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want finer qualities we have them  
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long list so we simply say come and see them and get the prices.

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## GOOD ROADS GOSPEL

HOW IT IS BEING PREACHED BY A  
MISSOURI FARMER.

**D. Ward King, Inventor of the Road  
Drag, Lecturing on His Method  
of Improving Country Highways.**  
Many Adopt the Plan.

The Missouri farmer, D. Ward King, who discovered that country highways can be vastly improved by use of a road drag, has been engaged to deliver a series of lectures and has turned over his farm to others and is devoting all of his time to preaching the gospel of good roads. Good roads meetings have been held in various parts of Missouri, and hundreds of converts have been made. After every rain in Missouri hundreds of farmers drag the roads in front of their farms, and the number of these volunteer good road workers is increasing every week.

Mr. King's method of preaching good roads is similar to the methods of the old fashioned Methodist preacher, says the Kansas City Times. He tells of the awful possibilities for evil and for low priced lands that lay in bad roads and the inevitable rewards for good roads. He does not urge any change in the road laws, but he does urge a change in the attitude of all good citizens toward the road question. He urges that they make it a personal question and assume the responsibilities themselves and instead of blaming the road overseers go to work themselves and fix the roads. Then he calls for converts. At each meeting over half the farmers present promise to drag the roads. Many of them do, and others take it up after they see their neighbors' success. The good results of the method are far reaching, and there has been a greater improvement in the roads of Missouri during the past year than there has been in any previous five years.

Mr. King's theory, which practice has demonstrated to be correct, is that all clay and gumbo roads should be dragged with a light drag after each rain or wet spell. The drag smooths down the rough places and fills up the ruts. When the sun dries up the road it leaves a roadbed as smooth and perfect as a city street.

The discovery of this method was largely accidental. Five years ago he lived on a small but well improved farm near Maitland. He was not particularly interested in the good road movement as a national or state issue, but the four miles of road from his farm to Maitland were of great interest to him. The road was of that soft, sticky red clay that in wet weather clings to the wagon wheels in great lumps and in dry weather is as hard as rock and almost as injurious to wagon tires. Passing wagons in wet weather would dig deep ruts, and when the road dried up the ruts would remain. At best the road was very poor. Many times when wheat was selling at a good price and Mr. King had many bushels of it the road would be so bad that he could not haul it to the market, and when the road finally became passable the market would be low again.

After many experiments he constructed a small, light drag, using two old timbers connected with light strips, and began to drag the road in front of his residence. After each rain he would run the drag over it, and when the sun came out and the road dried up it was in perfect condition. When he began to drag the road many of his neighbors told other neighbors that King was crazy. Others told King himself that he was crazy. The others didn't say anything, but they believed he was crazy just the same. But the experiments proved that King's method was successful, and he extended his operations until he was dragging all the road in front of his farm. His neighbors took it up, and in a few months the road from his farm to Maitland was as good as any in the state.

**Transportation Over Dirt Roads.**  
It is estimated by the bureau of road inquiry for the United States that the average cost of transportation over a dirt road is 25 cents per ton per mile. It is within reasonable limit to assume that the average length of the tributary haul to the railroad is at least four miles. This makes the average cost of every ton delivered to the railroads \$1.

**In Eight Years.**  
Eight years ago the Democratic candidate for president declared that tolling humanity was crushed under "a cross of gold." Statistics show that "tolling humanity" has piled up a little matter of \$2,500,000,000 in gold money in the country's savings banks.—Norwalk (O.) Redactor.

**Surely Threatened.**  
Senator Daniel admonished his colleagues that "the country is threatened with the calamity of further Republican administration." It is, it is. And, what is more, it rather likes that sort of calamity.—Boston Journal.

## THE GRANGE

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### GRANGE SCHOLARSHIPS.

How the New York State Grange  
Will Aid the Young.

(Special Correspondence.)  
We shall advance the cause of education among ourselves and for our children by all just means within our power. We especially advocate for our agriculture and industrial colleges that practical agriculture, domestic science and all the arts which adorn the home be taught in their courses of study.—Declaration of Purposes.

By this extract from the declaration of purposes we see that one of the very foundation principles of the grange is education. The grange owes its wonderful success to the fact that it has practically carried out its declaration of purposes. To show that it means just what it says and is doing what it claims the New York state grange has appropriated money to furnish four scholarships to its members in Cornell university.

