

THE GRANGE

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BENEFITS OF CO-OPERATION

These Are Not So Fully Realized as They Might Be. (Special Correspondence.)

One of the incidental benefits of membership in the grange is the possibility of co-operation in the buying and selling of farm products and farm supplies.

That co-operation is successful among farmers we need only to refer to two or three well known instances to prove. Fourteen years ago 500 Iowa farmers combined in a regularly incorporated organization to dispose of their products and to buy supplies at a reduced rate.

A co-operative organization of Danish dairy farmers may also be cited. It was formed in 1882, and now there are 1,057 co-operative dairies in Denmark, which, with their equipment, have cost over \$7,000,000.

Making Attractive Homes.

To enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes and to strengthen our attachment to our pursuit are among the objects of the grange. When we compare the homes of farmers where there are no granges with those where the grange is strongest we do not have to be very keen to see a vast difference in the surroundings.

Co-operative Insurance in Ohio.

There are now said to be 112 mutual insurance associations in Ohio, with a total volume of risks of over \$188,000,000. The Patrons' Mutual, located in Logan county, O., has been in operation for more than twenty-four years and has carried its members for one-ninth of 1 per cent.

The Grange in Washington.

The present secretary of agriculture, Mr. Wilson, is a member of the grange. The assistant secretary of agriculture, J. H. Brigham, is a member and is past master of the national grange.

The excellent showing universally made by grange mutual insurance companies is due to care in selection of risks, economy of administration and careful supervision.

It that New Hampshire has a every township, and one has sixteen granges in its.

FALL CARE OF COWS.

When Pastures Are Getting Bare It Pays to Haul a Little Fodder to the Field.

In the feeding of dairy cows two seasons are recognized by the average dairyman. These are the winter feeding season and the summer season. In the former case the animals are entirely dependent upon what grain and fodder are allotted to them, there being no opportunity for grazing afforded.

It is an exceedingly good plan to allow cows to have shelter at night after the first of October. If they are put in the stable or in sheds and fed a small grain ration night and morning, together with a little fodder, they will generally respond to such treatment at milking time, and will more than pay for the food fed in this way, and the labor involved in caring for them.

CORN FOR THE CALVES.

After Fifteen Years of Experience Writer Declares It to Be the Very Best Food.

My experience in raising calves extends over fifteen years. Of course, everyone knows how to feed calves, but many do not know just what is best to feed. Ask me, and I will say "shelled corn." "When do you begin?" I begin when the calf is three days old. Feed it just a few kernels at first and gradually increase to a pint by the time the calf is six weeks old.

USUALLY EFFECTS CURE.

Common-Sense Device for Preventing Cows Throwing Fences or Hooking Each Other.

This is my style of a device to prevent cattle throwing fences or hooking other cows. It is made of a wooden strip two and one-half inches wide, and three-fourths inch thick, being attached to the horns by screws.

Poor Cream Closed Factory.

Poor cream caused the closing of a new creamery in Minnesota recently. The buildings had been erected and equipped at considerable expense and everything was first-class. A large supply of cream was received, but the cream itself was very poor.

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GRANGE NEWS.

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

TWO IMPORTANT MEETINGS.

Through these columns I desire to call the attention of Pennsylvania Patrons to the favorable opportunity near at hand of attending what now promises to be two of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings of their kind in the history of the order.

First the thirty-seventh annual session of the National Grange, held in Rochester, New York, November 11 to 19th, inclusive, opening with a public meeting on Tuesday evening, Nov. 10th at 8 o'clock. On Wednesday at 11 a. m., opening session of National Grange that evening at 8 o'clock the sixth, or degree of "Flora" (flowers) will be conferred followed on the next evening at the same hour, by the seventh or degree of "Ceres" (Goddess of cereals) the highest and most beautiful degree of the Order.

Second, but perhaps first in importance to Pennsylvania Patrons is the Wilkes-Barre meeting, when on Dec. 8th next, the thirty-first annual session of the State Grange is to convene in the ninth regiment Armory hall, ample in size to accommodate the many who will assemble in the picturesque Wyoming Valley, on the banks of the winding Susquehanna, in this anthracite coal city, of some sixty thousand population.

The local committee of arrangements, as well as other workers, have well in hand perfecting of the programme, which will embrace many interesting features.

Asking you with candor and earnestness to strive, if possible; to attend these meetings, firm in the opinion that you will be benefited, not only as a Patron, but as an American farmer, citizen and man by so doing.

I am very fraternally, A. M. CORNELL, Lecturer Penn'a. State Grange.

Come to State Grange meeting at Wilkes-Barre and be enthused for the work of the coming year.

Miola grange, No. 1101, Clarion county, initiated a class of 32 during quarter ending June 30th, 1903.

Mrs. Della Hunsinger, Lady Asst. Steward, of Penn'a. State Grange, writes: "Colley Grange, No. 365, Sullivan county, was organized in 1874. Meetings were held in an old school house for a number of years. Regular meetings have been held ever since the organization. Three charter members are still on the roll. We now have a membership of 80; own four acres of land, have a barn that will hold 50 horses, cut hay enough to feed when needed and have a three-story hall with all necessary appliances. We have just initiated a class of four, making a gain of eight for this year."

I have also visited Wilmot grange, No. 512, Bradford county. They have lecture hours and a question box and of course interesting meetings.

I have also visited New Albany grange, No. 205, reorganized this year. Their membership is increasing and their prospects for the future are good.

