

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

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#### SECRETARY'S REPORT 1892.

WORTHY MASTER AND MICHIGAN PATRONS:-Of one theme we never

two lake-locked peninsulas are so Dec. 31, 1891. rarely gifted in minerals, in timber, in choicest, richest farming prairies and pastures and that are intersected so plentifully by streams and dotted with so many small bodies of freshest water.

God blessed our State abundantly in Nature, and man has used the means so freely bestowed, well. Our large manufactories, our mines, ed, we must suppose, by the ardent our lumber camps, our well tilled fields, our cities and villages, all speak of enterprise. But when all this has been said, we know the best is yet unspoken. We know the real resources of any commonwealth are not in its bonded stocks, its lofty pines, its mined ore, its sleek herds. or even in the smoky centers of its Oakland Co., sent for instructions metropolis cities, and their masses of masonry. The man and womanood of Michigan are her richest ower, and, as we have come up ere to this beautiful building, hich is a sort of symbol of Michian's naterial prosperity, we have nstinctively felt

"Our yeoman should be equal to his home." If we have pointed, with some-If we have pointed, with some-thing like pride, to our excellent the list of County Granges. Kal-both unique and by kaska Co. was organized in Janu-both unique and by ary and sends its first representa-if he considered L'ar to our societies and clubs for the tive to this session.

promotion of social, mental, and religious culture, it has still been with the sense that we have made only a beginning along these lines.

hearths; not many have settled down to making the man superior to matter, to earnestly seeking after after December, and find your members barely holding their own, over 81, leaving b

show that 248 subordinate Granges have reported and paid fees and dues to the State Grange in the year ending Dec. 1st, 1892. Of weary, one word checks our ram- this number, 188 have reported for bling discontent, one thought brings congratulation. It is—*Michigan*. 25 for the quarters ending June 30; We hold close the thought that we call that State "our own" whose 31; and 12 for the quarters ending March

> Two Granges have been organized. They are Ruby, No. 696, by Deputy A. W. Campbell, in St. Clair Co., and Kalkaska No. 697, in Kalkaska Co., by Deputy A. E. Palmer.

Three dormant Granges have found inactivity too grievious to be borne. The first was Olivet, touchmissionary fervor of the last State Grange, for it revived seven days later under the ministrations of Brother A. D. Bank. In May Chickaming, No. 383, was reorganized by Bro. R. V. Clark, delegate to this Grange from Berrien Co. A few weeks ago, Oxford, No. 395, and new manuals with the intention of resuming work this winter. Four Granges have given notification of having disbanded, namely: Howell, No. 90, Livingston Co., Wyoming, No. 353, Kent Co., Dallas, No. 505, Clinton Co., and Gun

Lake, No. 643, Allegan Co. One Pomona has been added to

Another Juvenile Grange was organized this year by Talmadge, No. 639, Ottawa Co. As no reports of progress are required of these As a whole, we have so far only been building our homes. A few have swept and garnished their work the three that have been orwork the three that have been organized in our State, are doing.

A comparison of records shows we have ten Granges with a memforever. Are you not forcibly im-average not quite 130 members pressed with this fact, my friends, each. Twenty-three others, each ship and location. as you come together, December with a membership numbered be-

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Total disbursement \$5,768.30 Farmer Day. The practice of bserving a day

especially for a iculturists has been in vogue with the Chautauqua Assembly in New "ork for several years, but it was new departure this year for the kay View Assem-bly and Michigan atrons to at-tempt to bring the great interests of farmers upon platform where every other vita question is dis-cussed by its formost adherents. A year ago this fate Grange acsembly. On Aug s 9th, in accord with arrangement, nade by the Executive Commination at its meeting in March, the Grage was repre-sented at Bay Vie by Bro. J. H. Brigham, who sites upon "The average attendance of the Brigham, who sites upon "The average attendance of the Brigham, who sites upon "The average attendance of the Brigham, who sites upon "The average attendance of the Brigham, who sites upon "The average attendance of the Brigham, who sites upon "The average attendance of the Brigham, who sites upon "The average attendance of the Brigham, who sites upon "The average attendance of the Brigham, who sites upon "The average attendance of the Brigham, who sites upon "The average attendance of the sites are average attendance of the sites at the upon the subording at the provide at the provide at the provide at the sites at the provide at the p Brigham, who sike upon "The Work and Aims "the Grange," ciety.'

Some 200 Pathas and farmers were drawn espeally to Bay View by this occasion, all listened, with others to those stanch devotees of the Order, und circumstances

if he considered Farmer's Day a Fair,' success, the superintendent of the Assembly answered "Most assuredly. It was a good beginning. Please convey to the officers and members etc. of the State Grange the Assembly management's appreciation of the assist in the success of the day.' Work in Subordinate Granges.

those "best gifts" that shall abide bership of 100 and more. These ordinate Granges, selected with a out to as many secretaries of subview to securing variety of member-

A copy of the letter reads: Will you kin

455.16 division in their practices, half program.

vening

having a country location.

Grange and experience clearly indicepted an invitative to participate in a Farmer's Day to be inaugura-ted at the Bay Viet Summer As-ted at the Bay Viet Summer As-Note the report of Grand Traverse

for a Higher Price?" etc. Also to the village editor that the dopics of public interest: "Road making." "Mail delivery." "World's Fair," "Trusts," "Immigration," "Taxation," "Tariff," "Free trade," "Free Coinage of Silver," "Does Protection Protect the Former"

Protection Protect the Farmer,"

One Grange is taking steps toward the formation of a reading effort they made to attend and circle. One, only, reports consec-This is Coldwater, No. 137, which spoken. bian Day, published in the VISITOR One uses the Opening Ode cards. of Oct. 15, was a cre lit to the noble sire to call the attention of the coming the coming winter for an in-telligent and profitable study of our The repl life. It becomes us to seek out

140.26 ings, all the others, semi-monthly. ten of these specimen Granges, four The question of day or evening of them having special meeting meetings is answered by an even set apart for them to manage the

meeting in the evening. One Eight report libraries, nearly all Grange alternates its meetings, one small and two consisting only of week evening and next week after- agricultural and horticultural renoon. Another convenes in winter ports. Other books have been purin the afternoon, in summer in the chased by contributions, fines, appropriations from the treasury and Ten of these Granges own halls entertainments. The VISITOR is in whole or in part; six of them making such tempting library offers now that even small Granges need

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Grange teachings all favor the not long be without the nucleus of a good collection of standard books. The twelfth question was strongly cates that prosperity is the better insured by financial independence. Note the report of Grand Traverse Grange in the "Postal Jottings" of none too strong. Five answered, "Yes," and one of them has two

The next question brings out the report of five press correspondents, two of them inactive. An office Granges chosen for examples is 30. urged upon the subordinate Granges Besides the usual routine, a wide of Michigan from time out of memrange of interests is covered in the ory by the Masters of this State Bro. J. J. Woodma upon "Influ- answers to the inquiries concerning Grange! How far do we live beence of the Farmer upon Town and City," and by Bre C. G. Luce, up-on "The Farmer Relations to So-treated. "Care of fruit and stock," "Use of Phosphates," "Obnoxious Weeds," "Seeds," "Potatoes— their growth and Care," "Cost of Grange may, if it will, furnish it growing Grain," "Marketing Farm Grange paper and its local press. Produce," "Shall we hold Wheat If we take occasion to mention

The local press is a power. Its editors want the news that you withhold. People can be reached by brief items in this way, into whose homes you are not invited utive work on one general topic. and with whom you may never have

In November 26 letters were sent is spending its literary hour on "Early Colonial History," The program of the Coldwater Colum-A variety of song books is re-

Evidently our choice of Granges sentiments in the Grange. I de- was unfortunate, so far as the Woman's Work committees are conmittee on Good of the Order to the cerned. One is active, one moderopportunities open to Granges dur- ately so. The rest inactive or none The replies to the questions relacountry's history and progress and tive to co-operative trading are ask that, so far as may be, topic mainly interesting as showing how outlines for programs be suggested. | far Michigan Granges have tended The course of "Home Reading," away from a sheer money value of described in the VISITOR of Nov, 15 membership. One had a small as the Chautauqua Agricultural grocery in connection, others trade Course should have the careful con- somewhat in one or two directions, sideration of every Grange in the such asselling wool, buying machine state, in its idea if not in its matter. oil, binder twine, plaster, seeds, etc. The time is present when the farm- One small Grange reports about er, his wife, his son and his daugh- \$400 trading in groceries and binder ter must study, and that throughout twine. A little special correspondence discovers that Huron county every method and adopt those best Granges are availing themselves of suited to our individual bents and co-operative buying to a considerable extent, sending to Boston for boots and shoes, to Port Huron for harnesses and oil, to Lenawee Co., for plows, to Akron, Ohio, for oatmeal and to Chicago for hardware and sundry other goods. Yet on every side we see evidences that the teachings of the Grange in co-operation have had least of all to do with buying and selling perishable goods. More than all has its work been to change the watchword of "bread to brotherhood," as some one has happily said, which means the binding together of hard working, care-bent, isolated men and women into circles of social, keen-brained brothers and sisters. How true that,

and now and then diminished?

