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THE YOUNG PEOPLE

HOW THEY MAY BE INTERESTED IN GRANGE WORK.

Valuable Suggestions Given For the Organization of Juvenile Granges, but Success Will Depend on Those in Charge—A Lansing (Mich.) Lad.

The juvenile grange is fast becoming an important factor in the grange work, particularly so in Michigan and in one or two of the New England states. There are now fifteen juvenile granges in Michigan, eight having been organized since Jan. 1. Incidentally we may add that the same state has organized thirty-six subordinate granges and six Pomona granges this year. Miss Jennie Buell, secretary of the Michigan state grange, writes that she has been gradually converted to juvenile grange work by seeing it carried on in several granges for several years. "Where a good leader adapted to the work of the children can be secured," she says, "work of inestimable value may be done with the country children through the juvenile grange." Ida L. Chittenden, who has been in charge of the juvenile grange work in Lansing, Mich., says in a recent letter that many inquiries have been coming to the state officers as to the best way of organizing and conducting a juvenile grange. She gives the following suggestions:

The master of any subordinate grange or any deputy is "authorized and empowered" to organize a juvenile grange

within his jurisdiction. All children over eight and under fourteen years of age (most granges have made the age limit over seven by permission of the state master) and whose parents are eligible to a subordinate grange may be some members of a juvenile grange. Membership fees are 15 cents; quarterly dues 5 cents. Officers are elected semiannually. A matron who is a member of the subordinate grange under whose jurisdiction it has been organized shall be elected by each juvenile grange. Twelve charter members are necessary to organize, four of whom must be girls. When any subordinate grange desires to organize a juvenile grange it may send application to the secretary of the state grange for permit, charter and rituals, including with application \$1.50 to pay for same. Juvenile granges take the name of their subordinate grange with the number to which they are entitled in the state record. The officers on their election should at once memorize their respective parts in the ritual and at least once each month go through the degree work, whether there are any candidates for initiation or not. This is necessary in order that the officers be kept familiar with the ritualistic service.

The success of the juvenile grange depends very largely upon the matron who is selected by the subordinate grange having the juvenile grange in charge. She must be one adapted to the work and not easily discouraged. The choice of officers for the juvenile organization is decidedly important, and no office is more important than that of lecturer. One who has been for some time interested in the juvenile grange work in Maine says that to make a success of the work of the children's grange it should meet somewhere besides and not at the same time with the subordinate grange with which it is connected. There is great need of a revised juvenile grange ritual, and the matter of its revision is now in the hands of a committee of the national grange. It is also advisable to have this movement placed under the supervision of a committee of the state grange, and a special deputy should be appointed for this particular branch of work.

Edmund Valentine was the first master of Capitol Juvenile grange, No. 7, Lansing, Mich., which was organized in June, 1902. He served in this capacity for one year, during that time doing excellent work in the ritualistic service and developing unusual executive ability for one so young. In May, 1894, at fourteen years of age, he, with five others of his associates in the juvenile grange, joined the subordinate grange. This Lansing juvenile grange now numbers forty members, with an average attendance of twenty-four.

New York State Grange.

The New York state grange will meet at Geneva on Feb. 6-10. E. J. Cook is chairman of the local committee.

Mystery Surrounds the Murder of Sarah Whitmire.

Much interest has centered on the mysterious murder of Mrs. Sarah Whitmire near Muncy Valley on the night of December 20. As yet, no clew has been found with which any substantial evidence can be established. The County Commissioners met shortly after the tragedy occurred and offered \$200 for the capture and conviction of the guilty party, believing that the one who committed the crime could be easily found.

There seemed to be no organized efforts on the part of any one for this consideration, to establish evidence and bring the guilty party to justice. The Commissioners met again and increased the reward to \$500. All who have been suspected of the crime have been able to prove an alibi. One arrest was made but for want of evidence the party was released.

