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In every new style and shape shown for fall or winter.

White Goods for Waists.

The sale of white cotton Waistings, has been so satisfactory that we have largely extended the assortment. You are invited to see these new designs in white mercerized Waistings.

Golf Blouses.

Ladies' Knit Wool Golf Blouses, several styles to select from in navy, gray, cardinal, black, white.
Prices range from \$2.50 to \$3.75.

THE GRANGE

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

LEGISLATION FOR FARMERS.

"The Farmers' Legislative Body" in the Vermont Legislature.

At the 1902 session of the Vermont legislature there was organized what is known as the Farmers' Legislative body. There were that year 246 members of the legislature who were farmers, and 150 of them were enrolled in this organization. The purpose is to guard the farmers' interests and block legislation that is undesirable. It has succeeded admirably thus far. Among the desirable reforms accomplished through the efforts of this legislative body is one whereby the amount allowed by the state to farmers for cattle killed on account of tuberculosis is increased from 50 to 80 per cent of their value. Several bills that had for their object the securing of heavy sums from the state treasury were practically killed by this body before being introduced into the legislature. Regular meetings are held every week during the legislative season, and all bills of special interest to farmers are discussed and plans laid for united, intelligent action. There is no partisanship in this organization, and no unworthy motives influence it. The organization is a permanent one and will meet at the forthcoming session of the legislature and pursue its labors as usual. It is expected that many new farmer members will be enrolled this year.

The committee on legislation has outlined certain measures as a basis of work for the organization, among which are these:

All mortgaged property to be exempt from taxation to the extent that the mortgage is taxed within this state. No exemption from taxation to be allowed on account of debts owed without this state. As to roads, \$100,000 per annum to be appropriated from the state treasury for permanent highways in addition to the present highway tax.

A liberal appropriation for a permanent, well appointed dairy school. Non-residents to pay annual license tax of \$10 to a state fund for paying actual damage done by deer to cultivated crops. Excess of \$1,000 to go to state highway fund.

All automobiles to be plainly numbered and registered with the secretary of state and their use restricted to certain roads. With regard to increased revenues, \$100,000 per annum to be raised by increase of tax on railroads, transportation, sleeping car and telephone companies.

National Grange Meeting.

It was finally decided some weeks ago that the national grange should meet at Portland, Ore. The business men of that city subscribed \$2,500 as an entertainment fund. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that the executive committee of the national grange required that the Oregon and Washington granges should furnish 2,000 candidates to take the seventh degree which, at \$1 each as the initiation fee, would be \$2,000. Should they furnish this number then probably the amount advanced by the business men would be returned to them. The delegates from the east to Portland will meet at the St. Louis exposition and go on from there Nov. 11 in special cars. It is expected that the session of this national grange will do much to inspire new zeal among members of the Order on the Pacific coast.

A Wise Plan.

Two young men and one young woman, members of the grange in New York state, will enjoy the benefits of the grange scholarships at Cornell university this year. The winners of these prizes are C. B. Tilson of Maple Grove, N. Y.; Gilbert Prole of Batavia, N. Y., and Edith Wilson of Moravia, N. Y. The value of the scholarships is \$50 each. The grange is doing a good work in offering these scholarships. They are awarded to young members of the grange on competitive examinations, held in each county where applicants reside. The Order can do no better than to help deserving young men and women to an agricultural education.

Systematic Work Tells.

A photograph of the officers of the Pennsylvania state grange was offered by the executive committee to each grange that added five or more new members during the first quarter of the year. It had taken 119 photos to go around up to Oct. 1. Some granges added many times the required number. Well systematized work is bringing splendid results in the Pennsylvania state grange, as it will everywhere.

The annual session of the Ohio state grange will be held a week later than usual this year—i. e. Dec. 20-22—at Warren, Trumbull county, O.

Good Road Notes

A writer in an English automobile paper claims that roads could be kept permanently damp by the application of strong solutions of calcium chloride or magnesium chloride and that this would be cheaper than oils and without their objectionable odors.

There is nothing connected with the occupation of farming that costs the farmer so much actual cash from year to year as a bad road.

A society for the prevention of dust on roads has been formed in Germany.

Good Roads Magazine says that in New Jersey, Massachusetts and other good roads states it is very noticeable how sections are building up along the lines of improved roads.

Employ Competent Men.

