"THE FARMER IS OF MORE CONSEQUENCE THAN THE FARM, AND SHOULD BE FIRST IMPROVED."

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THE MORTGAGE TAX LAW.

How Does it Work?-Opinions of Several Leading Farmers and Grange Members.

ROBERT L. HEWITT.

isting laws provided for their assessment, but the shrewd capitalthese classes of property. A law for discovery is all that was de-

The law of 1887 was a concescertainly defects, yet not nearly so the result serious as frequently represented.

gage tax law is the most nearly money perfect to secure the taxation of mortgages of any known statute. The legislature of 1891 in revising the tax laws made a pretense of complying with the wishes of farmers and provided, in section 17 of be assessed in precisely the same manner as in California. The wording of this section is not materially different from that of the California law, except that the following is left out:

'And every contract by which a debtor is obligated to pay any tax, or assessment on money loaned, or on any mortgage, deed of trust, or

affording protection to the weak debtor, is omitted. The omission was without doubt intentional. It could hardly have been otherwise. The money loaner now inserts in the mortgage a contract that the debtor shall pay the tax, and the courts hold such contracts valid. All mortgages are now taxed, whether owned in this state or outside of it, but it is the debtor and not the creditor who pays the tax. The above quotation from the California law enacted as an amendment to section 17, would at least go far toward protecting the debtor.

Another defect of special concern to farmers, is the fact that bank stock may entirely escape taxation. As this can only occur where the amount of mortgages held by a bank equals or exceeds the amount of its stock it may charitably be supposed that this defect was accidental; but it exists nevertheless, and is a most serious one.

The law is defective in other respects, but for these, other than the agricultural interest, may be safely trusted to secure proper amendments.

The Grange should do all in its power to secure correction to the defects here specially pointed out. It would not be unwise to employ a competent attorney to draft amendments at once constitutional and effective.

Ingham Co.

S. E. HAUGHEY.

sively in Hillsdale county, and great difficulty will vanish.

has come under my own observa- has no occasion to clamor for its that by assessing the amount of the tion. Let me say in the beginning, restoration. that I believe the law to be a fail-The Grange in Michigan has for a number of years been demanding at the hands of the legislature the anactment of a law under which essessing officers could find for assessering officers could find for assessering officers and gradite. From the finds that the money legislature the money legislature the money legislature the money expecting to give a mortage on what land he already has, but he finds that the money legislature the mortage one where it is. The cit, does not claim that in nearly every case the mortage one, in the farm pledged to pay the mortage one, in the farm pledged to pay the mortage one, where it is. The cit, does not claim when due, thus relieving entirely the mortage one, in the farm pledged to pay the mortage one, where it is. but he finds that the money loaner the right to tax a term lying out the mortgagee; while previous to will not let his money with the side its limits, even though owned same rate of interest that he did by one of its residence. What betist had little difficulty in covering, before the law took effect, but ter right has it to tax an interest him as personal property, which charges one or two per cent more, in the farm owned by such resident, now cannot be done, thus causing mortgage on my farm for say five and besides he is obliged to give than the whole farm what is known as an "iron-clad" The old system be sion to the just demands of the road work. Now we can see plainly the public conscien was debauch- lars. This must necessarily make Grange. In practice it was exceed- that it would be a damage to the ed, and that people ried to escape ingly cumbrous, yet it in a great person that is obliged to hire the unjust tax? measure accomplished its purpose money. But some might say The defects in this law were that that it benefited those that had a la basis of justice, and then use dilion mortgaged property double taxes mortgage on their farms when the gent efforts to enfor, e them, profitwere levied, and persons living out- law took effect. But instead it ing by such experience as we may side the state but loaning money proves a damage, for as soon their gain in the attempt. in this state wholly escaped taxa- mortgage becomes due they are tion on such money. These were forced to pay it or a foreclosure is

I would pronounce the mortgage The Grange has gradually come tax law an entire failure, as we

Hillsdale county.

L. A. SPENCER.

the tax law, that mortgages should state my objections to the new in mortgages, etc., had entirely esmortgage tax law, but I think by caped taxation. As a remedy the law come apparent to all.

Van Buren Co.

C. C. MC DERMID.

old system, and should be retained to the several assessors of their was real property in the township my judgment I should say no, and I other lien, shall, as to any interest specified therein, and as to such tax specified therein, and as to such tax a thorough trial. It is not to be at thorough trial. It is not to be did not do away with what is called the specified the specified there is not to be at the specified there is not to be at thorough trial. It is not to be at the specified there is not to be at the specified the specified there is not to be at the specified there is not to be at the specified there is not to be at expected that a system entirely double taxation, and at the last sest this amount \$125,275 or about 22 new to our people, dealing with sion of the legislature a law was per cent was the mortgage interest, taxes. I believe that every man such a tender subject as taxation, passed which was thought would a little more than one farm in five. should pay taxes on money and should work without friction. No remedy the existing evil. This law Upon these mortgages was assessed

> which ours is borrowed, provides known and the value of the mort- It is fair to suppose that this 57 that any agreement on the part of gage deducted from the real per cent of highway tax was paid the mortgager to pay the taxes assessed upon the mortgagee shall be void. I think our law is defective actually owns. in omiting this vital provision of protection to the creditor, and should be promptly amended so that all future contracts shall be compelled to comply with the spirit of the law. Emasculated ballot laws or tax laws are seldom satis-

Two principal objections are That the mortgagee evades the law, and requires the mortgager to pay the entire tax on the mortgaged property and, 2d. That the cities and villages loose from their assessment rolls a large amount of mortgages owned by their citizens, which are now assessed where the farms are situated.

As to the first, I have already called attention to a remedy which ance companies and the insured mortgages upon their property. void, on the ground that they were

to pay all the taxes, and do all the same property. What wonder that and three hundred thousand dol- party holding the mortgage should

I would put our tax laws first on

Calhoun Co.

JEROME DILLS.

The question of taxation has people for many years. It has been discussed in the Grange and proved quite a success, as it increased the valuation, thereby reducing the rate per cent of tax. This law provided that the county registers should report to each the rich richer and the poor poorer. plan yet devised is free from provided that mortgages should be a little over \$250 as Highway same as landed property. The California tax law, from if not it should be assessed as unthich ours is borrowed provides.

assessed to the mortgagee if known;
Labor tax and out of this amount \$108 have been returned unpaid. property; so that the mortgager is by the borrower and at least a like assessed for such interest as he proportion of the general tax if not

benefit the debtor class. Before tions in the assessment last spring the enactment of this law money came through the change of mortcould be loaned at seven per cent. gages from the class of personal As soon as this law took effect property to that of real for the money could be loaned at the same purpose of taxation. Taking the interest but not without inserting township of Lawrence as an

taxation. Clinton Co.

MELVIN S. SMITH.

mortgage to the mortgagee, which As to the second objection, I amount is deducted from the value ure so far as helping the borrower is concerned. The poorer class of people have to have money, espectively espectively and the balance assessing the property where situated, instead of where the owner good might result; but it has proved ially the small farmer that wants lives. The mortgagee owns an in- that in nearly every case the morta falling off of the taxable propwhat is known as an "iron-clad" The old system began with the erty, which in this (Ottawa) county mortgage, compelling the borrower plain wrong of twice taxing the we believe amounts to between two the rate of taxation higher on the remaining property, causing the thought would seem right. But poor man to pay more taxes while the money loaner pays less.

We hope our next legislature will see the injustice in this and remedy the existing evil.

Ottawa Co.

A. U. BARNES.

This law seems to fail to accomto believe that the California mort- can't compel a man to loan his been agitating the minds of the plish the object for which it was passed. But on the contrary, in a large majorities of cases it not only elsewhere hoping that some law imposes double taxation upon the might be enacted, the all property borrower but it makes it triple, Owing to a prolonged tussle with should bear its just proportion of compelling the borrower to pay taxes. It was observed by all that the tax for the full amount of the the tax roll I have not had time to a large amount of money invested assessed valuation, to pay the portions belonging to the money loaner and it also compels a farmer the time the tax is collected under known as the "mortgage tax law" like myself, who is neither a mortthe new system its defects will be- was enacted, which in my opinion gagee or mortgager, to pay a larger per cent on account of the reduced assessed valuation.

The mortgage tax law truly more will also be paid by the This law in my opinion does not borrower. The shrinkage of valua-

say that the firm he represented had \$60,000 loaned in our township in this county and that the borrower had agreed to pay all taxes. Many more cases might be cited but this seems enough to show that there never was a law enacted in this State that more completely defeated the object for which it was passed as does this mortgage tax law.

Van Buren Co.

C. H. FARNUM.

At first I thought it would seem but fair that if I were to place a hundred dollars, the assessed value say fifteen hundred, I should pay a tax on one thousand dollars, the pay a tax on five hundred of the assessed value. This I say at first suppose the party loaning the money lived out of the state and he gave this mortgage in to the assesor where he lives, as he has a right to do. What then? And again if it is assessed to the mortgagee what is the process for collecting the tax on that third assessed value of my farm, sell it for the tax? Now in my judgment it is not just the best thing. One of my neighbors who is loaning money after this mortgage tax law was passed simply went to parties he held mortgages against and had them sign an agreement to pay the taxes or he would have to call the money in, and those that loan money as a rule simply place a clause in the mortgage that the borrower shall pay the taxes, I sold some property this last summer, the parties I sold to wanted time on better than half the purchase money. I gave a deed carries out the principle of making taken the full amount if the parties and took a mortgage. I would have I think our present mortgage other the amount of mortgages The assessment roll for Lawrence reasonable to say I shall pay half tax law is decidedly better than our held by each individual, and also township for 1892 shows that there of the taxes on that property? In mortgages should be assessed the

> In conclusion will say that taxing the mortgages doesn't hit the right parties. As a rule those who are able to hold mortgages are tax payers while perhaps in some instances they don't pay as much tax as they should, there are plenty that get the same protection and as much of this world's goods who do not pay a cent of tax.

Berrien Co.

JOHN NUGENT.