Before the coroner's jury Thursday night following the murder the story of the discovery of the murder and something of the circumstances surrounding it, were officially told by a half dozen or more witnesses. The inquest began about five o'clock after the following jury had been empaneled: General Bigger, Daniel Taylor, Jefferson Secules, William Taylor, Jacob Stackhouse and George Meyers. Under the direction of Coroner McHenry a post mortem examination of the woman's body was made, and the wounds on the head elicited the opinion of Dr. McHenry that there were, in all probability, two persons engaged in the killing. There were three distinct features, and in his judgement, these had all been made with the sticks of stove-wood found in the house. A fact of value to those upon whom devolves the task of ferreting out the perpetrators of the crime was the discovery that upon one of the sticks of wood was found several short light colored hairs, evidently those of a man. Upon this fact is based the theory that Mrs. Whitmire had wrested the bludgeon from her assailant and had succeeded in using it effectively upon him before either himself or his companion rendered her senseless.

Edward Watts, the boy who rode from Strawbridge to Muncy Valley with the Rev. S. B. Bidlack, testified that after they had driven past the house he heard a shout, but thought nothing of it, as he concluded it was somebody on their road home who was hawking for sport. This sound is now thought to have been either the cry of the woman or that of one of her assassins.

Charles Hopper, one of the tannery men who accompanied Charles Flick to the house, was a witness at the inquest and described the appearance of the room and the body as found by them.

The evidence of Charles Flick, who found the woman dying on the floor, was to the effect that he had seen Mrs. Whitmire during the day and told her that he would be back to her house that night to stay, but that, in all probability, it would be late before he arrived. "I'll give you the old Jerry Whitmire signal," he told her, "striking the house three times with a board, and then you'll know it's me and you can let me in." Flick, when he reached the house about 11 o'clock Wednesday night, crossed the creek on the foot bridge, whacked three times against the little board hovel, but got no response. Then he discovered that the door was open, walked in, struck a match and found himself standing at the edge of a pool of blood, with the woman's body prostrate on the floor almost at his feet. She was moaning. But stopping neither to endeavor to have her speak or to do aught else he fled from the place toward town, a mile and a half away, for help.

It was almost midnight Thursday when the coroner's jury formulated a verdict, which was to that Mrs. Whitmire had come to her death at the hands of some person or persons unknown to the jury.

The funeral services on Sunday, at the little house where the murder was committed, crystallized the sentiment which has been growing

since the deed shocked the community. The Rev. Mr. Bidlack demanded in no uncertain way that justice be meted out to the perpetrator of the crime. After the services were over several persons suggested that that would have been the time for a popular subscription for a fund to hunt down the guilty party. One man volunteered \$25 if such a movement could be started. The service was scheduled for 8:30 o'clock. More than 150 people gathered at the little house—three persons for every one who could crowd into the place, and they stood there in the cold until the services were over. After the funeral the remains were taken to Unityville, a distance of ten miles, where services were held in the church. It was packed to the doors with another big throng outside. Here Mr. Bidlack preached again, and then interment was made beside the grave of Mrs. Whitmire's late husband.

Wilson Crawford was arrested on Saturday evening Dec. 30th by J. W. Laird constable of Davdson township, and lodged in jail until Wednesday, when he had a hearing before Justice J. C. Cavan in the Court Room. He was charged with the murder of Sarah Whitmire who was killed in her own home in Davdson township on the evening of December 20th. The information was made by J. W. Laird and Fred Tepel. A large number of witnesses were in attendance. At the hour appointed Attorney Hill appeared for the Prosecutors and stated to the Justice of the Peace that he had examined the evidence for the prosecution and was satisfied there was not enough proof to justify the commitment of the prisoner for trial in court, and asked the Justice to discharge him. The Justice of the Peace then discharged him. From conversation with some of the witnesses it appears there was nothing at all that could be collect evidence against him.

Bivins-Miller Nuptials.

A very pretty wedding in which LaPorte people will be especially interested occurred at the winter home of the bride in New York City December 27, 1905, at 5 P. M., when Miss Charlotte Miller, one of our most popular young ladies, was united in marriage with Mr. Percy A. Bivins of Toledo, Ohio, also well known here. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. R. Powell, formerly located here, now pastor of the Walnut St. Baptist Church of Jersey Shore, Pa.

