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THE GRANGE WON.

In Union There is Strength Forcibly Illustrated.

The advantage of combination among farmers is well shown by an occurrence in a nearby railroad shipping point of some local importance, says the Rural New Yorker. The station has a considerable passenger traffic, being extensively used by summer residents and visitors, and the railroad authorities have for years shown a disposition to ignore requests from farmers and truckers to furnish better trackage in way of sidings and other conveniences for shipping farm products, of which several hundred carloads are dispatched each season. A local grange was organized several months ago and is in a very flourishing condition. One of the first things to do appeared to be to secure better shipping facilities, and a committee from the grange, armed with the necessary facts and figures, accordingly waited on the railroad superintendent, stating the conditions and making its request with moderation, but with the necessary emphasis. It represented \$2000 acres of highly productive land, shipping an immense aggregate of produce each year, and capital enough to equip and maintain a steamboat line for water transportation to the New York markets if adequate rail facilities could not be had. The officials were not impressed by the showing that they ordered immediate construction of a new fourteen car siding for the farmers' use during the season and promised day and night watchmen to protect shipments and guard the crates, barrels and other returned empties, the loss of which by thieving had long aggravated the shippers. Individual shippers, no matter how important, might have appealed until doom-day without receiving satisfaction.

Getting New Members.

A sensible way of acquiring new members is one adopted by a Columbia county (N. Y.) grange. Every member present is permitted to present one name or more of persons who they think would make good members. These names are handed into the secretary of the grange. At the following meeting a committee of five chosen by the grange or appointed by the master take the names presented under consideration. They take pains to get all the information possible about the prospective candidates, and when satisfied of their eligibility and desirability the committee reports the names to the grange, and each member present is requested to take the list or such part of it as he may wish and then within the following two weeks see all the parties or write them, asking them to become members of the grange. It will readily be seen that if a person gets an invitation from several sources, in this manner, he will be very apt to respond.

About Grange Dues.

There is a question sometimes in subordinate granges as to when a member should begin paying dues, whether at the time of initiation or later. He begins payment of dues the quarter succeeding the one in which he takes his first degree. The dues of charter members likewise begin the quarter following that in which the grange was organized. The subordinate grange does not pay dues to the state grange on a member until the quarter following that in which he was received into the grange, but does pay dues to the state grange on any names dropped during the quarter by death or expulsion.

Grange's Title to Real Estate.

State Master W. F. Hill of Pennsylvania recently gave an opinion relative to the grange's holding real estate in which he said: "In our Order the state grange cannot acquire title to a grange hall or any other property except by purchase. The dedication of the hall has no effect whatever upon its ownership. Even should your grange disband or become dormant the state grange has no claim upon the property. It belongs to the same owners as before."

Grange National Banks.

Grange national banks are flourishing in Pennsylvania. One has been recently organized at Olysses, Potter county, and a Grange trust company has located at Huntingdon. The latter has a capital of \$125,000, and State Master Hill is its president.

Degree Work.

It is hazardous to the best interests of the grange to let degree work crowd out the lecture hour, provided you have a good lecturer. As a rule conferring the four degrees once a quarter is often enough, then do it well.

J. Y. Culyer Urges New York State Government to Adorn Highways.

A strong plea for the planting of trees along the roads in which the state of New York has an interest was made recently by Jonathan Y. Culyer, civil engineer and landscape architect, says the New York Tribune. He said that he had tried to induce the state administration to do this, but without apparent success. He called attention to the fact that throughout Great Britain, France, Germany and, to a lesser degree, in other continental countries the planting and maintenance of trees on the public roads have been a long established policy. Many communities in the United States, he said, have recognized the value and utility of such a practice.

"It would be lamentable indeed," Mr. Culyer said, "were it found that tree planting on our roads had been omitted for quasi economical reasons. The cost of providing and planting can add very little to the cost per lineal foot of the road. Soil, for instance, an essential thing for the tree pits, in most cases is to be found on the line of the work. The first cost of the trees and of planting them should be an almost inappreciable item. Indeed, as I have before suggested, trees and other useful vegetation may be and long since should have been cultivated successfully through the agency of our forestry commission and the state board of agriculture, nurseries being established in some one or more eligible localities of our public domain. It amounts to a public scandal that so many men are employed on these state properties whose work could be made more effective in this way.

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Good Roads and Prosperity.

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