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**THE GRANGE**

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**AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.**

If a Grange Disbands, What Should Be Done With Its Property?

Under New York state grange laws, the personal property of the grange which comes from the national grange, such as manuals, charter, regalia and seal, are taken by the national grange and held in trust by that body until such time as the grange should again become active. The real estate, such as hall, barns, etc., are sold at public auction under the direction of the state grange, and the proceeds of such sale are divided equally among the members of the grange who were in good standing on the date at which the grange became dormant. There is a misapprehension on the part of many patrons that in case the grange becomes dormant, if it owns a hall or other property, such property reverts to the state grange. Such is not the case and has never been the policy of the New York state grange. The property belongs to the members of the subordinate grange who are in good standing, and when the grange disbands only such participate in the division of the property. The property of a grange cannot be divided so long as thirteen members in good standing object thereto. Some granges have refrained from having their halls dedicated to the uses of the Order for fear that such halls would fall into the hands of the state grange in case the subordinate grange became dormant. We hope this explanation will make the matter clear to everybody and that no grange will hesitate to build a hall for fear it will fall into the hands of the state grange if the local grange should become dormant. Such a thing has never happened in the thirty-three years the New York state grange has been in existence; neither can it ever happen under our laws.

**The Grange and Temperance.**

The question occasionally arises in grange communities as to what the position of the grange is concerning temperance. It may be said that a cardinal principle of the grange is to avoid all intemperance in eating, drinking and in language. We believe it should be the provision of every grange to give its active support to toward any movement for the enforcement of existing laws against drunkenness. At the last meeting of the national grange the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the grange hereby renews its fealty to temperance in all things, that it emphasizes its belief that the degrading American saloon ought to be carefully and effectively guarded until it can be abolished and in the meantime be made and held to a strict responsibility for the harm it does, and that it believes that every community should be empowered to lawfully close every saloon from its midst on its terms.

**Antidotes For Dormancy.**

The best antidotes for a grange that exhibits signs of dormancy are a live lecturer and some young people. The wise lecturer is he who interests as many people as possible in each evening's programme. At a recent meeting in the writer's home grange a little fifteen minute entertainment interested every member in the room. The lecturer also announced that at the following meeting each person would be expected to relate some scene or experience in life, describe some scene or place or event of which he had a personal knowledge. And that meeting was the most interesting one in many weeks. Such granges do not become dormant. There should be practical farm papers and talks and all that, of course, but there should be one number of the evening's programme that will include several of those present.

**A Question Well Answered.**

Is not the present a good time to reduce our grange dues? asks an Ohio patron of State Lecturer Taber. No; that time will never come. To reduce grange dues could but weaken the Order. If it is not worth 10 cents per month to a man to be a member of a good home grange, to say nothing of the immense benefits conferred in legislation, state and national, it is worth no more.

**Hartford Getting Busy.**

Grangers of Connecticut are already bestirring themselves about the next national grange meeting to be held in Hartford. The matter of accommodating the hosts is a serious one, but it will be satisfactorily adjusted when the time comes. Hartford is hospitable.

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**GRANGE INCORPORATION.**

How It is Done In New York State—A Simple Process.

"How does a grange proceed to incorporate under the grange incorporation law?" The process is so simple that many people who were expecting a long process of legal technicalities are surprised at the ease with which a grange can become incorporated. To become incorporated the grange should first send a written notice to every member who is in good standing that at the next regular meeting the question of becoming incorporated will be voted upon. If a majority of the members present at the regular meeting vote affirmatively on the proposition, then those members voting in the affirmative should sign the incorporation blanks in duplicate—that is, two copies should be made and signed exactly alike. These incorporation blanks can be obtained from the master or secretary of the state grange free of cost. When the members of the grange sign the incorporation papers their acknowledgment should be taken by a notary or justice. Most granges have such an official among their members, but if there is none then a justice from outside should be brought in to take the acknowledgments, for which purpose a recess may be taken. After members voting in the affirmative have all signed the incorporation papers one copy is to be filed in the town clerk's office and the other one is filed away with the other papers and records of the grange. When the grange has complied with these requirements it is in a position to hold property, both real and personal, to buy, sell and lease its property, to sue and be sued in court.

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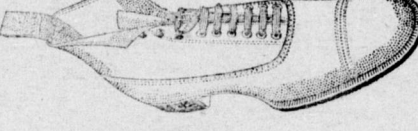
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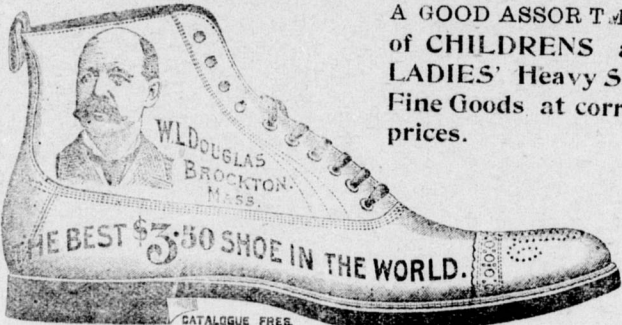
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