Competent men should be employed to survey and lay out roads and to construct and maintain them, for it is folly to employ an incompetent person to do such work and expect satisfactory results. It is no uncommon thing to see a novice in road construction make the ditch on the wrong side of the road, and if you ask such a man why he didn't ditch the road he will very positively tell you he did. Yet it would seem that even the horses and mules that travel the road would know better. Ditches should always be on the high or hill side of a road, and when the land is level both sides should be well ditched, for ample drainage is absolutely necessary in keeping up a dirt road. Dirt roads should be worked in the early summer, and not in late summer or fall, but repairing should be in order at all seasons.—A Speaker at National Good Roads Convention.

Favor Narrow Country Roads.

A movement is on foot in Illinois to reduce the width of country roads from sixty to forty feet. The farmers are especially in favor of this project on the ground that under present conditions much of the roadway is covered with weeds which scatter their seeds on adjacent fields. Another argument in favor of the narrower roads is that the cost of macadamizing and maintenance is less.

Business Lost by Impassable Roads.

A committee from the Commercial Club of Falls City, Mo., appeared recently before the county board to see if something could not be done to improve the bottom roads. This action is said to be due to the fact that hundreds of dollars' worth of business is lost each year on account of the impassable condition of the roads leading into the city, the business going to the smaller towns.

Results of Improving a Highway in a Missouri County.

At a recent good roads convention held in Missouri Mrs. W. L. Geiger, a practical farmer, owning and operating a large place in Douglas county, told how bad roads affected her business interests.

"When I took hold of the farm," she said, "I found large portions practically useless for cultivation on account of lack of drainage. Water gathered there from all sides. An old Confederate soldier, a neighbor, explained to me how to overcome the effect, and now I have a well drained farm with four miles of drains.

"When I offered the place for sale an agent looked it over. He said, 'If there were a good road leading to West Plains, our trading town, the farm would be worth \$75 an acre. I could sell it for that.' And others told me the same.

"The road to West Plains was nearly impassable, and their interest in the place decreased visibly after the drive from town. Many a time my vehicle was mad bound for an hour or more until some good neighbor helped me out. Last year \$1,800 was raised by subscription and work begun on the worst part of the highway. It isn't a good road yet, of course, but it's far better than ever before. There is better demand for farms. Some I know of that were offered for \$15 an acre last year have been sold for \$20 an acre."

"Why shouldn't the women help in the good roads work?" she said. "There is a good opportunity and purpose for women's clubs. They could do great work."

Would Increase Farm Values.

A well known civil engineer, Professor Thomas McLaughlin of Illinois, an expert roadmaker, estimates that thorough draining alone of prairie roads would make enough difference in them to add \$15 an acre to the best farm in central Illinois, and Professor Jeremiah W. Jenks, Ph. D., in "Road Legislation For the American State," observes: "Judging from the increased value of all farm lands situated near cities or large towns, if the road to the town is a good one it is hardly extravagant to say that two-thirds of the farms in the Mississippi valley, of which the present value is from \$40 to \$50 an acre, would be increased in value to the extent of \$10 an acre if good roads were made by them."

\$4,500,000 Raised to Build New Railroad. Contract Let.

Chief Engineer Harvey and J. D. Stone of the New York Pennsylvania & South Western R. R. (formerly Binghamton and Southern R. R.) were in town on Tuesday and filed with Recorder Kennedy a mortgage of \$4,500,000 to secure bonds to that amount and naming the Knickerbocker Trust Co. of New York as trustee. The gentlemen above named said the road would be built but declined to state the exact location, however that may be here is success to the N. Y. P. S. May it soon be built and long prosper. We are informed that the Gould lines nor any other trunk lines have a dollar invested in the proposed road. It is an independent company so far as other railroads are concerned. The road will run direct between Williamsport and Binghamton making 116 miles of track. The contract for constructing the road has been let to Rogers Bros., a Philadelphia firm. Work of constructing has been commenced near Wyalusing.

Judge Elect Charles E. Terry.

As our readers well know this paper did its utmost, in an honorable manner to secure the re-election of Judge E. M. Dunham, we still regret that he suffered defeat at the polls. Our readers also noticed that the NEWS ITEM did not attack Judge Dunham's opponent—not a single word was published attacking his character as a man or as a lawyer. We left to the "Herald" and its poor echo, the "Gazette" the despicable work of maligning character by mud slinging and cowardly lies.

