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THE GRANGE
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LABOR FOR THE FARM
 Value of Immigrants as Agricultural Workers.

A HUSTLING GRANGER.

L. H. Healey, Master Connecticut State Grange.
 L. H. Healey, the energetic master of Connecticut state grange, is showing his capacity for work and his ability to fill his office in a most commendable way. The grange in that state is growing substantially under his management. He is a fluent and forceful speaker and is in great demand among the granges of that state.
 One of the points driven home by him is the fact that the grange is a farmers' organization and that the lecturer owes it to members to bring within their reach the best information obtainable concerning work upon the farm. Better methods of agriculture are needed, and cases are too rare in which farmers are receiving what they should from their soil and crops. The cost of raising crops must be reduced, says Master Healey, and it should be one of the chief functions of the grange to help farmers in this respect. Lecturers, if true to the purpose of the grange, will not fail to bring out the experiences of their best and most successful farmers on topics relating to the farm, the household and the home. Let the grange be the center toward which all the best farmers and their families look for practical assistance in their work.
 Connecticut has now something over 12,000 members. State Master Healey was instructed at the last state grange meeting to appoint a committee of ten from each Pomona jurisdiction to assist to develop plans for more general co-operation among the members of the Order with regard to financial matters.

Salaries of National Grange Officers.
 Will the editor give me some information as to salaries of the national grange officers and members of the executive committee?—E. S. P.
 At the last annual meeting of the national grange the finance committee fixed the salaries as follows: State master, \$600 per year and \$3 per day and actual traveling expenses while away from his office in discharge of his official duty; worthy lecturer, \$400 a year and \$3 per day and expenses; the worthy secretary, \$1,200 a year and traveling expenses when on duty for the Order; the worthy treasurer, \$500 a year and expenses. Each member of the executive committee gets \$3 per day and expenses when engaged in the work of the grange.

State Lecturer Lowell of New York has devised a system of leaflets for use of subordinate lecturers, which contain brief essays and other appropriate matter.

There has been a rapid advance in the use of industrial alcohol the year past. Many grange halls are now lighted with it.

Elephant Police.
 The sight of six pairs of elephants simultaneously at work capturing a half dozen struggling, trumpeting manes is an imposing one. Like a pair of animal policemen arresting a prisoner, the great beasts slide alongside a victim, take him between them and hustle and shove and worry him, till first, toward a tree. Every inch is contested by the herculean fighters until hearing a stout tree or stump the little brown elephant catches slide from their moans to the ground, crawl under the ponderous bellies and shuffling kicking feet, slip cable slings about a hind foot and take a turn around a tree.—Strand Magazine.

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 The Best place to buy goods
 Is often asked by the prudent housewife.
 Money saving advantages are always being searched for.
 Lose no time in making a thorough examination of the New Line of Merchandise Now on
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All answered at
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 Hillgrove, 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 those 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.

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.

"Let the merchant come down off his pedestal."
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J. M. WIGHTON,
MUNCY VALLEY, PA.

50 and 75 Boys' Knee Pants Heavy weight Assorted style Special.
 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.

- Sweater Coats**
 Men's or Boys' Sweater Coats .38
 Men's sweater coats .75
 Men's sweater coats 1.25
 Men's sweater coats 1.50
 Men's sweater coats 2.00
 Men's V-neck sweaters 25 and 46c
 Men's cardigan jackets 1.25
- Underwear**
 Boys' Shirts or Drawers .25
 Ribbed or fleeced 20 and 26c
 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
 Men's Suits 6.75
 Mens Suits 8.50
 Mens Suits 9.65 10.50
 Mens Suits 11.75 14.50
 Mens Suits 15.50 16.25
- Specials Men's Corduroy Pants**
 From 1.19 to 2.50
- CHILDRENS' SUITS**
 From 99c to 1.50 and 5.50
- MEN'S TROUSERS**
 From 69c to \$4.75.
- MEN'S OVERALLS.**
 From 39c to 75c
- MEN'S ODD COATS**
 All Prices
 Duch and Corduroy 85c to 2.25

SHOES

Also big line of Shoes at saving prices \$1.65 for 2.50 Dress Shoe. Ladies' 1.65 Shoes for 1.09 Men's Working Shoes 1.65 W. L. Douglas Shoes at reduced prices.

Big Line of Men's and Children's Overcoats at reduced prices.

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 Tells all the general news of the world, particularly that of our State, all the time and tells it impartially. Comes to subscribers every other day. It is in fact almost a daily newspaper, and you cannot afford to be without it. We offer this unequalled paper and the NEWS ITEM together one year for
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The REPUBLICAN NEWS ITEM and Tri-Weekly GAZETTE AND BULLETIN.

In every city there is one best paper, and in Williamsport it is the Gazette and Bulletin. It is the most important, progressive and widely circulated paper in that city. The first to hold the fort journalistically. Order of the News Item.

If you want to keep in touch with the Republican party organization and be informed on all real estate transfers or legal matters in general that transpires at the county seat you must necessarily take the NEWS ITEM.

WINCHESTER
"NEW RIVAL"
 FACTORY LOADED SHOTGUN SHELLS
 No black powder shells on the market compare with the "NEW RIVAL" in uniformity and strong shooting qualities. See size and waterproof. Get the genuine.
 WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS CO. New Haven, Conn.

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CURES RHEUMATISM LUMBAGO, SCIATICA NEURALGIA and KIDNEY TROUBLE
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