You know the bed-rock of truth supports the principles of business relations, social and educational life that are advocated by the Grange. You marvel that all agriculturists do not see this as you do. You recall your past, before the State Grange has striven to exyou entered the Order; you recount the State Grange has striven to the the advantages the Grange brought are centers of life. The use they you, the light it has been the means of throwing upon your methods of farming and modes of living; you name over the staunch friendships it has welded into your life; you rejoice again in its festive gatherings, and, finally, you turn to the effect of all this on your individual selves and you are glad that to you, at least, the Grange came and that to Dec. 1st 1892, have been: you is given the privilege of testifying always to its benefits. Not Granges\_\_\_\_\_\_ all farmers and their families will Fees from sixth degree memfying always to its benefits. Not come into the Grange but not a day passes that does not evidence deeper respect and confidence in the accomplished ends and moving spirit of the Order on every hand. May it be our work to broaden still more the cause for such confidence!

When our efforts to increase our numbers seem fruitless, we may well con the lessons of a custom, sometimes said to prevail among the Indians. One of them was once Expenses of Executive Commitasked why he put seven grains of corn in a hill. "Well," said he, "we put in one grain for the crows, another for the worms and a third for the squirrel and we expect the rest will grow." Shall we not, like him, "sow with a margin" and expect to Lecture work\_\_\_\_\_ see only a part of the seed we cast bring actual members into the Order?

Condition of Granges in the State. The official records of this body

over 81, leaving by far the largest number with a membership of less than 75 each. Some of these are small, seemingly weak, yet strong in the justice of their cause, or they would not pay dues regularly, as they do, on barely enough to hold their charters. To such as these perform in the communities where they exist may be none the less effective because it is not showy.

"The best men, doing their best Know, peradventure, least of what they do; Men usefullest i' the world are simply used." Let us "never be discouraged.' Faithfulness is success.

Official Transactions.

The receipts for the year ending

Fees and dues from subordinate

\$3,699.95

bers Fees from organizing deputies Supplies sold\_\_\_\_ Supplies sold\_\_\_\_\_ Interest on invested funds\_\_\_\_\_ Receipts of GRANGE VISITOR since April 1st

Receipted bills handed in on

\$4,935.25

2 36.01

750.00

1,397.46

VISITOR account by the editor \$455.16 \$5,390.41

Total receipts Disbursements. Expenses of session of 1891\_ \$1,207.58 tee\_\_\_\_\_ Salaries of officers. GRANGE VISITOR bills paid by State Grange order Dues to National Grange ...... Fees to National Grange on account sixth degree Supplies, expenses, et c\_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous expenses, Master's expense, Officer's stationery, questions concerning your Grange for the year 1892?

A reply before Dec. 1, is desirable.

1. How often does your Grange meet? 2. Are your meetings in the afternoon or evening?

3. Do you own a hall?4. If so, is it in the country or village?

5. About what is your average attendancei

6. What business has occupied your meetings?

What subjects discussed?

8. Do the young people take an interest? 9. Have the young people had an evening set apart for them to manage and arrange their own program?

Io. Have you a library? II. How did you obtain the books and replenish them?

12. Is the GRANGE VISITOR taken by every family?

13. Do you have a press correspondent? 14. What song book do you use? 15. Is your committe on Woman's Work

active?

16. What do you do in co-operative trading? 17. What amount has your Grange traded

in this way? 18. Will you suggest improvements that, 49.00 5.00 in your judgment night be made in co-op-554.56 erative trading? 286.00

360.74 doing. The other aim was to suggest, perhaps, sor e desirable features that might i isonably be expected to be found in a live, workmodel but ourselves to copy after."

579.97 24.50 472.30 279.02 than others which excel them in men and its women in making out 122.86 19.13 another way.

nother way. Eighteen replies were received its bills of fare. The dishes must be savory, varied and attractively 74.50 9.55 to the 26 letters. From these it is served.

But one secretary reports that topics of the "farm and household" are discussed. Another names "Woman's Work in the Grange" and two others "Flowers." Farther than this the province of the wo-Two chief poiects prompted these inquiries. One was to ascer-tain what our (tranges are really 'Poultry Raising.'' You will pardon the criticism if I say that the Grange that discusses only "Trusts," "Protection," "Free trade," "Impected to be found in a live, work-ing Grange, in the belief that "we likely to answer "No," when asked seldom improve when we have no if it owns a hall, if its meetings are well attended, if its young people By comparison of ideals and are interested, if it has a press coractual methods, new ideas or new respondent, and a "Woman's Work

circumstances.

zeal may be kindled. It may also be a matter of encouragement to some Granges to learn that, they have done more in one direction than others which excel them in men and its women in making out

found that two hold weekly meet-<sup>1</sup> The young people are active in respectfully submitted.

Thanking you for the uniform courtesy and many kindnesses received at your hands, this report is

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#### Field and Stock.

## MEETINGS OF BREEDERS.

#### Shorthorn Breeders' Association.

Shorthorn cattle breeders met in the senate chamber. Called to order by President W. G. Boyden. President's address.

Secretary reported expenses \$4.25.

Dr. Miles' address, as per program, advocated breeding for a specific type.

Discussion. Mr. Ball said the milking qualities were being talk-ed of. He favored breeding for beef cattle. Asked Dr. Miles if he would breed for milk and beef.

Dr. Miles replied that the most important thing was to so breed that a uniform type is secured. Set up a type for yourself and breed for it.

The secretary read a letter from F. Hart Smith, giving prices of steers sold in Buffalo, netting \$114.42 per head.

Mr. Turner opened the discussion on the type of Shorthorn best adapted to Michigan.

We think cattle are low, but it would be easy to get a vote by a company of farmers that all farm products are too low.

The character of the breeder is of great importance.

Did not believe in the general purpose animal.

Nearly all Shorthorns are good

Believed in cattle for special purposes.

lieve in them, and we shall find leading farm crop of our State and feeding. them adapted to the wants of Michigan.

Mr. Wood said most Shorthorn cows were good milkers.

Shorthorns were unprofitable. He that is winning in that line is he would breed them for the same who grows the maximum number type that has mad them famous-

least money. Breed Shorthorns and breed them pure. Breed Shorthorns for beef; Jerseys for buttom Helptoing for will butter; Holsteins for milk.

Dr. Mills did not believe in crossing breeds.

Wood said Mr. Ball was were not bred for milk. The dairy sense, and who make their business

#### amine sheep to be shown at the Columbian Exposition.

On motion of Mr. Breck it was resolved that the committee be requested to examine all sheep offered for exhibition and decide if

they are eligible. The following officers were elected: President. H. H. Hinds, Stanton; vice-president. John Lessiter, Cole; secretary and treasurer, Geo. E. Breck, Paw Paw; executive committee, L. S. Dun-ham, Concord; C. E. Waldo, Grand Ledge; John Blake, Gales-burg; John Abbott, Lapeer; H. W. Mumford, Moscow.

WOOL GROWER GET PRACTICAL BENEFIT FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE GRANGE.

#### H. H. HINDS.

The agriculture list of today is confronted with market conditions that have been gradually approaching since the close of the war in 1865. It may may be fairly stated, in brief, that we have now reached the point of high tide in vast aggregate agricultural productions. The general stock breeder is already in, and the American wool grower is about to enter the open markets of careless, shiftless, expensive pro-ducer is no longer in it. None but shear a good pece. these lines is simply intense. The cultural implement can be longer employed. The cost of production large as the phropshire that will

wealth has on former occasions the same time and that for breedshown by compiled statistics the ing early lands, or for coupling The type now bred is all right; average cost of producing a bushel with grade Mrino ewes, is equal of wheat in Michigan. Wheat is a

yet the market price of that cereal has actually fallen below the average cost of production, if the statistics are reliable. It is at once ap-Mr. Ball would not concede that parent that the only wheat grower

of bushels to the acre at the mini-The best and most beef for the line of thought farther. What is

stock breeders and wool growers of worren endowed by nature with a mistaken in saying that Shorthorns fair amount of old-fashioned horse

was present, and asked to know are all in school and their lessons was present, and asked to know are an in school and their lessons side by side in the Christmas mark-how many Shorthorns would be are learned from their own ex-shown in Chicago. others. They are careful readers and good listeners, and when they have learned something beneficial Members-H. H. Hinds, Wm. in their calling they cheerfully im-Ball, B. Peckham and son, John Lessiter, J. M. Turner, W. E. Boyden, Wm. Gaffney, John Mc agricultural and stock breeding publications of the times. They SHROPSHIRE BREEDERS' ASSO- are paying members, or should be, of the County, State, and National Associations representing their breeds of stock. They attend their annual meetings and participate in their regular discussions. In fact Shropshire sheep in Michigan. they let no good opportunity for One-fifth of the membership of acquiring a better knowledge of the American Shropshire Associa- their business pass unimproved. Among the many schools whose doors stand ajar for the stock breeder and wool grower and the The public sales in Michigan have adult members of his family is the Grange. The chances of his acneglectful habits, or loosing interest pounds of the dross of Rambouillet quiring slothful, intemperate, and in his calling from frequent attendance at its meetings are infinitesimal, are about to enter the markets of while the probability of his imbibing knowledge, love and ability to better pursue his calling are monumental. What the Stock Breeder and Wool Grower needs is the best education possible along the lines running parallel to his calling. He ers of Shropshires are in as good mental. What the Stock Breeder condition as breeders or growers and Wool Grower needs is the best State increasing mutton and wool. Secretary Beck reported the fi-sense of the term. If he is not al-ready a member of the Grange, he is not alnancial condition of the Associa- should join at the first favorable weighed, fifty of each, and the Ramopportunity.

