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THE PRESS AND THE GRANGE

Publicity of Grange Affairs Something to Be Desired.

Mrs. Sarah G. Baird, master of the Minnesota state grange, in her annual address to that body recently had this word to say concerning the newspapers and the help they can give the grange:

It is gratifying to note the attitude of the press of the country toward the grange as compared with only a few short years ago. All papers are willing and many are seeking to print grange items and reports, and we confess we are surprised at the unwillingness of our members to help themselves through this available and most fruitful medium. Many inquiries have come to me during the year: "What has become of the grange department? We miss it so much. It ought to have been continued." How can we expect to acquaint the public with the work of the Order except we use the press, except we pattern after successful business men in other callings and place our goods before the people? We do not advertise the grange enough in our papers. It would add prestige and increased interest, keeping the members of the organization in touch with one another and giving the outside world some idea of its work.

A Massachusetts Law.

The bill which July 1, 1903, became a law in Massachusetts requiring that all manufacturers of concentrated foodstuffs for dairy purposes be compelled to affix thereto, in a conspicuous place, a complete statement of its analysis, weight and name and address of maker has been of direct benefit to every farmer of our state. When we consider that here in this state every year 150,000 tons are used, costing $4,500,000, we see how important a matter this is and how valuable is the successful outcome of this issue, which was so long and patiently fought out by the state grange.—State Master Ladd.

WHAT IS THE GRANGE?

A Question That Should Need No Answer.

With 800,000 members in the United States, it would seem altogether unnecessary to ask or answer the above question. But this paper may come under the eye of some one who is not familiar with the aims and principles of our Order. It is an organization of farmers for their mutual welfare. Among the specific objects named in its declaration of purposes are these: To develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourselves; to enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes; to further co-operation; to buy less and produce more in order to make our farms self sustaining; to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers, into the most direct and friendly relations possible. The grange is nonpartisan, yet its principles underlie all true politics and statesmanship. It believes in co-operating together in every legitimate manner for their own protection and to enhance their mutual interests.

The Order is called the Patrons of Husbandry, and the head of the national grange is Hon. Aaron Jones of South Bend, Ind. Twenty-eight states have state organizations. Below them are the county organizations, called Pomona granges, and below these are the numerous subordinate granges. Meetings of these subordinate granges are held once a month or oftener where subjects pertaining to the farmers' interests, social, educational and agricultural, are discussed. Women are on an equality with men in the grange, and to them not a little of the wonderful success of the organization is due. Its purpose may be stated in a word to be: To uplift the farmer morally, socially, educationally and materially.

NATIONAL GRANGE MEETING

Many Portland Organizations Bestiring Themselves.

We learn from a Portland (Ore.) paper that several committees have already been named by the various organizations in Portland, Ore., to arrange for the next meeting of the national grange in that city. The organizations that are interesting themselves in the matter are the board of trade, chamber of commerce, the Manufacturers' association, the Commercial club and the state granges of Oregon and Washington. At a meeting of representatives from these several bodies committees on finance, entertainment, reception, transportation and an executive committee were appointed. It was decided to raise a fund of $2,500 to defray the expenses of entertaining the national meeting. The Portland Oregonian says that one of the special features contemplated by the committee in case the meeting can be secured will be an excursion for the delegates to Corvallis, on the west side of the river, returning on the east side. This [illegible] is calculated to cause the national legislators to hesitate before inviting a wild jump into tariff tinkering. So impressed are the Republican leaders in both houses with respect to the necessity for the exercise of prudence in matters relating to the public revenues that the word has gone around that the present session of congress must be careful to hold down appropriations. It is believed that with economy the present surplus in the treasury, which has been diminishing thus far during the present fiscal year, due to the heavy appropriations of the last session, may be kept intact through the current fiscal year.

Buckeye grange, Medina county, O., has purchased a schoolhouse to be used for a grange hall. The schoolhouse was in the market because of centralization of schools in the township.

It is profitable as well as enjoyable to occasionally hold day meetings of the grange at the homes of some of the members.

