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During the winter by simple experiments that may be performed in any schoolroom the students learn of the kinds of soil, the water holding power of soils and means of altering such power, conservation of water and plant physiology.

As spring approaches experiments in germination seed testing and seed planting follow, as well as planning home gardens, gardens around school buildings and vacation gardens. At this season of the year, too, the work broadens. It leaves the confines of the normal schools and takes in all of the public schools in the city. Arrangements are made with one of the local seedsmen to sell penny packages of seed to the children for home planting. Many of the older teachers are not trained, so to aid them the board of education, through one of the normal schools, issues sheets of simple instructions to aid the children to correctly plan, plant and care for the home garden. They are encouraged to care for the garden during the summer and to bring something they have raised wholly by themselves to the flower show in the fall. It may be a growing plant, a bunch of flowers or a bottle of seed.

Flower day is an established feature of Washington schools. On the 20th of last September every school in the District of Columbia invited the public to its exhibit. All buildings were open until dark, and where the buildings were lighted they were open throughout the evening. The throngs of people who visited the schools gave sufficient proof of the appreciation of the public for the movement.

Civic improvement is thus encouraged and also by school ground improvement. Three years ago there was but one garden connected with schools in the District. Last year 120 of the 124 graded schools made an effort to improve their surroundings. The teachers are urged to relate whatever is done outdoors to the subjects taught in the schoolrooms. Skillful teachers relate geography, arithmetic, spelling, composition, literature, drawing and design to the garden.

The latest encouragement given by the department has been the offer to the board of education of more than an acre of lawn to be used for children's gardens. The board has accepted the offer and will put the first six grades of a school in the vicinity to work upon it. Each school will spend an afternoon a week in the garden under the regular grade teacher, who will be instructed from the normal school. She will be expected to relate the work closely to the regular schoolroom work. The time spent in the garden will be a part of school time and not after hours, as has been so frequently done before, thus making an added burden on the teacher. Each child will have a plot entirely his own, varying in size according to his ability. Beside these individual plots there will be plots ten feet square of grains, forage crops and important local products for observation purposes.

The garden will be under the immediate care of the normal school during vacation and will be considered as a vacation school for the southwest section of the city, thus fortunately allowing the board of education to grant a petition from the parents of that section requesting such an opportunity for their children during the summer.

SUSAN B. LIPE,
 Washington, D. C.
 The Berlin (N. Y.) grange recently held a grange fair, at which the net proceeds were about \$800. Grange fairs are getting to be popular and profitable.

Farmer, if there is no grange in your town, it is your duty to see that there is one organized.

Another Governor Granger.
 Governor R. S. Woodruff took the highest degree in the Order of Patrons of Husbandry at Hartford on Nov. 15. In a speech at a public session he said:

In thirty-five years since the power of the grange began to express itself in agriculture we have made more rapid strides than in 100 years before it came into existence. The grange is getting men together and profitably. It is making farming a business and this business education must go on and become widespread until agriculture reaches the very highest standards of modern business control until the farmer is as much a man of business as the manufacturer, the banker and the tradesman, until the influence of the grange is realized by the government of every state in the Union, so that legislation will lend every assistance to facilitate the fulfillment of agricultural science.

Under the present system of representation in the national grange, New York, with 70,000 members, has just the same voting strength as Minnesota, with fewer than 2,000, or Kentucky or Missouri, with about the same number. In a way it's all right, and in another way it isn't.
J. W. DARROW.

VERMONT GRANGE HISTORY.

Jonathan Lawrence, Organizer of the First Grange in that State.
 Almost 100 years ago was born the man who established the first grange in the state of Vermont. He was Jonathan Lawrence, born Dec. 7, 1808, at St. Johnsbury. Next year the Order in the Green Mountain State would do well to celebrate in appropriate manner the one hundredth anniversary of this pioneer's birth. By his influence and effort Green Mountain grange No. 1 was organized at St. Johnsbury on July 4, 1871. In November of that year, or just thirty-six years ago, O. H. Kelley, then secretary of the national grange, visited St. Johnsbury and gave the necessary instructions in the unwritten work. Precisely one year after the organization of Green Mountain grange Vermont state grange was granted a charter and held its first session with Green Mountain grange with representatives from eight of the thirteen subordinate granges then in existence in the state. At the forthcoming session of the Vermont state grange there will be not far from 175 subordinate granges reported with a membership of perhaps 15,000.
 The first master of the Vermont state grange was Eben P. Colton, who afterward became lieutenant governor of the state, and Charles J. Bell was treasurer, who was governor of the state in 1904-06. The present state master is George W. Pierce of Brattleboro, who was elected to the state senate in 1904 and who is looked upon as a prominent candidate for gubernatorial honors in 1908 if he can be prevailed upon to accept.

