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The Depressed Condition of Agriculture-Its Remedies and its Future.

The history of the growth in wealth and population of the United States, during the past hundred years, reads more like a cannot help being surprised to see how closely interwoven are the various industries that give her constantly increasing popu-

So closely connected are the East and West by the network of railroads that bind them together, that any disturbance in financial matters affects both equally. If the farms lying in the rich valleys of the Mississippi, and its tributaries. yield an abundant harvest, commerce straightway feels the effect; her wheels are set in motion and give employment to the armies under her control. Manufacturies are increased because of the brightened prospects of a future ened prospect of a future ened prospects of a future ened prospect of a future energy future energy funds from the county commissioners and its twould be better for the people to extend the powers of the government. It already has the right of a future energy funds from the county commissioners as fast as possible, and into extend the powers of the government. It already has the right to control and regulate the county energy funds from the county commissioners are into extend the powers of the government. It already has the right to control and regulate the county energy funds from the county commissioner and the fund of the funds of the funds of the funds of the funds from the county commissioner and the funds of the funds feels the effect; her wheels are are placed upon a solid foundation. It seems as though an industry, holding in its possession the power to make or unmake the creasing the gross value of its ance in another, the news is prises that are now under private terest on such securities at preprosperity of all other industries produce in so small a proportion, flashed across the wires and the direction, and the cry of an ar-sent, as provided by statute, is 5 the very nature of things be able commodities. But its strength is its greatest weakness. Its magnitude, its extent of territory, its dependence upon natural causes, the seemingly conflicting interests, all combine to bind 1880 58 the giant hand and foot, and de- 1890 68 22 15 liver it over to those whose very life depends upon its prosperity. does not stand alone in this dewrought wonderous changes in the fact that the general average velope our country and add to five of these man can say whethour financial system, and have of manufacturers' profits dwinits wealth and prosperity, but it er the laws enacted by sixty-five made finance a more potent fac-tor in our national life than any cont in 1870 down to the fac-tor in our national life than any cont in 1870 down to the fac-tor in our national life than any cont in 1870 down to the fac-tor in our national life than any cont in 1870 down to the fac-tor in our national life than any cont in 1870 down to the fac-tor in our national life than any cont in 1870 down to the facfrom circulation of vast sums of near correct, and can only refer trains shall run; in short, placed government or the people, save money at critical periods, as has you to one manufacturing establin their hands the power to make the power of impeachment or often been done, has not only lishment in a neighboring city as or unmake commercial centres. had the effect of cheapening ag- a fair sample. The company We have to-day the spectacle of stitution. ricultural products, but has that I refer to is engaged in man- one man holding in his grasp, wrecked unnumbered business ventures, thrown thousands of stock of \$50,000; the gross value to dictate to the rest of the

from circulation reacted upon all on the capital stock invested. classes alike, it would in time leading industries will, I believe, States are concerned there is such an action would be of bene- Views, page 652.) show that agriculture has suffer- none, taking a series of years to fit to the farmers; chief among

increased 29 per cent in value classes of the world. during the same period; and at the same time the per cent of decreased from 15 persons in 100 laws, First, the natural law of sequestered. For these and state for a number of years past. lieve the present census will transportation; and steam, and its it would be better for the people comptroller to withdraw said

If an industry, while making this factured products. Should there this topic. I know that a great vested upon real estate in the great addition to its capital be a scarcity in one part of the many people dread the idea of several counties of the state, is stock, and at the same time incivilized world, and an abund-governmental control of enter-about \$1,500,000. The rate of in-

to dictate to the world, and within itself be enabled to regulate creased in value, so far as grain finds a ready market. Does it seems as though there might be not safest. While the rate of inand fix the prices of its own crops are concerned and will onnot seem to you as though the the same tactics employed in this terest provided is large for a first-

HORSES. COWS. CATTLE. SHEEP. 1870 \$78 \$37 \$22 \$2.32 \$6.20 entrusted to their keeping the from the people themselves. full amount of principal due. At 17 2.39 2.27 4.72 as well.

To show that the agriculturist past twenty years have preciation I will merely refer to more than anything else to destatute books by congress," and States deposit fund."

men out of employment, and of their output in 1890 was \$80,- transportation companies their Ed. Visitor: what it has undone in a single 000, deducting from this the raw tariff schedules, and bidding de-

Political economists are prone assume, to a certain extent, the in 1876, the result of which may work out its own remedy; but to lay the burden of trouble to control and management of be interesting to your readers. such, unfortunately, is not the over production, but I shall through lines of rail road. There (See Youngs American Statescase. A comparison between the claim that so far as the United are a number of reasons why man page 655, and Benton's gait that we formerly knew as ed a greater depression than any gether. To be sure, we may them are these: Transportation other industry.

Let me call your attention to a few statistics taken from our there will be a failure or shrink
consus reports: The total rum of the area that will consuse the area that will consuse the other hand freight and from the superstance of the paragraph of the first the superstance of census reports: The total num- age in the area that will consume the other hand, freight and pas- representation in the Senate and able owners. Send 10 two-cent ber of people in the United the entire product. Take for sengers would not be transported House of Representatives; and to stamps to Geo. T. Angell, 19

THE GRANGE VISITOR. in round numbers 12½ millions, of which 47 3-10 per cent were 000 that of the year 1888. At Rail road magnates would not be Mr. Benton denounced the measing 536,000,000 acres of land, necessary to civilization, now the States. Owing to her unprecediction proved true in every rethe principal crops raised upon the farm. The value of the product the farm. The value of the product to us, as it will enable them to compete with Jan. 7th, says: duct per acre of the land devoted to breadstuff in 1870, was \$15.30, travagance, and so arises the could imagine her greatness. In the control of the land devoted to breadstuff in 1870, was \$15.30, travagance, and so arises the could imagine her greatness. In the control of the land devoted to breadstuff in 1870, was \$15.30, travagance, and so arises the could imagine her greatness. In the control of the land devoted to breadstuff in 1870, was \$15.30, travagance, and so arises the could imagine her greatness. In the control of the land devoted to breadstuff in 1870, was \$15.30, travagance, and so arises the could imagine her greatness. In the control of the land devoted to breadstuff in 1870, was \$15.30, travagance, and so arises the could imagine her greatness. employment and furnish food for employment and furnish food for the sound in 1880 was \$11.75, in 1888 it was necessity for a wider market. cases like these, the government mortgage on improved real estate \$9.41. To sum it up, in eighteen We are now confronted with a exercising the right of eminent by county commissioners, apyears we had increased the area problem as great as any this nadomain that would justly belong pointed by the governor in each under cultivation 118 per cent, tion has been called upon to set- to her, could dictate where the county, pursuant to a statute while the gross value of the pro- tle, involving as it does the fu- road should run even if it should passed by the Legislature. Those ducts raised on the farms only ture welfare of all the industrial be over a rival route. In this securities, and the manner of the

The successful exchange of could take into account the ser-upon real estate, as provided. commodities between nations, vices rendered the public as well have not met with the approval those engaged in agriculture had has come to be governed by two as the damage done the property of the financial officers of the supply and demand; second. many other reasons do I believe It has been the policy of the prices of agricultural and manu- word further in connection with county commissioners, and inis not in a depressed condition? articles n demand are transported my of office holders to be per cent per annum. I have shown that the farmers by steam to where they are need-changed at every new administence has shown that the said inwelfare in the hands of private greater than the greatest law case, it is often difficult to realize corporations or individuals, had making power of the land, aside from the proceeds of the sale the 4.70 individual welfare of her citizens The Supreme Court of the United present there is no authority in States who, "sitting in a little this state for investing public None will deny that the rail back room in Washington, inter- funds upon real estate security, roads have done as much if not pret the laws placed upon the except in regard to the United

(CONTINUED.)

Government Loans on Real Estate.

In June 1836, a bill passed

engaged in agriculture and were first sight this seems a strange allowed to bond and mortgage ure, "as distribution in disguise, farming nearly 408,000,000 acres. anomoly, but when we consider the rail roads for more than their a deposit never to be reclaimed, valued at 94 millions, or \$22.71 that we are now entering upon a cash value, and the practice of a miserable evasion of the Conper acre. The average number new era in economics, it does not manipulating the market value stitution, an attempt to debauch of acres in each farm was 153, seem at all out of place. The of their stocks would, in time, better the people with their own money. making their average value \$3.- conditions of industrial affairs come a lost art. Freight and as plundering instead of defend-475. and producing an average valhave entirely changed during the passenger traffic would become ing the Country, and as a cheat ue of \$650 of ten of the principal last quarter of a century. The cheaper because more economifor political effect. "President crops raised upon the farm. methods of production and con- cal measures could be used in Jackson signed the bill, with Ten years later the number of sumption of agricultural and construction of railways running great "repugnance of feeling" people engaged in all the gainful pursuits was 17½ millions, of which 44 1-10 per cent were enaccommunity at one time supplied in family and the gainful pursuits was 10½ millions, of the Market of t gaged in farming and were farmitself with all the articles cultural portion of the United Benton's declarations and prevalued at over \$10,000,000,000 or conditions are so changed by dented growth, land values in spect; and the money has never \$19.02 per acre. The average labor-saving and multiplying the business centres have rapid-been returned to the government. number of acres, in each farm machinery that the greater vol- ly increased in value and reached The state of New York received was 134, with an average value vme produced must seek another such a height that it is almost \$4,000,000, as its quota, and the hundred years, reads more like a romance than sober and matter of \$2,549. and producing an average value of \$533 of ten of period where we must create less way to reach a position that will on farm mortgages. The Comp-

case, the compensation given investment of the said funds

We have been reading "Black of its component parts. Our financial system, dependent as it is upon our national logislation. It have been smalled to see that a verage of 45 per seems to me that we have paid them back a hundred fold. We have placed the means in their power to regulate the prices of life. Once on the heart that we have paid them back a hundred fold. We have placed the means in their power to regulate the prices of life. Once on the heart that we have paid them back a hundred fold. We have placed the means in their power to regulate the prices of life. Once on the heart that we have paid them back a hundred fold. We have placed the means in their power to regulate the prices of life. Once on the heart that we have paid them back a hundred fold. We have placed the means in their power to regulate the prices of life. Once on the heart that we have paid them back a hundred fold. We have placed the means in their power to regulate the prices of life. Once on the heart that we have paid them back a hundred fold. We have placed the means in their power to regulate the prices of life. Once on the heart that we have paid them back a hundred fold. We have placed the means in their power to regulate the prices of life. is upon our national legislation.

I have been unable to ascerbas as much influence upon our prosperity, if not more than all processes the processes of the process of the proc prosperity, if not more, than all sufficient data to make a compugrants of land, given them the President or Congress, beyond hard usage, and the delights of else combined. The withholding tation that would be anywhere right to say when and where the reach of any power in the kind, intelligent treatment. It is so realistic that it kindles a feel the power that amends the con- ing of companionship-kinship almost, and must enlist the sympathy of every reader, for so intelligent an animal, so liable to abuse. The story of Black Beauty is the story of many a farm day has taken years of patient material and wages paid, which fiance to one of the highest triamounted to \$56,000. leaves a bunals of the land. No more one precedent for the govern- jockeyed about after ill treat-If the withdrawal of money profit of \$24,000, or 48 per cent cogent reason can be offered than ment loans project." There was ment has spoiled his early usefulthis, why the government should however, a move in that direction ness and vim. How many old horses we see on the street with sprightly and active, the pride of their owner; now spavined or States employed in all the gain-ful pursuits in the year 1870, was it falls short in bushels nearly of driving out the smaller stockTransactions Are.

writer's conception of the term is. it will be best to illustrate by saying that on Sept. 30 "A." contracts to sell and deliver, and 000 bushel of the speculative aided by a constant fear, on the the boards of trade, where, for "B." to receive and pay for, 10,delivered at seller's option in December. There are also forms of option dealing which boards of trade do not recognize as regular, but wink at, such as "puts and calls," and a process obtains called "pringing out," whereby a vast majority of deals are daily settled by a kind of clearinghouse operation without any semblance of delivery.