The need of collegiate education was never as universally recognized in this country as at present and the demand for it never so imperative. This need and this demand are as imperative for the farm boy and girl as for any other class, if not more so. As one of the main objects of the grange is to stir its members to the necessity of thought and interest in study—in fact, to kindle in its young members an enthusiasm for an advanced education—we believe the grange never did a wiser thing than to plan to assist some of its members in a realization of the ambition thus encouraged.

There are several scholarships in Cornell university, but the grange is the first to endow agriculture scholarships. As the agriculture courses are absolutely free, it will be readily seen that the \$50 donated by the state grange will make an agriculture scholarship worth practically as much as the \$150 scholarships in other courses, where \$100 must be paid for tuition. Thus a great opportunity is opened to the young man or woman on the farm who has been wise enough to become a member of the grange and who is ambitious for a collegiate education. The great value does not consist alone in the four scholarships, but the study, the thought, the culture, developed by the aspirants will make them better, stronger and more independent and assure the grange of which they are members of the more hearty support and active labor in its behalf. The grange teachings all tend to improvement, and when they lead to the complete education which comes of a college course it would seem that they are worthy the attention of every ambitious boy and girl now upon the farms of the state.

The idea of these scholarships was one of the grandest the grange ever conceived. The absolutely unanimous vote by which the plan was indorsed by the state grange shows how thoroughly our Order is committed to the cause of education and how fully imbued it is with the idea that "the greatest good to ourselves and the world" must come through an intelligent and educated agriculture. The comprehensive plan upon which these scholarships are to be awarded, avoiding any possible favoritism, but relying solely upon merit, and open to every grange member in the state, proves as never before the desirability of a membership in the grange. As the young people are the life and hope of the grange, so the grange is constantly striving to do for its young members. It is hoped and believed that the grange scholarship will prove an incentive to many young people to unite with the grange and become interested in its work. Thus combining the "higher" education of the college with the "broader" education of the grange will their lives be rounded out to the sphere of greatest usefulness. W. N. GILES,  
Secretary New York State Grange.

### Keep Up the Organization.

In speaking of the grange a few years ago, ex-Senator George F. Edmunds of Vermont said, "I hope the farmers will keep up their organization and continue to press for the simple justice and fair play they are entitled to."

The organization is "kept up," and its members are pressing for "simple justice and fair play" through the channels of co-operative efforts in the different departments of grange work, and we ask the thousands of farmers, with their families, who are not members, to join our ranks and co-operate with us, not alone for the greater material prosperity which might come to them through business co-operation in the grange, but also for the larger blessings which would come to the home through the culture and refinement which are incident to the broadened thought and social intercourse to be deprived from active membership in the order.

## SONESTOWN.

Misses Pearl and Blanche Houseknecht were at Eagles Mere on Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Edgar has been visiting Dushore friends for the past few days.

Mrs. R. W. Simmons spent two days at Williamsport last week.

Misses Ada Hall and Mable Hazen and Messrs Swank and Oberender drove to Eagles Mere on Sunday.

Mrs. John Converse and children went to Northmont on Thursday to visit relatives.

Mrs. M. Donovan of Muncy Valley is the guest of her son of this place.

The clothes pin factory has resumed work and will run full time.

The Lorah House is being reroofed.

Miss Pearl Keeler of Williamsport is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Simmons.

The P. O. S. A. held a convention in town on Saturday.

Mable and Carrie Speary are at Eagles Mere.

Edna and Roman Mencer of Vilas are guests of their brother in town.

Jamison City and Sonestown played base ball on the home ground Tuesday afternoon. The score at the end stood 11 to 4 in favor of Sonestown. Sonestown team is one that is hard to beat. Of all the games played this summer it has suffered but one defeat then the score stood 4 to 3 in favor of Picture Rocks.

Mrs. E. J. Lockwood and Mrs. E. M. Sheets have been recently calling in Picture Rock.

Mrs. John Yeagle and Mrs. Matthias after several days visit have left for their respective homes.

Rev. B. G. Welch occupied the pulpit on Sunday in place of the regular pastor Mr. Ash. Mr. Welch can always be depended upon for a good practical sermon.

## SHUNK.

Dry and cool nights.

Haying is all done in this section and the farmers are taking a much needed rest.

Jackson Williams who had his leg amputated some time ago, and was taken to the home of his uncle at Grover, for care, has returned to his home at this place and is doing well. He will be able to walk on crutches in a short time.

