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AN APPRECIATION.

THE GRANGE AND THE DAILY NEWS-PAPERS.

What a Representative Newspaper Thinks About the Order—"The Hope of the Nation is the Farmer"—He is Sane, Practical and Direct.

The great daily newspapers have not been accustomed, as a rule, to recognize farmers' organizations as worthy of much else than contempt, but we believe there is a change coming "over the spirit of their dreams." The farmer has taken a very large place in the public eye of late, even as late as Secretary Wilson's announcement that the total value of farm products for the year amounts to \$6,415,000,000 and that farms have increased in value during the past five years something like \$6,133,000,000. An organization like the Patrons of Husbandry, with well nigh 1,000,000 members and the only farmers' order of great influence in the country, has a right to command the attention of the public and the newspapers.

In an editorial article entitled "A Voice From the Fields" the Philadelphia North American has this to say:

The uninformed city man sometimes inclines to think rather lightly of the agriculturist as an intellectual and moral force and perhaps to underrate his influence. His voice is not always distinctly heard. The middlemen who distribute products and the money men who finance the operation have the advantage in reaching the public ear and usually in the division of profits, but the man who knows is fully aware that, as the industry of the farmer is the most important, so the mere number of them gives to their opinions exceptional force. He also is aware that for unalloyed patriotism, solid worth and strong common sense the Americans who till the earth are unsurpassed by any other class of men in the land. Truly the hope of this nation lies with them. The cities are the centers of vicious living, vicious politics and wicked financing. It is to the man in the fields we must chiefly look for maintenance of the high standards all along the line of human endeavor.

Any one who has read with care the daily reports of the proceedings of the national grange must have been impressed, first, by the clear sanity of everything that was done, and secondly, by the unanimity of opinion respecting the important subjects which were considered. The discussions were sober, wise and able. No extravagance and no foolishness was apparent. Debate was free and open, and it dealt directly and judiciously with the matters in hand. The farmers know exactly what they want, and their wishes, formulated in the local granges and then filtered into the state granges, found clear and unmistakable expression in the convention of the national grange.

The mighty railroad interests which are antagonizing the president in his demand for reform of railroad abuses may read with dismay that all the farmers are with the president. The railroads have almost immeasurable power. They are strong in money, they exert great influence over their wage earners and stockholders, they are skilled at corruption of legislators, they have their men in swarms in congress, and they may, in a measure, control the press. But here is a mightier force, here is nearly half the voting power of the nation, here is the largest of all bodies of shippers by railroad, and here is an influence absolutely beyond the reach of corruption and, from the nature of things, irresistibly impelled to express devotion to the requirements of fair play. The national grange has formally seconded the president's demand for "a square deal for every man" on the part of the railroads, and it has sent its message to the White House to make stronger the resolution in the soul of the people's great leader that this thing shall be indeed brought to pass.

Pennsylvania and the Oleo Law.
State Master W. F. Hill and his coadjutors in the Pennsylvania state grange are keeping an eye on oleo legislation. At the present session of congress the oleomargarine law of 1886 will be amended so as to take from line fifteen of section 6 of that act the word "knowingly." The act now reads, "Every person who knowingly sells * * * oleomargarine," etc., "shall be guilty," etc. The amendment proposes no change except to strike out the word "knowingly." It is said that many violators of the law still escape punishment by pleading that they do not "knowingly sell." The subordinate granges of Pennsylvania are asked to pass resolutions favoring the amendment so that violators may no longer escape punishment on this pretext. Why would it not be well for the subordinate granges everywhere to pass like resolutions and forward copies to their congressmen?

Grange Life Insurance.
The committee of the national grange to which was referred the matter of devising a feasible grange life insurance plan reported as follows to that body:

"Upon examination of insurance laws in different states we find them so conflicting and so different in their requirements that it is practically impossible to report a plan of insurance that will meet the requirements of the laws in the various states in the Union. After careful investigation of the whole subject, we feel compelled to report the matter back to this body with the suggestion that each state work out its own plan, which shall be in harmony with its laws."

