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Pittsfield, Mass., can have the meeting of the next Bay State grange if it can secure sufficient hotel accommodations. It is getting to be a problem in some states to entertain the state grange at its annual sessions.

The first specially manufactured lamps for denatured alcohol will bear the brand or stamp "P. of H." in recognition of the grange's work in securing industrial alcohol free of tax.

Northern New York grangers will probably have the annual outing at Thousand Islands in August.

The place for the next meeting of the New York state grange has not yet been selected.

Facts Concerning Membership and Other Matters in Various States.

On Sept. 1 the grange membership in New York state was about 70,000, but there are fully 5,000 or 6,000 more members in good standing, although not paid up to that date. There has been a gain of 5,000 the last year in thirty-five new granges. New York has paid into the national grange treasury \$3,162 in dues. Out of sixty-one counties in the state outside of New York city fifty-two have granges. Jefferson is the banner county, with a membership of 6,850. Grange fire insurance carried in the state amounts to \$100,980,495.

New Jersey has 12,000 members in good standing in 106 subordinate granges, and 25 per cent own their own hells or have sites purchased. Grange fire insurance carries about \$44,000,000.

Delaware has gained about 25 per cent in membership in the past year. In that state the grange has full charge of the farmers' institutes.

Pennsylvania reports thirty-eight new granges the past year and has paid \$1,008 into the national grange treasury. Five national grange banks have been organized in Pennsylvania, and there are others in the process of organization. There are about 50,000 members of the Order in that state.

Massachusetts has made a gain of membership in the past year of 1,500 and has something over 21,000 members now. Grange fire insurance is very popular.

New Hampshire has 265 subordinate granges and nineteen Pomona granges, with a total membership of 28,000.

Kansas reports the largest grange store in the United States and the most successful one. It has been in operation twenty-nine years and its sales have amounted to \$6,000,000, on which there has been a net profit of over \$435,000. The co-operative enterprises are in a flourishing condition.

Connecticut has secured the national grange meeting for 1907. This will be one of the largest attended national granges ever held, and it is believed that a record seventh degree class will be initiated.

California has 6,000 members of the Order, and the work of organizing granges is going forward. There are five juvenile granges in the state.

Washington reports twenty-nine new granges organized within the past grange year and one county grange. Many new grange hells are being built. The grange recently helps in the work of the farmers' institute and is a strong factor in securing legislation in farmers' interests.

Vermont has organized fifteen new subordinate granges the past year and two county granges. The grange is doing an aggressive work in state legislative and educational matters.

Michigan has about 700 granges, with over 45,000 members; also forty-five Pomona granges. It is a live grange state, and the Order is a strong factor in farm legislation.

Most of the state granges hold their annual meetings the second week in December. Delegates should have gathered inspiration for another year's aggressive work.

Colorado and Connecticut and West Virginia hold their annual meetings in January, New York in February, Oregon in May, Washington in June, Tennessee and Texas in August, California, Kentucky and Iowa in October, and the eighteen other state granges meet in December.

LARGEST GRANGE COUNTIES

They are Jefferson and St. Lawrence, in New York State.

The two counties with the largest membership in the United States are Jefferson and St. Lawrence, in New York State. Jefferson has 6,850 members, and St. Lawrence has over 5,000. The largest single grange is Wolcott, in New York state, with over 900 members. In Jefferson county there are twelve granges with over 200 members each and less than 200, there are five with over 300 and less than 400, and there is one with 407 members. Out of thirty-three granges in the county twenty-three own their own hells. Either one of these two counties has a much larger membership than several of the smaller grange states, and Jefferson has a larger membership than California, Minnesota, Delaware and Rhode Island combined. There are 5,982 farmers in Jefferson county, so that there is an average of one and a sixth members to every farm in the county. There has been a gain of 6,000 in membership in the past year in New York state.

Davidson Twp. Statement.

Annual statement of the receipts and expenditures of Davidson Township for the year ending March 11, 1907.

Account of George Kless, Treasurer of Davidson Twp. Road District for year ending March 11, 07	\$100 00	
Am't received of County Treas.	\$234 16	
" from H. P. Hall Col.	25 50	
" from Electric Light Co.	20 00	
Am't of Duplicate	765 15	
Rec'd of G. W. Sperry, Col. 1906.	100 00	
Balance due from last settlement	264 14	
By work on roads	1082 91	
By lumber	354 87	
By tools and expenses	56 91	
By 1000's	10 00	
By postage, express and freight	3 00	
For dynamite	18 00	
By receipts shown and entered	7 06	
For pipelng	450 00	
Treasurer commission on same	56 25	
Less per cent age and discount on		
Balance due the Township	43 03	
	1519 26	
	\$1521 94	4521 94

Account of George Kless, Overseer of the Poor for year ending March 11, 1907.

Am't received of County Treas.	\$1260 00	
In Treas. hands from last year	1057 34	
Rec'd of G. W. Sperry, Col. 1906	74 00	
Nov. 15 '06, Rec'd of H. P. Hall	500 00	
By receipts shown and entered	1448 87	
Percentage on the same	22 98	
For 15 days service at \$2.00 per day	30 00	
Expenses	2 25	
Balance due the Township	2278 84	
	\$3991 24	3191 24

Account of D. H. Lehall, Overseer of the Poor for year ending March 11, 1907.

For 14 days service at \$2.00 per day	28 00	
Account of H. P. Hall, Collector, for poor tax for the year ending March 11, 1907.		
Am't of duplicate	\$825 93	
Am't paid Treasurer	500 00	
Percentage and discount on same	40 00	
By exonerations	49 72	
Land returns	15 27	
Commission on the same	2 26	
By exonerations	124 92	
Balance due the Township	274 26	
	554 07	554 07

We the undersigned auditors of Davidson Twp. do hereby certify that we did audit and testify the several accounts to the best of our knowledge, information and belief, as the same set forth in testimony, whereof we set our hands and seal this 11 day of March, 1907.

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FRANK W. BUCK, Sheriff.
 May 1, 1907.

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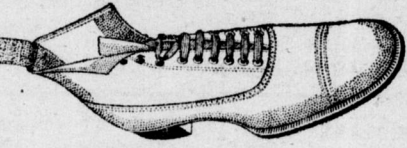
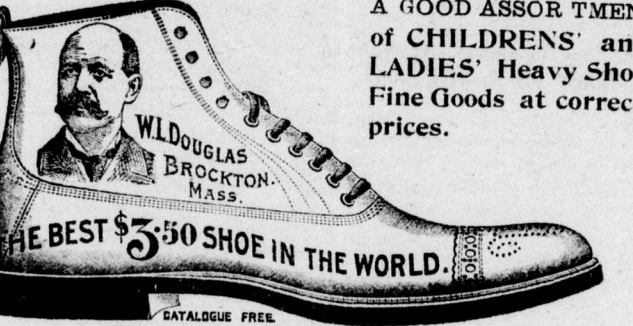
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