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THE GRANGE
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STATE LECTURERS' WORK.

Model System in Vogue in Massachusetts State Grange.

The advantages of putting grange work upon a thoroughly systematic basis, so that exactly what is being done can be positively known and definitely recorded, is shown in Massachusetts, where the state lecturer, Charles M. Gardner of Westfield, has so systematized the work done during the lecture hour that at the end of the year a complete total can be drawn off exactly as the large business concern draws off its annual balance sheet for the inspection of its stockholders.

This result is made possible by a carefully prepared report system whereby every subordinate and Pomona lecturer in the state sends to the state lecturer once in three months a complete summary of all lecture hour work in that grange, how many people helped do it and how many persons attended the meetings. At the end of the year the entire work of each grange in the state is summarized and shown on a large chart that is exhibited at the annual state meeting. By this system the astounding fact was brought out of last year's work that over 40,000 persons had contributed something to the lecture hour program in Massachusetts and that the total grange audience of the year was 245,000 persons.

This system affords more than a mere record of results. It provides the means of comparison one year with another; it furnishes every three months a correct idea of how each grange is getting along, whether holding its own or not; it also gives the local lecturer added reason for urging his members to do their best in order that that grange shall make the best possible showing on the year's chart at the state meeting. A record is also kept of the leading topics discussed during the year, and this also is presented to the state meeting to show along what lines grange thought is being especially directed, while the distinct grange efforts in behalf of town improvement, good citizenship, better schools and other matters of civic betterment are carefully recorded.

Few people realize the power of the grange organization or the influence that it is exerting along such a variety of important lines every year. Such a system as that in vogue in Massachusetts, which puts into actual and easily understood figures the total work done in a state during a year, aids greatly in bringing a realization of the magnitude of the work and influence of the Order not merely to those not identified with it, but even to its own members who do not always appreciate the scope and power of the Order of which they are a part.

GRANGE CO-OPERATION.

A Profitable Business Enterprise at Vineland, N. J.

Vineland grange of New Jersey, in connection with the Farmers' Club and Fruit Growers' union, formed an association about six years ago under the name of the Grange Co-operative society. Nine directors were chosen as a board of managers. Persons became members by buying stock at \$5 per share, but two-thirds of the members must be Patrons. In July, 1904, a grange store was opened, which carried a full line of groceries, food, etc. The co-operative plan provided for the payment of 5 per cent on each stockholder's interest in the concern at the end of the year; also such a percentage on all goods he had purchased as his sales would allow after paying the expenses. All sales must be for cash. The business amounts now to over \$30,000 a year. Last April the store building was burned, and a new one is now being erected. This will contain a grange hall with all modern improvements. The membership of this flourishing grange is 304. It has become one of the most popular societies in Vineland.

Connecticut Patrons Helped Celebrate.

The Patrons of Connecticut took a prominent part in the bridge celebration at Hartford. The grange features of the parade were a touring car containing the officers in full regalia and a float representing colonial agriculture drawn by three yoke of oxen, followed by floats representing Flora, Pomona and Ceres. A big automobile farm truck loaded with farm machinery of the latest pattern was last in the grange procession. The animals drawing these various floats were blanketed and marked "Connecticut State Grange P. of H."

Pushing the Work.

The work of organizing new granges will be pushed with vigor after the election is over. State Master Godfrey of New York state will put out one or two special organizing deputies in the field. State Master Pierce of Vermont has also secured the services of two organizers for like work.

YELLOW JACKET SAYINGS.

Wanted—a leader for Miss Democracy. She's splashing about and still a-hunting, but nothing in sight yet.

Call them what you please, but the Democratic platforms all stand for free trade and free soup. You can't rub that out.

There are two sides to Democracy. There is the pie side for the politicians and the soup side for the suckers. Where are you "at?"

The Democratic and Republican parties are both levelers, but they work differently. Republicanism levels things up and Democracy levels them down.

Here's an appropriate plank for the next Democratic national platform: Resolved, that we are stuck up in the blue mud of political pollution, and we don't give a darn who knows it.

Lots of those who are eternally worrying somebody with platitudes about the "eternal principles" of the Democratic party couldn't furnish offhanded a list of these "eternal principles" to save their necks.

If what the Clevelandites and the Bryanites are saying about each other is true there is no Democratic party these days, but the old thing has gone to seed and the seed have rotted. And it almost looks like it.

