any poor suffering woman to obtain relief, you may print it and make any honest use of it you wish to."

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BE KIND TO YOUR HORSE.

He is Too Often Abused—Shocking Treatment Some Animals Receive is Entirely Unnecessary—Some Owners Seem Indifferent as to Their Care.

Did you ever stop to think what a friend to man the horse has been? That noble animal was companion and assistant to man when history began its earliest records. He has plowed the fields wherein we raise the product of our existence, he has borne man's burdens and carried him to battle, where he was sacrificed like a sheep to the slaughter.

Civilization's progress would have been greatly retarded on earth but for the horse. Too often abused, very much neglected, he is always man's willing slave. What right have you to mistreat him, even though you hold a paper you call a bill of sale? Your race owes his race more than you can ever repay.

How often have you seen this silent, bridled slave straining every nerve and sinew in his poor half-fed body to accomplish the intemperate desire of his cruel master—to pull a burden nearly ten times his weight. Such a scene is almost an every day occurrence through the country, and yet the owners of some of the silent slaves seem very indifferent as to their proper care and treatment, even to the extent of being fined or imprisoned for cruelty to animals.

Be careful how you use and care for so intelligent an animal, created for the good and welfare of man, and not for universal abuse.

OASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Castoria*

Coles For July.

The Weather Prophet's Prognostications For Midsummer Month.

The High Flood vital forces will rule the month of July. They will have a tendency to bring about a fluctuation of prices in stocks, although at times prices will seek a very low level. There will be some lively scenes and bitter experiences; as earth is now in the house of life in the social, financial, political and business worlds; men will be careless with their money; they will indulge in recreation and pleasures, thereby causing worry and anxiety. The fiery Red Warrior Mars is still very powerful, and his influence will produce many strange accidents and will have a tendency to excite public opinion. Much sickness will be prevalent such as chest and lung complaints, also rheumatism and plague. Vegetation microbes are getting a claim on almost all kinds of vegetation, and there will be a steady increase, causing much destruction. The winds and the waves will do great damage, and cause many collisions. Navigation will be unsafe.

The probabilities are that most of the rains during the month will be very heavy over small areas; an unprecedented hot wave will strike many sections and break the heat record, while a cold wave, bordering on frost or snow, will visit other sections.

The old country will experience great trouble with storms, also dissatisfaction and rebellion. If out of doors during an electrical storm, keep from the shelter of trees, as all living vegetable towers attract the electrical currents. Local rains with black clouds, thunder and wind, may be looked for the first few days of the month. The Vulcan storm period will be in progress at Full Moon, on the 9th; more or less storminess and threatening weather will take place followed by slightly cooler weather. At the time of moon's last quarter, the 16th and 18th, the electrical currents will be at war with each other, and dangerous storms are liable to occur at any time and any place.

New moon, the 24th, a regular storm is due. Watch out for changeable weather. Hail storms will do much damage in the western states. See Storms and Signs Calendar; price ten cents.

A Rare Collection.

The Zebulon Butler collection in the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society rooms in Wilkes-Barre has been enriched by the addition of a complete Indian pot, or burial urn, found some years ago under a ledge of rocks on Babb's Creek, in the southern part of Tipton County, Pa. The urn is nine inches high and eighteen inches in circumference, well made and finely proportioned. It was purchased by the "Zebulon Butler Fund," and forms part of the Indian collection named after this pioneer hero. The collection already contains nearly 700 pieces of Indian manufacture from the Wyoming Valley, some of which are admirable specimens of their skill. This urn makes the number of complete pots in the possession of this society fifteen, forming the finest collection of Iroquois pottery in the United States.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

OF THE Bloomsburg School District.

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