

THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARRROW, Chatham, N. Y., Press Correspondent New York State Grange

HON. THOMAS MARS.

One of the Foremost Patrons of Michigan and Ex-State Senator.

A strong pillar in the grange of Michigan, a successful and prominent farmer, the name of Thomas Mars is well known to a household word in the country...

From 1887 to 1892 he was master of the state grange. During this period he devoted nearly all his time in traveling over the state, visiting nearly every grange...

Thomas Mars has a large and fine farm and a beautiful home near Berrien Center, Mich. He has been state senator, member of the board of control of the state public school, county agent of the state board of corrections...

MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE.

Eighty New Granges Organized the Past Year.

One of the live grange states is Michigan. The thirty-second annual session, held at Lansing, Mich., was a most important one. Worthy Master George B. Horton of Fruit Ridge reported good progress during the year...

Is it possible for manufacturers of farm implements to sell direct to farmers and dispense entirely with agents? Does improved machinery increase or decrease the cost of production of a crop, everything being taken into consideration?

Is it equitable and fair for one locality that has already built good roads to be taxed for the improvement of roads in other localities where roads are unimproved?

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The Grange in Illinois. We have added eight granges to our rolls during the year and increased our membership about 20 per cent. The profits to the membership, so far as reported for the three quarters past, by co-operation in buying supplies and disposing of products, were about 14 per cent as compared with the local prices...

Co-operation in New Jersey. Burlington county, N. J., has the banner in the amount of business conducted, between \$30,000 and \$40,000 worth of business being transacted with a saving of \$10,000 to the Patrons. Cumberland county has built three new halls the past year, at a cost of \$6,500.

Houlton (Me.) grange runs a co-operative store which did a \$60,000 business the past year. Now it is to erect a blacksmith shop 24 by 60 feet in size and equip it with modern appliances. They do things in Maine.

Ex-United States Consul Judge Caples is an officer in the Evening Star grange, No. 27, of Oregon. Governor C. J. Bell has been re-elected master of the Vermont state grange.

THE ORDER FLOURISHING.

Brief Reports of the Condition of the Grange in Various States.

New Hampshire reports 286 subordinate and 19 Pomona granges, and 100 members of the Order were elected to the last legislature. Pennsylvania reports nearly 7,000 new members the past year. Maine now has 374 subordinate granges and 24 Pomona granges. The total state membership is 45,772. Thirteen new grange halls were erected the past year in that state, costing on an average \$3,700. The most expensive one costing \$14,500. One subordinate grange in that state has a membership of about 800. New York has organized 32 new granges the past year and has dedicated 7 grange halls. The gain in membership is between 5,000 and 6,000 for the year. Kansas has added 6,000 to the membership during the past year. One fire insurance company in that state carries risks to the value of more than \$3,200,000. Rhode Island reports fair prosperity for the grange. Mutual fire insurance companies report a saving of 50 per cent on the cost of insurance.

Maryland reports progress. Michigan has added eighty-one granges the past year, making 719 granges in the state with 44,013 members. There are about twenty county and district fire insurance companies in the state, the average cost of insurance on each \$1,000 being about \$1.25 per annum. They have \$20,000 in the state treasury. Four hundred grange halls are owned by subordinate granges. There are twenty-four in one county. West Virginia is rapidly coming to the front. There are about 100 granges in good standing. New Jersey has increased its membership about 2,000 the past year.

Topics For Discussion in the Grange. Will the exclusive use of commercial fertilizers tend to impoverish land when used continuously? Is the food value of a ton of corn either increased or diminished by putting it into a silo? Should a farmer join the grange merely to make or save money by so doing? Is the abolition of corporal punishment in our common schools proving a blessing or an injury to the youth of our country? Does improved machinery increase or decrease the cost of production of a crop, everything being taken into consideration? Is it equitable and fair for one locality that has already built good roads to be taxed for the improvement of roads in other localities where roads are unimproved?

The Subordinate Grange. The subordinate grange is the basic stone of our Order, and without it we could not succeed, says State Master Gaunt of New Jersey. It is the strong link in the chain that binds this great farmers' organization together from ocean to ocean. The influence and usefulness of the Pomona state and national granges depend upon good work done by our subordinates. It behooves us as Patrons to look well to the great superstructure upon which the order rests. Let each be a farmer's school, where the mind and heart can be cultured, the vision be broadened and life made worth living.

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For the Inauguration of President Roosevelt at Washington, D. C., Saturday, March 4, 1905 the Reading Railway will sell special excursion tickets from stations named below to Washington, D. C., via Philadelphia and B. & O. R. R., at low rates noted: Danville 6.15 Bloomsburg 6.15 Catawissa 6.15

These tickets will be good going March 2, 3 and 4; returning, leaving Washington to March 8, 1905, inclusive. Stop-over allowed at Philadelphia on deposit of ticket with agent but passenger must reach Washington not later than March 4, and returning must leave Philadelphia not later than March 8, 1905. Extension of return limit for ten days may be secured on payment of one dollar at Washington. For full particulars consult ticket agent.