Under existing circumstances it the tax clause that the mortgager average town of this county the seems to be a law that is hard to shall pay the tax. Eastern capital- mortgage indebtedness of the apply. The great majority of those urged against the present law: 1st, ists making this demand enables county is over two millions of dol- who borrow money are practically the money loaners of this state to lars but the shrinkage of the asses- under bondage to the money power do the same, which so reduces the sed valuation is but about \$500,000, and when the mortgager makes his valuation that if the mortgager showing that over one and a half mortgagee pay the tax on his mortpays the tax upon the mortgage his million dollars of these mortgages gage then the latter will retaliate taxes are more than under double escaped taxation under the old law by making the mortgager pay the or were taxed in other localities. mortgage when due or close him It will be the duty of the incoming out, and in too many instances it legislature to repeal or amend this has to be the latter; for owing to law to get us out of the present scarcity and consequently lively tangle that the mortgage tax law demand for money those who have Seemingly the more our law mak- has got us into. But it will be money to loan do not care to place I think would meet the case. The ers try to do for the poor man very difficult to make a law that it with a man who would make them new law places no new tax upon the louder is his complaint. We will do justice to the thousands of pay the tax on it. This has been my the lender, and there is no reason refer particularly to the "Mortgage farmers in this State who have observation of actual transactions why he should be permitted to shift tax law," which was enacted, as been compelled to renew their in this community, and not the exhis burden upon another. Our courts have for many years held certain agreements between insurand oppressions of those having and oppressions of those having closure or otherwise. It is evident high as 10 per cent interest under the following the burdens and oppressions of those having closure or otherwise. that many have been compelled to contract and to make themselves But in this case is there not cause renew as the recorder's office has secure against the tax the money unjust to the insured and against for complaint? While we doubt been flooded with these renewals of loaners are putting on 1 per cent The mortage tax law is a subject public policy. Apply the same not but that the intentions of our mortgages and I am told these re-extra above their usual rates to that has been discussed very exten- principle to money loaning, and a law makers were all right, yet if so, newals all have the tax paying secure themselves against the tax. they failed utterly in accomplish- clause in them as further evidence In my opinion the law as it now there are hardly two persons that As the law now stands, even when ing the desired end, as the work- that the borrower largely pays the exists is a failure and a damage to have the same idea of it. What I evaded, the mortgager is no worse have to say on this subject is what off than under the old system, and in the stands, even when ing the desired cha, as the work ings of the law plainly prove. It would seem upon first thought, loaners of the county was heard to Huron Co.

Field and Stock.

TARIFF VS. WOOL GROWER.

EDITOR GRANGE VISITOR-IN replying to your question, "Do you anticipate any abrupt tariff legislation as concerns wool?" will say that I do not believe any tariff legislation as affecting wool will take place

To the second question, "What do you think probably will be the policy pursued?" will add that it adopted in Chicago at its national convention, the McKinley bill the growing of American wool, will placed on the free list. If the letthink wool would still be protected its pledges and live up to its traditions.

such probablities what would you of Coonoug, Urania, New South cide me as to keeping the female stock men in this state are, than advise wool growers to do?" I would advise wool growers not to and 1888, and purchased sheep to ing them into a mutton producing abandon the business, but wait and ship to Australia. His home farm flock. see how a different policy, a policy is 400 miles from Sidney. He of free trade, will work. It has owns 1,200,000 sheep which graze been proclaimed from the forum on 3,500,000 acres of land, 2,000, them to do as I intend doing myand published in the press that 000 of which he owns, and 1,500, self, viz: Try to make them better, Each exhibitor should be left to under free trade, wool would be higher than when, as now, the higher than when, as now, the two cents per acre, the lease runthey are (a sheep producing the and take his chances at the presented of the presente article is protected. If such a ning in some instances 35 years most, best, and strongest clothing miums offered, and with such pretheory proves correct the wool grower who sticks to his flock will made by him, such as fencing, is legislation says I have in all these receive a benefit. Should the theory by actual test, prove delusive, the estimates that it takes three acres material. American wool grower will demand of land to keep a sheep one year, in no uncertain tones a restoration as they have no frost or snow dur- tions for publication I have intrud- the state associations representing of protective duties on wool. In as they have no frost of show duti- cloud to particular either case I think it a wise policy to wait and not sacrifice so important an industry as wool growing until compelled by the importations of cheap foreign free wool.

To the fourth question, "Would you advise any different policy for head, for one year. At this price phia firm that was recently bought to the state or Exposition. any man who owns and shears the person keeping them clears in London for 28 cents per pound. sheep?" In answering this question my advice would be that wool enough land to keep them only edge of the cost of growing wool growers improve their flocks by proper breeding and liberal feeding, so that flocks which now age five pounds per head, and it markets in this condition for 28 shear from ten to twelve pounds costs him two cents a head to get cents per pound with importing per head of unwashed wool shall them shorn. They are not partic- freight added? shear twenty-five per cent additional amount and that the cost and smooth, as they say what they of the production per pound be do not get this year they will get cheapened. This can be done if next. The freight from Coonong stock at the world's fair. the same skill and thought is given to Sydney is one-half cent per to the business as is given to any prosperous and well managed en-

terprise.

I would further advise those flock masters who have established valuable flocks of thoroughbred waluable flocks of thoroughbred exceed five cents per pound, and mecessary that an appropriation be the increase in his flock most cermade from the fund of the commistors to stock and making a return rather right along the same line of work that has made their flocks valuable rather than to follow the teachings of those who would breed a class of nondescripts that have no special value in any direction.

Time alone can tell with certainty what the probable change in the future policy of protection or free trade will bring about. One free trade will bring about. One that if I had a ten acre lot pasturing about all the Merino sheep that ing man will abandon an important the result before we sacrifice our ure of the manure would make the business which has become so near to our wishes and desires.

WM. BALL.

ANOTHER GROWER SPEAKS.

idea in regard to tariff legislation own hands. It will not take many affecting wool, will say that I do years of free wool to bring this connot think an extra session of Cong- dition in the older states. The ress will be called, but at the very first opportunity an effort will be made to revise the tariff, and "wool will be one of the first articles to be placed on the free list." As the coming administration was placed on the free list." But at what a coming administration was placed on the stock at the fair. So far I believe stock at the Fair. So far I believe for the economy of good breeds, or the economy of good feed with the least expenses ing to the front.

Skill is but another name for he must confine his energy to economical production. First, the best edge, not only of the mechanical production. First, the best edge, not only of the scientific principles influenced in maker must have a thorough knowl exhibit of stock have applied to them for information or have been influenced in maker must have a thorough knowl exhibit of stock have applied to the must confine his energy to economical production. First, the best edge, not only of the scientific principles influenced in maker must have a thorough knowl exhibit of stock have applied to the first articles to be placed on the first articles to point a stock at the Fair. So far I believe the committees constitute one big the committees constit in power with the above promise in its platform, and with a majority in both houses, a president grant of the agricultural interest! Influenced in making up their mean the highest priced pure bred of butter making.

If unfriendly legislation compels influenced in making up their mean the highest priced pure bred of butter making.

Do not judge cream always by its condition; sometimes sour cream that any of the committees have shall grow the most for food conjudged to the scientific principles of butter making. who has advised in his message to give the people free wool, I do not see how they can avoid fulfilling cannot be improved by crossing ion, so far as I have been able to shall be the kind that brings a good milk, but cream also.

were in the majority.

under existing probabilities, I hardly know what to say to breed- that also unprofitable. ers of pure wool bearing flocks, as to pursue myself.

during the life of the present con- have to contend that we may be condition of our farms and farmers interests in this state are very large, this feature is very much neglected.

will take a better guesser than my- free wool means decided ruin to relied on. self to predict with any degree of that industry, which would prove certainty what the policy of the a great blow to agriculture in the had a bad influence on wools, esbe repealed among the first of its in a better way than to give excerpts legislative acts and wool will be from a statement made before the compensated? If they have to sell and most successful breeding and ter of acceptance of the President- 1890, by E. N. Bissell of Shoreham, petition with the world will they be frightened out, and unless some arelect, were to be considered the Vt. Mr. Bissell has been to Aus- allowed the privilege of buying rangement for premiums is made basis of future legislation, I would tralia several times in the past few there? If not, and they are com- for competition among the exhibwere it not for the fact that Mr. Vermont, New York and Michi- protected goods, every farmer and flocks will be represented. What Cleveland is on record as strongly gan. They were taken there and favoring the abolition of the tariff sold to wool growers for crossing and stump speaker before another true of all other English mutton on wool grown in this country. In on their flocks, which improved presidential election. either case, I do not see how the them by increasing the weight of Democratic party can do differently fleece without impairing the qualthan to take off the protection now ity of their wool. He received a ent probabilities, I say continue in to what the rules and requirements afforded the wool grower and keep good deal of information about their their line, and to those having grade of the Exposition are, and there is To the third question, "Under Caughey, a prominent wool grower cumstances in the future would deestimates that it takes three acres material. fields containing 1,000 to 2,000 acres with salt plants he requires no standpoint of a farmer, wool sheepherd to herd his flocks. He often hires others to keep sheep of the standpoint of a farmer, wool standpoint of a farmer, wool standpoint of a farmer, wool stock proposed to be exhibited and pass upon its merits before being the stock proposed to be exhibited and pass upon its merits before being the standpoint of the Exposition, a committee is appointed to examine the stock proposed to be exhibited and pass upon its merits before being the standpoint of the sta

> on the money invested. would bring as good prices if placed special purpose. The stock intermore or less of all kinds of stock, on the free list and in competition ests have not been treated gener- and a leading question is how to with foreign wools with the above erously so far, to say the least. In make it profitable. Stock growing, facts staring us in the face I can- my opinion an appropriation of if profitable at all, must be under

grass grow better.

There is only one condition that the stock be done through the estock be do price of Merino fleece as high with sition without any commission or not be questioned that in the main only the ignorant man who thinks wool on the free list—that is when committees from this state to "work the economics of stock feeding are that he knows about all that is EDITOR GRANGE VISITOR—In the American Merino became as answer to your inquiry asking my the American Merino became as an expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and expenses from the fund. These the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and the American Merino became as up" exhibits or draw salaries and the America

their promises to the people who with the same purpose sheep from discover, that so many people are price. It is very little use to As to my advice to wool growers resort to the mutton breeds which propriation already made for ex- market, it is easier and more profit-

I am one of their number and do driven us out of the cattle business those who make exhibits, that we not know what is the best method (nearly), by their cheap and free feel like fighting shy of them less element of success. Quick returns Let us study the prospect for the we are compelled to abandon sheep from the state, they will also bring the general character of the live future and see with what we will breeding in the older States, the in a bill against us. The live stock of the state will show that better able to decide our future would become deplorable, as we and in my opinion they have not From a business point it is very I think any lower rate of duty on our soil without stock, especially encouragement as was intended,

why. Perhaps I cannot tell them ceived already. The next query is, they come in this special breed of attend. Ways and Means committee Jan. 2, the products of their labor in com- show flocks of England, they are

As to my advice to those having kinds of stock. principal industry (that of wool fine wools I would use upon them no more need of the intervention Wales, who visited Vermont in 1887 offspring with the intention of turn- there is for a soliciting committee

American Merinos I would advise and all permanent improvements wool of any sheep on earth), until

I fear in answering your quesgrain, and his farm being fenced in have been honest in my expressions, live stock, will see that, under the fields containing 1,000 to 2,000 acres and have given them from the rules of the Exposition, a commit-Riley, Greenville. Discussion led

for him and pays nine cents per that I obtained from a Philadel- sent to Chicago, without expense three cents per head, as the rent of | Can any person who has any knowlcosts six cents per head. Mr. Mc- think for a moment that we can Caughey's sheep shear on an aver- deliver our fine wool in eastern

Yours truly,

is one cent per pound. The total can be done to insure a good show grown. cost of growing and transporting of Michigan stock at the World's tainly ought to pay good interest sion already appointed, or that a than a loss. special appropriation be made by position; that the entire judging of course better prices.