Under the contract supposed, "A." has the "option" of delivering the wheat at such time during December as he may elect, the term "option" having reference solely to the time when during the month named, the seller may declare the contract matured; effect by the delivery of property, it being a matter of common notoriety that in at least 999 out of every 1,000 such transactions. "A." neither owns nor expects to own the grain he contracts to sell and deliver, nor does "B." expect to receive the wheat he entered into a contract to receive and pay for, the tacit understanding being, that should the price of wheat, at maturity of contract, have advanced to \$1.05 per bushel, "A." shall, instead of delivering to "B."10,000 bushels. pay him the difference between the then market price and the contract price, which being 5 cents per bushel, "A." pays "B." \$500. On the other hand, should the price have declined 5 cents, would settle the deal by paying "A." \$500.

In all time contracts entered into upon boards of trade—and this term is used to designate all exchanges where such contracts are made-with very rare excepowns or expects to own a single pound of the commodities in which they pretend to deal, nor but each hopes the price will turn in his favor and enable him to win. Thus the transaction bears the same relation to commerce as does a wager upon a horse demand, but by as incalculable a contingency as the preponderance of the "bull" or "bear" element when the contract matures.

After the making of such a conber wheat and is designated as a "bear," and "B." is "long" of December wheat and is classed as a "bull."

HOW PRICES ARE DEPRESSED.

As, nine-tenths of the time, more option dealers are interest ed in depressing than advancing dom from rapid and wide oscillaprices, the weight and influence tions in values. The seller who of the speculative body is almost is an owner of property never decontinually exerted in depressing preciates its value, nor does he prices. First comes the constillepress prices by offerings of imhabit of thought or a pessimistic be impracticable to deliver. mental tendency, has come to believe prices are always too dealer is such an exceptional prowill tend to cause the 'longs' to journal: become panic stricken and throw thus depress prices to a point being, as it ought to be, a body scribes a scene in the provision ducer.

cheaply and increase his margin dustry to the general good." recede and entail loss.

into selling, and any improbable below the price obtaining for veritable shuttle cock of, by a tale of disaster will have an in- actual product. For instance, body of men, the majority of the market the air is thick with ers were paying 31 cents more ive title of "scalpers," and whose rumors of failures, panics, and for actual wheat than was asked entire capital is barely sufficient coupled with the offering of more doubtless to the fact that the mill ship, or "margin" a purchase or and then panic stricken, and be- in abnormal and excessive fluctua- passage of the Butterworth bill. thousand is ever carried into ducts, on the part of the "bulls," moved yesterday may be illus- which the judgment of the peoby these operations.

> seizes the bull, often caused by at that price, was cursing his readily bought and sold without his inability to respond to calls luck over a loss of 'three-eighths' the factitious aid of the option for margin, is one of the most when he heard the remark that it dealer and have thus far escaped serious phases of option dealing, was a quick 'bulge' and learned the blighting effects of board of making of the bull a most effect it was \$1.02% instead of \$1.01%. tive instrument in producing a and that he had a profit of fiverapid and great shrinkage in eighths instead of a loss. values; hence, the operations of the speculative bull and bear are tain were men dealing in products not but hope that congress will. equally to be deprecated and instead of fictions, as an immense

others, having contracted to de- callow youths could not sell ulation, to such commercial liver what he does not own and is millions on a capital of a few methods as suffice for all other unable to buy, except at a price hundred dollars. greater than that at which he had agreed to sell, resorts to all con-destroy legitimate grain buying ceivable devices and misrepresen- for the purpose of holding for a as to the extent of option sales, tions neither seller nor buyer tations to break the market and profit, whereas a few years since. so cheapen products, before the men could be found at every ceed the entire product so dealt maturity of his contract, as to village in the producing districts in two or three hundred times, leave a difference in his favor, or who stored grain for an advance; while the offerings which do not that will enable him to buy a like now, however, the buyer is so mature even into option sales, or receipt of such commodities, amount of speculative grain at a thoroughly impressed with the are ten to thirty times as much price lower than that named in danger arising from these fluctua- as the option sales, and it is his contract with "B."

contingent of bulls anxious to tion to sell to arrive, using the "get in on breaks," an immense wire to effect sales, afraid to sarily followed maturity of conthat in one case a definite sum is majority of speculators are ever trust the market for a single day. tract, offers would be limited by at stake, while in the other, the working for lower prices and Like conditions obtain in the the amount available for delivwager is an indefinite one, that offering million on million of fiat large cities where owners of ery. the price of wheat, in some future products, and with each drop in elevators are, in order to employ Now, however, it is not unmonth, will vary from a stated price having a profit, multiply their warehouses, forced to usual for as much fiat wheat to sum, the amount of the wager the offerings, such additional purchase grain, glad to secure an be sold in a day as there is of tion, and the winning party is and thus without possessing a carrying charge. With the option determined, not by supply and fraction of the products offered, dealer dominating the market and these men are, by one round in in a position to destroy values, in value the entire grain product holding of farm products; hence of the country, such depreciation each buyer in turn hurries the year—while the offerings in a Institute the following resolutract, "A." is "short" of Decem- part of the year's earnings of cannot advance because of the

millions of farmers. the legitimate dealer owning or the result is that from two-thirds fect of depressing prices. Albers of the present legislature to the commodities offered for sale! All his efforts are directed towards securing good prices, steadiness in demand, and freetutional bear, who, from long possible quantities which it would

On the other hand the option high; then the professional bear, duct of civilization, and short who, knowing it is easier to de- selling such a singular commer- for future delivery an amount of press than advance prices, sells cial method, that dealer and below the current price property method are alike unique, being hogs bought, and thus guard he does not own, and whose win- the only person and method ever against a possible loss resulting nings depend upon lower prices, engaged in systematically deexerts all his ingenuity in exag- preciating what the person progerating the extent of the supply poses to sell by such method, and judgment will enable the business the days named, for each bushel our educational system and we and fabrication of such reports of such phases of option dealing man to measure, as none can of wheat sold. New York option will antagonize such a movement failures, panics, stringent money and board of trade methods are measure the vagaries of a pitful dealers sold 372 bushels of fiat in every honorable way. markets, and the great breadth not inaptly characterized in the of frantic speculators whose grain, and that it would require of, and favorable conditions sur- following paragraph from a re- operations are as devoid of but 36 days for them to sell op-

"The trouble with the board of that will enable him to win. of intelligent merchants devoted pit—a scene well worthy the Next comes the speculator, who, to the advancement of legitimate pencil of a Hogarth: being convinced prices are too business, and an intelligent study

Dealings in Options.—What the and desiring to get in as cheaply market, they seem to have reached been filled since the opening of the ing even to a local calamity?—C. as possible, becomes an active the level of a body of mere specula- board this morning, with a frantic Wood Davis, in Country Gentleman. In order so to discuss option and unscrupulous bear, exerting tive 'scalpers,' living off each crowd of yelling bettors. As dealing in farm products that the himself to the utmost to depress other, producing nothing, and in soon as the board opened, it bereader may understand what the prices that he may buy the more no sense contributing by their incame rumored that there was a

for winnings. Thus the efforts Nothing could be more destruct and a wild scramble of shorts to of nearly all the devotees at this tive of the interest alike of pro-cover followed." singular commercial shrine make ducer and legitimate dealer than for lower prices, being effectually the practices now obtaining on grade of wheat at \$1 per bushel, part of holders, that prices will each unit of any actual product sold and delivered thousands of option dealer, that it is not haz-The bears act upon the know- fictitious units are offered at ardous for the legitimate dealer ledge that men can be terrorized prices sometimes 1 to 5 per cent. to handle, and grain is made a fluence; hence, when they raid not long since Minneapolis mill- whom are known by the suggestwide-spread commercial disaster, for speculative futures, owing to buy a board of trade membergrain than there is in the country. has not been invented which will two of fiat grain; and yet the the result being that the bull be- convert figments into merchan Chicago Board of Trade memoricomes, in turn, nervous, timid table flour. Such practices result alizes Congress, opposing the for increased margins, throws rapid as to be wilder those on the memorial seems to be compounding further to depress the price. statement that—"The uncer- for the farmer and special pleadstrategy, result in disastrous but a moment when he heard a sion. effects upon prices and the pros- great hubbub, rushed in under When we reflect that only perity of the producers, the prices the impression that the market grain, hog products; cotton, coffor whose products are determined was dropping on him, frantically fee and petroleum are the sub-The senseless terror which was seven-eighths, sold his wheat sands of other commodities are

> Such conditions could not obcapital would be involved instead measure, relegate the staples, equally harmful.
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> "A," among thousands of of insignificant margins, and

Such fluctuations inevitably the grain pits, able to depreciate men are unwilling to risk the probably more than twice as sometimes representing a large grain out of his hands, and prices How different is the course of fear of a sudden fall in price, and offerings having the intended efhaving the means of producing to three-fourths of the bins in the board of trade, 1888, pp. 114, 115, sales of wheat at New York and report St. Louis Merchants as set forth in press dispatches Exchange, 1889, pp. 102, 141.]

and distributor at the mercy of product is shown in parallel colthose selling mere figments, that the packer daily buying a thousand hogs, the products from which require weeks to cure, is forced to seek protection against excessive fluctuations by selling product equal to that from the from fluctuations which the exercise of no amount of sound mercial morality.

rise, but being "out of the market" their direction to the Chicago deserted for several weeks, has commercial convulsion amount-line be substituted.

'corner' in pork in contemplation

CONTEMPLATED LEGISLATION.

There is not an article that has known the blighting touch of the

ing unable to respond to calls tions in values—fluctuations so Aside from its postulates, the his grain overboard, adding great-spot, as is shown by a recent ed in about equal parts of sophisly to the swelling tide and help- Chicago market report in the tications, pretended solicitude Large holdings of fictitious pro- tainty with which the market ings for continuance of a system are as great a menace to the trated by an incident. One trader ple condemns, and the abolition stability of prices as are the im- having purchased 25,000 bushels of which would not cause even a mense offerings of the bears, and December wheat at \$1.024 stepped ripple upon the stream of trade, when forced overboard, by bear out of the pit. He had been out much less a commercial convul-

> inquired the price, was told it jects of option sales, while thoutrade methods, and that the natural relation of supply and demand determines the price for nearly all such articles, one canby the enactment of an effective subject to board of trade manipcommodities.