The parlors and dining-room were beautifully decorated in red and green, including holly and evergreens, in harmony with the season together with lilies-of-the-valley, white roses and carnations.

The bride was attired in a most becoming gown of white Brussels net over white silk. The bridesmaid wore pale blue mull over white silk. The groom and best man were attired in the conventional black. Only a select company of the immediate relatives were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bivins left the same evening for Lakewood, N. J., where they will spend a short time after which they will make their temporary home at Toledo, Ohio.

The many friends of the newly wedded couple including the News Item unite in congratulations and best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Miss Lula Croman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Croman, of Cemetery street, and W. Russell Kepner were united in marriage on the afternoon of December 21, 1905 at the home of the bride's parents.

It was a decidedly pretty wedding, and was solemnized at 5:30 P. M. in the presence of about twenty-five guests. The Rev. L. M. Brady, of the M. E. Church, officiated.

Following the ceremony an elaborate wedding dinner was served. The bride was the recipient of a host of presents. Mr. and Mrs. Croman will reside in Penn township.—Hughesville Independent.

New Officers Take Oaths.

On Monday of this week F. H. McCarty, Boyd P. Bennett and Michael McDonald, recently elected Commissioners of Sullivan county, met at the Commissioners office and having given bonds and being duly sworn entered upon the duties of their office. The Board organized by electing Michael McDonald President, William P. Shoemaker was appointed Clerk for the ensuing three years, Thomas J. Ingham was appointed County Solicitor, Andrew J. Hackley was appointed Janitor.

The new Commissioners have shown good business judgment in making their appointments, as they selected men who will not fail to give prompt and efficient service in their respective offices.

County Auditors G. E. Wilcox, Harry Botsford and John M. Wright met at the Court House on Monday, and having been duly qualified commenced auditing the accounts of County Treasurer Lee R. Gavitt. They will no doubt find business enough to engage their attention for several weeks.

Frank H. Farrell having given bond as required by Act of Assembly has taken possession of the Treasurer's office and commenced business.

BERNICE.

Last week's items

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Webber are visiting their parents at Dummore, Pa.

Miss Rockwell who has been quite ill for some time has been removed to the hospital.

Mr. Patten who was injured in the mines some time ago has returned home from the hospital and is now walking with the assistance of a cane.

Miss Edith Harner of Scranton is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents at Mildred.

Patrick White of Wyoming is spending his Christmas at Mildred.

John Harner of Arcella and Edwin Edward of Wyoming is spending their Christmas with their parents at Mildred.

The Christmas Exercises in the Presbyterian church and in the K. of L. hall for the Lutheran church was well attended and the recitations were well rendered.

Didn't we stir up a hornet's nest about the janitorship, which we believe will be useful information to the taxpayers and it is to bad that some are playing second fiddle.

The Epworth League convention for the lower end of this county was held at Muncy Valley on January 4, with the following program:

The Young People and their Master Teacher of the Twentieth Century, Rev. E. G. Baker; Organized Powers Essential to Established Religion: The Epworth League Organized, What is It? What Can It Do? Rev. T. F. Ripple. The Officers—Their Duties and Opportunities; The Members—Their Duties and Opportunities, Charles Sypher; How May We Conduct Successful Devotional Meeting? Rev. G. W. King; The League—Its Service to the Pastor, Church and Community; Rev. Benjamin G. Welch; Epworth League Helps, general discussion; The Glory of Soul Winning, Rev. G. W. King; The Book of Books, Rev. J. H. Mortimer.

Salisbury-Gruver Wedding.

A very pretty wedding occurred at Roaring Branch, on December 27, when Mr. Elon Salisbury was united with Miss Mary Gruver at the home of the bride's parents.

The groom is a prominent young man, and at present is engaged as principal of the Eagles Mere schools. The bride is a graduate nurse and has followed her profession in the larger cities. Guests were present at the wedding from Williamsport, Philadelphia and New York. We join many others in extending best wishes to Mr. Salisbury and his bride.