Our western sister states have expense and premium account of to it will obtain the best prices. could not keep up the fertilily of received proper recognition and essential. •

years with Merino sheep bought in pelled to sell free wool and and buy its from Michigan alone, but few sold to wool growers for crossing and stump speaker before another true of all other English mutton breeds of sheep, and many other

Stock men are well informed as in every county for exhibits for the state fair. Let the state put up To the breeders of pure bred the money with the proper authorities at Chicago, and the stock men will see that the exhibits are there. miums as could be paid out of a \$10,000 fund for live stock exhibits Hang up the premiums that are worthy of competition, and each of

Yours truly, GEO. E. BRECK.

PROFIT FROM STOCK GROWING.

Successful farming in Michigan requires that stock be grown and kept on the farm. Grain and hay cannot be grown and sold for any ing," Ionia.

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 9 A. M., Recommercial fertilizers are used, and it is doubtful if this would supply EDITOR GRANGE VISITOR-Re- all the waste, even if it were not York or Boston by sailing vessel plying to your question, "What too costly for the crops usually

Aside from this there is so much his wool to our markets would not Fair?" In the first place it will be grown on every farm that cannot

Aside, then, from stock growing The theory that our fine wool the incoming legislature for this as a business all farms should have

any other nation), we shall have to disgusted with the use of the ap- quarrel with the demands of the may cause overproduction making penses and salaries, and so little of able to grow what the market deit is going to find its way into the mands, and he who keeps nearest

Early maturity is an essential use of government land, and now if in addition to what they will draw are a source of profit. A glance at

It is not proposed to point out in wool would be very injurious, and where a catch of clover cannot be from the committees appointed for detail the methods to be employed that purpose. It is all red tape in growing more feed for stock or Every agitation of the tariff has and no practical results.

ad a bad influence on wools, es
For myself, I shall exhibit Shropments in handling that are known party soon to come into power United States. I will give some of pecially fine wool, and since the late shires prepared to show against the to our best stockmen. These things will be. If it carries out the the reasons for this expression. election stud flocks in this vicinity world, but there are many whose will be taught and talked of by pledges made in the platform The greatest is—we cannot com- have been offered for sale at about flocks I would like to see repre- practical men at the breeders' meetpete with our principal competitor, ten per cent of the value of the sented who would be glad to ex- ings next week and all of your Australia, in growing cheap wool. original flocks in 1883. What a hibit were the competition confined readers who are interested in live which gives adequate protection to Many of your readers may not know severe blow this industry has re- to those from this state, but when stock will find it profitable to

STOCK MEETINGS.

The following are programs of some of the stock meetings to be held in Lansing next week:

SHROPSHIRE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Wednesday, Dec. 21st, 10o'clock, minutes and report of treasurer. Eleven o'clock, President's ad-

ress-Hon. H. H. Hinds, Stanton. Two o'clock, Paper-"Succulent Food for Shropshires in Winter," F. B. Mumford, Agricultural Col-

Paper—"The Mutton Type," Prof. E. Davenport, Woodland. Paper-"The Kind of Feeding," John Lessiter, Cole.

Paper—"The Effect of the change of Tariff Laws on the Sheep Interests.

Reports of committees, election of officers, unfinished business. Geo. E. Breck, Secretary.

SWINE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1892, Reports and President's Address.

Paper-" Winter Care and Management of Swine," A. H. Warren, Ovid. Discussion led by L. W. Bray, St. Johns.

Paper-" What I have learned as an Exhibitor at Fairs," H. W.

led by W. O. Wilson, Okemos. Election of Officers.

GEO. H. McIntyre, Iosco, Mich.

MERINO BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 7 P. M., President's Address. Minutes.

Paper—"The Relation of Silage

ports, Elections, etc. Paper—"Wool Interests," J. J.

Woodman, Paw Paw. Tuesday, 1:30 P. M., "The Re-

lation of the Wool Buyer to the Breeder of Merino Sheep," Chas. Farmer, Ovid. Paper-"Merinos, and their Possibilities by Crossing with other

Breeds," J. P. Ray, New York. Question Box, conducted by Peter Voorheis, Pontiac. Reduced rates at Hotel Downey.

E. N. Ball, Secretary.

DAIRY NOTES.

would thrive and do well on it, "I \$2,000 for sheep and \$2,000 for this is forbidden in this state be- farm work, such as pig and chicken man will abandon an important interest on assumption or theory. Let us wait and see what will be the result before we sacrifice our by the World's Columbian Ex-land demands better stock and of in the pasture or at the feeding

INGERSOLL'S LIQUID RUBBER PAINT.

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Postal Jottings.

From the Granges.

ALLEGAN CENTRAL, NO. 53.

We hold our meetings twice a month, one regular and one literary. We have only forty-two members at present. We own a hall and have a little money at in-

MOLINE, NO. 248,

is holding its own. We are now taking in a nsw member. We have interesting meetings although we miss the presence of three of our best members. Our hall is draped in mourning for L, C. Gilbert, and Brother and Sister J. V. Orton have moved to Alabama for Mr. Orton's health.

LAPEER, NO. 246,

meet every other Saturday evening. Our literary work has been somewhat neglected of late but we intend to revive it again soon. The absence of young people in our Grange is one drawback to the literary \$500 was advanced and under the But as our two new members are of that class, perhaps we may remedy that defect in time.

RURAL, NO. 37,

increased in membership and interest for the past two years. We had a literary contest this summer which gave us some new members and ten or twelve subscriptions for the Visitor. We have 66 good paying members and about 50 present nearly every meeting; have a program and some subject for discussion. We have three subject for discussion. We have three Granges near us, and all of them increasing in Grange work and numbers. We all like does not serve as part payment of million without cultivation. the VISITOR. Will try to send you as many names as possible.

GANGES, NO. 339.

tion as a Grange and hope and look for the good time coming.

HILLSDALE.

The December meeting of Pomona was held on the 1st, in the G. A. R. hall at Hillsdale. After the usual annual business it proceded to elect its officials for another year, which resulted in the choice of S. E. Haughey for Master, Mrs. F. G. Nokes, Lecturer, A. W. Mumford, Secretary. Executive committee, Brothers Roe, Ranney, E. C. Mumford and H. H. Dresser. The next meeting will be held in the G. A. R. hall in the city of Hillsdale on Jan. 5.

MICHIGAN LAKE SHORE, NO. 309.

While we are not as numerous as we wish we were, we are alive and in a healthy and prosperous condition. We generally discuss some question and have some literary exercises at our meetings which are held once every two weeks, unless we are so busy that we cannot leave our work, which happens more frequently than we wish it did. We own a good building 25x-50 feet, two stories high with the upper hall picely corrected and familiated. nicely carpeted and furnished, we are out of debt and have been repainting our buildng at an expense of about gersoll's Rubber paint. We have a present membership of about 30, which ought to be at least 100.

HOW WE DID IT.

How we built a thousand dollar hall that did not seem to cost anything-How we had an overflowing treasury without paying dues-How we divided the surplus-How we organized with seventy members and in 18 years ran down to 20, and in 30 days filled the quota to 70 again.

arranged themselves in concentric complete success. circles, and that their common As a sample of our work we intaxes he can't see it in that light. center is Hamilton. Pardon the close the address on Thomas Paine

digression, we made it that the by one of our new members, a Miss readers of the VISITOR may easily of 16. locate our Grange (and incidentally the center of the Universe).

the whole scheme seemed likely to wish of go down and take the Grange with it. By a happy inspiration a member solved the problem as follows: "A member owning land at the geographical center of the is in a flourishing condition. We have at present a membership of 54, with two initiations this quarter and more pending. We have a very convenient hall, in which we have a very convenient convenient of the convenient of the convenient conven town should give the site. As all would have to pay dues anyway, Henry George and his desciples who felt able, to get the money to buy material, then all join in and haul all have land? Did they ever \$500 was advanced, and under the tion? It seems to me it is simply guidance of brothers who were carpenters and masons, in 90 days the hall was built. Some did not advance their dues, so there was of government free land, and cultiis in a good prosperous condition, and has enough coming in to pay the as well, and a long line of sheds, socials, dances, etc., (some of which brought in \$30 to \$40) furnished the money. The hall is coming, and that for want of some free for funerals, religious services just such tenant as he, has lain and donations where the donation the minister's salary; and free also for our township fair, the idea of which originated in the Grange sumer is not difficult to furnish. and which has run for sixteen It is simply because they prefer to Can give you no Grange news from this section, all is dull. We hold our organization years with phenomenal success, and annually draws together acres they live on, and the wool and cotand acres of people who seem to ton that clothes them, who is willing get more enjoyment from the costly and pretentious rivals. The surdity they insist that this land, hall rents to the township for \$20 or rather the men that cultivate it, per year for elections, board meet-shall pay all the taxes—That is the

> and it costs no one anything to be- ers going out to collect taxes on long to Hamilton Grange but the land that had never been enhanced initiation fee. The surplus be- by labor. He might as well undercame so large at one time that it take to collect tax on so many acres was reduced by paying each mem- of blue sky. ber in attendance at the regular I have cleared and owned quite when last winter we resolved to pay taxes on. It was not given me And Here is What the Publishers of The Youth's Companion says of it: turer of the State Grange and at a moderate price, but if any man They have given us entire satisfaction. Yours truly, Jason Woodman, together with will pay me for the labor I have

bring in as much more.

The Lecturer divided the Grange place on the program which was tion day, Fourth of July, Columbus day, etc.

