# THE GRANGE

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

# GRANGE FIELD MEETINGS.

National Master Jones Writes of Their Importance. [Special Correspondence.]

These meetings afford rare opportunity to disseminate grange principles. Permit me to suggest to those having local charge of these meetings that no effort be spared to make them of as great value to the Order and the public as possible. The meetings should promote social and fraternal greetings and extend the acquaintance of members and others, with all the good people in a radius of twenty or twenty-five miles of each meeting. To secure large attendance and the best people, system must be employed. The Pomona, or subordinate, grange having the meeting in charge should appoint active and energetic committees-first, on programme; second, on arrangements and grounds; third, on music; fourth, on advertising, invitation and printing; fifth, on reception.

Every detail of the meeting should be thought out and provision made to make the meeting pleasing, entertaining, enjoyable and profitable to all who may attend. If the committee on invitation should have printed a circular letter cordially inviting those to whom it may be addressed and their families to attend and mall or deliver to every family whom you would like to be present it would add largely to the attendance.

Large supplies of grange literature should be judiciously distributed with the letters of invitation and at the meetings. This will afford members an opportunity to inquire after the meeting as to the impressions made by the literature or at the meeting and secure a good many applications. Patrons of Husbandry should remember when those not members of the Order are favorably impressed with the objects, purposes and work of the Order it is a good time to secure their active co-operation and membership.

AARON JONES, National Master.

#### Miss Jennie Buell, Secretary Michigan State Grange.

Michigan Patrons need no introduction to their enthusiastic state secretary. Her connection with grange work began as assistant to the first secretary of Michigan state grange, J. T. Cobb. who was one of the members of the "old guard" and left his impress on the work of the Order in that state. She



MISS JENNIE BUELL.

was with Mr. Cobb five years and was also editor of the Grange Visitor, then the organ of the granges of Michigan. When Mr. Cobb declined re-election Miss Buell was elected his successor in 1890. Her work in that position has been invaluable to the Order, and no little share of the credit for the remarkable growth of the grange in the Wolverine State belongs to her. Miss Buell has also been lecturer of the Washtenaw county Pomona grange for the past four years.

Thousand Islands Grange Day. It has been the custom of the New York state grange for a few years past to have a grand rally in August at the Thousand islands of the St. Lawrence. Under the direction of a special committee comprising Mr. George A. Fuller, overseer of the New York state grange, and Mr. Ira Sharpe, chairman of the executive committee, the meeting there this year will occur on Aug. 18. Addresses will be delivered by Governor N. J. Bachelder of New Hampshire, who is likewise lecturer of the national grange; Professor L. H. Bailey of Cornell university and Hon. James Wood of Mount Kisco, N. Y. As the railroads offer low rates and every one enjoys visiting the beautiful Thousand Islands, a large attendance is anticipated.

#### Farmers' Organizations.

Farmers' organizations are a neces sity. In order to meet successfully organized power the farmers must form thorough organizations among themselves, and there is no national and complete organization except the grange. It must be either this or nothing, and farmers themselves must decide the question, and it has no middle ground, simply two sides from which to choose. One is to unite in organization and co-operative work in self defense and protection and the other is to keep aloof from organization, which virtually acknowledges that we are incapable of self government and therefore prefer masters to control us, and we accept whatever they may see fit to leave us.-Henry Eshbaugh.



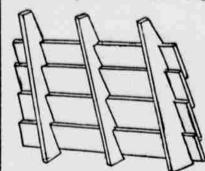
#### STRONG CLOD CRUSHER.

How One of These Useful Implements Can Be Made at Home at Small Expense.

Mr. I. G. W. McCormick, manager of a large Kansas farm, gives in the Kansas Farmer the following description and illustration of one of the most useful implements that can be had on a farm:

In answer to a request some time ago for help to make a planker, I will send you a drawing and description of this implement, which should be found on every farm. Get four 2 by 12 oak planks nine feet long, three two by six four feet long. Saw crosswise of the two-by-six pieces in four pieces two inches deep.

