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## **GOO**D ROAD DRAGGERS

Organization For Improving Highways Formed at Sturgeon, Mo.

### BEGINNING OF A GREAT WORK.

How the Members of the Brotherhood Draggers Have Pledged Themives to Work For Improved Roads. Convicts For Road Building.

here was a good roads crusade reently started at Sturgeon, Mo., which deserving of warmest raise. At he head is a farmer, Geo . W. Baterton, who has been an enthusiast on the subject for the past forty year and who four years ago decided it was time to practice some of the principles he had been preaching and set a good example for his neighbors. Accordingly he made a drag of oak lumber, and to the edge of the front piece he bolted a blade of steel, made by the local blacksmith, which acted as a light scraper to throw the dirt col-lected in front of the drag to the cen-ter of the road. When he visited Stur-geon, three miles distant, he attached this drag to the rear of his wagon or buggy and dragged the roads both coming and going. In this way he con-sumed very little more time in making the trip to and from town and in the course of a year had made a road which he and the residents of the section claim to be superior to rock roads eleven months in the year, while at no time does it become so muddy as to impair seriously its usefulness in haul-ing heavy loads over it when it is at

It is as smooth and hard as a boulevard today, though there were heavy rains recently for two days at Stur-geon and in its vicinity. Mr. Batterton is so afflicted with rheumatism be can hardly walk. Still be has made three miles of country boulevard practically with his own efforts in four years.

With this inspiring example as an incentive the business men of Sturgeon and the farmers of the country got together a few days ago and organized a brotherhood of good road draggers, an agreeing to rollow the camput of attaching a drag to the vehicles in which they drive about on ordinary business. Several automobilists promised to hitch the drag to their motor ears. Bankers, farmers, doctors, gardeners, lawyers, merchants and hucksters propose to co-operate and devote themselves for one year in making and maintaining good roads, no matter what else may happen. "Dragging is the best, simplest and least expensive method to obtain good roads. There is nothing which will add so much to the prosperity and general advancement of the communities as good roads," asserts one enthusiast sounding the keynote of the brotherhood This should be an example for other communities to follow. What has been done can be done, and the best has never yet been attained in any phase of life. The Missouri enthusiasts have started a great work. They deserve not only praise, but that imitation which is the sincerest form of flattery There is a great awakening just at present in this matter of good roads. The Missouri legislature has passed a resolution which proposes to submit to the people the question of levying a state tax of 5 cents on each hundred dollars of assessed valuation, to be set apart and apportioned to the several counties as a permanent road fund. One Missouri county has recently put a gang of convicts to work on the publie highways, ordering several portable eel cages, in which the convicts can confined at night, so as not to lose time transporting them to and from work. All over the country supervisoral boards and city councils are getting together and deciding to do something besides talk. All these things are good, but there is something even better, and that is activity on the part of the farmer in road dragging. Let him set an example and prove the system is good and feasible and legislatures, supervisors and city councils will fall in line quickly enough. There has been plenty of talking. It i time now to go to work individually

### The Whole World For Good Roads.

and collectively.

The motor car naturally suggested the good road, and all the world has taken up the building of good roads in response to the suggestion. It is : response to the suggestion. It is a new idea with us in California, but it is growing like the weeds by the road-side these warm, damp spring days. The single county of Los Angeles is getting busy to spend \$3.500,000 in the construction of 300 miles of fine roads inside of its own limits. The state, inside of its own limits. The state, we hope, will not lag behind in response to this twentieth century sentiment. The governor asks for an appropriation of \$18,000,000 to build two trunk lines the whole length of the state, in all something like 1,000 miles -Los Angeles Times.

### THE GRANGE

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

A Closer Union In the Work of Grange Lecturers.

The Lecturer of the Michigan State Grange Suggests Specific Methods For Improving Present Conditions. Value of Directed Effort.