Impressed with the fact that we are privileged to live in the great- all the taxes and support the gov-Hamilton Grange, No. 355, of est and best country in the world, ernment is the sheerest nonsense Van Buren county, is situated in a we felt in duty bound in some fit- in the world. The fact is that no township more noted for what it ting way to celebrate its birthday, class of laborers work so cheap or has not than for what it has. It has no village, no churches, no 9th of July we rendered our Indehigh schools, no manufactories, no pendence day program, an out-soil. I am not saying this by way lawyers, no doctors, no preachers, line of which we submit, and with of grumbling, for had I been disno editors, no professors, no high it the hope that no Michigan satisfied with the farmer's occupaofficials, no speculators, no special- Grange will hereafter allow the tion I might, and should have left ists. We are just farmers. Let day to pass, as Hamilton Grange it long ago. While all I have said it not be inferred that our situa- never means to do, without some about the farmers toil is literally tion is considered deplorable. On token of recognition. Be it but a true there are redeeming traits in the contrary, any citizen would single short address, the singing of his situation. If the farmer is show you its advantages. He a national air, or the unfurling of thoroughly master of his business would point to the fact that the stars and stripes, many hearts he may be about the most indewe are surrounded with rail-roads, that the smart little may better love their country from pendent man in the world. He can surround himself with the bounties towns of Decatur, Dowagiac, address on each of the following of nature, and take the blessings of Hartford, Lawrence and Paw Paw topics: "The Declaration of In- life at first hands. His fruits and Hartford, Lawrence and Paw Paw have nestled close about us, and are all accessible to our people. From a wider encircling belt the cities of Kalamazoo, Niles, St. "George Washington," "The American Flag." These, together with a few patrictic recitations a hall bear and of the Broad all bear are all accessible to our people. "The Declaration of Independence," "The War of the War of the Revolution," "Amount of the American Flag." These, together with a few patrictic recitations a hall recently all bear are all accessible about us, and dependence," "The War of the War of the Revolution," "The Constitution," exposure for weeks at the front of the day is repaid by a good appetite for his food and sound and a few patrictic recitations a hall recently all the people. South Bend all beam on us. From a few patriotic recitations, a hall peaceful slumbers at night; and if still another, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Jackson, Fort Wayne, and
Michigan City, and in like manner
that all places of importance have

Michigan City, and in like manner

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That is "how we did it." We offer this simple account without When first organized we rented comment. Whether our course has a hall for a time at \$60 a year, been wise, or otherwise, our broththen we met at schoolhouses and ers and sisters may determine for that we must have a Grange home deem our successes or failures they of our own. There was disagree- get a helpful idea they are welcome ment and contention, of course, as to it. May peace and prosperity to where and how to build it, till abide with you all is the fraternal HAMILTON GRANGE.

MAD

Because They Don't Own Land.

This is about the only correct way of expressing the condition of are everlastingly whining because somebody else has land and they seriously ask themselves this quesbecause it is easier to sit still and grumble than to strike out into the vate and pay taxes on it. Does where away out in the great west (some there lies a quarter section of choice land patiently awaiting his sixthousand years and perhaps six don't they pitch in and take their share while it is going? The conlet somebody else raise the bread to work cheaper than they are. Great Free Fair" than from its And then to cap the climax of abings, etc., and shows, political "Single Tax" theory boiled down—meetings, dances and the like Labor, they say, is too good to be taxed—Let land pay it all. Well, Long ago we ceased to pay dues, I would smile to see the tax gather-

Do you suppose, Mr. Single Tax. into four divisions for literary that of all that two thousand labor work, assigning each member a strikers and rioters and murderers one, else they would not have been there to kick up riots and murder

Pinkertons. This cry about making land pay George wants him to pay all the

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If your communication is left out, remember that we are crowded for space just now.

Lack of space forbids as long an account of National Grange as we had hoped to give.

Orders for "Black Beauty" continue to come in rapidly. Are you not going to have one?

This issue appears early so as to have it out of the way when State Grange meets. Reports will appear in the Jan. 1 number.

tuting other matter for editorials. ous. They may claim that he has We would rather others would do had recognition or that at least he the talking if we can get them to has been granted abundant legislatalk.

If you want to speak your mind on any topic through the Visitor, is that the farmer has not been don't be afraid to write. We don't use the waste basket very extens- of high offices of public trust in

The Michigan Engineering Society meets in Lansing, Jan 17, 18 and 19. The question of roads will be fully discussed. All interested are invited.

A teacher writes, "Send me some samples of the Visitor please. We are going to try for an organ." Teachers, don't let the winter pass without grasping the opportunities the VISITOR offers in the way of substantial premiums.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS.

through these columns, the Christmas gifts will have been presented have been served by farmers; and and New Year's resolutions will for many years last past not an which are too frequent for the best have been made. So we offer agriculturist from the broad fields interests of all. our greetings to you. May your of Michigan has been in either Christmas be merry, and your New Year happy. Among your good naturally arise "are they a prohibit- wages, is of vital importance, not resolves include one to help boom ed class?" The question is not only to the laborer and his family the VISITOR during the coming answered by saying for six years but to all of our people, we depreyear. Let us pull together, so that the farmers have had the Governor- cate all disposition on the part of EXPERIMENT IN FEEDING SHEEP. organ and other furniture of the the paper may be made more and ship for a debt to them of 50 years more a medium of usefulness, instruction and inspiration to those who read it.

A POSSIBLE AID.

made practical would start a great possesses its quota of brains and of The right to combine for mutual fore, is doing a much needed work. feel like spending four years in whole training prepares them to

of. Other states have tried it, and nish its legitimate share of public with some success.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Michigan State Horticultural society will be held in Ann Arbor, Dec. 26 to 28, beginning Monday evening. A variety of horticultural topics will be discussed and the annual election of officers will occur. Much attention will be paid to the status of Michigan's fruit exhibit at the World's Fair, and the premium list To any one sending 30 new subscrib- of the horticultural department of the Fair will be for inspection. A very interesting program has been prepared. Chief Samuels, Prof. Fairchild and S. D. Willard of Geneva, N. Y., will be present. Will also be addresses by Prof. Angell and Profs. Vaughan, Spaulding and

The change of date from the first week to the last week in December, was made to secure benefit of the reduced railway fares of the holiday season. Those attending should go to Ann Arbor on Monday, De- intelligent and substantial voters of elapses between elections. cember 26, as that is the last day that tickets will be good going. but for what seems the interests of The people of Ann Arbor will pro- the farmers. And the legislators vide free entertainment to all visitors. For programs and further information address the secretary, Edwy C. Reid of Allegan.

THE SENATORSHIP.

The Visitor is non-partisan; and in discussing this question does so because it accepts the fact of Republican supremacy in the next legis-States Senator. It is very probable trip to Mt. Washington and a visit that to urban citizens the plea of the farmer for political recognition We make no apology for substi- has become worn and semi-humortion. Yet the plea for justice should never become trite to any true citizen, and our earnest belief this state.

A large portion of the vote of Michigan comes from the farm, and ever has, and yet in all the long period from 1835 to the present, fifty-seven years, we believe but distinguished body; and he only from March 1859 to October, 1861. Out of 114 years service from Michigan in the United States years. The showing in the lower house of Congress is almost as unequal. It has been computed that Before we meet our readers again of 172 terms served by Michigan representatives seven terms only

> We present these things merely to show the justice of our case.

college. Of course it would not do understand the needs of the "comare with the men of toil-we say This is, perhaps, worth thinking we believe that class should furservants.

> Facts seem to show that such is not the case.

We are equally earnest in our belief that the farmers are decided choice. And our legislators, as they assemble to discharge the duties laid upon them by the people of Michigan, can do no better service than to listen to these voices and to consider these

sent their interests as well as those of the entire state? Yes, we think several of them. So far, the name prominently mentioned whose training and sympathies and acts seem to make him the farmer's repspeak their choice who ever it ity to the people. may be, and let the members of the legislature not dare to act contrary to the wishes of the possible by the short time which Michigan. We plead for no man country can hardly enter upon one must sink personal wishes if not in their minds and declare in favor of accord with the people's wishes some other course. It is probable and desires.

NATIONAL GRANGE.

The National Grange met at Concord, N. H., Nov. 16, and conthe reception of delegates. The to the immense cotton mills of Manchester. Bro. Brigham had a ringing address. The report of Worthy Gate Keeper, Ava Page, of Missouri, was much admired. We present portions of the Master's address

GRANGE.

Education is the great central pose to teach better methods in all properly recognized in the bestowal branches of our work including all ertains to good citizenship. does not see that great progress has difficult to dispose of surplus crops been made although the work has but just begun.

WOMAN'S WORK IN THE GRANGE.

one farmer, Kinsley S. Bingham, Work has demonstrated the wisdom has ever occupied a seat in that of continuing the committee, and of extending all the aid and encouragement which we can possibly give. The details of the work of in the report which will be submit-Senate the farmer has had but two ted and published with our pro-

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

The farmers are deeply interested in the relations which exist between the employer and employé in this country, and we view with apprehension the disagreements

Believing as we do that the House. How can the question but that steady employment, at fair greedy corporations to reduce the pay of workmen except when in which that office has been held declining prices make it absolutely by other professions is not half necessary in order to avoid serious

better afford to accept losses which result from temporary causes, than lessen the cost of production with- Cass county to be found in front Farmers, would you be more apt We do not believe in class legisla- to provoke a conflict with the men out decreasing the value of the pro- line of Grange work before long. to send your son to the Agricultion; but we do most firmly believe whose labor in former years brought duct will appeal to all feeders. tural college if there were a shorter that that class which constitutes great profit to the employer. We Experiment stations have not given deputies would look about and course, say of two years? Or a the bulk of the population, which capital, when its power is used to ical production of mutton, that they they will find as good fields ready.

many boys in study who do not able and influential men whose advantage is as sacred to employé as to employer.

> be interferred with; and if a laborer ly. price agreed upon by both.

Every two years the people choose their representatives in the lower house of Congress and every six years, through state legislatures day for each lamb. The endeavor those of the upper house or Senate. has been to conduct the experiment Every four years the Chief Execu-Have the farmers the man of tive, and through him the members as possible. In a feeding trial durcommanding ability thus to repre- of the Supreme Court who are ing the winter of 1891-92 results appointed to replace those who die

All national legislation must meet the scrutiny of these officials. ing it cheaply. We are continuing of Ex. Gov. Luce is the only one Congress is expected to reflect the the same experiment during the views of the people and carry out the policy indorsed by them at the result with much interest. Many ballot box, where every citizen is a farmers believe that silage is not a sovereign. This system of govern-safe food for sheep, especially breed-

The one objection which may be urged with some force is the frequent changes of policy rendered line of policy and can certainly give it no fair trial, before the people have an opportunity to change that a longer time between general elections would be conducive to prosperity.

