

State Master George W. F. Gaunt of Jersey says: "The past year has the banner year in grange work are granges have been organized two Pomonas, making 118 sub and 0,000 deed to our membership, making a and total of 15,000. Our Grange re Insurance company has been stead-growing, giving safe protection to r patrons. We have nearly \$18,000. her parons. We have hearly account of property insured. For a number of years subordinate and Pomona 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 Company of the property of the of a feest entructer. The Grand Com-mercial Exchange has been recently in-corporated 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 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. 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 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 engag-ing the attention of Patrons in Massathe attention of partons in massive chuseits. 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 The exemplification of the ratalistic 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 Kenne, N. H.; the fourth by a ladies' degree team from North Brockfield. Mass. The fifth degree was beautiful-presented by a Central Pomona degree (earn of Connecticut and the sixth by the officers of the Connecticut state grange. This work, particularly in the lower degrees, cannot fall to be an in-spiration to all who witnessed it, and through them the various subordinate granges here represented will be in-cited to improvement in this very im-portant 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 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 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 nounds by Evercaised was twenty-two pounds by Ever-J. W. DARROW.

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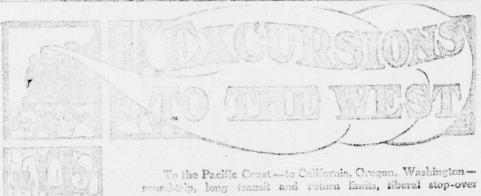
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