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THE DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE

Sanitary Engineering Division of the
 Department of Health Is Teaching
 Municipalities Efficient and
 Economical Methods of
 Drainage.

A lamentable and tremendous amount of needless suffering, sickness, expense and death annually result from the wanton pollution of the streams of Pennsylvania among those individuals dependent upon these sources of supply for drinking water. Hundreds of communities hang in the balance and at any time may have an epidemic of typhoid fever stalking through their midst and decimating their numbers. Hundreds of the young and best lives of the commonwealth are annually sacrificed to the unsanitary customs of sewage disposal. Poison material of human origin from public and private institutions, sewers and privies are emptied into streams at points but short distances above water works intakes, and in a few hours thereafter are delivered through the water pipes of public systems to many innocent and unsuspecting individuals, who rest secure in the belief that the public authorities, having in charge the furnishing of drinking water, and who are responsible for the purity of the water thus supplied, are faithfully performing their obligations.

Public and private corporations, however, even when earnestly inclined, are often limited in their powers to prevent sewage contamination of the sources of water supply.

After years of affliction, and at a terrific cost in human life, it has finally dawned upon the people that a higher authority than the municipality must grapple with the problem and afford a remedy. It is, therefore, of interest to every citizen of the commonwealth to know about the work that Health Commissioner Dixon is doing to preserve the purity of the waters of the state in fulfillment of the duty laid upon him by the act of April 22, 1905.

The enormity of the task is comprehended when one realizes the fact that almost without an exception every city, borough and municipality in Pennsylvania having a sewer system discharges its filth into the most convenient nearby stream, regardless of consequences to the user of that stream at some point below.

Further, where there are no sewers, privies are almost universally located on or near the banks of natural water courses, which thus serve as open sewers. By no known mathematics it is possible to compute the extent of evil, the misery, expense, poverty, lifelong suffering and death which this custom entails; but it is a fact that a large amount of it all would be driven from the state if sanitary methods of sewage disposal were adopted.

It is the privilege, as well as the duty of the State Health Commissioner to bring about just this result. No short sighted, vacillating and radical policy could be successful in such a great undertaking. It will necessarily be the work of years to undo the customs of generations and establish universal healthful conditions. Its success in a measure depends upon the enlightenment and co-operation of the people. The stupidity and skepticism of a preoccupied and selfish populace is a barrier to quick results. Where the public conscience is quickened, voluntary reforms will be inaugurated and benefits will be at once secured in other cases the law will have to be invoked and enforced.

The Chief Engineer of the Department, F. Herbert Snow, and his assistants are now traversing every part of the State, making examinations of sewerage systems and water supplies and collecting data with respect to the quality of all of the waters in Pennsylvania. More than this is being done. Sources of pollution and nuisances which can be abated at once are reported to the commissioner, and in many cases a request on his part to the owner of the premises is sufficient to cause a removal of the nuisance. The number of letters of encouragement and co-operation in this kind of reform received by the commissioner splendidly illustrates the willingness of the citizens of the state to do what is right.

Watch the Gates.
 The grange is growing by leaps and bounds in many states. Large classes are being initiated. Let them not be too large or so large as to comprise some members who will be better off than in the grange.

In Kentucky the grange has taken a new lease of life. Five hundred new grange halls have been or soon will be completed to that state.

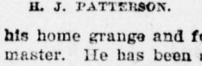
VERMONT GRANGE HISTORY.

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 1904-08. 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 Pennville (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.

Short Talks on Advertising
 By Charles Austin Bates.

No. 19.

People generally read advertisements more than they did a few years ago. The reason is to be found in the advertisements themselves. Advertisers are more careful than they used to be. They make the advertisements more readable. Some of them even become, in a way, a department of the paper, and people look for them every day with as much zest and pleasure as they turn to any other feature.

This is true of many department stores all over the country. In many cities there is just one man who appreciates the value of such interest. He breaks away from the old set style. He tells something interesting in his space every day.

There are lots of interesting things in business. Look over the miscellany page of any paper—look at its local news columns, and its telegraph news, for that matter, and you'll see that the majority of the items are more or less closely related to some business fact. Dress these facts up in a becoming garb of words, and they will find readers, even though they be in a "mere advertisement."

Let the merchant come down off his pedestal and talk in his ads. He needn't be flippant—far from it, but let him not write as if he were addressing somebody afar off, and telling him about something at even a greater distance.

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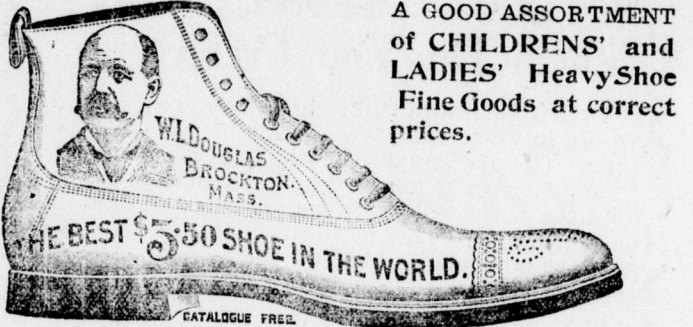
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LAST SHORHAM, Vt., March 12, 1908.

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