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**Convict Labor in Building of Roads.**  
At a recent meeting of the national good roads board, held in New York city, Senator C. T. Lassar of Virginia outlined the method of building roads with convicts in the Old Dominion. C. Gordon Neff, the chairman of the board, has decided to make a canvass of the entire United States to find out which states employ convicts in the building of roads. This will be followed up later with an effort to get other states to use convict labor in road building. There is a general movement to abolish convict labor in lines of the industry where it interferes with organized labor, but in no section of the country does organized labor object to the use of convicts in the building of good roads.

The most important person to promote and perfect grange organization is a thoroughly equipped and progressive deputy.

There is a possibility that the national grange will meet in Buffalo in 1908. But Ohio may claim the honor.

It is not a question of how much a man knows, but what he can make of what he knows.—Holland.

**Lesson in Good Roads.**  
The state engineer of New York in a recent report says that in 1907 New York built 311 miles of good roads and in 1908 829 miles. The taxpayers have authorized the expenditure of \$30,000,000 for roads, and the legislature has added \$11,000,000. It is stated that the expenditure for good roads had to be waged for years to get the work started. The farmers were the strongest in opposition. New Jersey and Massachusetts took up the work before New York, but now the Empire State is getting in line. By the time the \$41,000,000 shall have been spent the three states, which all join at points, will have a great system of roads. One may leave Philadelphia and reach Boston on highways smooth and solid. A good automobile may easily beat the trains on this trip, and surely the pleasure is much greater.

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**THE GRANGE**

Conducted by  
J. W. DARROW, Chatham, N. Y.  
Press Correspondent New York State Grange

**A PRODUCE EXCHANGE**

Co-operative Business Enterprises Much Discussed.

A Farmers' Organization in New Jersey Affords Some Excellent Suggestions For Specific Grange Co-operation in Buying and Selling.

From the reports of the various state grange meetings we learn that considerable attention was paid to the matter of co-operative buying and selling of farm products. Only in isolated cases has anything been done with more than ordinary success along these lines. Massachusetts has organized a co-operative association, with capital stock valued at \$25,000, shares \$5. It is issued only to members of the Order. It is probable that something along this line will be done in New York state.

Such an organization in order to be successful must be confined to members of the Order, so far as concerns the holding of stock, but the outsider must be given the privilege of purchasing supplies at the same prices as grangers where such co-operative grange stores are operated. In such an organization the stock should be held entirely by members of the Order, and they should get dividends, if declared upon it, and also a certain percentage of profits. There should be no discrimination as between members and nonmembers as to buying at these stores, however. Organized along these lines we believe that grange stores may be made a success.

There is in New Jersey a farmers' organization, though not a grange organization, which is called the Produce Exchange, with a capital of \$100,000, and it buys and sells everything the farmer uses or grows and can do business anywhere. We give the details of its plan as reported in the Rural New Yorker:

The shares are \$5 each, and no man can own more than twenty. The stockholders elect twelve directors, who elect the officers and appoint the manager and local agents. The main office is at Freehold. Seven thousand dollars of stock has been paid in. On this they have equipped their office and since the organization have done \$400,000 worth of business. As yet they have done very little buying except to buy \$10,000 worth of seed potatoes. As it is estimated that in the district in which the exchange now does business there is used annually between \$20,000 and \$30,000 worth of fertilizers and seeds other than potatoes, it would seem as if here was a field well worth looking after, which the exchange is now taking hold of.

There are 40 members. For these were sold last year 1,000 carloads of potatoes, besides other produce, earning, it is estimated, to its members not less than \$50,000. They have received on an average for the potato crop \$1.75 per barrel, which has been sold in eleven different states and fifty different cities. They were so fortunate as to secure as manager a business man who has been for eleven years engaged in the trade. He is in direct telegraph and telephone communication with all shipping points as well as the local stations. When produce is brought to it is inspected, graded and sent where the market reports for the day indicate to be the best shipping points and sold direct to large dealers. Sometimes the different markets will vary on a day's sale from 10 to 15 cents a barrel. This price is averaged for all of the same grades and the price announced the day following and the farmers paid on presentation of their shipping receipts. For this service, where the exchange does the selling, a charge is made of 10 cents per barrel. Small lots of produce of various sorts are sometimes sent to commission houses, of which the exchange has a select list, and the goods are sent, as above, where the price and demand seem best, according to the direct daily reports received. The farmer pays the regular 10 per cent commission. The exchange does all the business and for this receives its pay by a reduction from the commission houses to 3 per cent when sent to store and 5 per cent when sold on pier, the latter saving cartage. Today the exchange could pay for all equipment and expense, return all money paid in and have a surplus left as a dividend in stock.

**Patrons' Fire Relief Association.**  
The eleventh annual report of Dutchess and Columbia Patrons' Fire Relief association shows a strong financial standing—on Jan. 1, 2,701 policies, carrying risks to the amount of \$6,705,750. The total receipts for the year, including the amount on hand at the beginning of the year, were \$14,483.81. The balance on hand the first of this year was about \$2,000. The average annual assessment for eleven years was about \$1.55 per thousand. The cost per thousand for three years for losses, premiums and expenses was \$5.26 per thousand.

In the fifty-one granges in the state of New York there are 121 co-operative fire insurance companies, including the grange companies. The amount of risks carried is \$381,591,325, and the average per thousand for these companies for the year 1907 (the 1908 figures not yet given) was \$2.77, and the average for the grange companies was \$1.80.

**The West Waking Up.**  
The last quarterly reports of the new granges organized show that the state of Washington had twenty-one and Idaho seventeen, following forty-three in Washington and ten in Idaho the previous quarter. The organizing of sixty-four new granges in six months in the state of Washington shows what the farmers think of the Order in that state. This is done under the admirable leadership of C. B. Kegley, master of Washington state grange.

When the grange solves the problem of securing farm help for the farmers they will confer upon them a very great favor.

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 miscellaneous 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.

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."

**J. M. WIGHTON, MUNCY VALLEY, PA.**

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**COME HERE NOW**

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

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**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
- Men's Suits 8.50
- Men's Suits 9.65
- Men's Suits 10.50
- Men's Suits 11.75
- Men's Suits 14.50
- Men's Suits 15.50

So Come to J. M. Wighton's to satisfy your wants. Remember only lasts this month. Railroad fare from Lapo mont for purchase of \$10.00 or over.

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No black powder shells on the market compare with the "NEW RIVAL" in uniformity and strong shooting qualities. Are fire and waterproof. Get the genuine.

WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS CO. New Haven, Conn.

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- Richly Flannel overshirts 1.39

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Boys and Girls Stockings 09c

Ladies' Hose 09c

Ladies' Facinators 19c

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All Prices All Prices

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