Outside of New York, boards of trade furnish no information but they are prodigious and extions, that he hastens to sell his these limitless offers, as well as What with multitudes of bears, grain as soon as bought, and such sales, which depress prices. with contracts maturing and a when shipping takes the precau- If sales were confined to actual

44,000,000 bushels of fiat wheat much as will reach that city this single day at either Chicago or New York are said to often ex- Whereas, It has come to our pressure to sell induced by the ceed 100,000,000 bushels, such through. [See report Chicago thereof from a few days' option tem of town supervision; and, sales of wheat at New York Whereas, The former ex-

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imns:		
Date 1890.	Sales actual wheat. Bushels,	Option sales fictitious wheat. Bushels.
April 8	63,000	18,400,000
pril 9		20,000,000
pril 12		10,080,000
pril 14		44,000,000
Sept. 3	8,000	8,000,000
Sept. 4	32,000	6,400,000
Sept. 15	62,000	7,240,000
Oct. 22	12,000	4,000,000
Oct. 23	64,000	3,000,000
Oct. 24		4,600,000
Total	227.800	125,720,000

rounding, the growing crops as cent issue of a leading Chicago business deliberation as of comtions equaling in amount an tions were adopted as expressive average wheat crop, and this is The following telegram to the but one of many boards of trade their holdings on the market and trade seems to be that instead of Globe-Democrat but faintly de-constantly preying upon the pro-

If this system is a part of and ous and benevolent purposes. the outgrowth of our civilization

Good Return from Topdressing.

It has been the custom with us to haul the cattle manure direct to the grass lands as it is made. and the longer we follow the practice the more certain we are that in no other way can a farm be more rapidly improved. By no manipulation can manure be made richer in the elements of fertility than when first produced. Then why store it and risk the danger of waste from exhalation and leaching? By applying in its fresh, coarse state we get all the plant nutrition there is in it, and in addition have the benefit of it as a protection to grass roots in winter, and a shelter from the scorching heat of summer. Year by year our fields increase their yield of corn and grass-other crops are of secondary importance with us in this dairying region. When we began the experiment we were almost alone in it, but gradually our neighbors adopted the system, and it invariably shows its advantage in the increased productiveness of the farms. I cannot imagine a farm so poor that by stocking it to its capacity and applying the manure to the surface as fast as made it cannot be rapidly increased in productiveness. have seen very thin land, with apparently no grass on it, treated through winter with the manure from the stables, that by the next autumn was so heavily coated with white clover as to draw the attention of passers by. -Wm. T. Smedley, Chester county, Penn., in N. Y. Tribune.

#### Hints about Hiring Help.

Mere muscular strength does not denote most usefulness on the farm. Note in a prospective hired man the energy and sense used in expending it. Sometimes one man does as much work in two days as another in three. Skill in directing muscle and ability to turn off work without slighting it are valuable essentials. Better pay a good man fair wages than get a cheap one for his board: and this is not saying anything about listless, idle men; it merely considers the difference between industrious hands. A man's habits and demands should have weight when employing. Addicted to tobaccoespecially smoking—risk of fire is increased, and time is lost in using the weed or going to get it. However low wages a drunkard may ask, he has no proper place on the farm. The obscene, profane man coarse and unclean. should be avoided like contagion. Against the losses he causes being measured by such variation and such advance equal to the ordinary lactual grain received in a year. His dameter of the such variation and vari For instance. On the 14th of April New York speculators sold ployer, family and neighborployer, family and neighborhood.—Hollister Sage.

At the recent Ingham County

knowledge that there will be an effort made by some of the memthough there is no means of de- abolish our present system of grain elevators of Chicago and termining the volume of the sales, county superintendency of other cities stand idle the year yet we can get some conception schools and return to some sys-

periences of our state in town and the following table where supervision conclusively proves So completely are producer the synchronous sales of actual that in a majority of instances it was impossible to secure persons in the township who were fully competent to perform the duties belonging to such a position, and that the compensation was insufficient and the field of labor too limited to induce any to prepare themselves fully for the perform-

ance of those duties; therefore, Resolved, That we look with disfavor upon any movement that will in any way tend to make This table shows that during such supervision less efficient in

> Relative to the taxation of property, the following resoluof the views of the institute:

> Resolved, That we approve of the principle of taxing all property, except that used for religi-

Resolved, That we are opposed "Chicago, April 11, 1890. The should we not, as with other to the repeal of the present solow and must advance greatly, of questions affecting the control provision pit, on the board of malignant growths, eliminate it called mortgage tax law, unless intends to profit by the expected of the products of the West and trade, which has been almost before the operation can cause a something better in the same

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#### Common Honesty.

Read before Ingham County Pomona Grange b Mrs. E. H. Hume.

Common honesty is a commodity all possess, and at once come the questions:

What is it? Where is it found? What is it used for?

Who uses it? In answer' to the first, "What is it?", I have just said it is a commodity all possess, not marketable, though all who buy, sell, and get gain" should have a stock will know it when you see it.

To the second question, "Where sundry times and in divers places; service, etc., etc. in church and state, in commerce among individuals, at the polls, (and I do not refer to the ends of the earth, either,) at our own ta- It may be we must view it as the bles, in our own hearts, and, if Republican voter does prohibiyou wish to find it elsewhere, and look, it will usually show up in some form.

As to "Who uses it?", I answer: All; the "rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief; doctor, law-yer, merchant, chief." The rich man, when he uses the opportunities his wealth gives him to defraud his neighbor; the poor man, who believes the world owes him a living, and acts accordingly; the beggar, who begs systematically; the thief, he revels in common honesty; the doctor, who gives us bread pills or stimulants, when we need neither; the lawyer, who takes his fee regardless of his case, and the chief, who surrenders his gun while hiding its duplicate under his blanket.

"What is it used for?" I might say for convenience; and again I might say because we are cowards and are trying to shield ourselves from imaginary harm.

Said Jones, I hardly ever ride, For crowded cars I can't abide, And carriages I do despise I am so fond of exercise.

"I bring my lunch, said Smith, elate, For noisy restaurants I hate, Besides I'd spoil my appetite For dinner when I'm home at night.

"Said Brown, I'm tough, I never wear An overcoat; I do declare I do not feel the cold like those Half frozen chaps weighed down with clothes.

I never touch eigars, Green spok They're made of stuff unfit to smoke For healthfulness or comfort ripe Give me my fragrant brier pipe.

"And so we all apologize And make excuses, mostly lies. Because we dare uot say with sense. We go without to save expense.'

honesty to make an agreeable act berries in order to make them easy to perform, and persuade merchantable." ourselves that a duty is an impossibility? And isn't it about as common to rid ourselves of an milk in Lansing during the past only jewel which you can carry beyond the grave is wisdom.—

Mr. Hewitt said:

"I have bought a great deal of milk in Lansing during the past only jewel which you can carry is the mirror of beauty, and only \$1 a is the mirror of beauty, and only \$1 a is the mirror of beauty, and only \$1 a is the mirror of beauty. unsuccessful teacher and give fifteen years, and I don't think I beyond the grave is wisdom. ber a written recommend from ever bought a quart that had our board, glad to get off so easibeen watered. I think that jold the day of the day ly, easing our consciences with ing milk around in delivering it the thought that she was a good to customers has more to do with when nothing would have tempt- rises upon it than all the water ed us to hire her again for our that is put into it."

children?

J. D. Towar said:

Suppose, again, a lady needs assistance in her home, and ap- a little. I have seen a great deal plies to those who should know, of milk sold by different men. for suitable help; it suggests Milk in winter looks richer than common honesty when all the it does in summer, and in rainy incompetent and maimed in her weather it looks blue and smells ward apply for the position, hav- sour. As to the milkmen in Laning been sent because of their sing, I would not dare say they need, instead of ability. and a ever water their milk. total forgetfulness of the woman who asked for capable help.

petty prisoners to Detroit for quested his hired man to feed his their term of imprisonment, be- best cow some hay while he was cause she can get them boarded away. On his return he was surcheaper there, and then congrat- prised to find a bundle of hay ulate herself that, beside cheaper under the spout of the pump." board, they will be turned loose on Wayne county when their sentence expires, and are thereby out of our way, and yet take first premium for honesty?

Again. Shall a man vote for a milk." candidate whose principles are at variance with every law of his

vote is thrown away when cast outside his party, though cast on humanity, before his God, and this article of honesty. It is true yet be credited with an honesty of all of us that we are laboring above par?

These should be sufficient for examples, and yet I haven't num- I ask that this article be publishbered the farmer, who waters his ed in the Grange Visitor.' milk, or mixes his Sunday's milk with the Monday's and Tuesday's supply; neither the one who introduces pulled wool and unwashed tags into a fleece; or the dealer in small fruits who follows the on hand, so that a customer may very common custom of ordering not feel a shortage when he looks the "scant quart" boxes for the over his purchases and counts delivery of his fruit. Then, too, his change. It hasn't any shape there is the man who evades dioccasion from the person using stock for sale, and sells for a it, and I think it safe to say you good milch cow one that, if he could not sell, the would fatten for beef, and the man who pays is it found?", I would answer: At a \$10 highway tax by \$5 actual

> This is my idea of "common" article, none will dispute, but the grow better as time advances. supply never equals the demand. tion: The country isn't ready for The head should be free from reit—it must be educated up to it. straint and carried naturally. Yet, I believe we shall get that The horse will not tire so quickwhich we earnestly desire and ly, and the convenience at waterwork for, and the sooner we all ing troughs is great. A horse accustom ourselves to study our looks as well with head in naturown motives and shape our ac- al position, and often better, and tions for all that is truest and is far more comfortable. A best, the sooner shall we have a horse with head free can draw a better country, better homes, better husbands, better wives leverage by lowering his head. A and better children. Until then tight check will almost bring on with Dr. Holmes we might say

"When legislators keep the law; When banks dispense with bolts and locks; When berries - whortle, rasp and straw Grow bigger, downwards, through the box-

When preachers tell us all they think, And party leaders all they mean; When what we pay for that we drink, From real grape and coffee bean-

When lawyers take what they would give, And doctors give what they would take; When city fathers eat to live, (Save when they fast for conscience sake)-

When he who hath a horse for sale Shall bring his merit to the proof Without a lie for every nail That holds the iron on the hoof-

Till then let Cumming blaze away. And Miller's saints blow up the globe But when you see that blessed day Then order your ascension robe

In the discussion following this essay, Wilson Moore said:

never had a box rejected when blessing that we mortals are capone day, and have often dis of it.-Izaak Walton. charged pickers for making it Is it not a very common kind of necessary for me to re-pack their

Mr. Hewitt said:

girl and needed the position, the small amount of cream that

"I wish to defend the milkman

O. C. Wheeler said:

"A little incident occurred in Shall Ingham county send her Lansing township: A man re-

Mr. Gladden said: "I believe that every milkman waters his milk. They give their cows all the water they will drink, and in so doing they water their

Mr. Hewitt said:

life, because he represents his my cow all the salt she will eat to ty" and others who are trying to party, and be persuaded that his make her drink more water."

Perry Holden said:

"However imperfect we may the side of home and family and be ourselves, we are anxious for for something better and something higher, and for that reason

WILLIAMSTON, Mich., Jan. 20. Ed. Visitor: Please send to my address a few copies of the last two numbers of the VISITOR, as we wish to present them to friends outside of the gates and try and win them to our order. We know of no better argument to produce the desired effect. or color, but assumes both upon rect questions in regard to his Hope you can comply with our request. Our Grange is doing well and we are taking many new and respected members this winter. Splendid weather here HEMMERS. and people are generally cheerful. May you be able to continue the high ethical standard and agriculture, in the home and honesty. That there is a better of your paper, for it seems to

> Fraternally yours, W. T. WEBB.

Do away with the check-rein. load more easily and increase the

tight check will almost bring on paralysis in the neck, and must be very painful to keep muscles and cords strained to one tension all the time.

According to an amendment of the school laws of the state of Michigan, children suffering from consumption or chronic catarrh must be excluded from public schools. This is interesting as a schools. This is interesting as a schools. of the fact that disorders of the respiratory organs can be propagated by direct contagion, and that the atmosphere of a consumptive's sick room, unless constantly ventilated, is apt to become a virulent lung poison.