Saw first cut six inches from the end and other cuts 11 inches apart. Saw these cuts on a bevel of two inches in 12. From top of second cut saw diag-



HOME-MADE CLOD CRUSHER.

onally to bottom of first cut. Saw the other cuts in same way. Place these notched pieces parallel about three feet ten inches apart, notched sides up. Spike one of the 2 by 12 planks to long notches at rear end (21), then spike the other planks on in same way, overlapping each other like siding on a house. Turn over, bore two five-eighths-inch holes 30 inches apart in front plank and put on two clevises with rings. Attach chains two feet long for whiffletree for three horses. This planker can be drawn across a plowed field when dry while the driver stands astride the middle runner. When the ground is rough and clods are hard, the driver can change the weight of his body from one foot to the other, producing a zig-zag movement, which will add much to the effectiveness of the work. The clods will be crushed, greatly reducing evaporation of the stored moisture of the soil and subsoil. If the soil is inclined to drift with the wind, plank east and west and leave three feet unplanked at each passage. This projecting uneven surface forms a wind and snow break: and in the spring, if on fall or winter plowing, the interstices will be found filled with the drifting soil. For the conservation of moisture in the soil, the planker is better than a much more costly roller.

When passing from one field to another it is turned over and drawn on the runners, otherwise the sharp corners will be worn off. The two by six notched pieces are sloped off at the front ends and can be used also to mark off corn and potato land. When the land is freshly plowed and moist a spade should be carried to clean when clogged. Otherwise it will draw very heavy on the

### BRICK TRACK ROADS.

#### Bureau of Public Road Inquiry Claims Important Advantages for That System.

The director of the bureau of public road inquiry under the department of agriculture, after an exhaustive study of the subject, has come out strongly in favor of the "brick track" road. It is estimated that the roads cost the people of this country about \$650,000,000 annually, a good part of which is sunk in mud roads with very poor results. The advantages claimed for the brick track road are as follows: It can be built far more cheaply than a stone road; four or five times as heavy a load can be hauled on it with the same team force; they can be maintained for about one-tenth of the expense for repairs; they prevent the formation of ruts, dust and mud, which result from the grinding of wagon wheels on stone roads, and of mud holes and dust, which occur on country roads; the material for their construction is also much more easily accessible in most parts of the country than that for stone roads. The requirements for a first-class highway are as follows: A smooth, non-wearing surface for wheels; a firm, non-slipping footing for horses; low cost for building and repairs; and absence of dust, mud and noise. It will be seen that the brick track road comes nearer fulfilling these requirements than anything yet invented.

Convicts as Road Builders, In the building of good roads lies the solution of the convict problem, says the Washington Post. The convicts we have always with us. The crop is constant as it is abundant. Why not use them to construct enduring turnpikes instead of cooping them up in prison shops or leasing them out to private speculators in human flesh and blood? In the one case we put criminals in competition with honest labor. In the other, we traffic in scandal, cruelty and demoralization. Were the able-bodied convicts throughout the country employed upon the public roads as we suggest, we should have within ten years as excellent highways as those of France, Germany or England. Moreover it would be a legitimate employment that would operate injury to none and benefit to all.

## GRANGE NEWS.

y J. T. Ailman, Press Correspondent and Secretary Pennsylvania State Grange.

SPECIAL,

Through these columns I desire to say to Patrons and friends of the Order, in Pennsylvania, that never in the past has the month of August witnessed such active interest in Grange Field Meetings. I have been unable to accept on account of conflicting dates, all of the calls that have come to this office to address these gatherings, aside from the series of 26 meetings in as many different counties which have been systematically arranged by the State Grange. Let these meetings be followed up, by each Patron inviting his friends to identify themselves with the Grange and the abundant harvest the coming autumn will be a rich reward ever adding strength and influence to the already growing organized body of farmers who are bound in one great fraternal brotherhood to act in concert for the advancement and elevation of all citizens, a grand work fought with unlimted possibilities.

Fraternally, A. M. CORNELL, Sec. Penn'a. State Grange.

Clerfield is rapidly becoming one of the leading grange counties in the state. Since Jap. 2st. 1903, three new granges have been organized in the county in addition to the 21 that were already working. The last one was organized on July 17, by E. M. Davis, making the twentieth in the state for this year.