#### THE BEST BRED OF SHEEP FOR AND WOOL. MUTTO

d at the meetin of Breeders of Improved ve Stock, at Laging, Dec. 20, by Thoma yckoff, Davisburi, Mich. This subject is one that every

breeder of sheep is interested in All sheep are bith mutton and wool sheep. All sheep should be *mut-ton* sheep, for the legitimate end of all sheep is the block, as the legit-imate end of al cattle is beef. It that all breads of is my opinior that all breeds of sheep to be profitable in the highest degree, must le a mutton breed, in our climate and state. The sheep that is very politable in Michigan may not be so on the range. DOES THE STOCK BREEDER AND American Metino breeders make wool the end sought, not mutton, as to quantity, for some well known breeders have sought to produce the most wool possible, from the least weight ofanimal. They make the wool busiess pay too. The Southdown breders claim to have the best quality of mutton, and to produce sheer for mutton exclusively, and the make it profitable. The Shropshie men have a sheep that they clam is profitable for both mutton and wool. It is larger than the Sout down and has a very good fleece of coarse wool. They make it pay oth ways. But the and the American wool grower is about to enter the open markets of the world. Competition along these lines is simply intense. The when I was there, that they are a

The breedrs of Rambouillet Mr. Stuart said a breeder needs must be materially lessened, in shear more bured wool than the as many types as there were buy-order that the agricultural product as many types as there were buy-order that the agricultural product can be sold in the over-supplied markets for a compensating price to the producer. For instance the Secretary of State for this common-Believed in cattle for special wealth has on former consistont the same time and that for bread to the Shroshire for lambs for

The breedrs of the Dishley Merinos, a bred formed by cross ing the Rambuillet on Shropshire ewes, claim tonave the best sheep in existence fc mutton and wool but my observion places them of less value for ool than the Rambouillet, but, saw lambs at six months weight 100 pounds.

I am decrard in opinion that the comparison of values lies between the Shropshire and the Rambouilis particularly true of our live stock industries. The only successful quantity, as to value for crossing on other breeds, as to mutton and wool, the present times are men and as to nutritive capability, and as to cash value of wool. As to mutton, I am not able to find any difference between the breeds as to quality or herds of England are all Short- a matter of the most careful thought quantity. Both breeds show well and study, and who run it steadily marked quarters of equal weight Mr. Stevens, secretary of the and constantly and who do not let on the block. Both claim the same it run itself at all. These people per cent of dressed meat to live As to crossing on other breeds the Shropshire has done more in the last ten years to fill the farmer's pockets with the needful than any other breed-and in my opinion than all other breeds combined. But since the Rambouillet breed has started in this direction I have not heard of a single complaint, and nearly every breeder will not sell for mutton, but persists in keeping his lambs for wool because there is so much more money in them for that purpose than the grade Merinos. There will soon be some of the finest flocks of breeding ewes ever seen in the state, by enterprising young men who are building up flocks with the Rambouillet breed. These will take the places of the old worn out flocks of grade Merino ewes. I have seen lambs at six months weigh 100 I will speak of one experiment made in Ionia county by Mr. Hamilton. He made a cross of a Shropshire ram on 50 grade Merino ewes. in all conditions and fed the same. pounds more than the Shropshires, and the lambs were wide apart as to wool value too; at least 20 per cent in favor of the Rambouillet.

worth of feed in a given time, and ty stock breeders, asking the the Shropshires ate \$10.00 worth. approval of a bill to be presented The Merinos gained 21 per cent to the legislature, providing for while the Shropshires only gained inspection and licensing of stalen per cent.

Merinos to gain 20 per cent more was laid on the table. than any other breed, which is, I think, more reasonable than the Iowa report of *fifty* per cent for American Merinos. American Merinos.

either breed of Merino sheep has clude a "little of everything," bility than any other breeds. The mer is a general purpose man. In gain in wool of Rambouillet Mer- Michigan he needs general purpose port at Rambouillet.

As to cash value of wool, the Merinos gave \$3.00 per head while the Shropshires gave but \$2.62 per the World's Fair. head," which comes nearer together to be 30 per cent in favor of the available in the hands of the comgreen.

As to scoured wool the Shrop- priation. shire gives 40 to 45 per cent, while the Rambouillet gives 45 to 55 per cent the most.

The Rambouillets are bred to as great a weight as the Shropshires as I have seen rams weighed in E. Boyden, were appointed to conbreeding condition at 300, 302, 325 sider the subject, and reported in pounds, and ewes that would aver- favor of asking for \$14,850 to aid age 170 pounds by the hundred, in making a live stock exhibit at some weighing over 200 pounds. World's Fair.

The average price of scoured wool is quite an item. Rambouillet wool scoured is worth now 60 cents, and cents.

#### TO RECAPITULATE.

to wool by the fleece the Rambouil- produce fat animals." let exceeds the Shropshire by 20 per cent in weight.

As to scoured wool the Rambouillet exceeds the Shropshire by 71 per cent.

As to cash proceeds of wool 30 per cent.

As to twin lambs equal.

As to nutritive capability ten per made with different varieties. cent in favor of the Rambouillet Merinos, pro rata as to food consumed and mutton and wool produced.

As to precocity, early maturity and fattening qualities equal.

As to longevity and vigor 50 per ent in favor of the Rambouillet.

With these figures before you I leave you to judge for yourselves breeding ewes, fed on roots, which as between the two breeds, as to lost their lambs; the next year fed which is the better breed for mut- on grain raised their lambs. Sevton and wool, and I leave these eral members had fed ewes roots figures to the consideration of with no bad results. American Merino breeders who Mr. Geo. E. Breck read a paper claim that the Rambouillet Merino on sheep for mutton and wool.

shires, that the Merinos ate \$11.00 resolution of the Van Buren counlions kept for service. A commit-Mons. Beuvardin's report in tee was appointed to report on this, France finds the Rambouillet and on their recommendation it

Prof. Harwood of the Agricult-It is conceded everywhere, that purpose. It is not meant to in-' but a higher degree of nutritive capa- specially for general use. The farinos is reported at ten per cent over cattle. Asked what he considered the Shropshires in Beuvardin's re- general purpose cattle, said: "The Holstein-Friesian of milk-beef form; the Brown Swiss, dairy Iowa experiment station says, "the Shorthorn, and dairy Red Polled. Mr. Ball spoke of live stock at

Hon. J. J. Woodman of the than the Rambouillet Merinos I State Commission, spoke of the have compared to the imported importance of an exhibit from Shropshires. I find the difference Michigan. There is no money Rambouillet Merino of wool in the mission. It was proposed to ask the legislature for farther appro-

Secretary Stevens of the Com mission wished an expression from per cent, or seven and one-half per the association of the amount needed. A committee consisting of Geo. E. Breck, A. A. Wood, H. C. Farnum, L. W. Barnes, and W.

Edwin Phelps of Pontiac, read a paper on beef cattle for Michigan. "There is not much difference be-Shropshire wool scoured is 421 tween several breeds for beef purposes. No breed has a monopoly. Cross-bred cattle are frequently The Rambouillet and Shropshire are of equal value as to mutton, as to quality and as to quantity. As animal. "Good feed and care

Dr. W. J. Beal spoke of grasses. In manufacturing much profit comes from small savings," intimating that farmers do not always practice that. Grasses may be bred so as to improve them as well as stock. He urged its importance and showed improvements he had

Mr. John Lessiter said he practiced heavy seeding with a variety

of grasses. Liked orchard grass. F. B. Mumford of Agricultural college, read a paper, "Some sug gestive experiments in sheep feeding," which we shall publish. He favored roots for sheep.

Mr. Phelps knew of a flock of

breed, after being bred one hundred Wool growing is no longer profityears to make the best mutton and able. Mutton and wool combined

On motion, the officers were reelected.

Kay.