He that loses his conscience has nothing left that is worth "This essay rather hit my bu- keeping. Therefore be sure you siness in one respect: that is, on look to that. And in the next berry boxes that hold less than a place. look to your health, and full quart. My practice has been if you have it praise God and to put the best berries in the bot- value it next to a good contom of the box, consequently I science, for health is the second put upon the market. Have had able of—a blessing that money as many as 30 bushels picked in cannot buy—therefore be careful

The only true equalizers in the world are books; the only treasure-house open to all comers is a library; the only wealth which

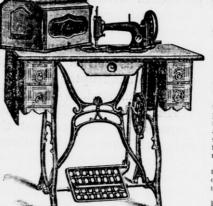
The 43d annual state fair of the Michigan State Agricultural 🖔 Society will be held at its grounds at Lansing, Sept. 7-11, 1891; \$12,000 cash premiums, \$2500 speed premiums. Premium lists out June 1, for which address the secretary, Samuel Johnson, at Lansing.

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## Loans by the Government to Citi-

It is not generally known, even to the average student of history, that loans by government to individuals is not a new and untried enterprise. In the year 1836, when the United States, by sale of public land, had nearly cleared itself from debt. Congress passed an act dividing among the several states the surplus money in the U.S. treasury, above five millions of dollars, on the basis of the number of electors in each state. After Jan. 1st, 1837, and during that year, \$28,000,000 were thus distributed. The states used the surplus variously. Some involved themselves in extensive internal improvements, notably among them were Pennsylvania and Michigan. Three railroads and a ship canal were projected across this state, and into this scheme Michigan's share of the surplus, over a million and a half of dollars, was dumped and lost.

It is with the action of the state of New York regarding her share, however, that we have to do in this connection. This surplus money they decided to loan to the citizens of the state in petty sums on real estate security. Historians of the time give little information regarding the effect upon individuals or upon business. Bryant, in his history of the United States, sums it up in a short paragraph. He says: "Never was there a more unsatisfactory business operation."

Other contemporaneous writers are strangely if not shamefully silent. From several old men now living, who were citizens of the state at that time, we have by a good deal of inquiry gleaned much interesting information.

When the project was announced, and the news spread entitled: "A bill subjecting oleothrough the state, applications margarine to the provisions of for loans were so plenty, and individuals so clamorous, that the amount available was many times house of representatives of the overdrawn, and a pro rata distribution was made. The citi-gress assembled: zen who applied for \$1000 received only two or three hundred. Later on the person who essary sum. The unwritten history of this "unsatisfactory business operation" would be good 842, Alliance advocates of the two per cent government loan, and ciers.

mediately upon this government States. distribution, not as a sequence probably, but in spite of this 'relief" which the government so lavishly extended to farmers. The "hard times" continued for ten years following this, and is explained by Bryant, a contemporaneous writer, in this way: 'Expanded credit, which an oversanguine confidence sought, created widespread bankruptcy, and states as well as individuals put in the bankruptcy plea."

J. D. Hammond, in his Political History, says: "This surplus congress, by law, against the wishes of President Van Buren Sec'y Ex. Com. N. G, P. of H. and his confidential advisers and friends (foreseeing, as they probably did, the embarassment which would result from the proposed measure) ordered to be distributed among the States, etc. Every historian who has recorded any expression of opinion regarding the act, or its effect upon the depressed condition apologizes for the indiscretion of congress, or condemns the measure as unwise. Yet there are those who are striving to help est. history repeat itself and bring upon us a return of those dark days of disaster, so clearly within the memory of the men of that the appointment of a committee day who still survive.

We visited the Cass County Farmers' Institute at Dowagiac on the 21st of last month and found a full attendance and much enthusiasm prevailing. Miss or other authorized parties. Jennie Buell, secretary of the Michigan State Grange, was on courteously presented in person. the program for a paper on "Our Ideals," and Jason Woodman, not stay in the evening to hear the last. Each, however, is highly commended, both by the general public and by the press, for the value of the subject matter of their addresses and the excellent method of presentation. sion brought out no new facts or valuable suggestions; every one seems to be looking to some one else for a solution of the difficulty. B. Hathaway talked about the "Apple Orchards of Cass County," recommending Russian varieties for future planting. The institute is pronounced the

We have a circular letter from the lecturer of the National Grange in relation to the subterfuge practiced by oleomargarine manufacturers in sneaking their products into States having laws restricting its sale by claiming exemption from tax under the "original package" decision. The circular recommends petitioning congress in favor of a bill prepared by Mr. Anthony Higgins, of Delaware. The bill is known as senate bill No. 3911, and is the laws of the several States.

best for several years.

Be it enacted by the senate and United States of America in con-

That no State shall be held to be limited or restrained in its power to prohibit, regulate, control or tax the sale, keeping for really wanted \$1000, applied for sale or the transportation as an \$5000, in order to secure the nec- article of commerce or otherwise to be delivered within its own limits, of oleomargarine, as defined by section 2, of chapter the laws of the reading, and a salutary lesson to forty-ninth congress, by reason of the fact that the same has been imported into such State from beyond its limits, whether other corn-crib-currency finan- there shall or shall not have been rug. should treat himself to a paid thereon any tax, duty, im- rug without delay.

The panic of 1837 followed im- port or excise to the United

#### Juvenile Granges.

The manuals for juvenile Granges are now out of press, promptly filled by the Secretary of the National Grange. All orders for the manual must be officially signed and sealed by the subordinate or juvenile Grange making the same, or in absence of the seal, be approved by the Master or Secretary of the State

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#### How Reach Delinquents.

MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE. SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MARCEL-LUS, Feb. 9, 1891. - From the outlook of the secretary's office Grange work throughout the State is encouraging, At least seven subordinate Granges have revived and are doing good service. That zealous Grange county, Kalkaska, claims the honor of business at the time, either of organizing the first new Grange of 1891. Several Pomona secretaries report large additions to their membership and correspondingly increased inter-

> To ward against a falling off in old membership that shall offset these new gains, Worthy Master Mars has recommended on delinquent members. Permit me to call the attention of such committees to the "Notices to Delinquents" (see list of supplies, page 7) which the State Grange has provided for the use of secretaries of subordinate Granges

When sent as a drop letter or one of these affords a businesslike reminder of a members' neglect of his duty to the order, past lecturer, talked upon "Farm- which can not give offense. ers' Organizations." We arrived From the very small number of too late for the first, and could these "notices" ordered by the Granges of the State, and the frequency with "which suspensions for non-payment of dues" appears on the quarterly reports. I draw my conclusions that the use of this reminder should in-

Paid up members are surest to declare your programs successes "The Causes of Depression in and solicit new members. We Agriculture" was well treated by believe the Grange to be an edness methods and promptness exemplify our belief.

Fraternally, JENNIE BUELL, Sec'y.

Expressions of approval and commendation for the tone and matter contained in the VISITOR are constantly coming with new names and the renewals, which is very encouraging, and stimulates to renewed effort; but we want a wider audience for the paper. Farmers outside the Grange like it, and no more efficient aid to Grange organization can be utilized than an effort to extend the circulation of the paper into intelligent rural homes.

We call special attention to the advertisement of A. W. Haydon, who is breeding excellent horses, and when he says he will sell, he means business. We can vouch for Mr. Haydon's integrity and reputation for fair dealing.

We learn that the Lansing Co operative Association has changed managers. E. F. Chapin succeeds E. R. Osband. This is one of the institutions organized through Grange effort and has been sustained by the order.

In a private letter to the VISIT-OR, the State lecturer says: The tenor of the farmers' thoughts is and that part of the program 'organization,' and the sentiment was, as usual, cheerfully executfavorable to the Grange is in the |ed. ascendency. I hope to have a word for the paper soon.

The farmer who owns a dog whose hide would make a good

#### Communications.

Ingham County Pomona Grange. Once more the call of Pomona aroused the Patrons of Ingham and orders for the same will be county, and in obedience to her request members from every Grange in the county wended their way, January 23d and 24th, toward the Capital City, where a Farmers' Institute was to be held under the auspices of the Ingham

> At 1 o'clock Friday afternoon, a large number being present, Worthy Master Hewitt called to order and proceeded with the program.

County Pomona Grange.

All joined heartily in singing the opening ode used by Capital Grange, after which Prof. Pattengill was introduced, who commanded the interest and attention of all present by his address on

Uniformy of text books. The grading of country

'Three Good Things," viz:

schools. 3. The county supervision of

schools.

The speaker urged the necessi ty of uniform text books in the district, in the township, in the county, and even in the state, and spoke of various ways in which the system could be adopted. He explained the manner in which country schools were graded, and said that much good had already been done in that di-He recommended the rection. country supervision of schools as one of the best methods of insuring efficiency in school work.

After discussion on the above subjects a resolution was presented endorsing the present sys tem of county superintendency, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. G. C. Wheeler then came forward with an interesting pafarmers to assert their rights and to uphold the measures pertaining to their interest.

Recess was then declared, after a lecture on the benefits of the ular attention, and various questions were answered in regard to protecting crops from frost.

## EVENING SESSION.

The installation of officers of Ingham Co. Pomona Grange oc-

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.

The morning session was opened by singing, after which the subject of "Clover and its Relation to Agriculture" was well discussed in a paper presented by Mr. P. G. Holden, in which he favored clover for fertilization in preference to commercial fertili-

"Some of the injurious forms of Fungi" were then illustrated and described by Mr. J W. Toumey. Parasitic fungi injure plants 1st. By depriving them of nour-ishment; 2nd. By restricting their power for assimilating; 3rd. By abnormally increasing or decreasing growth, causing distortion; 4th. By producing decay in ripe fruits; 5th. By diseased plants causing the infection of healthy plants of the same species. The speaker then advanced methods for the destruction of the forms of fungi which had been described.

After the discussion which followed, a recitation entitled "The Schoolmaster's Guests" was neatly rendered by Miss Mary Shaf-

The subject of "Home "Floriculture" was then introduced in a paper presented by Howard J. Hall, in which he gave particular attention to the improvement of grounds and the selection and arrangement of trees, shrubs and flowers.

Dinner was then announced,

SATURDAY, 1:30 P. M.

with music, followed by the almost unanimous adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. Resolved, That we approve of the principle of taxing Michigan you better come out to all property except that used for Groveland and you will find old

religious and benevolent purposes.

2nd. Resolved, That we are opposed to the repeal of the present so-called mortgage law, unless something better in the same line be substituted.

An interesting paper entitled 'Destruction of Birds," was then presented by C. B. Cook, in which the protection of insectiverous and song birds was strongly urged.

After discussion on the above subject, the audience was enjoyably entertained by a recitation excellently rendered by Miss Harriet Hewson.

An essay entitled "Common Honesty" was then presented by Mrs. Alice Hume. The essayist brilliantly illustrated the forms of honesty in use, convincing the audience that to the "good farmer" something better than common honesty was becoming. After the discussion which followed this paper. the subject of "Helps for the Sick Room" was ably treated in a paper presented by Mrs. J. D. Towar, in which much valuable information and many good suggestions were offered.

This being the last on the program, the session was drawn to a close and all returned to their homes feeling that the meeting passed with Capital Grange had been one of the most successful in the history of the Ingham Co. Pomona Grange.