ARID LANDS OF THE WEST.

I again call your attention to the fact that there seems to be a well tinued in session eight days. The defined purpose upon the part of city had been finely decorated for interested persons to induce the lature of Michigan and understands meeting was one of intense interest, of money in the irrigation of the that that party is to be responsible perhaps the most interesting ever dry lands of the West; and it will for the election of the next United held. Among the pleasures was a be well for the farmers to take note of the fact.

We have no doubt that the time will come when these lands will be needed to sustain the increasing population of our country, and the world; but it is very certain that they are not now needed. There is already more land under cultivaat fair prices.

FINANCIAL QUESTION.

It is not the province of our The work already accomplished Order to interfere with the freeby the committee on Woman's dom of, or dictate what any member shall believe upon any economic question, but rather to encourage investigation and thought, whilst at the same time we counsel conservative action when importthe National committee will appear ant changes are proposed. "It is oftimes better to endure the ills we suffer, rather than fly to those we know not of.'

The farmers are vitally interested in all questions relating to the circulating medium of the country; and full and free discussion of everything pertaining thereto is desirable. We should avoid all reflections upon the patriotism, or integrity of those who differ with our views; recognizing the right of every man to his own opinions. We should urge all, however, to investigate for themselves rather than adopt the opinions of others.

F. B. MUMFORD.

is rapidly becoming one of Michi-We believe that employers can gan's most profitable enterprises; and early Saturday morning we practical winter course? It would is the acknowledged bone and destroy organizations formed to have to the production of beef and be less expensive certainly, and if sinew of the State, which certainly promote the interests of workmen. pork. The Michigan station, there-

The leading grains employed in feeding sheep in Michigan are corn, We seriously regret, however, oats and bran. Exact data showthat members of labor organiza- ing the value of each grain, either to do away with the four years mon people" and whose sympathies tions seem sometimes inclined to singly or in combination, are not encroach upon the rights of em- readily accessible to the ordinary ployers, and of their fellow laborers feeder. The object of this experiwho, for some reason, do not join ment is to furnish such data gathertheir organizations. The right to ed from actual feeding trials; 125 labor for the support of self and grade Shropshire lambs are divided family is something that must not into lots of 10, 15 and 20 respective-There are under experiment in the exercise of his rights as a ten lots. Three lots are fed on citizen, declines to associate with corn, oats and bran respectively. fellow laborers, those who do unite Four other lots are fed combinain this matter and intend that their have no right to interfere with his tions of the above grains, ten lambs voices shall be heard and their freedom to work for whomsoever receiving corn and oats, ten receivwishes shall weigh in the coming will give him employment at a ing corn and bran, fifteen receiving oats and bran, and fifteen receiving corn, oats and bran. The grains are mixed equal parts by weight. Each lot receives all the clover hay that it will eat up clean, and an allowance of one pound of roots per seemed to indicate that roots were very valuable for putting an animal in prime condition, and dopresent season and shall watch the resentative. But let the people ment seems to afford perfect securing ewes. We fed it with marked success to fattening sheep during the winter of 1891-92, and our breeding ewes, fed a limited amount, apparently wintered well. We shall thoroughly investigate this matter of silage The for breeding ewes and be prepared to publish the results of our investigations. Many feeders are using a "self-feed" for fattening sheep, i. e., grain kept before animals at all times. This subject will also claim a share of our attention.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Monday, Nov. 28, at 12.37 we epped off the train at Jones, Cass county, and recognized Bro. E. J. Stover, a deputy who took us in charge and to his home in Newburg. At evening we went to the Norton school house and were greeted by a very attentive audience who seemed glad to learn of the work of our Order. Several signed the call to organize, and to give opportunity for some friends not present we agreed to meet then again the 21st of December. Tuesday evening was planned by our Brother for another favorable locality, but a letter came stating the necessity to EDUCATIONAL INFLUENCE OF THE tion than can be farmed with profit; postpone and asking us to come and we should insist upon it, that again. And then we went and no money belonging to the people called out Newburg Center Grange be expended at this time to bring and had a good meeting—only object of our Order. It is our pur-under cultivation, lands not needed about a year and a half ago we and which will return little or no profit to those who cultivate the stormy night, and now they report same, and will still further reduce about sixty with others coming And blind must be the man who the profit of those who now find it right along, and they stand well up in line of Grange work. Bro. C. W. Poe and wife from here will be with us at Lansing.

> Here are the fruits of cooperation in trade. They have bought twine, not only for themselves and neighbors, but filled orders for local dealers who could buy of their purchasing agent cheaper than elsewhere, while orders in wire, implements, and other articles have always made a good showing.

> Wednesday was a trip to Pennand among the substantial farmers of Young's Prairie, where a joint meeting was held with the Ladies' Aid Society and the list of recruits was taken by good workers to secure the material for a first class Grange and another appointment made.

> Thursday we were taken to the home of Gideon Hebron, and in the evening met a fine gathering of people at the Porter town hall and quite a large list of old members and new applicants pledges to put Porter Grange in working order again by our assistance on the 20th.

Friday, our next field was Mottville where a Grange Hall with an old Grange is idle. Some calls among the old members show quite an interest, but a severe cold rain, The business of fattening lambs afternoon and evening, dampened our prospects here for the present, and any experiments tending to were off for home but counting on

> If some of the other county Wont you try it now?

A. J. CROSBY JR.

TWO STATESMEN.

We extract the following from the N. Y. Sun. It is a tribute from the great editor to the great states-

We make room for the following letter because it seems to be dictated and animated by a sincere desire for the acquisition of knowledge:

Gladstone, the Premier of England, is a greater statesman than compare in all-around intelligence, by which I mean scholarly attainmen? These questions are the reby your decision. Respectfully. STILL ALARM.

Blaine's.

more ardent spirit than Gladstone. been placed in more trying situations, as a politician, than Blaine has had a more enthusiastic body of adherents than Gladstone ever of Gladstone.

As speech-makers both Blaine and Gladstone stand well, or about on a level. Both of them are ready debaters. Blaine's oratory is more rosy at times than Gladstone's. In addressing a "miscellaneous

way; but neither of them takes rank with the masters of the liter-

In what our correspondent calls greatly the superior of Blaine. In many branches of knowledge about which Blaine knows nothing, or hardly anything, Gladstone is a learned man. As an all-around scholar he is unsurpassed by any man in the world, and perhaps he is the foremost living man, a man without an equal, in general scholarship, a man who, in that respect, stands superior to any other politician who ever lived. Our correspondent will oblige us by taking notice of the words that are here used. As a specialist in any given branch of knowledge, excepting, perhaps, constitutional and parliamentary law, Gladstone is far from the foremost rank, but no specialist compasses the great body learning like Gladstone.

Blaine and Gladstone are not counterparts; they differ in natural traits and endowments. Each has subjects of monopoly, as is the the advantage of the other in some land, the principle would apply. respects.

men of old, was fond of drawing begin to die on the morrow from "comparisons and contrasts," and inability to pay the air bills. this is something that would need Bear in mind, the object of the to be done in fully answering our single tax is to free the land correspondent's questions.

Mr. Blaine may yet have a long labor are taxed, they become dear. public career. He is still in the Tell me why, the more you tax prime of life. Not until the year land the more it cheapens? Simigan Galloway Breeders Association now is. Before he reaches by the single tax we destroy the Downey in Lansing, Tuesday Dec. the end of his career, he may have incentive to hold land from use. 20 at 2 p. m. the opportunity of winning renown If you wish to purchase land, the above that of any other statesman of his time.

do "the gates of Castle Garden the community, or state, and for swing open inwardly only?

Sir: "Will you tell us whether ladstone, the Premier of Eng- wage earner was not benefited by the increase which the community the advance in wages. Did it? creates. our own Blaine? How do they On the contrary the same author- Justice to the people requires ity tells us that instead of a rise in that this value shall go to the the prices of the necessaries of life community for common purposes, ments, as leaders of political part. there was a fall along the line, schools, bridges, roads, any needed ies, thinkers, writers, orators, and ranging from twenty six to forty-improvements. I see that you six per cent. Assuming the aver- fall into the mistake, with other sult of several arguments by two of age decline to be thirty per cent, honest inquirers, that the farmer THE SUN'S readers, and, to settle the purchasing power of a day's is the one who owns the land, and the matter, we have decided to abide by your decision. Respectfully. Alas! how could we find time to skilled labor, would buy of the wealth are free from taxation. Alas! how could we find time to answer these comprehensive questions in a satisfactory way? We cannot.

Skilled labor, would buy of the wealth are free from taxation. The farmers, measured by the value of their lands, are the least had advanced to \$720. From 1880 holders of all. The land value of In statesmanship the American to the present time the general Kings county, N. Y., is more takes rank with the Englishman.
They both possess political ability trend of wages, and the cost of necessaries, has been in the same So everywhere a of a high order. In their mental direction—an increase in the purland values in business centers qualities the two men do not resemble each other. We are inclinday's labor. But what are skilled the burden would be on the farmer. ed to think that if Blaine had been workmen doing with the advanc- Were the single tax in effect today in Gladstone's place his states- ing surplus of their earnings over the cities would pay the bulk of manship would have been better their decreasing expenditures for the taxation; as they should, from and stronger than Gladstone's, necessaries? First, they are spend-their immense land values. Exand that if Gladstone had been in ing more than ever before for arti- amine for yourself and see what Blaine's place his statesmanship cles of comfort, and even luxury; they pay under the present system would have been inferior to they are living on a higher plane. of aiming at everything. In party leadership, both Glad- have become necessities. Some, personal property is falling off. stone and Blaine are shrewd and indeed, spend all their earnings on The farmers have been mislead in skillful. Gladstone is a more better living. Second, workmen this personal property taxation. patient and less impulsive man than are saving more money than they They vainly imagine that by strin-Blaine, who has a bolder and did a quarter of a century ago. gent laws they can reach the wealth Gladstone, whose career has been far longer than Blaine's, has often attest this. The annual report of But it came home every time, and was ever placed in. Blaine has made some blunders in his career; in the building associations of that from the Labor Bureau of this Gladstone has made ten times as state have increased almost ten state, and carefully study the figmany. As a party leader, Blaine per cent. During the same year ures and diagrams, which concluparty leadership as well as in statesmanship, Blaine is the peer cent. Twenty-seven hundred new homes were built by the working can show its falsity? people of the state against twenty-one hundred the year previous. The old Roman power tried tor-ture to make men tell what they 462,603 to \$33,807,634 in one year. you. Including the savings represented audience," Gladstone's speech is in the new homes with the depos- which, as you say, all these do not less swaying than Blaine's.