Reciprocity with Cuba certainly is working all right—for Cuba. Under the arrangement Cuba is buying less and selling more in the United States than before. Her own government figures show that during the first six months of 1904, while her exports to this country increased 47 per cent, her imports from here gained only 13 per cent. Other countries which have no reciprocity with the little island republic seem to have had much the better of it. For instance, while her exports to Great Britain, Spain and Germany for the period mentioned increased 20, 36 and 47 per cent respectively, the gains in imports from those nations were 35, 24 and 40 per cent. Somehow that does not appear to be reciprocity which reciprocates.—Troy Times.

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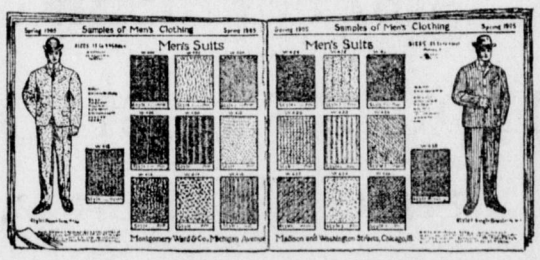

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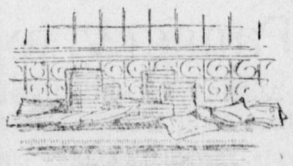

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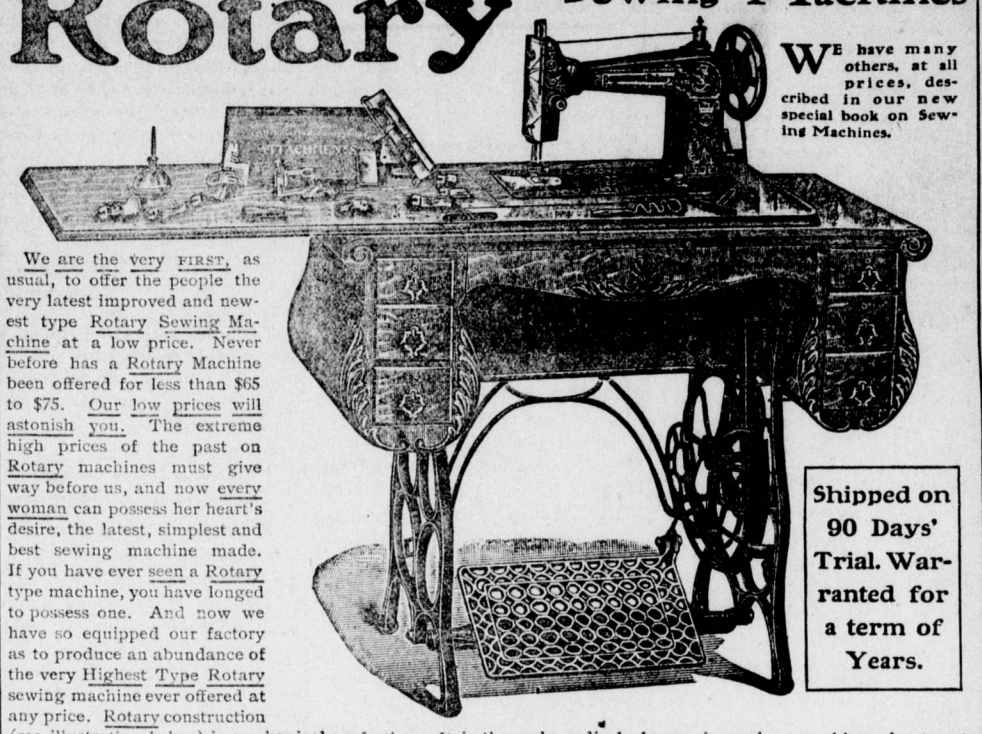

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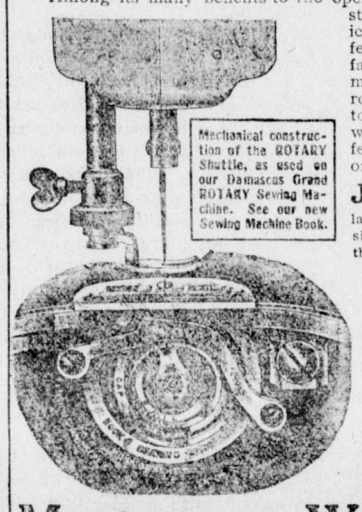

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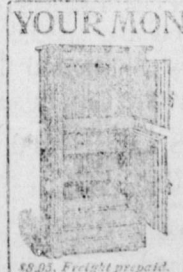

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