At a recent meeting of Clarion Co. Pomona strong resolutions were adopted endorsing the Initiative and Referendum. The members of the grange are informing themselves on his important subject. Many thinking people look upon this as the hope of the Republic and the only way in which a government of the people, by the people, for the people can be maintained.

Look up the date of the grange picnic in your county this month.

Union City Grange, No. 89, Erie county is doing well. Received two members last month on demit and conferred the First and Second degress on two sisters with four applications on hand. Our meetings are full of interest with literary work at each meeting. We do a good deal of cooperative buying with profit to our-

Mrs. S. J. McLean, Sec.

During the quarter ending June 30th, 1903, at least three-fourths of the granges in the State have reported initiations. Following are some of the large classes: Tioga Grange, No. 1223' Tioga coun-

ty, 26 members. Cherry Tree Grange, No. 284, Venango county, 15 members.

Birmingham Grange, No. 1231, Delaware county, 14 members. Benton Grange, No. 88, Columbia

county, 13 members. Kiser Hill Head Grange, No. 1177, Crawford county, 15 members. Sparta Grange, No. 110, Crawford

county, 24 members. Eulalia Grange, No. 1088, Tioga county, 20 members. Coryville Grange, No. 1212, McKean

county, 14 members. Thomson Grange, No. 868, Susquehanna county, 16 members.

Beech Grove Grange, No. 1169, Cambria county, 10 members. West Branch Grange, No. 1149, Potter county, 9 members.

Farmington Grange, No. 839, Warren county, 8 members. Good Intent Grange, No. 862, Westmoreland county, 8 members. Cherry Hill Grange, No. 1214, Erie

You will miss the best thing of the season if you miss the grange picnic.

county, 8 members.

About a year ago some one, who might have known better, and who probably did know better, started the story that the grange in Pennsylvania was rapidly going to pieces and that the State officers were racking their brains and doing all they could to save the organization from complete collapse.

This story was copied in many of the newspapers in the State and no doubt did some of the harm it was intended to do.

The facts are the grange never enjoyed greater prosperity than it has done during the last three years. As an illustration of its growth, dues were paid to State Grange on 2579 more members for the quarter ending March 31, 1903, than for the corresponding quarter of 1902.

We are enlarging our hall at an expense of \$400.00. Our meetings are full of interest. We are a live grange.

> MATILDA STERLING, Sec. 1157, Susquehanna Co.

Make everything bend to take in the grange picnic.

## A VATICAN MYSTERY.

Fisherman's Ring Said to Have Been Lost or Stolen.

A Symbol of Papal Authority Which Has Been Worn by Pontiffs for Bundreds of Years-Lost Twice Before.

The celebrated fisherman's ring. symbol of papal authority, has disappeared. Authorities at the vatican at Rome say they expect to find it among Leo's possessions in the apartments recently occupied by him, but fears are expressed that the ring was stolen from the pope's dead hand. The authorities say Leo hid the

When the cardinal camarlengo certifies the death of a pope he receives the ring of the fisherman from the chamberlain of his holiness. It is then destroyed in the presence of all the cardinals at the first meeting of the sacred college held after the pope's

But when Cardinal Oreglia, the present camarlengo, had certified to the death of Leo XIII. Mgr. Bisletti was a prey to the deepest despair and had to admit that the ring had disappeared. Cardinal Oreglia, who had, as is the custom, brought his declaration of having received the ring from the papal chamberlain, all written out, had to put it back in his pocket. The fisherman's ring is known to

have been lost twice before. Among the state papers preserved at Simancas, near Valladolid, Spain, is a letter from Count Olivares, then

Spanish ambassador at Rome, to Philip II., dated September 5, 1588, say-"Sixtus V. has been very ill from anxiety and vexation. The vexation

to which I refer was at missing the

fisherman's ring. He carried it with



THE FISHERMAN'S RING. (Picture Shows the Style of Setting Used by Pope Leo.)

him in a purse, and he discovered that he had been robbed of it by a and state aforesaid on cup-bearer."

In September, 1899, the late Pope at two o'clock p. m. All that certain piece a Leo was one day insistently asked for an audience by an under servant, and, yielding to curiosity, he granted it, whereupon the man entered, and, kneeling, said:

"Your holiness, I have to restore to you what has been a loss not only to you but to the world."