What is hurting many Democrats more than anything else is that they can't point to a Democratic administration that ever gave the country such prosperity as the Republicans are doing. No wonder they are worried.

Delaware State Grange.

Delaware is not a large state and is not strong in granges. It is, however, doing a good work and reports a total membership of 1,507 in twenty-nine subordinate granges. There has been an increase of 270 members in the past year.

Administrators' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of Francis W. Gallagher, late of Laporte Borough, Sullivan County, Penna., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to

MRS. THERESA GALLAGHER,
 Laporte, Penna., Administratrix.
 January 4, 1909.

Liquor License Application.

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of January, 1909, Theodore Shimansky of Lopez, Pa., filed an application for a "Restaurant License" in the property known as the "Steafather Restaurant" in the village of Lopez, Colley Twp., Sullivan County, Pa., and that said application was advertised to be heard on the 8th day of Feb. 1909; that said Theodore Shimansky died on the 22d day of Jan. 1909. That on Feb. 8, 1909, a substituted application was filed by George Kapoec, owner of said premises, and that the Court of Quarter Sessions of Sullivan County has fixed Monday, March 1, 1909 at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Court House in LaPorte as the time and place for the hearing upon said application.

ALBERT F. HEBESS, Clerk.
 Feb. 8, 1909.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Stockholders of the Eagles Merc Company will be held at the principal office of the Company in Eagles Merc Park, Sullivan County, Pa., on the 15th day of February A. D., 1909 at eleven o'clock A. M. to take action on the approval or disapproval of the proposed increase of the indebtedness of said Company from sixty-five thousand dollars to two hundred thousand dollars.

EDGAR R. KIESS, Secretary.
 Eagles Merc Park, Pa., Dec. 8, 1908.

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Lose no time in making a thorough examination of the New Line of Merchandise Now on

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All answered at

Vernon Hull's Large Store.

Millgrove, Pa.

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.

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.

The newspaper goes right into its reader's house—goes in and sits down with him.

It is on the table when he eats, and in his hands while he is smoking after the meal. It reaches him when he is in an approachable condition.

That's the time to tell him about your business—clearly, plainly, convincingly—as one man talks to another.

"The newspaper goes right into its reader's house and sits down with him." Copyright, Charles Austin Bates, New York.

J. M. WIGHTON,
MUNCY VALLEY, PA.

Never Before Have We Received so many praises and heard so many flattering remarks as we have had this Season.

Were you one of the vast throngs that crowded our store during the past week? Did you get your share of the articles advertised? If not you should

COME HERE NOW

We are making new friends fast: selling more goods than ever before

But we still want more friends, want to sell our stock faster, we are spurred on to deeper price cutting. People wonder how we can do it. To this we can answer, that no other store in this section has the wholesale buying facilities enjoyed by this establishment. We can buy lower, we can sell lower.

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- Men's or Boys' Sweater Coats .38
 - Mens sweater coats .75
 - Mens sweater coats 1.25
 - Mens sweater coats 1.50
 - Mens sweater coats 2.00
 - Mens V-neck sweaters 25 and 40c
 - Mens cardigan jackets 1.25

- Underwear**
- Boys Shirts or Drawers 20 and 26c
 - ribbed or fleeced
 - Men's ribbed underwear all colors 39c
 - Men's fleeced lined underwear all colors 39c

- Boys Corduroy Pants.**
- Boys' corduroy knee pants, lined throughout, fine ribbed quality worth regular 75c Special 39c

- Men's Suits**
- Men's Suits 4.65
 - Mens Suits 6.75
 - Mens Suits 8.50
 - Mens Suits 9.65
 - Mens Suits 11.75
 - Mens Suits 15.50

- Specials Men's Corduroy Pants**
 From 1.19 to 2.50
- CHILDREN'S SUITS**
 From 99c to 3.50 and 5.50
- MEN'S TROUSERS**
 From 69c to \$4.75.
- MEN'S OVERALLS.**
 From 39c to 75c
- MEN'S ODD COATS**

All Prices Duche and Corduroy 85c to 2.25

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 Of Brayton, Ga., writes:
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 - Richy Flannel overshirts 1.39
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 Boys and Girls Stockings 09c
 Ladies' Hose 09c
 Ladies' Facinators 19c
- Also big line men's lumbermen rubbers—Lambertville and Ball Band. A big saving for you.
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