

## THE GRANGE

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### GRANGE LIFE INSURANCE.

The Subject Will Be Discussed by  
the National Grange in November.

At its last session the national grange recommended that the state granges discuss the advisability of inaugurating a life insurance feature in the grange, and each state was asked to appoint a committee to co-operate with the national grange committee. It is constituted as follows: W. K. Thompson, master of the South Carolina grange, chairman; B. G. Leedy, master of the Oregon grange; Governor N. J. Bacheider, master of the New Hampshire grange; W. F. Hill, master of the Pennsylvania grange, and F. B. Wolcott, master of the Kentucky grange. It is thought that some feasible plan may be adopted at the next session of the national grange for this class of insurance. Fire insurance has been a wonderful success and has had much to do with increasing the membership in the grange, as it is not only the best but the cheapest insurance obtainable.

New Hampshire has had a grange life insurance company for thirty years, and it is in a prosperous condition. The states of Oregon and Washington have a similar insurance company together, but there are probably not more than half a dozen of them, if as many, in the United States. While there is much to be said in favor of this proposition, it also has its objections, and it would probably require years to bring it to as great perfection as the fire insurance companies have reached.

### LEGISLATION DESIRED.

Some of the Things the Grange is Attempting to Do.

The legislative committee of the national grange has outlined certain matters upon which they deem legislation is desirable, and the forthcoming sessions of the various state granges will doubtless take action along these lines.

Relative to national aid to road building it says that the policy of the government in appropriating moneys for river and harbor improvements warrant the extension of the said policy to road building, and they refer to the bill of Congressman Currier (N. H.) as embodying the views of the national grange in this matter.

Relative to the interstate commerce commission they believe that the said commission should be given authority to regulate matters between the transportation companies and the people when unjust charges or discriminations are made in the transportation of persons or property in interstate traffic and that the rulings of this commission should be maintained until reversed or annulled by a competent court. They refer to the bill of Congressman Cooper (Wis.) as embodying their views in this matter.

Concerning the pure food law, they believe there is a demand for some sort of legislation that will protect the people in the use of adulterated or other foods and ask for the enactment of Congressman Hepburn's (Ia.) bill.

They favor also the establishment of a parcels post. They believe there is an entire absence of valid objections to the system and that such a system should be immediately established.

They also favor the consolidation of the bureau of forestry with the department of agriculture.

### A Degree Team.

Harris Hill, Me., has the honor of having a degree team that is excelsior in deed as well as in name. This team is composed solely of ladies, thirty-three in number, whose costumes are silk and velvet and sparkling with jewels. There is also an auxiliary of nineteen young ladies, whose part in the work is to execute difficult figures and drills, which they do with remarkable accuracy and precision. We understand that the cost of the costuming for the team was \$500. It is said that the exemplification of the degree work by this team is as nearly perfect as it can be done.

### Persistent Effort Necessary.

Farmers must not expect reforms without constant agitation and persistent efforts in pressing their demands. It will not amount to anything simply to show the inequalities of taxation or the necessity of retrenchment in public expenditures. These demands must become as household words, and they must be repeated again and again until justice and fairness prevail in the enactment of legislation to correct evils.

### A Steady Growth.

National Secretary C. M. Freeman of Tippecanoe City, O., reports for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1904, 27 new granges and 9 reorganized, and for the year ending then, 281 new granges organized and 82 reorganized, making a total of 363 virtually new organizations for the past twelve months, which is a very excellent showing.

### Let All Participate.

Instead of listening till out of patience to prosy, long winded, dry as dust speakers, how it cheers and enlivens the grange to hear members say a few words each. These short and spicy speakers are far more helpful to the interest and good of the grange than the lengthy harangues of everlasting talkers.

Let every one who can possibly do so attend the state grange meeting of his state. It is something he can ill afford to miss.

### MAKE BETTER HIGHWAYS.

Wide Tires Require Less Power & Fuel—Their Use Abroad.

Wider tires make better roads. Whether they require more power or not to pull them is a question with many farmers. In one test 40 per cent more power was needed to draw a load on a wagon with one and one-half inch tires than one with three inch tires, says the American Cultivator. In addition the ground was cut into ruts by the narrow tire and rolled down solid by the wide tire.

A study of road conditions in different countries shows some strong arguments for the wide tires. In France every heavy wagon and cart used has wide tires. Many of the vehicles have wheels with tires ten inches wide. The rear axles are made fourteen inches longer than the fore, and as a result the tires level down the road instead of cutting it into trenches. A national law in Germany prescribes that heavily loaded wagons must have tires not less than four inches wide. Similar laws prevail in Austria and Switzerland, except that the width of the tires is made six inches or more.

