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**ONE THING OR MANY.**

Should the Grange Limit its Energies to the Farm?

Dr. George M. Twitchell quotes Gilbert M. Tucker as having said at a large grange rally in New York that the grange should confine itself pretty closely to those questions which concern the farmer as a farmer and not undertake to discuss and settle that great number of questions which concern others as much as they concern the farmers. He said that Mr. Tucker cited in support of his position the results obtained by the labor unions. He would advise going after one thing at a time and putting the whole strength of the organization into it.

Dr. Twitchell then said: "This is to my mind both sound and unsound. It is true that the Order must be centered on large and far-reaching problems and that at the heart of each and every one must be the welfare of the industry, but under the complex relations of the present the farmer is first of all a citizen, and every question bearing upon the home, the farm or the duties of citizenship becomes vital to him. You cannot narrow the grange to one thing at a time even though by so doing greater influence may be centered on a problem."

"What the grange needs and every other organization wants to feel today is the necessity for an acute interest in the home, schools, churches and all civic problems and to seek diligently for such solution of each as will strengthen home life on the farm and insure a stronger, more positive public sentiment along the higher lines of living. Against the tendency to drift every hand must be raised, and this tendency will be checked as active, earnest interest is axed upon all the questions bearing upon the farm and farm life. The growing of crops and disposal of the same cover problems of deep significance, but towering above those are the questions which relate to the home and the future welfare and worth of its members. Here is a great work for the grange and a grand opportunity for every patron."

**THE PARCELS POST.**

The Logical Outcome of the Rural Free Delivery Service.

The national grange will set in motion some strong forces this fall to secure the enactment of a parcels post law. It is going to be the hardest kind of a fight, but some sort of a law governing the transportation in the mails of small packages up to eleven pounds or so weight is surely coming in the near future, and the grange is going to be the important factor in its accomplishment, as it was in regard to the rural free delivery system. National Master Bachelard said in an address delivered before the New Hampshire Retail Grocers' association, "A cheap parcels post is, in fact, the logical outcome of the rural mail service and the one thing needed to make it self supporting." The grange plan provides for a general parcels post with a maximum weight limit of eleven pounds to cost 25 cents to any postoffice in the United States and a rural parcels post with the same maximum weight, the rates to be 1 cent for each pound or fraction thereof and 1 cent for each additional two pounds up to eleven pounds, and this rural rate to be available only on any one rural route to and from the postoffice to which the route belongs. This is probably the proposition which the national grange will ask the various state granges to endorse this winter.

**What the Grange Wants.**

Ex-Governor C. J. Bell of Vermont, asked recently in a newspaper interview, "What does the grange hope to accomplish in the next few years?" said:

"Among the reforms for which we will strive are: The parcels post, in many states the postal savings bank, national aid for good roads everywhere as one of the things very essential to the farmer, centralized schools in localities where conditions are favorable, the introduction of agricultural studies in the public schools, not entirely for a commercial purpose, but also for educational advantages. The grange always stands for good citizenship and as much as any organization stands for the things which will produce it. Its policy will be nonpartisan, but always for the best. Good citizenship means much is all that need be said along that line. The organization is now recognized by congress and taken into consideration on legislation affecting farmers."

"Will the grange get all the things for which it is now striving?" was asked.  
 "Yes, everything, and I say this because the things for which we stand are right."

**THE TERROR'S DINNER**

"Rattlesnakes on Toast" Was the Cowboy's Order.

BUT HE MET WITH HIS MATCH

The Promptness With Which the Tough Waiter Served the Dish Took the Terror's Nerve Away—The Request and the Final Request.

Away back in 1876 a man named Turpin established a restaurant in Yuma, and among Turpin's original employees was a waiter named Job Straight, who could shoot with great precision, play draw poker with unvarying success and pack eighteen plates of miscellaneous grub upon one bare arm at one time. He could execute all the prevailing melodies either on piano or guitar, and he possessed the most tremendous baritone voice ever heard in Arizona. Why, men sometimes went to Turpin's just to hear Joe deliver gastronomic orders. No perfect description can be given of that voice, however, except to say that at times it really did make things clatter.