## CIATION.

President Hinds called to order December 21, 1892. The President said there are 200 breeders of tion belongs in Michigan. They have imported more than one-half of the Shropshires imported in 1892. m et with better prices than in any other state. So that the prospects for breeders of Shropshires are very bright.

Owing to political changes we the world with our wool crop. of any breed or class of sheep.

Shropshire rams make the best

tion.

The question of exhibiting at the World's Fair was discussed.

Mr. John Lessiter was selected, to be recommended to the State commissioner as State Superinten-

#### GALLOWAY CATTLE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

President, R. G. Hart, Lapeer; vice-president, R. B. Caruss, St. T. A. Bixby, of South Haven, was added to the committee to ex-Thos. Wycoff, Lainsburg.

#### AS TO NUTRITIVE CAPABILITY

I find in December report of Iowa experiment station, comparing the fect horse American Merino with the Shrop-

wool sheep in the world is a fail- make sheep profitable. The Shropure, when the rams weigh 250 to shire is the ideal mutton and wool 300 pounds at maturity and ewes breed. 150 to 200 pounds shearing from 15 to 22 pounds for the former and the same subject, favoring the 10 to 15 pounds for the latter with Lincolns for that purpose. fifty per cent scoured wool.

#### Breeders of Improved Stock.

The Association of Breeders of Improved Stock met Dec. 20.

what it should be in a state like Michigan.

President Ball did not prepare an address. He called attention advantages in quick returns and to the object of this association the consumption of many waste which is to increase the interest in improved breeds of live stock. All farmers raise stock and only good stock pays. The scrub must go. ' He also spoke of the importance of a live stock exhibit at the World's Fair, very little preparation having been made in that direction.

Dr. Grange of the Agricultural troit. college, spoke on "Special conformation of different classes of horses." To keep pace with other means of transportation we must improve that by horses. 1st. Improve the vehicles. The pneumatic sulky has reduced the trotting record considerably. 2d. Improve the roads. 3d. Improve the animal. A horse should be well Chicago: H. R. Dewey, A. A. trained. He can do more and bet- Wood, Wm. Radford. This was ter work. He must have beauty made a standing committee, with of form, and endurance; and of a power to act. form adapted to the use designed. Dr. Grange gave a minute descrip- pointed to select 100 sheep for tion of the conformation of a per-

Armur M Hayden presented a Wood, Geo. W. Stuart.

H. A. Daniels read a paper on

Thos. Wyckoff also read a paper giving figures to show that the Rambouillet Merino is the superlative breed for that use.

L. W. Barnes read a paper on "The best breed of swine for The attendance was fair, but not Michigan, and the comparative importance of swine breeding." The Poland China is his ideal, and he thinks swine breeding has many products.

Officers were elected as follows; President, Geo. E. Breck, Paw Paw

Vice President, W. E. Boyden, Delhi Mills.

Secretary, I. H. Butterfield, Lapeer.

Treasurer, Homer A. Flint, De-

Directors, C. F. Moore, St. Clair; J. C. Sharp, Jackson; Geo. W. Stuart, Grand Blanc.

#### Merino Breeders.

Officers elected were: President, G. W. Stuart; Secretary, E. N. Ball; Treasurer, J. E. Smith. Committee on exhibiting wool at

A committee of three was apexhibiting at the World's Fair, consisting of Wm. Ball, A. A.

#### **JANUARY** 1, 1893.

#### Postal Jottings.

WHEATLAND GRANGE, NO. 273. elected Albert Pease, W. M., Alice Pease, W. L., Lydia Clark, Secretary.

WHITE OAK GRANGE, NO. 241, elected C. F. Patrick, W. M., G. H. Proctor, W. L., Anna Patrick, Secretary.

#### HOPKINS GRANGE, NO. 390.

We are in a prosperous condition with 50 paying members and taking in new ones. Have two meetings a month and have literary work that is very interesting The children take part in the exercises, it makes them feel that they are helping the Grange and they all like to come. Through the summer we had ice cream socials and this fall we had a mush and milk social that was well attended. We own our hall. We will send all the names we can for the Viswill send all the names we can for the VIS-ITOR.

#### WATSON GRANGE, NO. 154.

We have about 50 members and hold our meetings on Saturday evenings nearest the full moon and in the afternoon two weeks from that time. Our exercises are questions for discussion, medley exercises, etc. The question for this evening is concerning the strikes. We had the honor of sending from our Grange a delegate to the State Grange.

The Lecture Field.

BROTHERAND SISTER LECTURERS: -Following the instructions of the last session of our State Grange, it is the intention of this department to strike out somewhat on new lines and endeavor to bring about something of a system of our work with a special endeavor to unite our efforts that the greatest good may come from the works of those who labor, while we would spread the lessons and experiences of the more successful amount, and manner in which it should be Granges to the aid of the newer or weaker ones.

I am encouraged by the hearty assurance of assistance and cooperation received from every officer and deputy of the State Grange; and am pleased to inform you or of any increase in State taxation for the building of highways. that if you will earnestly work to fill the very important places you have accepted you will have our ready and willing support and help, while we know very well that from the most of you, we too can receive something to carry to held a special meeting Dec. 1 and the rest as the free offerings of 2 with Olive Center Grange. We ready thought and willing hands. had hoped for a full attendance at subject as there is a factory a short That this column may at all this meeting of Pomona member. times be replete with something but the misty weather, with the fresh and bright, as well as season-able and practicable, I ask of all meeting was closed, kept most of MRS. A. A. PEASE. that you send to us for selection, them at home. A few of them or ready prepared to the editor, ventured to drive about thirty-two your suggestions of topics and or thirty-three miles, and they felt programs of meetings and various well paid for their venture. I outlines of work in your Granges. think they expected quite a crowd And in taking from this store- by the looks of their dining room. never forgetting that you can set and he had been there two days Earle. the stakes for greater achievements and did his best at every meal. higher and reach them every time by your increasing strength. Womans' Committee goes so near members present, by the Worthy Logan, Great Pacific, Haverland. in line with yours that you should Master of Olive Center Grange, 3. Ten best, quality alone com in line with yours that you should Master of Olive Center Grange, 3. Ten best, quality alone con-see to it that the master of your Bro. Fellows. The meeting was sidered: M. A. C. No. 23, Hender-Grange does not defer the appoint- then turned over to W. M. M. S. son, Jersey Queen, Greenville, ment that you may partake of their Smith. ready help, dividing time with Our Pomora lecturer disappoint- Eureka, Haverland, Excelsior, Onmake selections, from five to Grange did not. twelve. Then these, as captains or We can not say too much in leaders take the list of all the mem- praise of this Grange. It is one draw them off into groups which Composed of young members, shall have the work of entertain- mostly, each one striving to do all ment at some future meeting to be he can to make his Grange one of Seedling, Crawford, Crimson Clusturer. But in every way the cap-tains plan and manage the work of the meeting assigned to them with the train the meeting assigned to them with the meeting assigned to them with the meeting assigned to them with the meeting assigned to the method. The train the meeting assigned to the method of the meeting assigned to the method. The train the meeting assigned to the method of the meeting assigned to the method. The train the meeting assigned to the method of the meeting assigned to the method. The train the meeting assigned to the method of the meeting assigned to the method. The train the meeting assigned to the method of the meeting assigned to the method. The train the meeting assigned to the method of designated in advance by the Lect- the best of the Order, feeling that the meeting assigned to them with tain themselves, they work with a Riehl's No. 1, Saunders. the aid of their crew, making and will-a condition we do not find executing their program in all of its details. Also you may set Their program consisted of apart a few dates for meetings of readings, recitations, music, and especial features. As the winter three essays which I had promise of is a good time for donations, de- to send to the VISITOR. with the organization of your understood his business and acted Grange, and the more of these accordingly. yearly family reunions you have, We bade good-by to Olive Center paper another year free?

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who may have dropped out and royally entertained. some other friends.

Flora must have a May day. Children's day under the auspices of the Juvenile Grange, or Woman's Committee, if you have not this pleasant annex. Then will come Independence day with ter Oaks and opened in the fourth its appropriate topics; Ceres and

Pomona should each fill the time what is your Grange doing?

it to some extent certainly means you

Year. A. J. CROSBY, JR.

#### **RESOLUTIONS.**

At a meeting of the Eaton Rapids Grange No. 360, on Dec. 3d, the petition of the Pope Manufacpressing their opinion on same.

WHEREAS, There is at present a great would like to dictate to those who do the expended; and

WHEREAS, We believe that a road de-partment at Washington or at the World's Fair will be of benefit only as a means of supplying fat jobs to a few more hangers on; therefore, Resolved, That we are opposed to the es-

tablishment of a National road department

F. A. OSBORN, C. S. CARR. Committee.

#### SPECIAL MEETING.

Western Pomona Grange No. 19

the pleasanter they will become, Grange knowing that they are on when you can issue cards of special the road to success, and with the invitation to all the old members feeling that we had been right

> MRS. H. J. AUSTIN, Secretary.