#### CARRIE M. HAVENS.

ED. VISITOR—Five months ago Eaton Co. Pomona Grange set apart five dollars to be used for the purchase of a banner to be contested for by the various Granges of the County, two at a time in Pomona sessions — the Grange first winning it having the honor of making it. A scale per on "Farmers' Rights," in of points was agreed upon, conwhich he urged the necessity of sisting of literary and musical exercises. After all arrangements were complete Windsor Grange came to the front and challenged any Grange in the which Sergeant Conger, director county. Eaton Rapids accepted of the state weather service gave the challenge, and after a month of work in training, the two enservice to agriculture. The frost tered the battle prepared to win lines of the state received particifi possible. After a long and ceaseless round, Eaton Rapids brought down its victim, and yet her face was to the foe, but not long did its glittering folds gleam from her mast head. Charlotte Grange was quietly camping on cupied the early part of the even- her trail; and scarcely had she ing. The remainder was devoted flung it to the breeze, when Charto an address by President Clute lotte sent up a challenge, and on the "Michigan Agricultural promptly declared their mettle Henry Kimmerly, but the discus- ucator. Let us make our busi- College," illustrated by stereopti- was up. The second contest, ids Grange hall, Jan. 24, and a beautiful race it was. of good feeling prevailed, and both were determined to give a fair field but no favors. The battle here raged from noon till darkness hid them from each other's sight; and yet they declared they were not a quarter through, so the flag of truce was run up and an amnesty agreed upon. When the points of each were summed up it was found Charlotte had passed "under the wire," but had beaten her competitor only by "the throat latch." The Eaton Rapids "boy" took his defeat very pleasantly, while the Charlotte "girl" received the congratulations of the company with a pleasant and courteous spirit. The exercises were very fine on both sides, and would do credit to any class of citizens, though a large per cent of them was by the young members, and to honorably mention any would be an injustice to others. As a result of these two contests sixteen have asked for membership in Pomona Grange, and will receive the fifth degree in March; while there is certainly a splendid awakening of the Granges in our county. The next meeting is a joint session of Eaton, Ingham and Clinton counties, at Capital Grange hall, North Lansing, Feb. 27.

GRAND BLANC, Genesee Co., Jan. 24.—Ed. Visitor: It is some time since I saw anything in the VISITOR from Groveland Grange No. 443; but we are alive yet and in good working order-The afternoon session opened not as numerous as once, but what members we have are the best kind of timber and warranted to stand. When you think the Grange is all gone up in members; we have only four of their society. those members at present. We and interesting.

Last Saturday evening we inthe third and fourth degree, and and others. ate one of those Grange suppers -you know how it is yourself.

Genesee county? Only one at our hands. Grange in the county; plenty of dormant ones. Our Grange at the last meeting, for want of future. time, put over to the next meeting the matter of taking money from the treasury to send for order in about two weeks from turer. our Grange for the VISITOR.

Please send me a package of VISITORS. I want to see if I can't do a little missionary work in this part of Genesee county, among the P. of I., for the VIS-Why not?

WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

Report of the first meeting of the Huron County Farmers' and Laborers' Union:

On the 29th ult. three delegates from each Subordinate Association of Farmer and Labor Organizations of Huron county were requested to meet at Bad Axe to see if they might be more closely united.

The convention met in the court house and formed The Huron County Farmers' and Laborers' Union, with a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Door-keeper, and an executive committee of three members from the Grange, three from the Alliance and three from the P.

Adjourned to meet at Bad Axe on the first Wednesday in March next.

One of the resolutions on permanent organization is as fol

Resolved, That this organization, through its executive committee, circulate petitions for favorable legislation and against unfavorable legislation to the farmers, and also to devise means products and for buying supplies.

[We shall expect a report from our correspondent of the action of the meeting in March.—ED.]

TALMADGE, Mich., Feb. 9. ED. VISITOR:

The following resolution was adopted by Tallmadge Grange No. 639, and copies sent to our members of the State Legisla-

To the Hon. the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

WHEREAS, The present dog law is in many instances defective in its operations, in that owners of dogs evade the law by secreting them at the time the assessment is being taken; and

WHEREAS, When the law is strictly enforced it only provides for payment of damage done by dogs killing sheep, and affords no protection to flock-masters;

therefore

Resolved, By Tallmadge Grange No. 639, of Ottawa county, that your Hon, bodies do so amend the present law that it shall be obligatory for every owner of a dog or dogs to cause such to wear a collar with the owner's name thereon, numbered and registered in the township clerk's office for their respective townships; and also that it shall be lawful for any person to kill any dog running at be liable to a suit for damages.

ED. VISITOR:

The regular meeting of the Pomona Grange of Allegan county a trial. The price of land plas Bro. J. T. Cobb, our genial ex-Secretary of State Grange, and \$2.25 per ton. of more than state notoriety, was | WESTERN PLASTER AGENCY.

443 in good working order. Now present all through the session. Notes from the Council at Allegan, fore dinner will be devoted to the I live six miles from our hall in He said he had been tied up with Grand Blanc, but I go up five or the Secretaryship for a great six times a year, and I find a many years, and now that he was good improvement every time I free, he meant to see more of the Council met with Allegan Cengo there. We were organized actual doings of our membership tral Grange on Dec. 2nd last, and May 20th, 1874, with 35 charter throughout the state and enjoy

Our program, as it appeared in lost by death last week one of the Visitor, was carried out in our old charter members. Sister full, and the commendable thing E. Amsden, pres't; N. W. Hou-Charlotte Coleman—one who has about it was that the papers on ser, vice-pres't; M. L. Vahue, been a very attentive member, every subject were well prepared sec'y; Wm. H. Dibble, treas.; N. always at Grange meetings, and and showed that both time and A. Dibble, lecturer. trying to make them pleasant thought had been given to their preparation.

This was especially true in the stalled our officers for the next case of Bros. Wise, Houser and a good portrait of the follies of year; put a candidate through Foster, and Sisters Vahue, Cook the present day in the display at

When our brothers and sisters travel twenty miles or more to Mr. Editor, why can't some attend Pomona Grange, they thing be done for the Grange in have a right to expect something

> Let us, Patrons, see to it that they are not disappointed in the music by Mr. Bartholomew on

Bro. L. A. Spencer was elected Master for 1891, Bro. Jordan, of ton, of Grand Rapids; instru-Wayland. Overseer, and Sister mental music by the Simons VISITOR. But you will get an Spencer was again elected Lec-Respectfully, E. N. BATES.

CASSOPOLIS, Mich., Feb. 5.

ED. VISITOR: I have just received some circulars sent by Mortimer Whitehead, Lecturer of the National Grange, which contain matter for cerning suggestions for the counconsideration. A portion of the ty fair, was one of the papers contents is the following:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of Congress,'

the pending bills, to prohibit the terest. adulteration of food and other commodities, from which every ly enacted into laws.

sition to the other — as opposite cellent music and a general good Conger lard bill will not prohibit Grange in Branch county is all the manufacture of adulterated right. lard and food products, but is for the purpose of perpetuating the same by taxation.

Per se the following found in

same circular: "All compounds of articles to be used as food should be carefully regulated by law, and the expense attending such regulation charged to those who are making" &c. This bill is a compromise with the devil, and, like all devil law of late, pretends to be in the interest of the farmer. Hear what Abraham Lincoln said

acts, laws and constitutions sity against it are wrong, and should be silenced and swept away.'

These principles are as applicable to-day as they were thirty years ago. If this adulterated stuff was being put upon the market by farmers, do you think there would be any compromise or nonsense about the proper remedy to apply? If the manufacture of bogus farm productions are right, all words, acts and laws against the same are

This same circular further

"The farmers ask for practical legislation in the interest of a depressed agriculture, and ask it

If practical legislation is what is wanted, which will be the most practical, the Paddock pure food bill, the Prohibitor, or the Con-

ger perpetuator? Pure food and pure drugs are what the people want, and that is what the Paddock bill calls for, as it singles out two hundred and fifty-five different articles.

The Conger bill was presented in the interest of packers, and not for any other class.

J. Dunning, Sec'y Dailey Grange.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 8, large without such collar, and not 1890.—ED. VISITOR:—The question of price for land plaster is so often brought before us, and ta. MOLINE, Mich., Jan. 21, '91. as it has been claimed that \$3.00 a ton is too high, for the coming season we will give the following was held at Pine Creek, or, more ter in car lots will be \$2.50 per properly speaking, at Otsego ton, f. o. b. at mills, and for all Grange Hall, and as usual we land plaster shipped out and paid

Pursuant to announcement previously given, Allegan County a very good meeting we had. In the forenoon the business necessary was transacted.

The result of the ballot was:

The dinner was pronounced a success by our guests.

The essay by C. A. Jewett was weddings; also gave a few ideas from a scientific standpoint.

The recitation by Henry Stockwell was very fine.

We were more than usually fortunate in music that day. We were favored with some very fine the violin; vocal and instrumental music by Mrs. Florence Holchildren, and singing by the Leggett family. Allegan Grange excused and relieved by the kind favors of our guests.

The program was carried out as far as time would permit. A paper by M.V. B. McAlpine, conleft over. A request has been made to have them apply on the program for the March 3rd meeting at Watson Grange hall. The "We trust you will pass the meetings are interesting, and are Conger lard bill," &c. "We want increasing in importance and in-N. A. DIBBLE.

Branch County Pomona Grange honest industry suffers, prompt- held a rousing meeting at Girard meeting will be expected to apon Thursday, Feb. 5th, the hall There are two propositions set being filled to its utmost capaciforth herein, each in direct oppo- ty. A full program, lots of exas right is from wrong. The time is the general verdict. The W. E. M., Lec.

## Motices of Meetings.

Program of the Van Buren County Grange, at Paw Paw, Feb. 18th and 19th, 1891.

FEB. 18—MORNING. 10:00 to 12:00-Reports from Subordinate Granges and miscellaneous business.

AFTERNOON-1:30. Recitation—Miss Minnie Whipple. Waverly.

Paper—Mrs. O. M. Sikes, Keelfor the better disposition of farm in his Cooper Institute speech in er: Watchman! What of the Night? per—A. W. Haydon, Hamil-Par "If slavery is right, all words, ton: The Farmer and the Univer-

Recitation-Mrs. C. W. Young,

Paw Paw. Paper-I. Monroe. Lawrence. Conference of Lecturers of Subordinate Granges at close of ses

EVENING-7:00. Recitation-Miss Myrtie Fris

bie, Waverly. Paper - Mrs. W. W. Smith, Breedsville.

Paper-W. W. Bass, Lawrence: Influence of Early Associations

n the Formation of Character. Recitation - Miss Clara Salt, Paw Paw.

Fifth Degree Work. FEB. 19—MORNING, 9:30.

Question Box. Paper-Mrs. A. U. Barnes, Lawrence.

Recitation—Mrs. C. A. Hill, Decatur. Paper - Mrs. Wm. Deming, Arlington: The Advancement of

Man. Paper-H. O. Sheldon, Paw Paw: Two Days' Trip in Wyo-

ming. Recitation — Master Valleau. Waverly.

AFTERNOON-1:30. Paper-Chas. Robinson, Lawrence: Concentration.

Paper — C. A. Hill, Decatur: Economy on the Farm. Paper-Mrs. J. J. Woodman. Paw Paw: What I Saw at Atlan-

Music will be interspersed. A discussion of each paper is

expected. MRS. J. M. FISK, Lect.

County Grange Meeting. on Friday, Feb. 27. convening at mortgage, etc. the usual hour. The session be-

follows:

Dawson.

Response—Bro. A. Luther. Grange choir.

hindrances to successful farming? Bro. A. Parker. Selections—Sisters D. Warner, A. E. Durfee, G. Woodmansee,

Essay—What are some of the

F. Otis and Knickerbocker. Question - What advantages does the Grange offer young people?—Bro's Geo. Newland, John Whitright, Geo. Bowser, and Sister M. S. Tobias.