Gladstone and Blaine are both able writers; that is to say, can write

its in building associations and savings banks, the workmen of able writers; that is to say, can write

New Jersey added in one year to it is all—everything. in an intelligible and impressive their savings of labor about \$5,-000,000. In the savings banks of mention some one, just one, of the state of New York there are these occupations; will you do so deposited \$600,000,000, nine-tenths and oblige me? My friend, land or which belong to wage earners. is the first consideration in all In the last six months these depos- classes of business, except the one "all-around intelligence or scholar-ly attainments," Gladstone is increased over \$10,000,000, and in the last three years there have in the last three years they have tant the business as a money makincreased \$85,000,000. In a single ing factor, the more valuable is the year \$18,789,720 were added to the land. This value reaches even he deposits in the building and loan who hires a room, and he must associations of the the state. The pay his tribute to the landlord. record of the savings banks of the This tribute must come, though all state of Massachusetts is equally else fails. In conclusion, I will time is the record of the savings of labor.—Ex.

AN OPEN LETTER.

Old Mission, Dec. 3, 1892.

BRO. HENRY VORHEES, DEAR SIR: -To your first question, "Why not tax air, water, etc.," were they Plutarch, in writing of the great monopolized, else would the people to the user. If commodities of tax becomes an important factor in met in Senate chamber Tuesday,

the consideration. You should know that "Econ-World flocking to our shores? Why rental value from the individual to the Association the 21st.

As a result of an investigation couraging the monopoly of land. into the condition of labor in con- but at the same time the communnection with the United States ity appropriates what it makes. All census of 1880, Mr. Edward Atkin- selling, or rental values, land valson, the economist, reports that in ues, are made by the present needs twenty years the yearly wages of skilled labor rose from an average munity, and should belong to those of \$460 to \$720. If the cost of liv- who create it, not the "dog in the

\$460, the entire yearly wages of trous to him, while others of great

So everywhere an examination of

Articles once considered luxuries By actual returns, Chicago's The increasing accumulations in of the cities, but it has ever been a the Bureau of Statistics of New farmers, whose property is all in Jersey shows that from 1890 to sight, have had to pay their share, the net assets of the associations sively show that were the farmers increased from \$22,043,892 to \$25,- of the state of Michigan taxed only 606,373, a gain of over sixteen per on land values, they would be the

Deposits in the savings banks of the state have also greatly increased. possessed. Can we, by swearing the state have also greatly increased. The facts These deposits increased from \$32,- of all past experience are against

You speak of occupations, in

Now, why did you not kindly good. The reports of the Senate say, land—I use the term in its Finance Committee and the Com- economic sense, the land as Creatmissioners of Labors of the states ive power has placed it here—is of Massachusetts and New York all the first factor in all production; show that wages are increasing and the basis of all labor. There can condition of labor at the present ber believe with me, that a single them. tax on land values will strongly tend to destroy land monopoly, the very basis of all other monopoly. Free the land, and men heretofore denied will turn to it, and the slaves of the factories, workshops and mines will disappear. They can employ themselves.

Sincerely yours, L. UNDERHILL.

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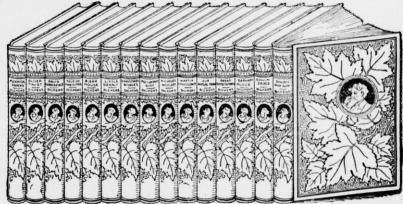
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BEFORE THE TOY SHOP WINDOW.

I knows it's mighty weak in me to cry
'N blubber like a baby, sir, but I
Kaint help them tears.
I'm old enough, I s'pose, to put away
Sech childish things; I've known the light o' day Some sixty years.

It's this way, sir: 'Bout thirty years ago I had a little baby home named Joe— Named after me—

For Joe's mamma before she came to die
Ast me to name him that ar way, and I

Just did, you see.

Small Joe —well, he was three weeks old that day,
When she—she—kind o' sighed 'n' passed away,
'N' me and Joe
Was left to help each other on—for me
To keep the little fellow goin'; he
To soothe my woe.
He did it, too, Joe did—he did a heap.
'Twas mighty comfortin' to watch him sleep,
'N' coo, and smile.
I seemed to see her smile when Joe looked glad,
'N' then I kind o' didn't feel so sad
A little while.

'N' then Joe went! I had to go to town,
'N' Joe while I was gone crept off—to drown—
Fell in a dam;
N' down in town I'd bought a little toy
To bring it home y' know, to give the boy—
A woolly lamb.

'N' when I got back home some feller said;
As kindly as he could, that Joe was dead—
My little Joe.
'N' then we put him by his mamma's side,
'N' with him was that woolly lamb that I'd
Brought home, y' know.
'N' now to-day's the first I've cried since then—
Gried like a baby in the sight o' men—
But taint no whim.
Why, in the winder o' that shop there sat
A little woolly lamb, sir, just like that
I got for him!

'N' for a minute my old heart felt glad.
I sorter thought to see the little lad
Still at my side.
'N' then remembrance came—that ne'er again
I'd see him smile 'n' hear his laugh 'n' then,
Why, then, I cried!
JOHN KENDRICK BANGS in the December
Laties Home Journal.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HOME.

MRS. WARREN M. BEAL.

Christmas time is drawing near, and in many households its members are planning and thinking what shall be done to celebrate the coming event. As we have so many good things of life from the farm it seems the proper place for its observance.

We read the "Christ child was born in a manger," and the news first brought to the shepherds "who were tending their flocks by night.' Nearly 1,900 years ago, "Peace on earth, good will toward men," was proclaimed, and since that time, this day has been one of feasting and rejoicing, and today we still wonder what joys it will bring to us. No home can afford to lose the pleasure of the gathering of friends, and those far away wonder if Christmas will be celebrated as of old; if so, every possible effort is made to be present to enjoy its festivities at the home fireside. While passing along over the snow, fresh tracks are seen, and the children fancy Santa has already made his visit and left his presents for each one and passed on to make other homes happy.

As dusky eve draws nigh we feel paid for our labor when the parlor door is opened and we see the little ones' eyes sparkle with delight at the sight of a beautiful Christmas presents need not be costly; if we study the wishes of our friends we will be useful, and if carefully arranged will please the eyes of all this country in December, 1774. papers, enthusiastic support of the household. While we admire the beauties of the tree and try to peep book called "Serious Thoughts," Land the book called "Serious Thoughts," and red and the baby, and ever so papers, enthusiastic support of schools, have been prominent feat-book called "Serious Thoughts," Land the baby, and ever so papers, enthusiastic support of schools, have been prominent feat-book called "Serious Thoughts," Land the baby, and ever so papers, enthusiastic support of schools, have been prominent feat-book called "Serious Thoughts," Land the baby, and ever so papers, enthusiastic support of schools, have been prominent feat-book called "Serious Thoughts," Land the baby, and ever so papers, enthusiastic support of schools, have been prominent feat-book called "Serious Thoughts," Land the baby, and ever so papers, enthusiastic support of schools, have been prominent feat-book called "Serious Thoughts," Land the baby, and the baby, and the baby, and ever so papers, enthusiastic support of schools, have been prominent feat-book called "Serious Thoughts," Land the baby, and the b into its mysteries, a short program of exercises consisting of songs and recitations are given by the younger members of the family to serve as a reminder why we celebrate the lished "Common Sense." a book women read the trash, or worse; waiting for a reply she went on, that quacks, clairvoyants, imposters "Oh dear! I hope I'll get a great of presents where all are remembered.

Let us not forget to make a bundle of surprises for those who cannot afford the joys of a Christmas tree. We shall then learn it is more "blessed to give than to other thing to pave the way for the it is more "blessed to give than to other thing to pave the way for the it is more "blessed to give than to other thing to pave the way for the it is more builded in our cannot afford the joys of a Christman Although it was defended in our cannot afford the joys of a Christman Although it was defended in our cannot afford the joys of a Christman Although it was defended in our cannot afford the joys of a Christman and the weapons of folly. They complain that law—less and a low of candy, I know that law—less and a low of candy, I know the cannot afford the joys of a Christman and the weapons of folly. They complain that law—less and a low of candy, I know the cannot afford the joys of a Christman and the weapons of folly. They complain that law—less and a low of candy, I know the cannot afford the joys of a Christman and the weapons of folly. They complain that law—less and a low of candy, I know the way for the less and a low of candy, I know the way for the less and a low of candy, I know the way for the less and a low of candy, I know the way for the less and a low of candy, I know the way for the less and a low of candy, I know the way for the less and a low of candy, I know the way for the less and a low of candy, I know the way for the less and a low of candy, I know the way for the less and a low of candy, I know the way for the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy, I know the way for the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy, I know the less and a low of candy in the less a receive."

With the dinner hour comes a feast of good things, which all enjoy with a relish, and with one accord we all declare Christmas to be the merriest and best day of the year. Adrian.

YULE-TIDE THOUGHTS.

MRS. EMMA BALDWIN.

of this holiday. Of all days of the sand dollars was soon collected and of earnings, education of children, had a veritable existence, and preyear there is no day looked for- the Pennsylvania Bank was estab- reforms in hours of labor, and many sided over the distribution of holiward to with so much delight by lished for the relief of the army. the children as Christmas day, and When the whole land was dis- licity depending on the universal furnished a rod for those that were

gifts, and laid them at the feet of the thanks of man and woman." more reasonable in their lives. the young Child who was to be-

said, whose heart was so full of loved to do good. our hearts to throb with pleasure day in the Assembly when nearly have been correctly reported. to know we are remembered.

rarely enters, and where the word given him by the state of New York. arithmetic, are memory exercises. of cheer and token of remembrance would brighten and sweeten lived than Thomas Paine. All ed, no exercise of the four neces-

thankfulness for the blessings we the Federal Constitution and who body's say, without inquiring if enjoy, for light and life, home, was the first man to write these words they are correct; to reason that befriends, and happiness, and above "The United States of America." cause a thing preceded an event all for the precious gift of Christ Let us give him a rank equal to it was the cause. These errors and his wondrous mission to man- that of Washington, "Our Country's enter very largely into our politikind. And let us not forget that Father," and teach our children to cal discussions today. Now poputhis day of feasts is celebrated in respect the memory of the man who lar education must remedy this. honor of the "King of Kings," and said, "The world is my country, Let us teach those things that cul-Lord of Glory, and give to him all and to do good my religion." praise and honor.

My best wish to all the readers of the Grange Visitor is that you may have a Merry Christmas, and that your hearts may be filled with the love of God, which passeth all understanding, and brings forgiveness, peace, goodwill, and charity

Palmyra.

