

Just received a fine line of men's Clothing, up-to date styles suitable to wear for Christmas, also just received big line latest styles and up to date goods in all lines of furnishings. If you are in need of a suit of clothes for any one in your family, for boys and for men, you are invited to come and inspect the goods, whether you buy or not. We are determined to give the people good bargains for Christmas. It's only a little, short time from now until Christmas. You better come soon before the crowd comes. These are the prices of Jacob Wihton's.

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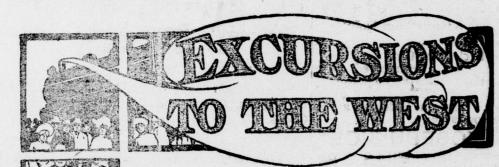
Also a big lot of latest styles —all Shoes at reduced prices from until Christmas. Also just received a big lot of Ladies' Coats, all sizes and reduced prices Just received 35 cases all kinds of rubbers—Lumbermen's Rubbers, the Lambertville rubbers, a big lot of

gums and felts at all prices, the largest lot ever brought to Muncy Valley. Remember the low prices are from now until Christmas. Remember the place is Jacob Wihton. Wishing every body a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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THE GRANGE Conducted by J. W. DARROW, Chather

Press Correspondent New York State Grange WHO MAY BECOME MEMBERS

Question of Eligibility Discussed by a State Master. In a recently issued circular letter

to Ohio granges State Master Derthick says:

to Ohio granges State Master Derthick says: The Order is becoming se justly popular, not only because of its social and educa-tional features, but for the systemalized opportunity it offers for effective co-oper-ation, that men and women of all occu-pations are knocking at our gates for ad-mission. Page 160 of the Digest, para-graphs 1 to 6, describes who are elefible. The declaration of purposes says that "many are excluded by the nature of our erganization, not because they are pro-fessional men er artifisans or haborers, but beguss they have not a sufficient éffect interest in conflict with eur pur-poses." Page 160, paragraph 1, of the Digest declares that "any person engag-ed in agricultural pursuits and having no interest in conflict with he purposes of the Order and of preper age (fourteen years) is eligible." Paragraph 2 interprets the pinzse "interested in agricultural pursuits" to mean "that a person must be engaged in agriculture to a greater extent than in any either business, or, in other words, his leading business must the and munities teachers, phy-sicians and ministers are eligible, as they have, as a rule, no interest that conflict with the purposes of the Order and may always be effective in promoting the chief subristican and ministers are eligible, as they have, as a rule, no interest that conflict with the purposes of the Order and may always be effective in promoting the chief feature of the grange-education. It has always proved unwhile to solicit as a member one who is known as "a disturb-er" in a community, "a person hard to sonsiderable objection. Beyond question, the original litent of the founders of the Order was that

Beyond question, the original intent of the founders of the Order was that only actual farmers, tillers of the soil, should be entitled to membership, but it has come to this-that there are not more than two or three states in the Union where this condition is enforced at all, and we doubt if half the subat an, and we doubt if half the sub-ordinate granges in those states abide by the regulations. Just why the na-tional grange should permit such a condition as to membership to remain in the grange when when the form condition as to membership to remain in the governing rules of the Order, only to be constantly violated, we do not know, but there it is. It is left to the interpretation of each individual grange, with the result that a good many who are not "engaged in agricul-tural pursuits" at all are admitted to the Order Fitther the word "and" the Order. Either the word "and" should be changed to "er" in paragraph 1 of the Digest (making it read "or having no interest in conflict," etc.) or else every grange should be made to live up to the present requirements.

FARM LABOR QUESTION.

National and State Granges Should Help Farmers Get Laborers. One of the most puzzling proposi-

tions that confront farmers today, says Hon. George B. Horton, master of the Mehigan state grange, is that of ob-taining help to carry on the different branches of agricultural operations and housekeeping. Our country, with all its industries and resources, is witits industries and resources, is wit-nessing a wonderful development, and this provides attractive oppertunities for farm bred boys and girls and also for all those who labor for hire. These conditions have drained the country to a distressing condition. It is not a question of wages, but one of where the help can be found. The records show that over 1,000,000 immigrants have come to our shores during the year. This record is unprecedented, yet practically all of this immense army of people have gone to other seurces of action than the farms. In-quiry reveals the fact that many of these people are gathered in on arthese people are gathered in on ar-rival by agents of large contracting interests and sent direct to different parts of the country, while the remain der from lack of direction very nat urally settle down in the large cities to aggravate an already congested pop-

ulation. Under these conditions it becomes necessary to look about us for relief. The sell must be tilled to furnish food as sustenance, and, inasmuch as agri-culture is the basic industry of our state, it seems highly proper that state aid should be sought. It seems that the time has come when the work of

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STATE GRANGE OFFICERS.