H. J. PATTERSON.

The New Master of the Maryland State Grange.

One of the new men who will occupy a seat in the next national grange meeting is H. J. Patterson of College Park, Md., master of the Maryland state grange. He succeeds the late J. B. Ager of Hyattsville, Md., who was taken ill soon after the national grange meeting at Denver, Colo., last year and from that illness did not recover. The new master has been a member of the Order for fifteen years and for thirteen years was lecturer of his home grange and for two years its master. He has been secretary of the executive committee of the state grange for six years. He is an enthusiastic worker, and under his leadership the grange of Maryland will enter upon a new epoch of prosperity and usefulness.



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"SELLING TOGETHER."

A Practical Plan Wanted For Co-operative Selling as Well as Buying.
 National Master Bachelier says, "The co-operative selling of farm products has a legitimate field in grange work and should be given more attention." Who will devise a plan that will be practical? The fact is there is no more important problem facing the grange today than this one of successfully "selling together." This sort of co-operation is successfully carried on only in a few isolated instances in the grange. It may well look for suggestions from other organizations, as, for instance, the Neosho (Mo.) Fruit Growers' association, the Sparta (Wis.) Fruit Growers' association, the Hood River (Ore.) Apple Growers' union, the Council Bluffs (Ia.) Grape Growers' association, the Fennville (Mich.) Fruit Shippers' association, the United States Wheat Growers' association, Spokane, Wash., and the various fruit growers' associations in California.

Farmers Urged to Organize.
 Secretary of State John S. Whalen made a brief address on grange day of the New York state fair. He earnestly urged an organization of the grange in every farming community and believes that the state grange should bear the same relation to the farmer that the labor union does to men who work in shop, factory or mine. Farmers must co-operate for mutual benefit, and he believes that the farmer should be allowed to set a fair price on products as much as the city man does on his labor. He also believes that the state should provide a rural school educational system for the young people who are interested in agriculture.

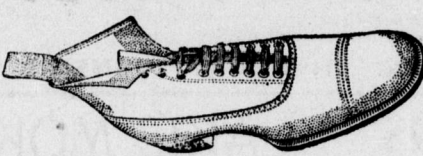
An Editorial Suggestion.
 The Boston Transcript, speaking of improved state roads, says that "the granges might accomplish more if they bombarded congress less and gave greater attention to interesting state governments." Something in that suggestion worthy somebody's consideration.

Never has there been so much grange news printed or grange miscellany published as now, and in the front rank stand the newspapers of New York, Maine and New Hampshire.

The national grange executive committee and other prominent grange officials will attend the national conference on trusts and corporations at Chicago on Oct. 22-25.
J. W. DARROW.

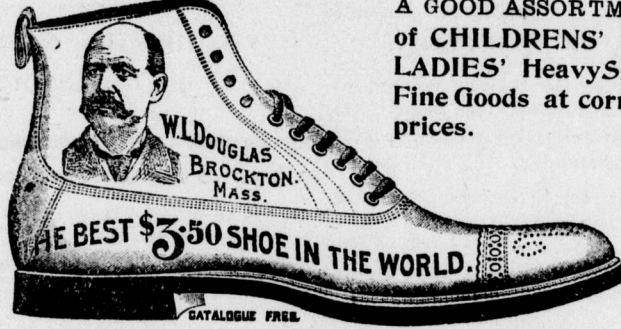
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 Township High School..... 300 00
 State appropriation..... 1786 16
 From collector, taxes..... 3135 82
 From loans since last report..... 3500 00
 From county treasurer..... 1475 00
 Total..... 3200 00
 By hauling pupils..... 4168 00
 Building and furnishing houses..... 31 30
 Teachers' wages..... 4180 00
 " attending institute..... 125 00
 School text-books..... 319 36
 School supplies other than books..... 194 22
 Fuel and contingencies..... 255 02
 197 78
 Salary of secretary..... 80 00
 Debt and interest paid..... 243 39
 Other expenses..... 71 92
 Total..... 10176 98 10086 98
 Balance on hand..... 90 05
 Amt. due District, all sources..... 875 00
 Total resources..... 965 05
 Amt. due of unsettled bills..... 1246 36
 Amount borrowed..... 3500 00
 Total liabilities..... 4746 36
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