The feeding stuffs Law of Pennsylvania provides for the inspection of concentrated feeding stuffs found in the markets of the State for the purpose of collecting samples of goods sold for feeding purposes. These samples are forwarded to the chemist of the Feeding Stuff control, Department of Agriculture, at Harrisburg, who carefully analyzes each sample, notices any violation of the law and reports the results to the Secretary of Agriculture. During the past year over 300 samples have been taken and sent to Harrisburg for examination. The chemical work is now going on and when completed, the result of the analyses together with such additional information as may be considered necessary will be published in a bulletin and sent free to all interested parties. Only one serious adulteration has thus far been reported by the chemist. In October, a firm in Westmoreland county was selling as bran, a mixture of wheat bran and rice hulls. As soon as the chemist made his report, information was made against these dealers who pleaded guilty and paid the stipulated fine and the sale of the goods was stopped. Between forty and fifty prosecutions have been brought within the last month, in ten different counties, of which, fourteen cases were against dealers handling a feed manufactured by a company outside of the State. This brand of feed contained from 1 to 4 per cent. less protein and about one and five-tenth per cent. less fat than was guaranteed by the manufacturer. The deficiency in protein and fat, the two most important nutrients in feeding stuffs, caused a serious loss to the consumer, varying from five to seven dollars per ton. The company that sold this material to Pennsylvania dealers has very wisely agreed to pay the fine of \$50.00 and analysis fee of \$5.00 for each dealer, withdraw the inferior article from the market or either lower the guarantees or improve the quality of this brand of feed. This is an important step in the right direction and will prove a great benefit to dairymen and others using the feeds manufactured by this firm. As a result of these prosecutions about \$2000 have been and will be collected in fines and analysis fees and covered into the State Treasury to be used in carrying out the provisions of the Feeding Stuff Law. This fact, however, is of minor importance when compared with the amount of benefit which will accrue to dairymen and other dealers within the State. Manufacturers or jobbers shipping goods into this State should properly brand and guarantee their articles as required by the Pennsylvania law for the protection of the dealers of the State who are responsible for the proper branding or tagging of feeds they offer for sale. The Department of Agriculture is anxious to promote the best interest of all parties. It believes in mutual good will and honest cooperation, and will in no way interfere with legitimate trade.

The Department will gladly furnish copies of the Law on application.

The courts have decided that if you listen to a conversation between your neighbors on a party telephone line and overhear one of them say that you are an old fool or a dishonest man you have no redress in law, because you have no right to play eavesdropper, in order to insure peace and good feeling in a community using a telephone line in common, there are a good many things that may be true and which one may think which it is not best to send over the wire.

Much excitement was caused at Mt. Carmel and Shamokin last week when twenty saloon keepers at each place were placed under arrest, charged with having violated the liquor laws by selling on Sunday and also selling to minors. The charges were preferred by Rev. W. L. Riley, of the anti-saloon league, who with cause many more arrests in Northumberland county, and in all probability many licenses will be revoked.

Eighty five Odd Fellows' representatives elected by the lodges of the Central Pennsylvania district, convened on January 9th, at the Odd Fellows' Home near Sunbury, for the purpose of electing the officers to manage the home for 1906. Mr. P. E. Wagner of Girardville, was elected President; Wm. Stroh of Sunbury, first Vice President; A. D. Hay of Wilkesbarre, second Vice President; S. B. Hilliard of Watsonstown, Secretary, and Robert Davis of Mt. Carmel, Treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess were reelected superintendent and matron of the home. The Thanksgiving donation to the Home amounted to \$750 in cash and \$250 in other donations. The Christmas donation amounted to \$385 in cash and about \$75 in merchandise. The Home is in a prosperous condition with its 76 children. There are 130,000 Odd Fellows in the State and four Homes. The district supporting this Home has about 30,000 Odd Fellows and it only costs each member six cents a year to make this benevolent work possible. Last year the board of directors decided to enlarge the home and erect a number of buildings, necessitating an expenditure of \$40,000, of which amount \$11,000 has already been subscribed. A strenuous effort will be made this year to raise the balance.

Under the rules of the Department of Fisheries the receipt of application from individuals for brook trout for spring delivery is now closed and any which are received hereafter run the risk of not being filled until next season. The number of applications received last year greatly exceeds those of the previous year. Commissioner Meehan stated that while he has not yet made a tabulated list of the applications, he is under the impression that they are more evenly distributed than heretofore. The greatly increased supply of trout in the Corry, Bellefonte and Wayne hatcheries will allow every application to be filled and probably 1,500 fish to each application.

Walter Albertson of Jamison City, an engineer on a log train of the Penn. Lumber Co. is lying in a serious condition at his home as a result of a log falling upon him on Wednesday of last week. Albertson was making his usual trip and in coming down the mountain, when at Eumons, the train stopped and he got down out of the cab and stood along side a car. The fireman was in charge of the engine and he backed the train up suddenly when one of the large logs fell off the car and caught Albertson beneath it and he was badly injured. He was taken to his home and doctors were summoned. Several bones were broken, and at first it was thought his injuries would prove fatal but later reports say he will recover.

Commissioner of Health, Samuel G. Dixon, has decided to establish as soon as possible in connection with the Department, a bacteriological and chemical laboratory. This will enable the physicians of the State and especially those of the rural districts to take advantage of the most advanced methods of diagnosing their cases by having blood counts made by examination for the micro-organisms that produce tuberculosis, diphtheria, typhoid fever, malaria and other diseases. The Health Commissioner states that he will get the new laboratory in operation and be ready to receive specimens from the physicians of the State at as early a date as possible as he appreciates the wonderful opportunity for more thorough work that will be afforded medical practitioners. The State Department of Health will be able to make its own examinations of water when trying to find the original source of infection in the typhoid outbreaks that are so frequent throughout the State and in many other ways the new laboratory will be of assistance to the Commissioner and the physicians of the State in improving the health of the people.