Mr. Terry, who for ten years will be our next Judge, is unknown to the editor of this paper, but we are reliably informed that he is a man of character and independence, well qualified, both by his legal attainments and his reputation as a gentleman, to fulfill with honor to himself and the people, the highly responsible position of President Judge. If this is true as we sincerely hope it is, a great fear will be removed from the minds of many people. If Mr. Terry proves to be as his friends say he will, a Judge who will be his own master, independent of sinister influences, and above being governed in local matters, by Pot House politicians and would be Czars, he will meet and receive the good will and hearty support of all decent people. We are assured by those in whom we have great confidence, and who have known him during his whole life, that Mr. Terry will be a fair, impartial and non political Judge. We are content to place confidence in their statements, and if his acts bear out this high praise, he will have no firmer supporter than the NEWS ITEM; for we believe that fair minded, impartial and non partisan judges are the highest type of manhood and as such entitled to all the people can give them.

Barns Burned at Lairdsville.

The large barn on the farm of Frank Phillips, near Lairdsville, was burned between 12 and 1 o'clock Saturday night.

The fire was of incendiary origin. In addition to the barn, two harvesters, a new thrasher and all of the other farm machinery of Mr. Phillips were destroyed, and one horse, a cow and a mule were burned to death.

The farm of Mr. Phillips adjoins that of James Harding, whose barn was destroyed by an incendiary fire Tuesday night of last week.

It is needless to say that the community is very much inflamed, and if the firebug is caught it will go extremely hard with him.

Reception to Dr. Samvels.

A jollification and reception to Dr. Samuel, the newly elected member of Congress from this district is being arranged by Bloomsburg Republicans, to be held Friday evening. The reception to the successful candidate will be held at the exchange hotel in Bloomsburg. There will be a parade, fireworks and jubilation in various forms.

The Late Judge Gansel.

Joseph Gansel was born in Mainville, Columbia county, Pa., on the fourth day of January 1818, and died October 30, 1904, aged 86 years, 9 months, and 26 days. He moved into Sullivan county at an early day, and was elected sheriff, and later in life was elected Associate Judge, both of which office he filled with acceptability. He was a member of the M. E. church for sixty one years; until age and extreme feebleness prevented he was a constant attendant at public worship and other means of grace.

He was class leader twenty-six years, superintendent of the Sunday School thirty years, one of the stewards and a trustee at the time of his death. When he could no longer attend the public religious services he inquired diligently, and was interested in the church until his death.

His pastor, Rev. H. M. Ash, delivered an appropriate funeral address, based on the words "And if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is there strength, labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off and we fly away," after which his remains were laid to rest in the Stonestown cemetery by those of his wife, who preceded him about three years ago.

Published by Request.

Charles H. Dickerman vs. J. Wesley Vankirk Verdict. And now to wit: October 11th 1904, we the Jurors empaneled in the above entitled case, find by direction of the court a verdict in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendant for the sum of \$25.00 P. C.

The above official copy of the record of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Northumberland, of December term 1902, No. 180, is the termination of the suit for slander I was compelled to bring, for my own justification, against J. Wesley Vankirk, for a gross libel, circulated by my opponent, the notorious Gold-Charles, during the Congressional campaign of 1902. The defendant acknowledged he had no defense, and threw himself upon my mercy. It appearing that he had been merely an instrument in the hands of a bold and unscrupulous politician, who had availed himself of a temporary pique, for his own purposes, and as Vankirk had been at one time a faithful employee of the company of which I was Treasurer, had been a gallant soldier in the War of the Rebellion, was practically without means, aged and infirm, I consented to accept nominal damages. In addition, there was a question whether any considerable number of the voters of the district had been deceived or influenced by its circulation.

I was elected by a satisfactory majority, and as the character for truth and veracity of the person who actually circulated the slander is such that no reasonable jury was likely to believe that any statement made or circulated by him, or through his instrumentality, could influence any great number of our citizens, it was deemed by counsel and myself unnecessary to insist upon a larger verdict.

C. H. Dickerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Bay entertained a party of many young friends on Monday evening in honor of their oldest daughter, Edna, fifteenth birthday, at their home near Muncy Valley. The evening was spent in playing many beautiful and interesting games, Mr. Emory Shires making the center of enjoyment and amusements.

Those that were present were the following: Misses Anna Quinn, Edna Taylor, Maggie Phillips, Bessie Fulmer, Ruth Phillips, Edna Bay, Helen Phillips, May Warburton, Caroline Bay, Jessie Phillips, Orpha Armes, Mina Bay and Clara Phillips. Messrs. Ernest Temple, Harvey Warburton, Howard Bay, Leon Schug, William and Emory Shires, Earl Phillips, Lester and Jasper Bay, Rush and Howard Armes, Paul Schug and C. O. and Wm. C. Taylor. Prof. R. L. Meyers, Albert Bay and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Bay.

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