

State Master George W. F. Gaunt of New Jersey says: The past year has been the banner year in grange work in the Garden State. Sixteen new subordinate granges have been organized and two Pomonas, making 118 sub-ordinate and fourteen Pomona granges. Menriy 2,000 new members have been added to our membership, making a grand total of 15,000. Our Grange Fire Insurance company has been steadily growing, giving safe protection to ity growing, giving safe protection to our patrons. We have nearly \$18,000,-600 worth of property insured. For a number of years subordinate and Po-nation granges have been co-operating in the purchase of farm supplies at a greaf saving. This has been however, of a local character. The Grange Com-mercial Exchange has been recently in-compared with a ganital stock of corporated with a capital stock of \$125,000, which it is expected will be very helpful to the members of the

G. W. Petrce, state master of the Vermont grange, reports thirty new subordinates and one Pomona organized the past year, adding 2,000 members. Questions were freely discussed, and education was the watchword. Agriculture and nature studies were being introduced into the common schools. introduced into the common schools. The grange stood for better roads, better methods and better everything. He will not be satisfied until there are as many granges in Vermont as there are

C. D. Richardson, state master in Massachusetts, says a great growth is going on with enduring results. The problem of child education was engaging the attention of Patrons in Massa-chusetts. Growth of membership was of little consequence unless every one had some definite object. The grange is winning its way to the front.

The exemplification of the ritualistic work was never better than this year. The first degree was exemplified by New Britain (Conn.) grange officers, the second by a Cheshire (Conn.) team, the third by a ladies' degree team from Keene, N. H.; the fourth by a ladies' degree team from North Brookfield, The fifth degree was beautiful gree team of Connecticut and the sixth by the officers of the Connecticut state grange. This work, particularly in the lower degrees, cannot fail to be au inspiration to all who witnessed it, and through them the various, subordinate granges here represented will be incited to improvement in this very important phase of grange work,

Governor Woodruff of Connecticut gave an informal reception to the na-tional grange and visiting delegates just at the close of one morning's ses-In the receiving line were Governor and Mrs. Woodruff, ex-Governor and Mrs. C. J. Bell of Vermont and ex-Gayernor and Mrs. N. J. Bachelder of New Hampshire. Several hundred visiting Patrons took occasion to pay their respects to the chief executive on this occasion. Governor Wood a recent member of the grange Governor Woodruff is

Potate Growing Contest.

A novel grange contest took place at North Augusta, Me., this fall in pota-to raising between the brothers and the sisters Each one had been previously required to plant five hills of potatoes, care for them and dig them. The losing side was to furnish the supper. On Oct. 5 each one carried the potatoes raised to the grange where they were weighed. The brothers won by the small margin of five and one-half pounds. The largest crop raised was twenty-two pounds by Ever ett Wither. J. W. DARROW.

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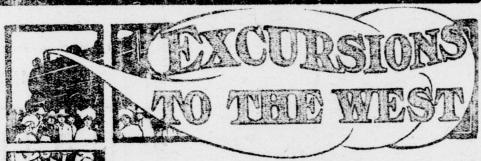
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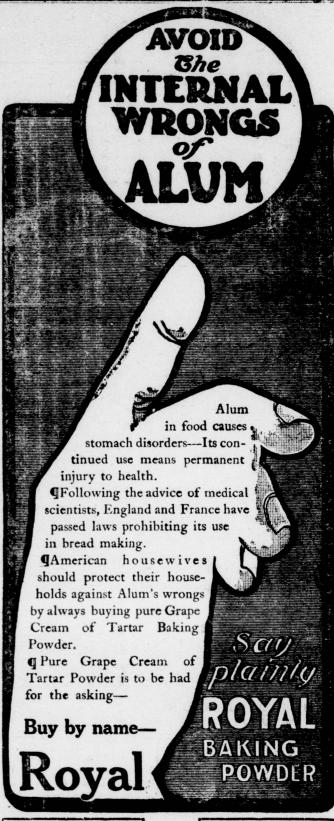
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