## WHEATLAND GRANGE NO. 273.

degree.

The regular order of business was set apart for them; our National called after which a short recess Anniversary, December 4, and the was declared by the Worthy Master. was declared by the Worthy Master. ITOR, and a discussion of the same

It is a great assistance to have a followed. Our Patrons did not agree list of the names and addresses of with the principles defined in the Lecturers. How many of you will essay to insure the needed improvesend them to me by postal card or ment in our highway. Thought otherwise? Now do not think this our present laws good enough, if is all very good for somebody else, properly enforced. It was remarked that the subject would be agitated Wishing you all a Happy New in the coming legislature. Some thought a good many articles in our papers written in regard to road

making were written by men that never worked on a road and did not know how to build one. Some thought perhaps the bicycle manufacturers were interested in that turing Co. in favor of a national direction for their own benefit. In road department was read and regard to the three per cent bonds discussed, and a committee ap- it would increase our taxes and the pointed to draft resolutions ex- most of us think our taxes high enough at the present time, and if we could have good energetic overcry raised by bicycle makers and riders over the present condition of our roads, a class of men who pay little or no tax and road work he does on his own farm, and see that all others do the same, and when you get a good one retain

him, so that what improvement was made one year would not be torn down the next, avoid all work in the fall, make a narrow turnpike, use gravel freely, and we would see that our roads would be greatly improved, as we all know they are very much better than twenty years ago and have been made so by our present system of work and laws. Voted to invite Pomona Granges to meet with us the first Thursday in February. Contemplate having a cheese meeting in the evening; thought perhaps it would be a good

all and soin Livin

MRS. A. A. PEASE. North Adams.

## STRAWBERRIES FOR MISSOURI.

#### [Bulletin Missouri Station.]

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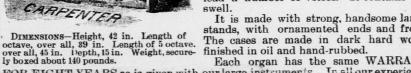
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them so as to have no clash in the ed us very much by not being tario. year's arrangements. We suggest there with a program, or sending 4. somewhat divide or map out the Bro. Alward of Georgetown work of the year, and thus having Grange acted as lecturer. The W. Bubach No 132 Haverland Minoria a skeleton of a plan you can fill it M. made a good choice when he Prolofic, M. A. C. No. 23, Bubach in, and constantly have something placed Bro. Alward in the lecto work to. Some of our best turer's chair for that meeting. working Granges are divided, at Bro. Alward ought to have a vote of the beginning of the year, into thanks from every Pomona mem- 1, Garland, Haverland, Crawford, sections, by the Lecturer, who mer present, for helping out of that picks from the Grange as many difficulty so nicely. But if we good workers as they desire to lacked for a program, Olive Center

bers (including themselves) and of the best, we believe, in the state. ble for the home experimenter: The

vote one with its attractions, even | I had the honor of staying over calling in outside help to work up night with the W. L. of the the observant faculties and expand-a contribution to the Temple of Grange. I found him to be wide ing the reasoning powers of chil-Ceres, and put the meeting in awake to the work, and although dren in all classes of society.-Prof. charge of the Woman's Committee. he had been a member of the Have an anniversary day dating Order only about six months, he

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## THE NEW YEAR.

We begin volume eighteen of the GRANGE VISITOR with this issue. Very properly we have designated it a "special Grange" edition. We had hoped to have had still more of purely Grange matter, but were disappointed in the non-appearance of a few communications of that sort. We had also hoped to initiate several new features in this issue but the busy times of the season seem to have made this imposstble. We are grateful for the many good words spoken of the VISITOR and we trust that the coming twelve months will mark an era, not only of great improvement in the quality of the paper, but as well in its financial success. Much of the latter depends upon the efforts of our readers.

We start out in the untried New Year with a determination to suc- the State Grange of 1892 has ceed in placing the VISITOR still higher up among papers of its class, and of making it still more worthy the grand order which it represents. We ask for your active help, friends, in responding to call for contributions and in seeking subscriptions. Without this aid we can acthe life of the VISITOR.

then be true to this fundamental nate and Pomona Granges. That principle. We are so apt to dally, there is need of such work is plain. to wait, to shrink, or to shirk. Let We hope to discuss the various us not be guilty of these. Let us phases of the matter from time to

be up and at work early and late. time. We have a noble work; we are not ashamed of it; then let us be at it. Read the Master's call and obey at once.

THE STATE GRANGE. resolutions which were adopted by the State Grange aside from those of technical interest which are mentioned elsewhere in this issue, was to our State legislators, irrespective

imity with which educational mat- should use them for sending in new ters, and especially those concern- names. ing purely agricultural study, were

decided. The Grange committed itself in favor of an appropriation of \$10,000 per year for carrying on farmers'

institutes, so that one can be held in every county. It committed itself as favoring a short winter course of agricultural instruction at the Agricultural College, and pledged itself to secure students, if possible, for

the same. It favors appropriations for the establishment of a ladies' department at the same college It proposed to the College that a reading course be established, and thanks to the energy of the Grange a course will be ready in a few

weeks. Of this we shall speak later. We speak of these matters in this collective way to show what a live, strong meeting the State Grange Think of the possible was. consequences of good to the entire farming class of Michigan, young and old, if these projects are in any sense successful, think of the tremendous importance of the questions discussed and

the possible results that may flow therefrom. From this standpoint wrought a wonderful work, the value of which will perhaps not be appreciated for many years to come.

## THAT SENATORIAL QUESTION.

It seem a little queer that the State Grange should have so emphatically rejected the resolution endorsin complish little; with it we may be ship (for that is what it amounted able to do much. Let us work to- to) and yet the GRANGE VISITOR, gether to make this year the most official organ of the State Grange, successful and prosperous of any in comes out in active support of him. Had we not so much confidence in the VISITOR'S editor we would suspect he had received one of those "his friends will provide" circulars and taken the hint. As it is, we presume Mr. Butterfield, like some other well-disposd people sees only Mr. Luce and not the cabal of millionaires who are backing him and sarily must subserve if elected. And perhaps he had not seen that one of the series of asinine circulars which declares Mr. Luce is not We wish to say but little on this We know that much of this neg- good of the Order, and not of loyallect is not intentional, and we only ty to Mr. Luce. Second, in our ask that the incoming officers shall editorial we stated in substance that we believed Mr. Luce represents, more fully than any other candidate, Luce is concerned that was all we

#### THOSE LITTLE SLIPS.

will find little colored slips in their paper this week, stating that their subscription has expired. Please Among a number of important look opposite your name on the paper and see if we are correct. If it reads 1 Jan. 93, remember that we shall have to stop sending your paper unless we have the renewal one favoring the payment of \$500 of your subscription. Please be prompt about renewing so that there of the length of the session. Other may be no break in your getting matters were also touched, reports of the paper. We send also a blank which will be published. But the to each regular subscriber this issue. ment of the Grange was the unan- you wish, but we prefer that you Grange revival. The harvest is

#### NOTICE.

Secretaries of Granges please notice that at the State Grange they were requested to report the name of the chairman Work to the Secretary of the State Grange with the names of Masters and Secretaries.

MARY SHERWOOD HINDS, Chairman of Committee on Woman's Work.

#### FROM OUR NEW MASTER.

Having been elected to the hon-Michigan at the recent representative session of that body at Lanthe columns of the VISITOR to make an acquaintance with all members throughout the State.

I desire first to assure all that I enter upon the duties of the office portant duties involved, and that it is my most eagnest desire to per-form the work the porfect satisform the work faction of all and to the best interests of the Order.

The Grange holds today a rethe welfare of the State's best in- deputy. terests.

In this organization we have a sacred trust to guard and keep. The noble and self sacrificing men tion, are justly entitled to our most

mant should be revived and brought into healthy action. New Granges should be organized in every country community where Grange? If not we extend to you none exists. Let us consider our Granges as we do our schools and other institutions which are of benefit to the progress and prosperity A great many of our subscribers of our community and support them by liberal contributions of time and when it came to the hired girl "No excellence without money. "No excellence without question it proved to be both labor," is true of this as well as the for the wisest to solve. One brother other good and beneficial agencies er stated he had made a standing employed to improve our homes offer of a cow, bed, forty acres of and our families. The Grange is land and a piano, but with all the medium through which you may these inducements was obliged to bring to your homes in the country do his own work. It was sugthose things which are enjoyable, gested he add a husband to the elevating and profitable to people list who live in towns and cities.