Recitations-Sisters Alida Newland, W. Otis, G. Reproble, and

Question—Ought a 10-hour husband to have a 16-hour wife?-Bro's J. Dawson, C. Honeywell, and any interested Granger.

Essays—Bro's F. Bristol, C. Stone, and Sisters Van Wagner, C. Briggs, E. Barrett.

Question — What advantages are to be derived from our present system of grading district choir was prepared with some schools?—D. C. Warner, W. Otis, nice music, but were glad to be and Lecturer. and Lecturer.

The whole to be interspersed with soul-stirring music by the Pomona Grange choir.

N. SLAWSON, Lect. Banfield, Feb. 9.

Hillsdale County Grange will hold its next meeting at G. A. R. hall, Hillsdale, March 5th, beginning at 10 a.m. Following is the program:

Regular business in the fore-

Music-Choir. Those who failed to do the work assigned them at the last

pear at this time. Recitation — Mrs. A. Arm-

strong. Music –duet, Mr. and Mrs. S.

E. Haughey. Woman's work in the Grange-

Mrs. E. Bowditch. Best varieties of potatoes for home and the market—Merritt of the country—B. C. Palmer.

Walworth. Music-Mrs. L. G. Perrin.

The best rotation of crops for the farm—Andrew L. Davis. Select reading—Bertha Ed-

oats, and time for sowing—R. W. Freeman.

As much time as possible will e given for discussion.

Meeting closes with music by time." Mrs. N. A. Dibble, be given for discussion.

choir.

J. E. WAGNER, Sec.

Sanilac County Pomona Grange, Wednesday, March 11: Welcome address-J. Maynard.

Response-Worthy Master. Music.

Recess for dinner.

Music.

Installation of officers. Reports subordinate Granges. What has the Grange done in legislation?—M. F. Carleton, A.

Little. Recitation—N. Geoffrey.

Music. Co-operation—S. A. Terpen ning, J. Beths.

On what principle do we want uniformity in school books?-J. Mitchell, E. Stouffer.

Recitation-Libbie Terpenning. Would township school districts be better than our present school system?—M. Campfield.

Recitation—Bertha Graves. Essay—F. W. Templeton. Recitation—Lizzie Graham. M. C. KERR.

COLDWATER, Mich., Jan. 20.-ED. VISITOR - Branch County Pomona Grange held its annual meeting at Coldwater Grange hall, Jan. 8. Good reports came from all the Granges in the county, and the outlook for the future is flattering. A. L. Smith. of Girard, was elected Master; Carrie L. Fisk, Secretary; Wallace E. Wright. Lecturer. There were 23 applications for membership received, and the best of feeling exists in the county. The next meeting of Pomona Grange will be held at Girard Thursday, The first quarterly meeting of sub-treasury plan will be dis-

WALLACE E. WRIGHT.

IONIA, Mich, Jan. 26.—The regular order of business. The next meeting of the Ionia Co. program for the afternoon is as Pomona Grange will be held in Floral hall, on the fair ground, Words of Welcome - Sister Ionia. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 10 a. m. The installation of offi cers will take place at this meet-A patriotic song - Union ing, with basket dinner. Question for discussion: Is it policy for the government to loan money on real estate at 2 per cent. interest per annum? Affirmative— Arnon Otis, Berlin, Justus Beadle, Bonner; negative-George Wurster, Ronald, D. H. English, Boston! Yours fraternally,

C. I. GOODWIN, Sec. Allegan County Council will hold its next session with Watson Grange, March 3d next, at which time the following program will be presented:

Music-Watson Grange choir. Address of Welcome-Homer

eggett. Response—Henry Stockwell of Trowbridge Grange.

Business, if any to come before the meeting. Essays left over from previous

meeting. Song-Effie Kent.

Recitation—Alta Cook. Address—E. Amsden, Presi-

dent of Council. Does the office of County Supt. of Schools make our schools enough better to justify the people in paying him the salary which he now receives?-G. J. Stegeman and A. T. Stark. Instrumental Music-Mr. Bar-

tholomen, of Watson. Raising Turnips for Stock—T. G. Adams, of Bradley.

Recitation—Emma Hunt. Two per cent Loan-Joseph

Wetmore. If County Officers were paid accordingly on an average with other labor, would there be such a scramble for office, and would it not lighten the burden of taxes for the farmer?—John M. Gran-

Music.

Comic recitation-Miss McDer-

The present financial outlook Closing song.

The meeting will be called to order at 10 o'clock. A cordial invitation to all interested in Grange work. Any one desiring to present subjects for discussion Best varieties of wheat and at the council meetings, will please do so and oblige the committee. Everybody who has attended council meeting at Wat-

The Oakland County Pomona Grange will meet at Independ-Program for St. Clair and ence Grange hall Tuesday, Feb. 24th, when the following program will be presented:

Call to order 10 a.m. Reports Subordinate Granges. Regular business. Recess for dinner. Call to order 1:30. Music-Grange choir.

Address of welcome-A. J.

Taylor. Response-D. M. Garnor. Musis.

Government loans to farmers-J. M. Norton. Instructions by State lecturer—

A. J. Crosby. Song—Davisburg Grange. Isn't a minority as apt to be correct as a majority?—J. P.

Recitation-Alfreeda Woolf. Music-Essie Maud King. Recitation-Lena Hammond. Song-Davisburg Grange. Suggestions for good of the order-G. W. King.

Song-C. S. Bartlet. All subjects open to discus-

All 4th degree members invit-

Fifth degree work in evening. Tea and coffee free.

TALLMADGE, MICH., Jan. 29. Ed. Visitor: Newaygo County and Western Pomona Granges will meet in joint discussion at Trent, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 17 and 18. A good program will be prepared and all are cordially invited to attend.

M. S. Smith, Sec. The concluding paragraph of Feb. 5, with a full program. my last article on the school Plenty of good music by Girard question was a quotation from my last article on the school Grange choir. The proposed Gov. Luce's message. Through an oversight the proper credit was had an exceedingly good time. for by March 1st, 1891, a discount B. C. P. G. will be held at the cussed; Sheep Husbandry as a not given in setting it up. It is a residence of Bro. John Dawson, factor in paying off the farm good text for those favoring a change, to ponder over.

JASON WOODMAN.

## Sadies' Department.

The First Snow.

Gay bloom the flowers in springtime set, And streaky apples linger yet; Twas autumn but a week ago. Why, then, these winter flakes of snow? Summer's last rose they disarrayed, The while she dreamed in peace to fade. One swallow was inclined to stay; The white flakes frightened him away

Winter's cold shock who first endure, Think-him unkind and premature; Complain the summer was too brief, And moralize o'er each dead leaf. But as he grips with firmer hold We grow more careless of the cold, Joy in the sparkle of the snow, And nestle by his fireside glow

Dismayed, we note the first gray hair, Soon others come-we cease to care; Then gray, outnumbering the brown, And soon white winte, settles down. And when from youth we've passed to age We've learned our lessons page by page. To take what comes for weal or woe, And never fret about the snow. -St. Yames Gazette

#### Losing and Living. Forever the sun is pouring his gold

On a hundred worlds that begand borrow His warmth he squanders on summits cold, His wealth on the homes of want and sorrow To withhold his largess of precious lights Is to bury himself in eternal night

Is to live.

The flower shines not for itself at all; Its joy is the joy it freely diffuses: Of beauty and balm it is prodigal, And it lives in the light it freely loses No choice for the rose but glory or doom, To exhale or smother, to wither or bloom,

Is to die The seas lend silvery rain to the land, The land its sapphire streams to the ocean The heart sends blood to the brain of command The brain to the heart its lightning motion And ever and ever we yield our breath Till the mirror is dry and images death.

Is to live. He is dead whose hand is not opened wide To help the need of a human brother; He doubles the length of his life-long ride Who gives his fortunate place to another; And a thousand million lives are his Who carries the world in his sympathies. Is to die

Paper read by Miss Mamie Blair, at Napoleon Farmers' Institute, Jan. 29, '91.

GOOD FRIENDS-This is a gathering in the interest of farmers, discussing the methods and reto talk of matters of interest to water. Truly, there are many tion; animal, though indefinitely ners, and there are so many prethem. And what are they? avenues, which if followed up, ascending to what is non-animal; tentions to goodness therein that Housekeeping! Indeed; but ev- will make us almost new creaerybody knows that farmers' tures in thought and help us to imperfect, yet also as a daugh- not a thing so offensive as a false wives and daughters are the best raise ourselves in the scale of ter of God, standing erect, with heart refusing, in a polite manand most practical housekeepers creation. in the world—this honor having

tops of success, and feel sure business, as everything else, is from the rapacious absorption of These invariably defile them, nal. that they, with their diploma, invariably the path of common the grave. Time is found, how however pure they may seem; can fly from one point to anoth- sense. er, never dreaming that ere the school bell rings again time will a good future unless he goes to their glorious privilege who have soever the aid which they emcan never discern, the vision of have forced them each into their work and deserves it. Luck or yet tasted in its first fruits the ploy, or the dress they put on. separate paths in life, which will accident does very little toward paradise of maternal love, And Ex. unmistakably lead them, as all the production of the great re-pertaining also to this part of the are led, through the valleys of sults of life, though sometimes subject I will tell you a result of disappointment and struggle, as what is called a "happy hit" may my own observations of no slight heights.

prepare, and every thorough-

up with the times and methods; to help themselves or their pavants, perhaps in a distant part hence even more useless regrets which test, endanger and weary feel most respect for themselves. Much as there is to work for, there are very few of us but that

amount that may be learned. ways free from the near contage blesses and smiles upon —De-What more intensely interesting ion of error, the romance so en- Quincy, in London Review. than the principles of light and nobling, yet not always entirely heat? We are told that if we reasonable; the tender dawn of could build up a solid column of opening sentiments pointing to ice from the earth to the sun,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  an idea in all this which it neith-

been won by the means of so have something to do, but some- ual tenderness and romance has lady abusing another in the most much courage, in reducing the thing great enough to rouse the filled its purpose, we see rising ceremonious style, courtesying weekly basket of mending; per- mind and noble enough to satisfy as a phœnix from this great mys- with great dignity, but at the severance, in gathering the but- the heart, and then give our mind tery of ennobled instincts anoth- same time with a contemptuous ter when it wont come; long suf- and heart, our thought and toil er mystery much more profound, sneer upon the lips and a most fering, in scrubbing the kitchen and affection to it. But why? do more affecting, more divine—not reverential "madame" upon the floor; to say nothing of the un- we ask, should we thus fill up so much a rapture as a blissful tongue. Most ladies would prethinks most, acts the noblest, of the first, forcing the vast that this mock civility is regular routine of our days' work, feels the best;" remembering, too, heart of female nature through the most galling and effectual then, let us look at some of the there comes a time in life when stages of ascent, forcing it to vengeance they can take. The other matters in which we are we can not be doing much in pursue the transmigrations of good manners of many people are interested. How do our lives body, and by collecting this differ from those of other women? knowledge, by gaining these ditions so glowing in its color, ness, clothing itself in the garb We are called exceptionally busy. stores for thought, we have a into the winged creatures which with the mystery of the feel deeply for you, when it