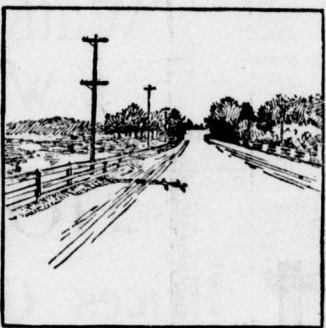
The campaign for wide tires continues to expand throughout the United States. On some of the toll roads of Kentucky the teamsters using wide tires are charged less for driving over the roads. A rebate in taxes is given in some states to the men who will use the wide tires.

Some interesting tests of narrow and wide tires have been made in fields of blue grass sward. A wide tired wagon loaded with 3,248 pounds could be drawn with the same force that was required to move 2,000 pounds with the narrow tires. In addition the wide wheels acted as rollers and firmed the soil, while the narrow tired wheels cut into the turf and damaged the grass. The same results must be expected on roads in the winter months when the soil is wet. The old time wagons make holes and trenches, while the new wide tires firm the earth and become road improvers.

### THE ECONOMIC SIDE.

Good Roads by Shortening Distance Increase Value of Land.

A prominent railroad official in an address before the Oregon State Good Roads association made the following pertinent remarks, which should be



GOOD ROADS INCREASE FARM VALUES.

read carefully by all those who are interested in the economic side of highway improvement:

"Today I am informed that about the greatest distance a farmer can afford to haul wheat over existing wagon roads to the railroad is about twenty miles. If the wagon road can be so improved that with the same number of horses and with the same wagon two tons can be hauled where one is the present limit it will also be found that the extreme boundary of the profitable wheat area would be forty miles, or double what it is now—that is, a farmer under the improved condition of wagon roads forty miles distant from the market could produce wheat with as much profit for himself as the farmer who today is but one-half that distance removed from the buyer at the railway station.

"Have you who live from ten to twenty miles from the railway ever considered that, in addition to a great reduction in the wear and tear on horses and wagons as well as upon yourselves, good roads would increase the value of the land itself by, as it were, picking it up bodily and placing it nearer the town?"

### From the Farm to the Railway.

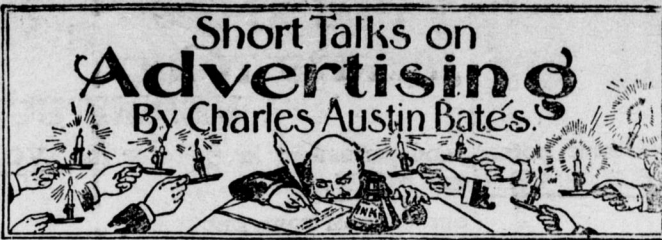
According to a statement from the agricultural department at Washington, it costs our farmers of the United States \$650,000,000 a year to carry their products from the farms to the railroad stations, says the Portland Oregonian. It would cost far less in time, wear and tear of vehicles, harness and horses, not to mention the quality of patience so essential to successful farming, if good roads were the rule instead of the exception in farming districts. The argument in favor of good roads is incontrovertible.

### Rural Delivery Notes

There are now between 25,000 and 30,000 rural free delivery routes in operation.

Mrs. Ruth Kenyon, one of the few women rural free delivery carriers in the service, was a delegate to the recent convention of national rural letter carriers. Her route is in Nebraska. It is said that rural free delivery carriers are to be provided with cyclometers to attach to their wagons for the purpose of measuring the distance of their routes.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow recently made an inspection of the rural free delivery service and upon his return at once issued orders for the rapid extension of the service.



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Don't expect the newspaper to do it all. Look out for the show window and the cases and counters.

When you advertise something of special interest in the papers, fill the window with it and have it prominently displayed in the store. Have some neat tickets painted and hung up above or near the goods.

Be sure all the clerks know what is going on. If I were running a store, I would make it the first rule that every clerk should read every advertisement every day. I would have them understand just what I was trying to do with each advertisement—just what the goods were and where they came from and how they happened to be so cheap, or so good, or both.

The newspaper is sometimes blamed for the ill success of an advertisement, when the real fault is right in the store.

Don't ever expect spasmodic advertising to pay. Don't ever let an issue of a paper you are using appear without your advertisement. The day you leave the ad out will probably be the very day on which somebody will look for it, and, not finding it, go to a competitor. The last of a series is the one that sells the goods. A man may see your ad thirty days in July and not buy till the thirty-first ad welds conviction into his mind.

It's the last stroke that makes a horseshoe—all the others were merely preparatory. The shoe was not a shoe till the last blow fell. If that had not been given it would only be a semblance of a shoe—merely a bent piece of iron. A sale is secured by the last word that is spoken—by the last ad that is read. If it remained unspoken, or unread, the sale would often fail entirely.

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