Now, Patrons of Michigan, let us awake to a full sense of our duty, and as we love our homes, our fammost noticeable feature of the senti- You can use these for renewals if work of a grand and sweeping ripe and awaits our coming. Be prompt and faithful in attendance, encourage your neighbors and friends to join you. Canvass your who availed themselves of the county and if any dormant Granges Subordinate are found assist and encourage them to go to work again. Also & Co., State printers and binders, sow the good seed in suitable places and were shown around by the for new Granges.

of their Committees on Woman's now laying plans to assist you and printed. to give you all the support that the State Grange can afford. You enjoyable ever held. must be the workers and those who ruled over the entire four busy are sent to your county will act as days. The delegation was made helpers. A good active and earnest up, as last year, of almost entirely person is needed in every county new representatives; but they acat once to act as local deputy or commodated themselves to work agent for this work. A means of readily and developed some most prompt communication must be had. promising material before the week It is the duty of all County Granges, closed. New members expressed at their first meeting, to suggest surprise, no less at the amount of orable and responsible position of the name of a person suitable to business transacted, than at the Master of the State Grange of act in this work and forward at cordial social sphere that prevailcan only apply to those County rooms, the corridors and hotels. sing, I come before you through Granges that will meet in the very near future, for the entire efficiency by the announcement of the death of the work depends upon having of Sister J. T. Cobb, at Schoolcraft, arrangements fully made and work on Monday morning. The sense in progress at an early date, so that of personal loss, the thought of it may be completed before spring the lonely home and sympathy with a keen realization of the im- shall put the farmer into the fields for the husband, whose presence representatives to State Grange for outset, nor were they broken dura conference, at which time revival work in your county will be disthe consideration of the people and ed to receive the appointment of

be delivered in every Grange hall Ajar" in the State during the next three regard for Sister Cobb's memory, and women who have in years past ed to encourage and stimulate all executive committee, and the presstood so firmly by the principles of members to the accomplishment of ent secretary were deputized to justice, and progress, and a higher better results. The ardent and represent the State Grange at the position for the farmer and his devoted men and women whose funeral Wednesday morning. family in the social, educational voices and earnest appeals so many Sister Cobb and Sister W. K. rejected the resolution and influential fields of life and ac-Ir. Luce for the senator-tion are justly entitled to our most platform are justly entitled to ou platform are willing to do all in entered the other life since last we met, have both been in the State The accomplishments of the past thorough arrangements must be Grange as lady officers or helpful the organization of the first Granges should be brought before every in country communities, are won- Grange for consideration so that derful and far reaching. The in- when the lecturer shall come, you fluences at that period set to action will have every member out to hear were not and could not be confined him, also as many neighbors and er's population has recieved great much as this general work is in and untold benefits. Today we progress it would be well for all better farmers, and the laws that time of this visit by the lecturer, are no longer a blank to us. That duty and you will surely reap a re-

STATE GRANGE NOTES.

Did you attend the State our sympathy. It was a very pleasant and in every way harmonious session. Weighty questions of legislation were discussed and handled in a masterly manner, but question it proved to be too much

Among many old-time familiar faces was that of Jason Woodman, who called our attention, with considerable pride, to the fact that ilies, and our chosen profession let silver threads were appearing us unitedly press forward to the among the gold, but even this failed to make him appear venerable.

Invitations were extended to the State Grange to visit the Reform school and Agricultural college. Every kindness was shown to those opportunity. A few took occasion to visit the firm of Robert Smith genial senior member, and saw for In pursuance of this work I am themselves where the VISITOR is

The session was one of the most Harmony once to me for confirmation. This ed in the Grange, the committee

Members were met at Lansing for his summer's labor. An early was missed for the first time in call will be made in every county this State Grange, drew close the There Granges exist, through your bonds of fraternal feeling at the ing the week.

Tuesday Upon assembling, spected and responsible position in cussed and a suitable person select-the consideration of the people and ed to receive the appointment of Brother Cobb of warm sympathy, was sent by the Grange. If you do your part, a lecture will tiful floral design of "Gates was selected as a token of months; also special work calculat- and H. D. Platt, member of the

#### OFFICERS AND THE VISITOR.

It is a lamentable fact that a large number, fully half we fear, of the out-going Masters and Secretaries of the Subordinate Granges do not take the VISITOR. It ought whose personal interests he necesto be a standing rule that no man, or woman, shall be installed into a Grange office unless he has the VISITOR in his home. Severe? Per- solely a farmers' candidate. - Allehaps, but in three cases out of five, gan Gazette. any Patron who so far fails to see his duty as to neglect his paper, will fail to see and perform his duty in other respects.

rally to the support of the VISITOR and that such a live canvass shall be made in the next three months that the farming classes. So far as Mr. every Grange family in Michigan shall have the paper regularly.

#### THE MASTER'S CALL.

from our Master, in another column. position consistent. Read it twice or thrice. Note his words concerning county deputies. do not fail to heed this part es-Grange is organization. Let us work of the Lecturers of Subordi- made stronger, the weak and dor-

did say. Any one who assumes that spectacles of an unprejudiced spir-Read the ringing call to action, it, and read again. We think our

#### A NEW DEPARTMENT.

pecially. Organization for work is ment in this number. The aim and cieties and permanent neighborhood our great need as an Order. Or- scope of this department will be, in ganization is the Grange; or, the brief, to unite and systematize the Those that are strong should be

thankful consideration.

which has been accomplished in the ward.

past is ours to guard today. These achievements and the possibilities subject. First, as we understand it, of the future are practically, and to the vote of the Grange was a matter a great extent centered in the Subpurely of wisdom concerning the ordinate Granges scattered over our state and nation, for without the Subordinate there would be no State or National Grange. There would be no concentration of the best and most progressive thought of the country in the interest of agriculture by practical agriculturists, and those who have its best interests at heart.

There would be no fountain head, we said more should put on the from which could emanate and flow out to all the farmers of the country matured and suggestive policies for legislative action.

Herein our duty lies, we must work for and support the home These combined high Grange. We begin the Lecturer's Depart- schools, debating and literary soin a prosperous and strong condition. GEO. B. HORTON.

Died at his home in Cascade township, Kent county, Nov. 24. Bro. Wm. F. Cook, a member of Whitneyville Grange No. 222.

#### Huron County Pomona

Met with Bingham Grange Dec. 1. Elected as Master, William Pangman; Lecturer, Ellen Pangman; Secretary, Mrs. R. Nugent. Resolutions were adopted favoring a change in the Grange by-laws so that all Pomona Granges may be represented at State Grange, or so that none shall have the privilege. Also that we favor some plan for securing a low rate of interest to Patrons, as well as fire and life

insurance. We had a very inter-

esting program.

twenty-five years or of the years made and in this every Patron has social factors at a larger share of its since the agitation that resulted in a duty to perform. The matter meetings its organization in 1874. session, many pleasant relaxations were interspersed with the routine of reports, motions and resolu-A choir from Branch tions. to the Grange, and the entire farm- friends as will fill the hall. Inas- county, and sweet singers from Calhoun, Montcalm and Traverse counties, furnished music upon stand the peers of any class of peo- contemplated county or district every call, while recitations, rich, ple, and have become wiser and Grange gatherings to be held at the witty and pathetic, abounded at the presence of Miss Susie Mars, Mrs. govern the world of business and and make it one grand ovation all Mary M. Maybee of Mason, and formation of policies of government along the line. Patrons, do your Miss Mary C. Allis, the Grange's popular favorite.

Among familiar visiting faces, often welcomed, always welcome, may be mentioned Hon. and Mrs. J. J. Woodman, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Green, Hon. C. G. Luce, Hon. T. F. Moore, J. H. Forster, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wiley, A. C. Glidden, Hon. D. D. Buell, Jason Woodman and E. A. Wildey

The address of the Master this year was the fullest and best of any yet delivered by Hon. Thos. Mars. For five years he has occupied the chair and given to the Order the strength extracted from arduous service in the ranks in previous years. No sacrifice has he spared that might debar the force of his nature from the work; whatever untiring zeal could devise or willingness execute, found Bro. Mars ready for it. The warmth of his earnestness and his charitable rulings have cemented existing membership more firmly where to increase in numbers was not possible. As he stepped out of the highest office in their midst,

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for what he has been to them and than was accomplished by Miss R. Montgomery, O. J. Bliss, J. Bueil and her assistants We are F. VanNorman.

#### "A day to toil, an hour for sport, But for a friend, is life too short."

George B. Horton, new Master of the State Grange; a farmer. present. It would, however, be an prominent in Lenawee county and inspiring sight to witness the presin agricultural business circles of ence of one hundred or two hunthe State, Mr. Horton needs no in- dred of such, whether delegates or troduction to farmers outside our or not, at the next State Grange. number, while within the Grange, his successive terms as a member the last two days of the session, of the executive committee have made him already long valued and depended upon for sound judg-ment and fertile ideas. He brings to this prefect. Our thanks are due to "Uncle Jerry" Rusk for this dispensation, as he undoubtedly ordered it. to this position the prime of his manhood and a wide acquaintance at the Capitol, they held sway; with men at large, he has success-fully encountered business and is important gathering was in prowell schooled in Grange doctrine gress. and duty. We look for a vigorous advance of our forces under his the sixth degree.