No man has a right to expect summoned into rendering back beautiful soever, how graceful ing to us what the material senses surely as they shall reach the be made by a bold venture. The importance to women. highway of steady industry and If the path of one of these application is the only safe road of twenty I have remarked that ness of the new part of life's volgift than to discern the beauties leads to a teacher's desk, and she to travel. It is not accident that the true paradise of a female life, ume. be devoted to her work (as most helps the average man in the in all ranks not too elevated for girls are), there is herself to fit world, but purpose and persist-constant intercourse with the finds us differently circumstanced istic tastes a poet painter said:

then the public expects and gets rents, and who, when a little old- of the house, and (God be thank- visit us. much valuable help from the er, were under the necessity of ed) chiefly where there are no Each day we greet new faces. school teacher. Indeed, many doing more than their legitimate servants at all; she is attended form new acquaintanceships and will be the demands upon her share of labor. We are told by one sole companion, her little lose old friends. If the circumtime. The same will it be, whethupon good authority that taking first-born angel, as yet clinging stance is within our control, if er she is behind a counter measa half dozen of our large cities to her robe, imperfectly able to we may change the facts, then uring out goods to the customer, together, of all the thorough, walk, still more imperfect in its let us resolve to do so and cenor in the office keeping the records of business; or in the shop ords of business are formand bords for the customer, but all the best firms in them, 80 clinging to her, hunting her resolve, but let us accept the insewing, as Hood has said, "with per cent were farmers' boys—for wherever she goes as her shad-evitable graciously and thereby a double thread, a shroud as well the reason, 'tis fair to conclude, ow, catching from her eye the grow wise. as a shirt"; or perchance a that on the farms are cultivated total inspiration of its little palhousekeeper — each have their self-reliance, industry and perse-pitating heart, and sending to and while it carries from us much

#### Motherhood.

we would follow out some of the out of that reflection or passion her child (or her children) will be ception of God. reading of the Chautauqua circle, connected with the transition reposing in the little couch, and The New Year will be happy, so widely known, learning his- that has produced it. First in the morning, only as the sun each year will be happy, from

Manners and Morals. What is the difference between good manners and good morals? miles in diameter, spanning the er can reach nor long sustain. Will good manners make a man, inconceivable abyss of 93 mil- Think of the great storm of agi- or must be be possessed of good lions of miles, and then if the tation and fear and hope through morals also? If good manners sun should concentrate his power which in her earliest days of be genuine, they are good morals, and our fathers and brothers are upon it, it would dissolve and womanhood every woman must for they are founded on the laws melt, not in an hour or a minute, naturally pass—fulfilling the law of justice and kindness. But sults of their work, leaving the but in a single second—one swing of her Creator, yet a law which there is so much base coin in cirdaughters and sisters and wives of the pendulum and it would be rests upon her mixed constitu-culation in the sphere of manas a daughter of man frail and cannot be admitted. There is eyes to the heavens. Next, when to do a simple and easy action of Indeed, friends, let us not only the great vernal passover of sex-kindness. It reminds us of one often! for those who are early invariably deform them, how

#### The New Year is Upon Us.

importance to women.

It is this. Nineteen times out stained and blotted pages and turn to the clean, unsullied white-detect. To see God is a higher

and drill, and then entering upon active work, the lessons to give, sharp to discern opportunities active work, the lessons to give, sharp to discern opportunities with intercourse with the sum of the same and children, is by no means the sadden nor perplex us. We have something like a golden guinear who are the successful men? liest period of marriage, but that sequestered chamber of her expected the present stage of expect going teacher must read regu- They are those who, when boys, perience in which a mother is left istence, and we must use this for innumerable company of angels larly the school journals to keep were compelled to work, either alone through the day with ser- our development, lest a year praising God.

separate interests, but alike are verance, which qualities will hers a thrill of secret pleasure that we long to keep and grieve very busy bodies. All life has make their way anywhere. Dr. so often as its little fingers fasten to miss, it brings us other treasdeny it) "that for health and sub- Left alone from morning to if we would heed them, and it is us, but we believe it is one of the stantial wealth, for rare oppornight with this one companion, our duty to find in our present realities of life that it is the busy tunity for self-improvement, for or even with three still wearing life that which is worthy to be people, whether man or woman, long life and real independence, the grace of infancy, buds of held blissful and dear, and to live who, if their work be honorable, farming is the best business in various stages upon the self-same no longer loveless, because our tree, a woman, if she has the love is gone. Every community. great blessing of approaching each little neighborhood, has such a luxury of paradise, is those worth knowing — those The loveliest sight that a wo-moving-too often not aware that whom we may help to grow and can find some time for moral and man's eye opens upon in this she is moving—through the di- who can assist our growth. This intellectual improvement. As a world is her first born child, and vinest section of her life. As truth must be kept sight of general rule those who have no the holiest sight upon which the evening sets in the husband, wherever we are placed. Keep opportunities despise small ones, eyes of God settle in Almighty through all the walks of life, fast hold of all that we have and those who despise small op- sanction and perfect blessing is from the highest professional proved dear and sweet and reach portunities never get large ones. the love which soon kindles be-down to that of common labor, ever out for the dear and sweet The rush of time charges us to tween the mother and her infant, returns home to bring her modes that comes to us fresh and new, "set a high price on leisure mo- mute and speechless on the one of conversation by such thoughts and whenever we pause let it be side, with no language but tears and interests as are more conso- to resolve most emphatically to If instead of reading the con- and kisses and looks. Beautiful nant with his more extensive ca- be true—true—to ourselves, our tinued story in the weekly papers, is the philosophy which arises pacities of intellect. By this time surroundings, our highest con-

torical facts concerning the difcomes the whole mighty drama ascends in power, she sees before whatever day we date it, when it ferent nations and people; learn- of love, purified ever more and her a long, long day of perfect is entered upon and followed with ing the wonderful laws that gov- more, how often from grosser pleasure in this society which the sincere spirit of truth. Each ern the world and hold it in feelings, yet of necessity through evening will bring to her, but life must decide upon its highest place; of the sun and moon, its very elements oscillating be- which is interwoven with every conteption of truth, and then which shine out daily and night tween the finite of the infinite; fibre of her sensibilities. This strive for its development. If ly upon us, of which we know so the haughtiness of womanly condition of noiseless, quiet love any pain or anguish may be little as compared to the vast pride, so dignified, yet not all is that above all which God averted from others or ourselves, let us endeavor with all our might to do so, but if possible let us consider it heroically and make all circumstances tend as much as possible to the truest growth.

#### Sewing on Buttons.

"When I get a bright idea I always want to pass it along," said a lady, as she sat watching a young girl sewing. "Do your buttons over come off, Lena?"

"Ever? Why, I shed buttons at every step.

"Make use of these two hints when you are sewing them on, then, and see if they make any difference. First, put the thread through, so the knot will be on the right side. Then lay a large pin across the button, so that all the threads go over the pin. After the holes are filled with thread, draw out the pin and wind the thread round and round beneath the button. That makes limited supplies of the pantry, and duties as numberless as the lows up the most lives who stars. Instead of reviewing the thinks most note the relationship of the pantry. buttonhole. My buttons never come off, and yours will not if you heed these hints."-Youth's Companion.

### The Art of Being Entertained.

Let everything dark melt away we exceptions? Not just in our line, certainly, but every quick ments we have made will be perand eager soul is crowded every manent. More than this: this ladder of light from that sympal ners, and yet men who can play ready to join in what has been day.

Take a graduating class of a dozen girls, and who can look upon them without feeling pity upon them without feeling pity and upon them without feeling pity that one is he or she who has a project of the control as well as pride. While congratulations for their well deserved and hardly earned hon served hon ors are on our lips, there is a any profession is the result of which God most reveals himself manners than this. But still rand. Show your hostess that subtle sympathy in our hearts. born of the lessons we have learned and which are before learned and which are before Standing there are learned and which are before thousands of desirable places of human nature that through the nature of humanity. Well is it for the glorification of human nature that through the nature of showing it, and the waiting to be filled. If we are the nature of humanity. them. Standing there on a June waiting to be filled. If you push these changes the vast majority more graceful is better than the cle, be "one of them" in spirit, day, with friends and flowers about them, they are as on the top of a high hill, from which the way, for this age of the lime germs near to female youth lime germs near to female youth good morals. We cannot admit be said of you: "What a pleasing the landscape which landscape point, looking upon the landscape of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill one. The path of success in pation the divinest of disciplines of life, they can see only the hill of li

> Purity is a sixth sense, open-God. The most beautiful things open not to the eye, but to the soul fitted to understand them. "Blessed are the pure in heart," We are glad to seal down the for they see what the eye of no The fact that the new year his hand has diffused through nature. To a man of material-

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boy of four years who goes to would lose his prize, for the sleep to the stirring strains of threads were snapping as fast as Barbara Frietchie, read to him he could wind them. He paused The little fellow can deliver the given up the contest. But I entire poem perfectly, not in the greatly underestimated the rewooden and parrot-like fashion sources of the little giant. He of one taught to repeat mechanously, but with wonderful fire of him, and devised a scheme to and expression, as one who overcome that advantage. The assimilates that which is congen- problem was to get his big antagial and comprehensible. He is a onist off the board into the midfellow, who enters into a spirit of this famous poem, and this good-night selection was his own. When the lily-lids of his baby brother begin to droop, this lovely young mother charms the road 4 00 to dreamland with some drowsy slumber song, sung in a soft, mellow contralto. Dainty ditties and gems from the poets, bright bits of best operas, whose rythmical measures form an enchanting lullaby, are the selections which give forth most delicious melody. Another bright little chap had

for his twilight summer cuddle.

"The Children's Hour" and "The Village Blacksmith" read to him by a literary cousin, into whose care he often fell. In this way, he unconsciously learned poems from standard authors, judiciously selected to suit his understanding. A child fed on such fine mental food stands in little danger of acquiring a taste for debasing literature in after years. It rests with the mothers of the nation to exterminate demoralizing literature. Let them put on fewer tacks and ruffies and devote the time to cultivating the young intellects while impressible. This method of teaching will be the best safeguard against the degrading influences of sensational and immoral literature. Children will not care for the grosser argument is not for cramming children at an early age for show, but see that what comes in their way is only the best. - Golden Rod.

Contest between a Spider and a Beetle.

gave him the victory. Potato beetles were very numerous last summer, and were

ize that the "'possum" act was pipe.—Scientific American. not the best thing for that partic-What excuse has she to offer, who ular emergency, and struggled I know one bright, brown-eyed ent would have to be done or he by a loving and cultured mother. a moment, and I thought he had was only thinking. He saw whereically a string of words monoton. in the beetle had the advantage brave, impetuous, warlike little dle of the web—not an easy matter one would think, considering the relative size of the two insects. But the plan was made and executed with a rapidity as to enable the valuable conthat puts to shame our sluggish human thoughts and actions. The beetle was in the edge of the web, about two inches from the corner of the building. Fastening a thread to the beetle's back, the spider ran across the corner off the coast of New Jersey. The and made it fast to the wall on the opposite side of the web, in such a position that it tended to lift the beetle off his feet. Repeating the operation again and again, he soon had a number of threads stretched across the angle, all drawn as tightly as possible.

As this work proceeded, the beetle soon found himself obliged his strength in holding on. The States consul at Chemnitz, Saxspider again retiring, "Old Line ony, he says: Back" tried once more to move Scientific American.

## A Little Sarcastic.

which the insect's ingenuity in upon strengthening and enter-suming nation on earth. improvising a hoisting tackle taining literature.—Ex.