Turtle Point Grange, No. 1236, McKean county, admitted a class of 22 during the quarter just ending.

Two new granges were organized in Penn'a. during the month ending Oct. 20th, 1903. One at Hegins, Schuylkill county and one at Mont Alto, Franklin county. The former by Bro. Chas. Haskins and the latter by Worthy State Master, W. F. Hill.

Both the Trunk Line and the Central Passenger Association have granted open excursions for the meeting of the Penn'a. State Grange, at Wilkes-Barre. Thus any one wishing to attend can get an excursion ticket without card orders.

For quarter ending Sept. 30th 1903, Fidelity Grange, No. 1238, McKean county, initiated a class of twenty-six.

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Nell—"She carries her lad for second-hand bargains to a ridiculous extreme." Belle—"Yes, she's even going to marry a widower."

A BATTLE IN THE AIR.

Sparrows Attack a Host of Dragon Flies and Are Put to Ignominious Flight.

The Hoch of Tokyo prints the following wonderful tale: "On the 23d ult., at four p. m., that part of airy space that overanopies a slope commonly called Notoyazaka, which forms part of Utsunomiya, in Yenshi, Hokkaido, became the scene of sanguinary battle between hostile forces of winged creatures. The combatants were 100 swallows on the one side and millions of dragon flies on the other. If inferior in number, the swallows were certainly superior in intellectual and physical powers to their opponents on the occasion in question, as one would believe, and everybody had but one opinion as to the end of the mid-air contest.

"But the unexpected happened, and after charges and countercharges, and other aeronautic movements ending in 'at close quarter' fighting of some duration, the swallows beat a hasty retreat, or rather disgraced themselves by the most confused flight ever indulged in by a vanquished enemy. Then the victorious dragon flies flew about that particular portion of the sky with the unmistakable 'air' of noble conquerors, performing all sorts of 'assertive' antics, which included airy curaçoling, evolutions, soarings, plunging, etc., all sufficiently significant and all tending to proclaim the fact of their undisputed occupation of the atmospheric superficies over the Notoyazaka."

STOP FOOT BINDING.

Chinese Women Organize Club to Improve Their Understanding—Reforms That Might Follow.

According to the North China Herald, there is a movement along the Hoang-Ho to improve the standing of Chinese women. Tien Tzu Hui, the Society of the Natural Feet, has been established, its sole purpose being the extermination of foot-binding.

When you come right down to the bottom of the matter it is time the women of China were given a chance to catch up with their western sisters. There is no reason on earth to believe they are not naturally gifted with as broad an understanding. The project, therefore, should not be foolies. If there is anything in the old saying, "He who runs may read," their new footing ought to affect their education.

COST OF CLOTHES IN RUSSIA.

Men Pay About Seven and a Half Dollars a Year and the Women Only Three.

Barring the inhabitants of the earth who wear practically no clothes at all, the costume of the average Russian costs the least. Ten rubles, or about \$7.50, will clothe a male citizen of the czar's realm, while the woman's costume will cost less than \$3.

The man's costume, says an exchange, consists of coarse cotton trousers tucked into boots of half-dressed leather, a cotton shirt, and a sheepskin coat. A coarse Camlet cap bound around with a sash completes the dress.

The women wear a sarafan, or long petticoat, which is held up by straps running over the shoulders, a chemise with sleeves to the elbow, a kerchief over the head, and a pair of shoes. Stockings are sometimes worn, but more frequently the legs and feet are bound with strips of cotton or linen cloth. For outdoor wear a quilted jacket or long cloak is added.

The simplicity and cheapness of the dress is not due to any lack of vanity, but to the poor circumstances under which the majority of the Russians live.

Some Odd Tests.

The department of agriculture has undertaken a series of experiments intended to answer, if possible, the old question: "How long can seeds remain in the soil, and still retain their power of germination?" In 1901 Dr. Beal reported that he had found seeds which responded to germination tests after having been buried 20 years. The seeds buried by the agricultural department at the Arlington farm are packed with dry clay in porous clay pots, covered with saucers and placed at various depths, from six inches to three and a half feet. There are 32 complete sets, in 3,584 pots, representing 109 species, 84 genera and 51 families. Tests are to be made at the end of 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years.

A Night's Journey.

There is conclusive evidence to show that in one unbroken nocturnal flight the European bird known as the northern blue-throat passes from Central Africa to the German sea, a distance of 1,600 miles, making the journey in nine hours. From its winter home in Africa observations have determined that it starts after sunset, arriving at its far northern summer haunts before dawn the next morning.

Chicago's Shipments of Meat. Dressed beef to the amount of 1,049,801.765 pounds, 909,913 cattle, 831,278 sheep, 1,251,798 hogs, 150,615 pounds of dressed pork, 382,498,069 pounds of lard, and 660,869,799 pounds of meat in various forms were shipped out of Chicago during 1902.

A Clever Swindler.

Bankers and merchants should be on the lookout for a clever swindler, J. K. Dillman, who operates with forged checks. Dillman's scheme is to enter a bank or store about closing time usually in his shirt sleeves and with a pen behind his ear, and ask if a nearby house in which he is employed could have a check cashed, it being short of money. If the answer is in the affirmative Dillman walks back to the store and immediately returns with a forged check. Upon receiving the money he retraces his steps to the store, enters, asks some trivial questions of the book-keeper and departs by another door. Dillman has operated successfully in many Pennsylvania and New Jersey towns.

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