Once a fresh young cowboy from near Gila Bend entered Turpin's for a Christmas dinner who took a startling concoction as an appetizer and then dropped thud-like at a table and roughly shouted to Straight:

"Say, there, Baldy! Bring me some grub!"

Job was at first appalled; but, recovering his reserve limit of equanimity, he brushed an imaginary breadcrumb from the frescoed tablecloth and whisked a bill of fare from the variegated castor and placed it before the new young terror of the Bend.

"Take it away!" cried the latter in tones that could give Straight's ordinary, everyday baritone a castle and checkmate in five moves. "I don't want to read your darned old tract. I don't care a darn who came into the world to save sinners. Bring me some grub—g-r-u-b! Grub! Grub! Grub!"

"What do you want?"

"Rattlesnakes on toast! And I want you to hump yourself!"

"What's that?"

"I've given my order, you baldheaded old cigar store sign, and I want you to get a move on yourself, p. d. q. Rattlesnakes on toast!"

"Rattlesnakes on toast!" cried Job to the cook in accents that would have paralyzed Carl Formes had that old basso profundo been living and heard them.

"Rattlesnakes on toast!" was the reverberating response from the cook upon receiving the order.

There were a dozen or more people in the restaurant, and their eyes were at once turned on the young person from the Bend and the infuriated waiter.

In the meantime the cook had taken a big cutfish and cut it into four strips and rolled these strips in batter, so that they much resembled the viand ordered, and after placing them in the frying pan he stuck his head out of the kitchen and shouted to Job:

"You want them rattlers rare or well done?"

The waiter repeated the interrogatory in a cyclonic way, and the terror replied in as violent a tone and manner as he could command. "Well done, with plenty of gravy and Chill Colorado."

And then Job thundered to the cook:

"Well done, with plenty of Chill Colorado, hot as —, and moccasin gravy on the side and brochettes of sand crane livers and Gila monster lights!"

There was an instantaneously dead silence in that restaurant, and all eyes were again cast upon the terror and the waiter. The former turned ashen pale and began to weaken perceptibly, while Job gazed at his victim.

"Maybe you don't think we can serve all the market affords," muttered Job. "Maybe you don't like moccasin gravy or brochettes a la mode. Maybe you ain't hungry?"

"Say! You've got me—I ain't hungry, so help me. I couldn't eat a single hard boiled egg. Countermand that darned order, old man, and I'll pay all expenses and set 'em up as long as anybody can drink. Beg pardon, gentlemen, all. My first attempt to be a terror—pardon me, gentlemen, it's my last!"

And then he handed his revolver to Job and added:

"Take that pistol, old man, as a present and promise me that the next time any darned fool comes in here and calls for rattlesnakes on toast you'll shoot him dead!"

But Straight was too raving mad all the way through to willingly emerge from a situation only tolerably triumphant. So he took the weapon just as the order was being placed on the table and, pointing it at the terror, exclaimed:

"Now, then, my boy, dump yourself into that chair and eat them snakes—bones, skin and all!"

The young fellow did as he was commanded, but after finishing his repast staggered the uncompromising Job by shouting:

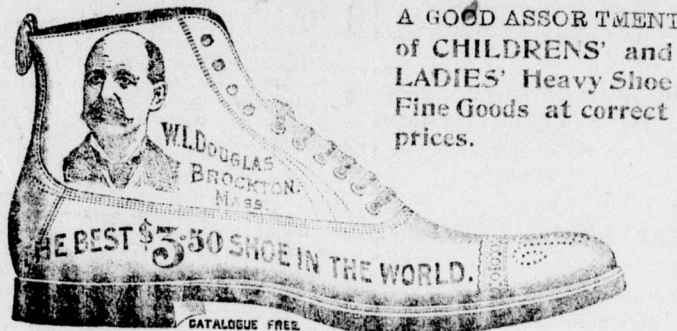
"I say, Baldy, bring me another plate of snakes!"—Denver News.

**Wanted New Ones.**

A traveler putting up at a fifth class hotel brought the "boots" up with his angry storming.  
 "Want your room changed, sir?"  
 "What's the matter, sir?"  
 "The room's all right," fumed the guest scorchingly; "it's the fleas I object to, that's all."  
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