Annual Statement

OF THE BLOOM POOR DISTRICT

For the year ending Jan. 1st, 1905.

ALMSHOUSE AND EXPENSES.

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes Groceries, Fuel, Medical supplies, Hardware, etc.

DANVILLE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.

Table with columns for name, age, sex, and amount. Includes Titus W. Gibbs, Clara V. Stetler, Mary A. Thomas, etc.

SUNDRY EXPENSES.

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes Traveling expenses, Taking E. Brown to home for feeble minded, Taking Mrs. Hincham to home, etc.

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes Mrs. Anna Diggs, Hall, Win Fedder, etc.

COMPARISON OF ACCOUNTS OF SECRETARY AND TREASURERS.

Table comparing Secretary's and Treasurer's accounts for 1904.

ACCOUNTS WITH COLLECTORS OF BLOOM POOR DISTRICT.

Table with columns for collector name and amount. Includes L. M. Steppy, J. M. Steppy, etc.

GREENWOOD.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes Hurr Albertson, Collector, 1904.

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Table with columns for name and amount. Includes D. C. Shoemaker, Collector, 1904.

SCOTT.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes C. E. Hartman, Collector, 1904.

SUGARLOAF.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes A. L. Fritz, Collector, 1904.

LIABILITIES.

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes Outstanding Orders, Order No. 31, P. K. Shultz, etc.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes Jas. Shultz, Elias Shultz, Horton Shultz, etc.

SALARIES AND FEES.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes Chandler Eves, Director, W. B. Allen, O. T. Wilson, etc.

ORDERS FOR DISCOUNT.

Table with columns for order number and amount. Includes Order No. 46, 47, 48, etc.

RECAPITULATION.

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes Almshouse and expenses, Danville Hospital for Insane, Sundry expenses, etc.

WM. H. MIDLAY, Treas.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes To bal in Treas Jan 2, 1904, Scott, C. E. Hartman, col 1904, etc.

M. MILLEISEN, Treas.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes To bal rec'd from Wm H. Midlay, former Treas, Bloom, L. M. Steppy, col 1904, etc.

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RESOURCES.

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes Bal in bank-Treas. report, Due from Collectors, Bloom, L. M. Steppy, 1904, etc.

RESOURCES OVER LIABILITIES.

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes Resources over liabilities, \$6085 16.

We, the undersigned auditors of the Bloom Poor District, do hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer of said District and find them correct as set forth in the above statement.

J. M. LAURIE, P. H. FREEZE, W. H. GOSH, BOYD TRESKOTT, Auditors.

PRODUCTS OF THE FARM.

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes 300 bu. Wheat, 121 1/2 Corn, 2300 " Corn Ears, etc.

VALUE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes Taxes due from Collectors, L. M. Steppy, 1904, \$401 55, etc.

FARM AND BUILDING.

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes Farm and building, \$14,000 00, Horses, 805 00, Cattle, 307 00, etc.

Number of paupers at last report.

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes Number of paupers at last report, 12, Number admitted during the year, 14, etc.

No. from Bloom.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes No. from Bloom, 3, Mrs. Seaton (Mowbray), 1, etc.

No. from Greenwood Township.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes No. from Greenwood Township, 2, Ann Parker, 1, etc.

No. from Sugarloaf Township.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes No. from Sugarloaf Township, 3, Ed Thomas, 1, etc.

No. cared for by Berkwick.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes No. cared for by Berkwick, 1, John Rice, 1, etc.

No. cared for by Mt. Pleasant.

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes No. cared for by Mt. Pleasant, 1, Thos B Davis, 1, etc.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1905.

At two o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, to wit: All that certain lot, piece and parcel of land situate in the township of Locust, county and state aforesaid, bounded and described as follows: On the north and east by a public road, on the south and west by lands of Wm. B. Snyder, containing and hereinafter described.

FOUR ACRES OF LAND.

be the same more or less. Being the same premises which Harriet Yeager conveyed to L. H. Berninger by deed dated March 31st, 1902. Whereon are erected a

TWO-STORY DWELLING HOUSE, BANK BARN

and other out-buildings. Seized, taken in execution at the suits of J. Reulph Snyder, now to use of C. C. Mensch, vs L. H. Berninger, and Wilson Rhoades, and to be sold as the property of L. H. Berninger. KRISHNER and MAXNER, Attorneys. W. W. BLACK, Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Reuben Boston, late of Fishing Creek township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrators 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. A. BOSTON, Administrators E. M. BOSTON, of Reuben Boston

Professional Cards.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW, Hartman Building, Market Square Bloomsburg, Pa.

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW Office Over First National Bank. BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, BLOOMSBURG, Pa Office in Ent's Building.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW, Office, Corner of Third and Main Sts CATAWISSA, PA.

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WILLIAM C. JOHNSTON,

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H. MONTGOMERY SMITH,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Office:—Ent building, over Farmers' National Bank. 11-16-99

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