THOMAS PAINE.

Pennsylvania that, although his versal education as a cure for well I'll tell Mama you can come.'

or some little token made of "a lit- country. He labored for this This can be done well by the teach- Santa was not the donor. tle of nothing, and a quarter of a country because he thought he ing of natural sciences, by thorough yard of ribbon," as the dear aunt could do good, and Thomas Paine study of almost any subjects where

But while we are thinking of the king, Thomas Paine had the cour- one's thoughts clearly and powerdear ones about us let us not for- age to vote for the king. This inci- fully. This comes only by constant get our offerings to Jesus, for he dent shows how truly noble his practice and wise criticism. said "Inasmuch as ye have done character was, for although he hated it, unto the least of these, ye have monarchy he voted to have the king tion provide for the training of done it unto me." Then let us pre- live, and by doing so nearly lost these functions? Not in the gramsent our gifts to Him with a willing his own life, because, for this, he mar schools surely, where 90% of heart, by doing something to was imprisoned and doomed to die. the children get all their instrucbrighten the lives of those about His enemies did not succeed in their tion; nor much in the high schools; us who are more unfortunate than infamous undertaking, and he died a little more in the colleges. Nearly we, and whose pleasures and friends a peaceful, natural death at the all the studies of the grammar are few; for there are many homes age of seventy-three on his farm schools are memory studies solely. where the sunlight of kindness near New Rochelle, which was Geography, spelling, grammar and

This day should also be a day of Honor the man who first suggested is to accept statements on some

BEULAH S. WEEKS.

W HEREIN POPULAR EDUCATION HAS FAILED.

vard college presents in the Dec- tion. ember Forum, an article with the above caption. We have endeavored below to give our readers a comprehensive abstract of the article. The subject is of intense in-

fame, too often we forget the deeds education up to this date. The came exclaiming "Oh! Mrs. Bell, and influence of that noble English- means of such education have in- Christmas is coming and Uncle by Benjamin Franklin, he came to seventy years. Cheap books and and Ted and the baby, and ever so separation of America from Great acting has not kept pace with the sent me to tell you could you come Britain. Shortly after this he pub- means of education; that men and over and help her today." pression on the minds of the people, easily than before—all because eyes and cry, and real hair curls, and had the largest circulation of people read more—the implements and I want a new muff, and a red any book before published in of wisdom becoming the weapons dress and a lot of candy; I know Thomas Paine had done nothing tinctions between rich and poor are dispel the faith of the little maiden he accomplished through that book. and rumors of wars indicate only a out came, "Well I'm sure he does

acute observation is a first requisite. all voted for the execution of the Fourth, the power of expressing

Now does our system of educa-Few better, nobler spirits ever No power of reasoning is developthe whole day, and encourage them should study his life and profit by his generous self sacrifice for others. The tendency of the young people tivate the four functions. Above these qualities, for method is of more importance than subject. Teach science, teach history in a broad sense, teach political econ-Pres. Chas. W. Eliot of Har- omy, teach logic and argumenta-

CHRISTMAS GIVING.

"Christmas is coming so merry and gay." The song floated out on the air terest to every thoughtful person. and in a moment I heard foot-steps, While we are praising the great It can not be denied that there and Katie Eldred, my little six year tree laden with gifts accompanied with the love of the giver. These deeds of Washington, Lafayette, and others of revolutionary ment at the results of popular up the steps two at a time; in she can find many little articles that man, Thomas Paine. Influenced creased wonderfully in the past George and Aunt Mary and Bertie in which he wrote of his hope of discontent. Men claim that the deed I am," I answered, kissing her the abolition of slavery, and of the increase of rational thinking and as she paused for breath. "Mama Without lic. This book created a great im- of all sorts ply their vocations more big doll that will open and shut its great "Declaration of Independint intelligent exercise of the ballot is knows what we want?" "Oh yes! I ence," which was to come later. If no more prevalent; that the disthink he does," I said, unwilling to more for this country he would de- more sharply drawn than ever; in the existence of the patron saint serve the praise of all the people that the rich do not appreciate more in this grand republic for the work their own responsibility; that wars brown eyes looked wise and then But he enlisted in the army and more spectacular and ruinous for last year I got everything I shared its defeats, its sufferings policy; and that relations between wanted only there wasn't candy Make it the brightest, cheeriest and and its victories. At one time, employers and the employed have enough I eat it up so quick, but happiest season of the year to the Washington, being almost discour- not assumed more humane aspects. maybe he couldn't spare any more, children, so attractive and joyous aged, wrote to the Assembly of These indictments against uni- there's so many children you know; that they shall never forget to love The month of December has army was greatly attached to its ancient wrongs and evils are cer- Giving a quick little nod she danced So shall they realize in the years come again. This is the month of country, he feared that its great tainly formidable; but they exagger- out of the house, and was home in a to come that the Christmas festival all months the best, for does it not sufferings would cause mutiny. at existing evils and leave out of twinkling. Ah me, what a train of is more beautiful and sacred than bring the grandest of all festivals, of the year, good old generous, do nothing to aid him, but Thomas condition which the last two generations and gave myself up completely to as the anniversary of Christ's ad-Christmas? And bleak must be the life, and sour the bosom, that his entire salary of \$500 toward a changes regarding penal codes, asdoes not feel the kindly influence relief fund. Three hundred thou- sistances in the matter of savings shadow of doubt that Santa Claus sorrow and glory of the cross. others-all due to publicity-a pub- day gifts for good children and the remembrance of these early couraged and thought itself de-holidays, so full of happiness, is feated, Thomas Paine gave the capacity to read. The fact that modern business childhood! How few of us in later

Ladies' Department. cherished in memory's cabinet, as people "Crisis," a book which a is conducted on trust, that the con- years have found in the fulfillment the brightest spots in our child- writer has said was a cloud by day solidation of nations allows of of our desires half the satisfaction. hood. This is an incentive for us, and a pillar of fire by night, lead-greater freedom, that a broad fra-I remembered the time when my to make this day the dearest of all ing the way on to freedom, honor ternal spirit has sprung up,—all stocking was hung in the chimney days, to our little ones with its many pleasant surprises, and merry jokes, and goodly feasts. This is jokes, and goodly feasts. This is well for is it not the birthday of soldier and the sunshine patriot education has not done all it should No child of the present age ever the Holy Child Jesus? We are all will in this crisis shrink from the do. It should train children for experienced greater delight as the familiar with the beautiful story of service of his country; but he that the duties of life. It must teach recipient of expensive toys, French the wise men who brought rich stands it now deserves the love and men to reason and therefore to act confectionary, beautiful booklets, or exquisite pictures than did I This book was read at the head There seems to be a defect at when my stocking contained a pair come the Savior of the world; from of every regiment and roused the this point. The mass of people of red mittens, a few sticks of this act of homage grew the custom ardor of the soldiers to a wonderful must be educated on the same molasses candy, a bunch of raisins, of remembering our loved ones by degree. These are only a few of plan by which an individual is a set of jack straws that some lovsome token of affection, upon this the great deeds Thomas Paine did properly educated. There are four ing hand had fashioned evenings for our country. His pen alone did processes that must be followed in after children's, bed-time, and a rag The pleasure of giving constitutes more for independence than the thus training men to reasonable liv-doll with eyes of black beads and the greatest joy of the Christmas swords of the leaders whose names ing. First, correct observation of features penciled, and most wondertime, and if we have not the where- we almost worship today. He loved facts of nature, of art, of politics ful of all, tresses of real hair, the withal to give rich gifts, we can the truth for the sake of truth. He and of social life. This is absolute- work of the skillful fingers of the give something, if nothing more was not an avaricious man for he ly essential because facts constitute Auntie who claimed me as her than a pretty card, a pleasant letter, donated all his services to this the basis of all valuable reasoning. namesake, with never a hint that

Among my treasures is a box of picture books mostly in paper covers old fashioned and crude as comkindly remembrance of friends After the revolution he went to Second, there must be developed the pared with the exquisitely finished upon this day, and we can give, France to aid the people there in power to properly record these facts work of the printers and engravers too, the inspiration of a happy their struggle against oppression. in both speaking and writing of today, yet they were and are still heart, and a cheerful countenance; He was elected to the General As- Third, the power of reason, or of beautiful to me, because of the lovthese little things come to us laden with the essence of joy, and cause a constitution for France. One facts which are observed or which the blessed Christmas time of long

> What lessons in Home Mission work were taught me at Christmas time as the bearer of warm socks, crisp doughnuts, red apples and homemade toys to lame Dick the cobbler's motherless boy, or when allowed to assist in filling the ample basket with dainties and substantials for old lady Mason, an aged woman who had outlived fortune and near relatives, but who was never allowed to know want or neglect in the community where her people had dwelt for successive generations.

What music in the jingling bells and oh! the fun of a ride on the load of hay and provender that found its way to Mrs. McGraw's, an Irish widow whose one cow furnished the greater part of the sustenance for her three little children. Even now I seem to hear her hearty. "May the blissing of the Lord be upon ye.'

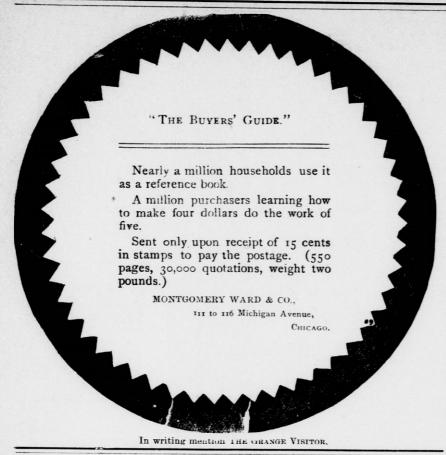
Who does not wish for an abundant pocket book at Christmas time, the time of universal giving and all let us use the methods that train receiving! We may sigh because the purse is light and the resources limited, but let such remember Christmas gifts may have little intrinsic value and yet be of real worth if adapted to the need and given in the spirit of peace and good will proclaimed on the first Christmas eve. There is always some lonely heart to be cheered and lightened, some neglected child to be made comfortable and happy, some mortal frame that might be helped to forget pain and suffering for a time by sweet song and cheerful conversation.

"One smile can glorify a day.
One word now hope impart.
The least disciple need not say
There are no alms to give away
If love be in the heart."

