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THE GRANGE

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NEED OF THE HOUR.

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 uplift. As a whole, we will do our best under an aggressive, stimulating and directing force, emanating from the highest and permeating every degree of the order.

Some of the specific methods by which this closer union might be encouraged 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 secure concentration of discussion throughout the order within a given time.

Fourth.—Through lecturers' conferences (a) at national sessions, which state granges should encourage and perhaps assist their lecturers to attend; (b) at state sessions, which pomona and subordinate granges should encourage and sometimes assist their lecturers to attend; (c) at pomona sessions, which subordinate granges should encourage their lecturers to attend.

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 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 overcoming all these difficulties than to have in every community a good, live grange. It encourages education. It promotes social relations. It aids the backward. It broadens the horizon. It elevates the morals. It teaches thrift and economy. It promulgates new ideas and demonstrates old ones. 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 tolling husbandman to 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 congress and state legislatures. It seeks no mere selfish ends. All its past has been marked by widespread benefits.

Dimit, Not Demit.

In seeking honorable dismissal 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 reason. A writer in the American Agriculturist 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. Dimit is derived from the Latin demittere, to send or bring down, to lower. 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 parcels post, postal savings banks and the grange good roads bill will never have any monuments raised by popular 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 Governor Harmon and Secretary Sandtes 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 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.

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.

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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 46c
Mens cardigan jackets	1.25

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Boys' Shirts or Drawers	25
ribbed or fleeced	20 and 26c
Mens ribbed underwear	all colors 39c
Mens fleeced lined underwear	all colors 39c

Boys Corduroy Pants.

Boys' corduroy knee pants, lined throughout, fine ribbed quality	worth regular 75c Special 39c
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Men's Suits

Mens 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

CHILDRENS' SUITS From 99c to 3.50 and 5.50
MEN'S TROUSERS From 69c to \$4.75.
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MEN'S ODD COATS

All Prices Duche and Corduroy 85c to 2.25

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