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gent, careful consideration of every matter of business his presence in State Grange has upheld that judgment that Michigan prides herself upon in Grange circles. By vote of the Grange section 6 Definition of the showed a deficit for the year, but intimated that if properly supported by Patrons it would very soon become By vote of the Grange section 6 Definition of the showed a deficit for the year, but intimated that if properly supported by Patrons it would very soon become self-sustaining. By vote of the Grange section 6 this winter, will be relied upon to of the State Grange By-Laws. It still represent his farmer fellows. reads as follows:

committee, with H. D. Platt of sixth degree shall, in addition to Washtenaw, re-elected.

The present number abates none of in counties having no Pomona its former emphasis. We present Granges, the fees shall be forwarda portion in this issue.

time was manifested in coopwas present and explained methwhole but many inquiries were or state Grange treasuries. raised concerning trade unions of various states and natures.

tural college and Experiment Sta- ing a corporation in extending a tion was appointed, as used to be street railway from Lansing to the customary years ago, to visit the Agricultural college. college and report condition, experiments, etc.

opposed a unit school system, favor- We can purchase but one or two ed a uniform system of text now and then but wish those to be books published by the State and such as will interest us all. We furnished schools at least possible cost, favored placing women on school boards, attendance of wom-Shelf " will answer. What is that? en at school meetings, nine months It is one of the features of that or school each year, more frequent visiting of schools by parents, and no interference of district school laws by outsiders. The Grange A wisite state of the formula of the county this will be an inverte the formula of the county the state of the

especially indebted to the secretary

for the major part of these notes. A few of the young people were

The weather, more especially

At the hotels, it was "Grangers;"

About 50 candidates received sing; A. Simpson, Boston.

A large number of renewals and F. W. Redfern retired from the several new subscriptions to the executive committee after a half VISITOR were received. The re-dozen years' service. By his dili-port of the Executive Committee dozen years' service. By his dili- port of the Executive Committee gent, careful consideration of every concerning the paper showed a

Bro. Redfern, in the legislature was added to article XI, page 18

Bro's. Mars of Berrien, Mayo of Calhoun, Wright of Branch, are who shall make application to the the new members on the executive State Grange for initiation in the

mittee has come to be looked for as Grange one dollar, if a man, and a valuable contribution among papers on National issues. The State Grange, recognizing this, issues it in neat pamphlet form compared to be to b each year and seeks for it as wide Grange in the county in which apa distribution as can be secured. plicant may reside; provided that

ed to such Pomona Grange in this More interest than for some jurisdiction as the brother or sister may desire to apply to for memeration. A representative of the bership, and when elected, it shall Commercial Cooperative Union constitute his or her membership." No change was made in the fees ods. No action was taken as a required, either to the subordidate

A resolution was adopted oppos-Arious states and natures. A special committee on Agricul-legislature for the purpose of aid-

Is there not more than the one farmer who lately said: "Tell me The Committee on Education what books to buy for my family.

he held the greatful honor and secretary. It would be impossible urer, H. A. Flint, Detroit; exe-congratulations of his co-workers to have had more efficient work done cutive committee, M. L. Frink, W.

Holstein-Friesian Association.

President, S. D. Seeley, Holly. Vice President, J. Nickel, Hoytville.

Secretary, C. L. Seeley. Directors, John Miller, Swartz Creek; F. E. Mills, Ann Arbor; E. A. Sweet, Mason.

#### Swine Breeders.

President, L. F. Conrad, Wacousta.

Vice President, H. W. Riley, Greenville.

Secretary and Treasurer, G. H. McIntyre, Iosco.

Directors, J. H. Banghart, Lan-

#### THE MAGAZINES.

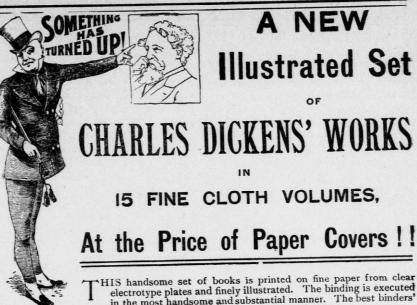
Among the short articles that will appear

Christine Nilsson, the famous songstress who now lives in a palatial house in Paris, has prepared for publication a careful and explicit article of suggestions on the voice, which *The Ladies' Home Fournal* will shortly print under the title "The Study of the Voice."

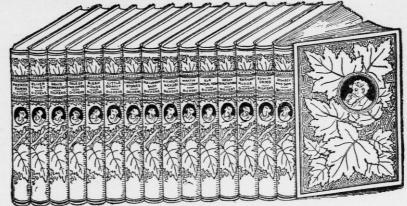
Vashtenaw, re-elected. The report of the executive com-it with the secretary of this valuable contribution among apers on National issues. The the fee for the sixth degree, depos-it with the secretary of this Grange one dollar, if a man, and fifty cents, if a woman, being the amount of Pomona Grange fees. The Detroit Journal has sent us a copy of their incomparable Christmas Number, together with the Art Supplement. We believe we'do not exaggerate when we say it is the handsomest number from an artistic

The young men and young women who aspire to obtain Academic or College educations, whose parents cannot well afford cations, whose parents cannot were allord them that expense, will be interested in the work of *The Cosmopolitan Magazine*, which has offered for the year 1893 one thousand scholarships at any of the leading colleges or schools of the United States, upon the acadition of introducing the magazine into or schools of the United States, upon the condition of introducing the magazine into certain neighborhoods. Yale, Vassar, Har-vard, Ann Arbor, Chicago, the Southern colleges, the great schools of art and medi-cine, all are alike open to the ambitious boy or girl who is not afraid of a little earnest work. *The Cosmopolitan* sends out from its New York office and and printed pamphlet to any applicant, telling just what is necessary in order to secure one of these scholarships. The scholarship itself in-cludes board, lodging, laundry and tuition— all free. all free.

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OLIVER TWIST, MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT, TALE OF TWO CITIES, REPRINTED PIECES, PICKWICK PAPERS, OLD CURIOSITY SHOP, SKETCHES BY BOZ,

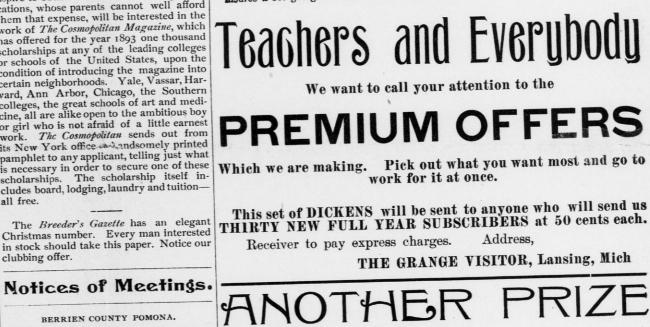
AMERICAN NOTES. OUR MUTUAL FRIEND, HARD TIMES, BLEAK HOUSE DAVID COPPERFIELD, GREAT EXPECTATIONS,

DOMBEY & SON, CHRISTMAS STORIES, NICHOLAS NICKLEBY, LITTLE DORRIT. BARNABY RUDGE, UNCOMMERCIAL TRAVELER, MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD, CHILD'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND

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GEORGE ELIOT'S GOMPLETE WORKS

immigrants. The ballot extended plan alone is a wonderful field ! It ant work for County Granges to do in this to intelligent women.-Sentiment will come nearer and can do more State. Rally to this meeting and see what of State Grange throughout.

Our lady officers improved the itself. Then there is so much the practical and poetical province of Grange can do in the common their positions well this year. Mrs. schools that no other class can do C. C. Poorman's report, as Flora, as well, and that must be done beelicited comments of praise as fore they are what they should especially sweet-spirited and wom-anly. Mrs. W. E. Wright, Pomo-

na, urged the utility, no less than RED POLLED CATTLE BREEDERS. the beauty, of fruit upon the fam-ily table. Mrs. H. H. Stocking persuasively upheld more intelligent knowledge of the science of agriculture and home keeping. "The Three Marys," of the

committee, Brackett, S. Monterey. Work Woman's brought tokens of heavy toil, be-

cause still in pioneer fields. The sheaves will increase, surely, as the subordinate Granges appreciate the scope and value of this

ing members of the Executive Committee, was one of the most valuable of that body. He was an especial friend of the VISITOR and never failed to speak for it, and was successful in getting subscribers, as well. His work on the com- Ont; secretary and treasurer, H. mittee was marked by strong judgment and sound sense.

All were pleased to know that N. Ely. Pedigree committee, F. Sister Mary Sherwood Hinds has H. Neal. so far recovered from her severe illness of the summer as to be able

for farm homes than Chautauqua there is for you to do. A good program is

President. J. F. English, Clarksville; vice-president, V. L. Parsons, Saginaw; secretary and treasurer, J. M. Knapp, Bellevue; directors, J. M. Chase, Muir; Ezra

President, Henry Grinnell, work. Bro. H. H. Dresser of Hillsdale county, who was one of the retir-ry, L. G Townsend, Ionia; treas-

urer, L. B. Townsend, Ionia.