Freely give of such as ye have on this anniversary of the begining of the Christian era; the day which people of all creeds or no creed at all unite in celebrating, the observance of which is enjoined neither by divine command, nor human enactment. This day which all classes strive to make one of rejoicing, of remembrance of absent friends and thoughtful attention to the poor, sick, and dependent. More than any other is Christmas the children's festival; make the children glad and happy with gifts and feasting. Teach them that Christmas is the birthday of the Christ child, God's gift of wondrous love to man. Tell them of Jesus who said "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

and honor each succeeding one.

"Heap on more wood! the wind is chill; But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Christmas merry still, All hailed with uncontrolled delight, And general voice, the happy night That to the cottage and the the crown, Brought tidings of salvation down." HETTIE HOMESPUN.



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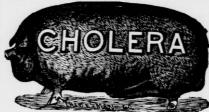
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COLLEGES AND STATIONS.

The sixth annual convention of ural College. This association is conducted by villion.

representatives of colleges which ferent plans in the various states. for procuring these busts. Some are purely agriculturel, some agricultural and mechanical, the the leading object shall be to teach to meet in Chicago in 1893. agriculture and the mechanic arts," PIN WORMS IN HORSES. land—an old university has tried to by it, or the failures resulting. gobble the whole grant, as well as the later Morrill money, without even the semblance of doing what the acts provide. Nevertheless these institutians try by very ingenuous reasoning to show that they are indeed the very best examples [Bulletin Utah Station, Prof. J. W. Sanborn.] of a proper view of the evident intention of congress in granting this aid to agriculture and the mechanic arts. A large number are however, doing good work.

The proper work of these land grant colleges was a leading topic of discussion, but I presume neither the advocates of independent schools or of annexes to classical or literary colleges changed their views reason of anything that was

said The leading topics other than this, were, the amendments to the what decisive test of their relative articles of association; experiment station publications; suggestions from many that the bulletins could have a less juicy flesh as does stock be greatly improved were very in general contained least fat.

properly made. The collective exhibit of the colleges and stations at the Columbian Exposition received much attention, and an advisory committee of members of governing boards to cooperate with the present committee in charge, was appointed, of which Hon. Henry Chamberlain is chairman.

In the section on agriculture, a very interesting discussion was held on "What should the professor of agriculture teach," and papers were read by Profs. Hayes of North Dakota, Morrow of Illinois, and Harwood of Michigan. There seemed to be a desire on the part of these gentlemen to have practical agriculture taught. It is to be hoped that they will show their belief by example as well as precept. We think they intend to do so.

Many of the delegates had never been in Louisiana before, and every day there was an excursion, full of interest and information for the visitors. On Wednesday, Director Stubbs took the delegates to Audubon Park, where the Louisiana sugar experiment station is, and where the production of sugar was ducted by the most approved pro- on the market. cesses, from the planting of seed syrup to market. The funds for helps to diversify industry. the support of this station are largely contributed by the sugar planters of the state, as this is the leading agricultural industry of the state. It seems to be the best equipped which will result in great saving to milk to a cheese factory, while at earned.

College and Station. growers and manufacturers (which other times he will send it to the are now the same persons), and creamery. this station and Director Stubbs are to be congratulated on the part that generally the farmers of an which they are taking in it.

the Association of American Agri- of trade entertained the visitors at tories almost exclusively, while cultural Colleges and Experiment cotton and sugar exchanges, the those of another district will send Stations, at the Tulane University, great sugar refineries, rice mills their milk to the creameries. New Orleans, Nov. 15-19, was the and oil mills, and took them on a Itistrue, also, that in nearly every of Alabama, President Atherton of university, and the delegates visi- ter, or both, during the entire year. Pennsylvania, and Hon. Henry ted the State Agricultural College Chamberlain of Michigan Agricult- and Experiment Station and met the students assembled at the pa- advertisers.

receive the aid of the land grant of voted that a bust of Senator Jus- paper another year free? 1862, and of the experiment sta- tin S. Morrill should be placed in tions organized by the so-called the library of every land grant col-Hatch bill. These land grant col- lege of the country and instructed leges seem to be organized on dif- the executive committee to arrange

W. A. Henry of Wisconsin is preslatter with a small m. Some are ident, and M. A. Scoville of Ken-clear glass globe or the interposi-Agricultural and Mechanical—a tucky secretary, and giving a vote tion of a glass roof. Plants which large number try to do the par- of thanks to the people of the city are much injured by a naked light, ticular work called for by the act, and state, who had so pleasantly may be benefited by a protected viz: "To establish schools in which entertained the members, adjourned light.

If this were made more of an by making an annex to a literary "Experience" meeting we think or classical college, and the tail more benefits would result. Instead wags the dog vigorously, or in other of theorizing and saying what words the "leading object" is in ought to be done let each tell what the rear. In one case—Rhode Is- he is doing and the success achieved

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ROOTS VS. DRY FOOD.

1. The live weight gain for cattle and sheep was greater and for hogs less, when fed on roots.

2. The dressed weight of cattle, sheep and hogs showed in every case greater shrinkage for those fed on roots.

3. The root-fed animals contained more blood and necessarily more water in blood.

4. The root-fed steers had heav-

ier vital organs. 5. The fat was always less for root-fed animals and affords a some-

value. 6. Root-fed steers appeared to

7. The water of the flesh in every case for cattle, sheep and hogs was

cattle, sheep and hogs was in all cases less for the root-fed steers.

9. These and several previous periods. trials lead the writer to believe that all immature cattle foods and those foods changed by heat, are less nutritious than mature, sound

are at present too costly in labor to warrant their extensive growth in Utah for ordinary stock feeding.

11. The more the relative live weight gain of root-fed animals over non-root fed animals, the more the increase of water in the system.

CHEESE MAKING.

[Bulletin Georgia Station.] The advantages of making cheese

may be stated as follows: 1. Cheese may be made the year

temperature.

2. Cheese will keep longer, improving with age to a certain point,

3. The making of cheese adds to 4. It meets a domestic want hith-

station for the work it has in hand question upon which practical the crystal creamery and crystal of any in the country, and we learned dairymen in districts where both is giving much satisfaction to those cheese and butter are made are di- way all over the United States who have contributed to its sup- vided, as is proven by the fact that where farmers are interested in port. The method of growing cane some prefer to make cheese, while progressive dairying. Surely nothand the manufacture of sugar are others prefer to make butter; and ing succeeds like success, but then undergoing great transformation, one farmer will sometimes sell his success must be merited ere it is

It is a matter of fact, however, entire district, containing thousands On Thursday, the different boards of cows, will patronize cheese fac-

largest and most representative yet | boat excursion, which showed to | cheese dairy more or less butter is held by the association, being at advantage from the river the ex- made daily during the cheese seatended by 22 presidents of agricult. tent of the commerce of the Cression proper, i. e., from May until ural colleges and 37 directors of cent city. On Friday, the Illinois November. This is done by skimexperiment stations, besides nearly Central railroad gave the delegates ming more or less of the cream a hundred other college and station a special train to Baton Rouge and from the milk and converting it workers, representing every state return, which stopped en route at into butter, the remainder of the and territory, excepting South Da- several of the most famous plan- cream and all of the milk being kota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and tations and sugar houses in the made into "half skim" cheese. Many Washington. The delegates were state; harvesting cane and sugar- factories thus make cheese and butwelcomed by Gov. Foster, Mayor making were in progress every- ter daily during the summer, and Fitzgerald, and Col. Wm. Preston where, and the trip was full of in- butter, only, or neither during the Johnston, president of the univers- terest. At Baton Rouge a hand- winter. In Georgia it is perfectly ity. Responses by President Brown some dinner was served by the state practicable to make cheese or but-

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[Cornell Station Bulletin, Prof. Bailey.]

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6. Beets and spinage appeared to be slightly benefited by the

light.
7. Cauliflowers under the light
7. Cauliflowers taller than in ordinary conditions, and to make fewer and smaller heads.

8. Violets and daises bloomed earlier in the light house. This corroborates results obtained with other flowers in our earlier experi-

9. The electric light does not appear to determine or modify the hours of growth of lettuce and far greater for the root-fed steers. some other plants which have been 8. The netgain of dry matter for studied in this particular. Plants which are benefited, simply grow more rapidly during the customary

10. I am convinced that the electric light can be used to advantage in the forcing of some plants.

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Notices of Meetings.



The annual meeting of Newaygo county Pomona Grange will be held with Ash-land Grange, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 28 and 29, 1892. The chief features of the program are as follows:

"The need of Education as a safeguard to American institutions," Wm. Carter.
"The Creamery," S. V. Walker.
"Woman's Work in the Grange," Phæbe

Hall, "Seed day in the Grange," Dan. Mallory.
"Co-operation in selling," Charles Has-

"Should the method of paying county officers by fees be abolished," L. Reynalott. "The future of the Grange," Sister N.

E. Dewis. "Free mail delivery in Rural districts,"
W. C. Stuart. "What should Farmers and their famil-

ies read?" Sister M. M. Scott.

"Care and management of cows for dairy purposes," Calvin Lillie.

"The election of President, Senators and Representatives," W. E. Gould.

The election of members of the board of school examiners," Mrs. M. Hall.

"What changes, if any, do we need in our road laws?" M. W. Scott.

Sister Perry Mayo is expected to be present and address the meeting. She is present and address the meeting. She is one of the best lecturers in the field and an

earnest Grange worker. A secret meeting will be held in the evening for the election of officers and other Grange work.

> A. L. Scott, Lecturer.

HILLSDALE POMONA

Will hold its next meeting in G. A. R hall, Hillsdale, Thursday, Jan. 5, 1893, 10 o'clock sharp. Report from the delegate to the State Grange and report with suggestions for the good of the Order from both the outgoing and incoming officers, Installation of officers by Bro. C. E. Haughey in the afternoon

MRS. E. D. NOKES, County Lecturer.

Dewitt Grange No. 459, has been called to lose by death one of its most earnest and prominent members, Mrs. Mary G.

SOME HEN QUESTIONS.

For some time I have been looking for a woman who knew how to care for poultry on a farm to obtain the best results. I found her in the account of Western Pomona's last meeting, as that report says Sister E. Smith of Talmadge Grange "made it plain."

May I ask you a few questions, sister Smith? I want to know, first, 1, free. deem necessary for good results? Must it be so warm that water will not freeze in it if left on the floor? Do you have a board or ground floor?

Then, how many eggs a year can you make a hen lay with the work a woman can ordinarily give her poultry? That is, what ought we to consider a good record?

What do you feed chickens in winter? Do they run at large through the season? How many times a day do you feed them? Do you feed warm or cold food?

You will see I have been reading poultry journals and am now ready for some practical experience from people near at home, as I am not satisfied with my present knowledge. A HENIST.

A CHARMING SOUVENIR.

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