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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. Nearly 3,000 new members have been added to our membership, making a grand total of 15,000. Our Grange Fire Insurance company has been stead-ily growing, giving safe protection to patrons. We have nearly \$18,000, worth of property insured. For a our patrons. number of years subordinate and Po mona granges have been co-operating in the purchase of farm supplies at a great saving. This has been, however, of a local character. The Grange Commercial Exchange has been recently incorporated with a capital stock of \$125,000, which it is expected will be very helpful to the members of the

G. W. Peirce, state master of the Vermont grange, reports thirty new sub-ordinates and one Pomona organized the past year, adding 2,000 members. Questions were freely discussed, and education was the watchword. Agri-culture and nature studies were being introduced into the common schools. The grange stood for better roads, bet ter 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 Mass. The fifth degree was beautiful ly presented by a Central Pomona de team of Connecticut and the sixth by the officers of the Connecticut state This work, particularly in the lower degrees, cannot fail to be an 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.

Covernor Woodruff of Connecticut gave an informal reception to the na-tional grange and visiting delegates just at the close of one morning's session. In the receiving line were Governor and Mrs. Woodruff, ex-Governor and Mrs. C. J. Bell of Vermont and ex-Governor 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 Woodruff is a recent member of the grange.

Potato 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 pre viously 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 broth-ers 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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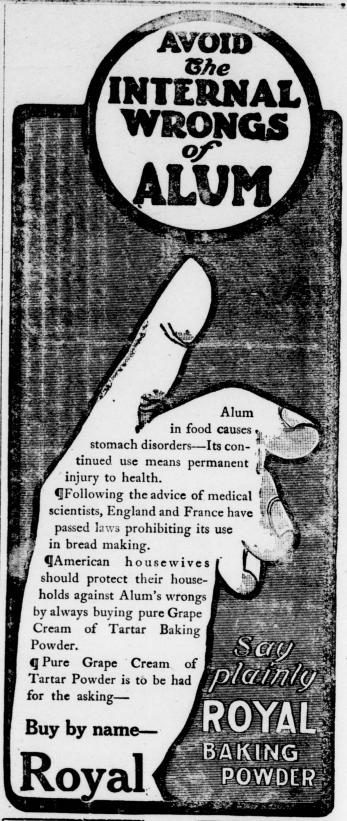
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