[Special Correspondence.] "What in your opinion would strengthen the grange and grange work today?" you ask, A closer union among the various

lecture departments, national, state, pomona and subordinate. On the basis that the greatest mission of the grange is educational and that the lecturer occupies the position of a teacher, the organization should develop strong constructive plans for exploring and pre-empting the full possibilities of the lecture hour. The system with which its educational work is conducted should be made co-ordinate with that of other similar institutions devoted to agricultural and rural social

Some of the specific methods by which this closer union might be en-couraged are:

First.-Through communications and advising by correspondence of the national lecturer with under lecturers.

Second.—Through up to date printed matter relating to grange history, accomplishments, progressive methods and present methods, made available for distribution from the national and state offices.

Third.—Through a few broad topics suggested to form the basis of uniformity in program work and to se-cure concentration of discussion throughout the order within a given

ences (a) at national sessions, which state granges should encourage and perhaps assist their lecturers to attend; (b) at state sessions, which po-mona and subordinate granges should encourage and sometimes assist their lecturers to attend; (c) at pomona ses-sions, which subordinate granges should encourage their lecturers to at-

JENNIE BUELL, Lecturer Michigan State Grange

### THE GRANGE NEEDED.

It Must Aid In Keeping the Young
Men on the Farm.

The drift of young people from
rural homes to the city has shifted a
heavier burden to the shoulders of
those who remain, says a writer in the
National Stockman, We no longer
have the old methods of entertaining
the young people in the country that the young people in the country that were common forty years ago, when every schoolhouse had its singing school and literary society. The opera and moving picture shows are only in the towns. The bowling alleys, billiard hall, poolrooms and card tables are there also

There is no better method of over-coming all these difficulties than to have in every community a good, live grange. It encourages education. It promotes social relations. It aids the promotes social relations. It aids the backward. It broadens the horizon. It clevates the morals. It teaches thrift and economy. It promulgates new ideas and demonstrates old themes. It develops a progressive farmer who is equal to those in any other calling. It makes of farming a profession, dealing with scientific facts fully established. It dignifies labor and raises the toiling husbandman to a higher plane than he ever before has a higher plane than he ever before has occupied. It is no new thing. For forty years it has toiled for the benefit of the masses. It is no untried thing. Its demands have been heard by con-gress and state legislatures. It seeks no mere selfish ends. All its past has been marked by widespread benefits.

### Dimit, Not Demit.

In seeking honorable dismission from a grange a member secures a card known as a "dimit." This word is often spelled incorrectly "demit," for which there seems to be no valid rea-son. A writer in the American Agri-culturist gives the correct derivation of the word as from the Latin dimittere, to send away. Webster defines it as to dismiss, let go or release. Demit is derived from the Latin demittere, to send or bring down, to low-er. A dimit from an organization does not lower one, and no grange should accept bylaws from its committee with such spelling in the text.

Those senators and congressmen holding down the grange's demands for parceis post, postal savings banks and the grange good roads bill will never have any monuments raised by opular subscription, says the National Stockman.

National Secretary Freeman was one of the speakers upon the agricultural special run over the C. H. and O. lines in Ohio. Other speakers were Govern-or Harmon and Secretary Sandles of the Ohio state board of agriculture.

Pennsylvania state grange will meet in the auditorium of the State college Dec. 21-24.



People generally read advertisements more than they did a fewgyears ago. The reason is to be found in the advertisements themselves.

Advertisers are more careful than they used to be. They make the madvertise-

ments 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

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

business. Look over the miscellany page of any paper-look at its local news columns. 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.

"Let the merchant come down 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 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.

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## The REPUBLICAN NEWS ITEM and Tri-Weekly

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Men's or Boys' Sweater Coats	.38
Mens sweater coats	.75
Mens sweater coats	1 25
Mens sweeter coats	1.50
	2.00
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Mens cardigan jackets	1.25

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## Men's Suits

Men's Suits		4.6
Men's Suits		6,7
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Mens Suits	11.75	14.5
8;	15.50	16 2

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