### How to Unite Lead Pipe.

across the corner of the building. five inches long, and four inches beetles for "playing 'possum" in can be driven on the end of the people with the sugar they contime of danger is well known. In pipe with a light hammer. If sume? this case the insect did not drop one has a set of auger bits, it Farmers of the United States, The beetle, finding himself left the block will fit so closely that work.

alone, woke up, and tried to the joint will be water-tight; and When I see young girls and move off. Lifting one foot at a if the ends of the pipe are dressed boys eagerly devouring the time, he succeeded in breaking off true and square the joint will most vicious literature, I cannot the cords which bound each one. be so strong that it will sustain but wonder what their mothers Then tugging forward with his the pressure of a head or colwere doing at the twilight time shoulders, like an ox drawing a umn of water one hundred feet and the bed time story hour when heavy load, he had entirely freed high. Iron pipe may be united the children were little ones. If himself when the little spider in the same manner. Should the a mother has not leisure then, again advanced to the attack, joint leak a trifle, let shingle winding his threads with aston- nails be driven into the wood around the pipe so as to press The beetle now seemed to real- the timber firmly all around the

#### A New Asbestos Mine.

The wonderful asbestos mine found near Hamilton has been uncovered in a ledge for a distance of 75 feet, and at the cropping, or so far as the discoverers have been able to go in this brief time, says the Olympia Tribune, the ledge proved to be eight feet in width. The rock taken from the ledge after the surface crusting was removed is pure asbestos ore, as white as chalk and fine as silk, the feathery fibers being as long as the pieces of rock from which toey are pulled. in some cases reaching the entire length of 18 inches. From the remarkable progress made. it is estimated that one month spent in development would so open the easily accessible store tents to be removed in almost any quantity. The mine is being opened at an altitude of about 2000 feet. Asbestos is found in Switzerland, Scotland, Virginia, Vermont, and on Staten Island, finest quality discovered up to this time is in Italy. It is used extensively in the manufacture of fireproof roofing, flooring, clothing, hose, steam packing, lamp wicking, safe filling, and as a non-conducting envelope for steam pipes.—Scientific American.

In a report made. Oct. 25th. to cease his struggles and use all 1890, by Mr. Merritt, United

"Sixteen millions of dollars is off, but at the first step he was the sum of money in round figjerked entirely off his feet by the ures which the United States elasticity of the threads, and left sent to Germany to pay for beet dangling in the air. In this sit-uation he was easily wound up ing June 30, 1890. Every pound and dispatched by his smart lit- of the sugar paid for by the 16,000tle enemy.—Charles B. Palmer, in 000 above mentioned was made from sugar beets grown in Prussia, in a latitude exactly on a line with the frozen regions of Whatever the effect of the In- Labrador. There are within the dian outbreak upon the country United States, lying between the brought up on such healthful diet at large, it will be hailed with joy thirty-eighth and forty-second by the dime novel and the Anan-degrees of latitude a great many mental food. So much has been lias story paper. Periodicals that millions of acres of land which said and written against bad have long since delighted the are as thoroughly adapted to the books that a reform must come, youthful eye with pictures of tall culture of the sugar beet as any as the cultured portion of human- and lovely maidens fleeing from land on earth. The question ity wages ceaseless war against the villains who were determined naturally occurs to the mind of this corrupt literature. As a re- to marry them and settle a for- an American, why should the sult, the best talent of the counture upon their defenseless \$16,000,000 paid for beet sugar try is now employed to write for heads whether or no, will now be sent to Germany instead of children. Books are marvelous- be filled with long-legged gentle- being paid to American agricully cheap, and the fund of fine men in Mexican pants and cart-turists in the valleys of the Ohio, literature, at once instructive and wheel hats, wildly pursuing ele- and Mississippi rivers? It is a fact amusing, is inexaustible. My gant savages whose appearance which no one will care to dispute will indicate that once upon a that the United States is the time they actually washed them-greatest consumer of sugar in selves. The savages will be car- the world to-day. The consumprying captive a maiden in a Worth tion of sugar per capita per ancostume. The tallest of the pure num may be said to be as folsuing gentlemen, who has three lows in five countries from which inexhaustible gold mines hidden statistics are obtained: England An article in a recent number away somewhere, will wed the 60 lbs., United States 44 lbs., of the Scientific American, describ- fair maiden immediately after her France and Switzerland 26 lbs., ing a "Remarkable Engineering rescue, and lead her away to his and Germany 18 lbs. Hence with Feat of a Spider," reminds me of palace where myriads of servants an enormous majority of populaa no less remarkable exploit of a will obey her every wish. Thus tion the United States may be tiny spider, which I witnessed, in will the youth of America be fed called the greatest sugar-con-

There you have this sugar beet business in a nutshell. With twenty times as much land in What may be found a conven- this country adapted to the often seen crawling about on ent method of uniting the ends growth of sugar beets as there is fences and buildings. One of of pipe, the American Engineer in Prussia—yes, with fifty times these, climbing up on the inside thus explains: Whatever the size as much land—why should we of a wood shed, come in contact of the pipe may be, procure a send \$16,000,000 in one year to with a spider's web stretched block of hard wood, say four or Prussia to pay for beet sugar?

Let me vary the question. The watchful spider came out at in diameter, bore a hole straight Why should we not raise in this once and endeavored to entangle through the center, so nearly the country \$16,000,000 worth of beet him. The propensity of these size of the pipe that the block sugar and so supply our own

to the ground, as they are wont will not be difficult to select a bit you can raise the sugar beets in to do when potato vines are dis- of the proper size to make a wa- sufficient quantities to meet this turbed. He held fast to the ter-tight fit. Let the block be demand! Men of means will join board with his claws, but drew driven clear on the pipe, so that you in erecting mills for the down his head and antennæ, and the end of the pipe will be flush manufacture of this article, in remained motionless. The spider, or even with the end of the block. any quantities for the making of which was a very small one, ran Now place the two ends of the which you will produce the beets. about over the big beetle's oval pipe together and drive the block back, like a cat on a barrel, wind-off one pipe on the other, until bright farmers of the great west ing his threads rapidly around the joint will be at the middle of will solve this question when his captive until he seemed satis-fied, and retired to await results. block is made of the proper size, new tariff law will aid in this

#### Obituaries.

REYNOLDS.

Whereas, In view of the loss we have sustained in the death of our sister and friend, Clara E. Reynolds, and by the still heavier loss sustained by those near-

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the GRANGE VISITOR, and a copy be presented to the family; also preserved in the records of our Order, and that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days. ALICE W. D. CARPENTER,

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BAKER.

Died, at her home in Hamilton, Dec. 6, 1890, Olive, wife of John Baker was a charter member of Keeler Grange No. 159, a true patron, kind friend, good neigh-

Though we miss her, and extend our heartfelt sympathies to her husband and family, we will not mourn, for she has only left us for a better home.

"God gives us ministers of love Which we regard not being near; Death takes them from us, then we feel That angels have been with us here.'

JULIA HILL. SUSAN SYKES. NETTIE ROSEVELT.

BURNS.

Died, at his home home in Danby, Ionia County, Mich., Dec. 16th 1890, our worthy brother Peter Burns.

Whereas, The death messenger has entered our midst and removed our worthy brother.

Resolved, That our Grange has lost an earnest member and and that we as brothers and sisters extend our sympathy to Fourth degree members are inthe bereaved wife and children.

Resolved. That our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that a copy be sent the family, and also spread on the Grange record.

LYMAN J. CLARK, THOS. PRYER. LUCINA SMITH.

CONNER.

Grange No. 158, are resolved to extend their warmest sympathy to the family of Mcs. Emma Conner who died Dec. 23th 1890, at the age of 27 years. She was parture in farming, write it out an active member in the Grange for publication in the VISITOR. and her death is regretted by all. Her illness was of long duration and death to her was a welcome messenger, bringing sweet released from suffering. Let us how well you were pleased with wear the badge of mourning. it, you ought to while you have drape our charter for 6) days the time and he has the half doland record this memorial in the minutes.

Mrs. S. M. Randall Mrs. B. Teachout, MRS. S. C. BARKER.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of Homer W. Wright.

messenger death, has again entered our midst and taken from our fraternal circle our beloved brother Homer W. Wright who died suddenly while at school near his home on Thursday, Dec. 11th, I890. Aged 17 years 3 months and 24 days.

Whereas, We recognized in him a youth of bright intellect, and one who promised fair to become one of our most enthusiastic Patrons and honorable citizens.

Therefore, Resolved by Coldwater Grange No. 137. That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, feeling as we do that what is their loss, in a family way is ours fraternally;

And be it further. Resolved, that our charter be draped im mourning for thirty days, and that a copy be spread

upon the records of the Grange. THE BEST PLACE also a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to the GRANGE VISITOR for publication. W. S. Mowry.

COLEMAN.

ier loss sustained by those nearest and dearest to her, therefore be it

Resolved. That by the death of our sister we have lost a faithful and worthy member of our Grange, one whose utmost endeavor was to promote the interest and welfare of our Order.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the husband, children and friends of the deceased, and commend them for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best, and whose chastisements are meant in mercy.

Groveland, Grange, It. In the death of a highly esteemed Sister, Mrs. Charlotte Coleman, who died at her home in Grove-land, January 9th 1891, in the 37th year of her age. She leaves a husband, a son and a daughter, who will deeply feel the loss of a dear wife and mother. Sister Coleman was a charter member of Groveland Grange, and her deeth has caused great sadness among us. At the last meeting of our Grange the following resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, It has pleased the Groveland, Grange, No. 443,

Whereas, It has pleased the rules of the universe to remove from among us our sister, Charlotte Coleman. Therefore, in view of the loss we have sustained and the still heavier loss occassioned to her respective relatives, be it.

of this Grange here desire to express their sense of bereavement Mass. and grief at the loss of one of their most efficient and faithful members.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the relatives Baker, aged 62 years. Sister and friends of our late sister, and that we respectfully commend them for consolation to that Divine Power, which though sometimes inscrutable in his dispensations, yet "doeth all things well" feeling sure that to them, as to us, there is comfort in the knowledge that the deceased was a sincere and true christian.

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning 60 days, and a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and to the GRANGE VISITOR for publication.

ELMER HOSNER, Louisa Quick, ALTHERE SWIFT.

Pomona Grange. Van Buren County Pomona Grange No. 13, P. of H., will hold its next meeting at Paw Paw Grange Hall, commencing at 10 A. M. on Wednesday, Feb. 18th, and continuing to Thursday noon, the 19th, with a good program. vited. There will be a 5th degree session Wednesday evening. E. L. WARNER, Sec'y.

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"I think she is; and we are co-monical, too,—have to be. My wife can make a little go further than anyone I ever knew, yet she's always surprising me with some dainty contrivance that adds to the comfort and beauty of our little home, and she's always merry as a lark." When I ask how she manages it, she always langhs and says: 'Oh! that's my secret!' But I think I've discovered her' secret.' When we married, we both knew we should have to be very careful, but she made one condition: she would have her Magazine. And she was right! I wouldn't do without it myself for double the subscription price. We read it together, from the title-page to the last word: the stories keep our hearts young; the synopsis of important events and scientific matters keeps me posted so that I can talk understandingly of what is going on; my wife is always trying some new idea from the household department: she makes all her dresses and those for the children, and she gets all her patterns for nothing, with the Magazine; and we saved Joe when he was so sick with the croup, by doing just as directed in the Sanitarian Department. But I can't tell you half!"

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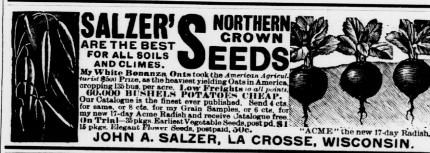
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