Otis Williams of Canton is visiting his brother and uncle at this place.

Oats harvest is coming on early and the outlook for a good crop is promising. If the potato crop is as good everywhere as here, we will be able to pay our taxes next year if we can find a market for the potatoes.

The mill of Francis Kilmer has been idle for some time for some repairing and to give its employes a chance for harvesting, but it will puff and blow its whistle next week. News are scarce at present.

Haying is nearly completed now throughout the State and the crop is good, according to the Philadelphia Weather Bureau report. The yield of wheat and rye will be below the average. Other crops are satisfactory. Apples, pears and plums are well up to the standard, but peaches, as prophesied weeks ago, will be scarce. Rot in grapes is prevalent in many places.

Among the changes to be asked for in the Pennsylvania game laws at the next session of the legislature, will be to impose a fine of \$50 for robbing birds' nests, stop killing wild pigeons for ten years, making owners of dogs responsible for the causing of deer out of season, forbidding the killing of game for wages, confining the deer killing weapons to a gun shooting one bullet, prohibiting the killing of migratory birds from January 1 to December 1, increasing the time when quails may be trapped from January 1st to April 1. No game animal can be shot this month and the only game birds that can be killed are plover and woodcock.

Daniel Schoonover of Mildred, was severely injured last Thursday by falling from the roof of a barn on which he was working.

Rev. Edward Henry Eckel, rector of Christ Church, Williamsport, and a probable candidate for bishop of the new Episcopal diocese, has announced from the pulpit that women who take off their hats in church are not conforming to the teaching of St. Paul. Mr. Eckel said that more serious thought should be given to dress that a low cut gown, with a mere semblance of a covering for shoulders and arms, should not be worn in the house of worship, and that hereafter hatless women and décollete gowns are not wanted in his church. Christ church is the oldest and wealthiest congregation in that city.

Food and game fish in the streams of eastern Pennsylvania must be protected from manufactures located a long the banks, was the idea expressed in a paper read before the American Fisheries Commission at their opening meeting at Atlantic City last week by W. E. Meehan, Fish Commissioner of Pennsylvania.

In referring to the preparation of a bill now before them, to be presented to the next Legislature to provide for better protection of food fish in the waters of the state, Mr. Meehan said:

"From our investigation we found that to remove the cause of the pollution of streams and rivers that whole business interest in some communities would have to be removed. It is not the department's attitude to destroy business, but we hold that industries must not destroy the fish. Our new bill has met with the approval of manufacturers of and all of the legislators to whom it has been presented. In brief it provides that where industries are to be permitted to cause pollution of the waters of Pennsylvania and that where such pollution existed it may be abolished by the State Board of Health at the expense jointly of the State and the manufacturer affected."

Mine workers' officials at Pottsville have brought suits against several prominent leaders who during the last strike collected funds for the relief of the strikers, but who are suspected of letting the money remain in their own pockets, rendering it necessary to resort to the law for the recovery of the boodle.

The committee of the State Grange in charge of the campaign work held a meeting at Harrisburg last week. The object of the meeting was to prepare lists of questions to candidates, copies of which will be sent to subordinate committees in each grange, who in turn will send them to the candidates. The questions to be asked candidates for congress are:

Will you if elected, assist in passing legislation which will enable American citizens to buy American products as cheap at home as they are sold for abroad? Will you use your influence to establish postal savings banks? Will you favor the establishment of a parcel post?

To candidates for senatorial and assembly nominations the following questions will be put: Will you if elected, favor legislation giving the trolley company the right to carry freight in Pennsylvania? Will you favor a tax of at least one mill on all personal and corporate property for road purposes, this money to be applied locally in proportion to the road mileage to reduce road taxes? Will you favor legislation for a constitutional amendment giving the people the right to institute and veto legislation. Will you favor a law whereby all license taxes, personal property taxes and the tax on county and municipal loans shall remain in the counties and municipalities?

The following facts are of general interest. Cut them out and preserve for future reference:

Last day for registering votes, Wednesday, September 7.  
Last day for paying taxes, Saturday, October 8.  
Last day for filing certificates for nomination (state) Tuesday, September 27.  
Last day for filing nomination papers (state) Tuesday, October 4.  
Last day for filing certificates of nomination (county) Tuesday, October 11.  
Last day for filing nomination papers (county) Tuesday, October 18.