Opinion on Their Election by Worthy Master Horton of Michigan. The editor of this department re-

cently submitted a question as to certain suggested changes in the methods of electing state grange officials to Worthy Master Horton, and his reply foilews. The questions referred to the proposed choice of state grange officials by Pomona granges, which were to submit a list of candidates to the state grange for the consideration and action of the state grange delegates. The other question referred to the making of nominations on the floor of the grange the same as at political conventions. Mr. Horton states very clearly his reasons for the present system of voting. He says:

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The constitution of our Order defines who are oligible to vote in the state grange, and the provisions covoring this important matter are in harmony with the basic plan of the grange structure. The election of officers being one of the distribution of our order defines the state grange, coastitutional provisions for voting would very naturally include and govern the matter of such elections. To change the unit of authority is the matter of clecting officers in state granges from the state grange tiseling on the grange structure. The discussion of the constitution and govern the matter of such elections. To change the unit of authority is the matter of clecting officers in state grange. The discussion of the constitution and gover the state grange itself to the members at large or to the medium representation in Formon granges would require a redision of the constitution and guite a radical change in the whole organic plan as cencelved and promulgated by the founders, while on the other hand much control the demeratic plan of peeple's rule, it body of ours fraternal brotherhood and good will would be better served than now, while on the other hand much contention and strife raight be engendered. Such strife and contention would be all right in a political organization and convention to be broke. It has sliken cord should not be broke. It has sliken cord should not be broken. It has sliken cord should not be broken. It has sliken cord should not be broken. It has slike a concerned, the governing thought to eliminate all political factors and methods of advantes of political caucus and convention methods for political caucus and convention methors and procedure. As it is now done every member has a right and a fair chance to have his of political caucus and convention methods for advantes the rule to eliminate all semblance of the resent methods. Branges may hold methods for a secret ballot thereno. Under present methods granges may hold on

GRANGE HALLS.

Their Advantages to Be Discussed at December Meetings. What are the advantages derived by a grange from the ownership of a grange hall?

The advantages derived are very similar to the advantages derived by a person who owns rather than rents his home. Doubtless there are instances where a leased hall for use of the grange would be less expensive than owning a hall, when interest on the owing a wested, repairs, insurance and care are reckoned, but even this does not often occur. When it does, it is no argument that should have weight against a grange owning a hall. A religious society would not expect to be commend that the dot is be permanently successful that held its services in leased halls. A town or school district does not hire a hall in which to hold school. The government is erecting elegant buildings in all the large cities for the transaction of its business, although at many times the annual expense that a leased hall would cost. The fundamental idea in all these matters is one of permanency and that an association or society of any kind is more likely to be permanent if it is able to meet within its own walls. In able to meet within its own walls. In addition to this, there is a sentimental idea in regard to a grange owning its hall that does not appear in all the other instances elted. When owned it seems more like a home to the organization. More interest will be taken in beautifying and adorning it, and this will increase the interest in the grange If It will have that semblance o comfort and will instill a feeling of cooperation and contentment among the members of the grange that can hardly be secured in any other way. Conten-tion and strife are less likely to occur, and the grange room will begin to have an attraction for members second only to that of their own homes. They will find themselves looking forward to the time of the next meeting not so much on account of the exercises that are to be held as on account of the feeling that the meeting will be in some sense a home gathering of members of the grange household, and no such intense feeling could be developed if meetings were held in a leased or public hall. In short, the owning of a hall by a grange adds permanency to the organization and promotes fraternity in an eminent degree.—National Grange Bulletin.

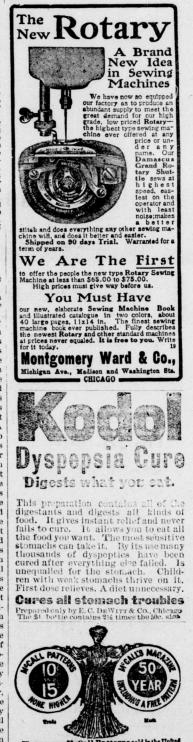


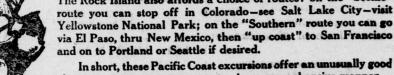
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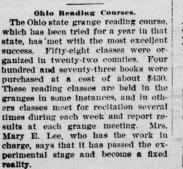
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the state labor commissioner should be enlarged, with suitable appropriation provided so that an agency can be established at Castle Garden for the pose of directing unobjectionable im-migrants to the farms of our state. Co-operation between such agency and the farmers' organizations of the state would complete the system. The lar-ger part of immigrants come direct from the farming sections of Europe pose of directing unobjectionable from the farming sections of Europe and no doubt would prefer farm work here if there was a system for distribu-tion established. The plan being in line of relief to a state necessity, it is commended that our state grange ex ecutive committee investigate the mat-ter to ascertain if relief can come from the suggested source and, if nec-essary, to ask legislation in its behalf.

Grange Fire Insurance In New York The amount of fire insurance range companies in New York state s increasing by leaps and bounds. At the last report of the central organiza-tion, which was on Jan. 1 last, a grand total of \$100,986,495 was in force in twenty-seven companies in this state. The large amounts are carried in Jefferson and Lewis countiesnamely, \$12,422,854; St. Lawrence and Franklin nearly \$8,500,000; Chemung and Chautauqua over \$7,000,000. The wonderful success of this insurance is based largely on the fact of econom-ical management of local companies and the care with which risks are taken.



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