After these words the man gave the pope the fisherman's ring, which he had found. Pope Leo looked at it in surprise and then, solemnly putting it on his finger, said:

"The thanks of the church are due to you, my son. I shall see that you are rewarded." The next day the man called at the

treasury and received three dollars. On two occasions the ring was taken from the papacy by force. In 1797 the French republicans, invading the papal states, despoiled Pius VI. of all his valuables, among them the fisherman's ring. It was returned the next day.

When Pius VII. was kidnaped in the middle of the night and was made to give up this ring, the pope gave it up after breaking it in two pieces, which were kept in Paris until returned to Rome by Louis XVIII.

The ring of the fisherman was the official seal used by the pope in all his personal documents and private letters. The origin of the ring was a custom adopted many centuries ago by the popes in order to keep alive the memory of the poor fisherman of Galilee. Every one of the popes since that time has sworn and used a signet ring which bore the device of St Peter seated in a boat and drawing a net from the waves. The authorities as to the date of the origin of the custom are not agreed. Mabillon claims that no evidence exists as to the precise date. Bongratia says it is believed that Peter himself used this ring. The first mention of the ring occurs in a letter of Clement IV. written in 1265. Martin V., who was elected in 1417, left three briefs, all sealed by the ring of the fisherman. Eugene IV., his successor, also left letters sealed with the ring. In 1448 Gaetano Cenni wrote a treatise on the ring and published it in Rome. The custom of destroying the seal of the pope immediately after his death is of considerable antiquity. Each pope has John G. Parezz. had his own ring and seal. The illustration shows that used by Pope Leo XIII. It was of plain gold, weighing one and one-half ounces, and had an oval plate, with a very shallow representation of the subject. Opera House.

The Treating Habit-

It Costs Its Victims Many a Dollar and Many a Pang.

Is it not a fact that men spend in treating amounts that they would hesttate to give away no matter how deserving the charity? It is a trait of human character that comes through this all absorbing disposition to "hold your end up" when with a friend. Hundreds of men take thousands of drinks that they do not want and other Hartman Building, Market Square hundreds pay for thousands that are not desired.

Two men meet, and one says: "Mighty glad to see you, Let's have something." Neither generally needs or even wants a drink. But the man who offers it wants to show that he is generous. He takes this method of proving that he is glad to meet his friend. The triend after he has taken the drink that he did not want to prove that he, too, is a good fellow. insists upon a second round.

The German custom of entering a saloon, taking a drink and paying for it and for no others, if adopted in America would prove a blessing. The American custom of treating is decidedly a curse. What we do for friendship's sake costs us many a dollar and many a pang.-Springfield

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#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Fi. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid on

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5th, 1903, at two o'clock p. m. All that certain lot of ground situate in the town of Bloomsburg, in the county of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a point in the west side of Magee Avenue, forty-two feet north of Sixth street in said town and running thence westwardly in a line parallel with said Sixth street seventy feat to a corner; thence northwardly in a line parallel with said Magee Avenue fourteen feet to a corner; thence eastwardly in a line parallel with said Sixth street seventy feet to said Magee Avenue, and thence southwardly along the west side of Magee Avenue fourteen feet to the place of beginning, whereon is erected a TWO STORY BRICK DWELL-ING HOUSE.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1903, Corner Main and Centre Streets. parcel of land situate in the borough of West Berwick, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the corner of lot No. 183 on Fairview Avenue thence along said avenue seven degrees ten minutes west ninety feet to the corner of lot No. 180, thence along the same south two degrees fifty minutes east one hundred and sixty feet to Dewey alley, thence along the same north eighty-seven degrees ten minutes east ninety feet to the corner of lot No. 183; thence along the same north two degrees fifty minutes west one hundred and sixty feet to the place of beginning, containing

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Sheriff.

### AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Isane Labour, deceased Betale of Isaac Labour, deceased.

The undersigned an auditur appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County Pa., to distribute the funds in the hands of George Labour, administrator as shown by his final account confirmed at February Court 1968 to and among the parties legally entitled to the same, will sit to perform the duties of his appointment at his office in the town of Bloomsburg on Friday, August 14, 1963 at 10 o'clock a.m., when and where all parties having claims against said fund must present the same or be forever debarred from a share of the same.

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