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BERNICE.

Judge Kishinka of Cherry, called on friends at this place Wednesday of last week.

Simon Fromberg was a New York visitor last week.

Misses Ruth Moyer, Maggie Watson and Winnie Dieffenbach were Dushore visitors Saturday.

It is surprising what interest a candidate takes in a voter this time of the year when they are willing to travel miles through snow to see you, and after election ask you who you are and say "I don't know you" if you want anything from them in return.

Mike Mutehler of Murraysville, near Lopez, committed suicide by shooting himself, on Saturday. For the past six months he had suffered with cancer of the stomach and failing to get relief after being treated by different physicians he became despondent and took his own life.

Dr. J. L. Brennan of Mildred was a Williamsport visitor on Friday.

The business men of this place were harvesting their ice last week.

There was an error in the communication last week, it should have read \$14.90, Mr. Dunkenburg's bid, instead of \$11.90.

John Schaad Sr. is on the sick list. S. A. Dieffenbach visited his parents at Dushore Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Schaad and Miss May Cook were Dushore visitors Wednesday.

The Williamsport train was three hours late on Saturday night on account of the trucks leaving the track below Satterfield.

HELLSGROVE.

W. H. Biddle has sold his recently acquired property on Main street to Richard McBride.

Jake Caseman is improving his hotel property by adding a new wing to the building. It is nearly ready for the painters brush.

The National Protective Legion will give their first annual banquet in the basement parlors of Christ church next Saturday evening.

Henry Darby lost a valuable horse on Friday last.

The High School has organized an athletic Association that we predict will be heard from in the future.

Mrs. A. A. Ludy was called to Binghamton, N. Y., by the death of her granddaughter.

John A. Gibbs of Leraysville, Pa., was shaking hands with friends here the first of the week.

Harry Green the genial principal of the Estella schools greeted his many friends here Saturday last. We learn that he is selling his home near this place and will accept a lucrative position with a Scranton Grocery House. Harry possesses in a marked degree those sterling principles of honesty, temperance and industry which should win for him success in his new field.

Thursday last a wreck occurred in the yards of the Eagles Mere and Susquehanna railroad at this place in which a car load of furniture belonging to Martin Quick was badly broken. The Company appointed appraisers and settled all damages.

Now would be a good time for all progressive citizens to subscribe to our public school library.

Rumor has it that one of our school directors enjoyed a novel experience at the County Institute. He's going again next year.

An epidemic which is called grip or influenza, in a new form, has started on the seaboard and is traveling inland. The Philadelphia papers describe it in the form of facial, limb, back and body neuralgia. It seems to attack the nerves and, like grip, will run its course in spite of all that doctors or patients can do. What seems like a cold too frequently accompanies the attack, which lasts from a few days to several weeks. Those who are now in its grip have pains in their jaws and think they have the toothache and frequently go to the dentist in the hope of getting relief.

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Muslin Underware and
White Goods Sale.

Wednesday morning, January 3rd, we began the greatest sale of White Goods and Muslin Underwear in this Store's history. Hundreds of pieces of new fresh Und muslins will be offered at prices that must commend them to the most careful buyers. You'll be prompted to replenish your Muslin outfits for months to come.

Garments for 10 cents.

Ladies' Cambrie full front corset covers
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Infants' slips with lace edge.

Muslin Wear for 15c.

Ladies' drawers, cambrie hemstitched ruffle.
Ladies' cambrie corset covers, hemstitched or lace trimming.
Children's drawers with hemstitched ruffle.
Children's waists, extra good—strapped and tape buttons. Infants' slips, etc.

Garments for 50c.

Ladies' Cambrie Drawers, with wide flounce of lace and insertion or embroidery, the best values you ever had for the money.

Ladies' Cambrie Gowns, square or V neck. Yokes made of embroidery or lace insertion, ruffle at neck and sleeves. Several styles to choose and under price.

Ladies' Long Skirts, with deep lace insertion and edge—other styles hemstitched, flounce with lace edge.

Ladies' Cambrie Corset Covers—these are special value, they are handsomely trimmed with lace and embroidery insertion and edge. All have the full French front.

Garments for 25c.

Ladies' Gowns, three styles, square neck, hemstitched ruffle or V neck with lace or embroidery—these are worth 50c only one will be sold to a customer.

Ladies' Cambrie Drawers—some have trunks and hemstitched, other lace insertions and edge.

Ladies' long skirts with hemstitched ruffle. Chemise and short skirts with hemstitched ruffle.

Ladies' Cambrie Corset Covers, full fronts—these are quite a variety of styles—some are trimmed with lace, other with embroidery or trunks and ribbons.

Misses' long skirts—various styles.

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