#### LINCOLN SHEEP BREEDERS.

President, J. J. England; vicepresident, J. T. Gibson, Denfield, rick Hudson, W. S. Allen, Fred

#### JERSEY BREEDERS.

State Grange. About the busiest spot in repre-sentative hall was the desk of the Saginaw W.; secretary and treas-Do not wait until your hogs get sick, but give them German Horse and Cow Powder to ward off disease, and to make them put on flesh.

laws by outsiders. The Grange stood by the committee on every point. (I) the bulk of the increase the number in The ballot refused to ignorant Grange work. That reading course every Grange and increase the number in migrants. The ballot extended plan along is a wonderful field 1 It. in preparation. R. V. CLARK.

BERRIEN COUNTY POMONA.

#### KENT COUNTY POMONA.

Kent County Pomona Grange will meet for public installation of officers with Cas cade Grange Jan. 11, 1893. A good speaker is expected. L. F. DOCKERAY, Secretary.

#### BRANCH COUNTY POMONA,

The annual meeting of Branch County Pomona Grange will be held at Coldwater Grange hall Tuesday, Jan. 12, commencing at 10:30 A. M., sharp. Beside the regular business there will be the election and in-Beside the regular stallation of officers, the reports of retiring officers and of the delegate to the State AMERICAN RAMBOUILLET ASSO-CLATION. Grange, and a report from the contest ban-ner committee. Dinner will be furnished by Coldwater Grange. Let every Patron in Branch county attend this meeting and help to make it the best of any the year through. CARRIE L. FISKE,

#### Secretary

#### LENAWEE COUNTY POMONA.

Lenawee County Pomona Grange will meet with Madison Grange Feb'y 2, 1893 Call to order 10 A. M. After the business of the fifth degree the officers will be in-stalled by G. B. Horton. The Worthy Lecturer is preparing an interesting program for the afternoon session which will be public. This will be followed by a will A. Daniels, Elva. Directors, Pat-fourth degree session. It is earnestly hoped every Grange will be represented and prepared to report. The fifth degree will be conferred in the evening after which Madison Grange will present a program.

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MARY C. ALLIS, Secretary.

#### ADDRESS OF THF MASTER.

have assembled to participate in ed is of necessity sound. Money the exercises of the Twentieth An-has an important function to pernual Session of the Michigan State form, and we cannot afford to make Grange. It has been my fortune any mistake in legislation in regard spent the best part of my life bring- cated, has through thorough invesing to bear all the forces at my tigation by the more intelligent porcommand to assist in building up tion of our people, been relegated farmers' wives, sons, and daughters. of the lost problems of the age. I have seen it in its infancy, in adversity and in prosperity, and today we are enjoying the fruits of far-reaching in its results and useworld at large. We are taught in our organization that we must be until a solution is reached and then economical in our rural homes, yet enforce the law to the letter, if it puts not parsimonious.

CONDITION OF AGRICULTURE.

ture cannot be fostered by tearing tion. down other interests, but only by a broad comprehension of our business and an intelligent application of business principles, that we can suc- and means for the further expendiceed on the farms of Michigan, I ture of money in various ways. One am convinced. No business at this I must call your attention to, which, day gives to its occupants more if carried out, will call for untold pleasure, time, recreation and home millions of money—that is the irriga-comforts than agriculture in Michi-tion of the arid lands of the west. gan. It is not necessary that we Syndicates have already bought up become millionaires. This idea is large tracts of this land and are the result of a species of insanity, now appealing to Congress to apnot of the comfort, peace and happi-ness that you find all over Michi-irrigating purposes, and they have the work. Our inspec-tion service did not seem to meet gan, in the thousands of beautiful made a favorable impression on that the real wants in every instance farm houses and home surroundings. body, with the plea that it would We love our calling and will resent open a vast domain for the homeall adverse opinions. At the same less people of our country. The some plan must be devised by which tee and the work necessary to be time we know that we meet adver-sity in our business. But this is poorer, and the syndicates would become some one in each county that would Not natural; all business is liable to the same fate. In traveling over this and become more powerful. We might be accomplished. It will take the three work it might be accomplished. It will take the three work it such committee. We have knowlcapital invested by intelligent peo-ple in manufacturing plants that have been superseded by other in-the competition by allowing this country I find millions of dollars of now have all the land needed; our ventions which meet the wants of scheme to receive our assistance in the people better, and the result is any form. a total loss to the investors. This state of things you will find on every hand, and observation leads me to this conclusion, that we are engaged in the surest, safest and happiest business in the land. Then let us should have as many privileges at grapple with the situation lie sensible men and women and not our city cousins. We certainly so hopeful as to say that there is or that they go after theirs. And to revive the weak. The Visitor is not a depression in agriculture, \_\_\_\_\_ in this matter let us see to it that now in the hands of a young man everything else on the farm pays comes. a nice profit, and so it will be as it is in other business. I am satisfied that our markets are seriously selling, and we, through the Na- is dotted with commodious Grange power to extend the circulation tional Grange and the various State halls from center to circumference and if we do our duty as well, there bring about a better condition of are being educated, and when we future of our paper. things, and I fondly hope that the know in the short space of time this present Congress will pass the Anti- organization has been in existence Option Bill and the Pure Food Bill also. There should be stringent the farming districts all over the of adulterations, and combinations members are advancing rapidly in Rural Roadways. The time has to thwart the great laws of supply education. We are not only eduand demand. And in our efforts to cating the members but the rural must be made to better the condisecure this needed legislation, we districts generally. In nearly every tion of our country roads. It would should receive the coöperation of county in the state we have organ- seem to me that our Order is more every loyal American citizen.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS: In compliance with the constitu-tional provisions of our Order, we to be connected with this organiza- to it. The land-loan and sub-treastion ever since its existence, in ury scheme which Senator Stanford some capacity or other. I have and other lesser lights have advothis grand organization of farmers, to the rear, there to remain as one

#### TAXATION.

This question has been one with which all ages have wrestled and the grandest association, the most our best statesmen have puzzled cus decree as an excuse for outragfar-reaching in its results and use-fulness, of any in our land. Many that would equalize the burden, and nant constituency. Surely men can farmers' organizations have come make all property to bear its equal be found for legislative positions and gone, but we stand a solid, liv- portion of taxation. But up to this who will be reasonable and unite ing monument of success for future date nothing has been devised that on good men and measures, if left generations to enjoy and admire. seems to solve the question. All free to act. I long to see the time good loyal citizens should be will- when men will be selected for this as the most conservative yet p ro gressive organization, and yet as advocating advanced ideas for the bettering of agriculture and the not. The genius of man ought to

land. I trust you will give this

#### THE IBRIGATION SCHEME.

Many schemes are rife in the minds of the people to devise ways

#### FREE DELIVERY OF MAILS.

While I have had my doubts as to the feasibility of this proposition, yet it is but justice to the people in the rural districts that they

subject thoroughly for themselves sufficient to enlarge its usefulness,

#### LEGISLATION.

One of the evils that should be removed from legislative proceedings is the caucus system, whereby the mere partisan majority of one may dictate the policy of the State, control the election of United States Senators, etc. It is this system which enables men who have neither character nor ability to obtain seats in the Senate by the improper use of the great wealth frequently obtained by disreputable methods. Abolish the system, and representatives can no longer plead the cauwhen men will be selected for this

#### CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The Grange is doing a grand work all along the line; the eastern behind the bars every shirk in our states are leading rapidly; our own seems to be on the stand-still. We are convinced that agricul- question your candid considera- While we have increased somewhat has not been what was fondly hoped one year ago. It is true we have had one of the worst seasons known for years for the work in hand. We districted the State, placed four lecturers in the field, but the excessive rains and their continuance late in the season prevented holding

We have many dormant organiza-

work and close attention to bring edge of this from our service as pay a small bonus to the deputies been a source of failure throughout for every new or resuscitated Grange all the year.

at the close of this year you would tion and act wisely.

#### THE GRANGE VISITOR.

The Grange Visitor is a medium for revival work and ought to be utilized in that direction. If it howl calamity and adversity, a pro-cess which will drive the boys and are as important factors as they, were possible for every Grange in the State to subscribe for each memgirls from the farm sooner than all other things combined. I am not mail metter be breached that our mail metter be breached that our other things combined. I am not mail matter be brought to our doors, decline in membership and assist ularly interested. there is. Wheat is below its cost, horses are not remunerative, but everything else on the farm pays as a live journal in the interests of its patrons. The present editor is fied that our markets are seriously The Grange is and has always a graduate of the Agricultural Col-affected by the great boards of been an educator. When we con- lege and an enthusiast in his chosen trade and their mode of buying and sider that this beautiful land of ours profession. He is doing all in his organizations, have done much to we must know that the members will not be any question as to the liberal hand. Some, like Noah's

members should investigate this lature that will make appropriations should keep in close touch with the being the spreading of a feast to State committee.

In conclusion permit me to say that I feel under obligation to the Order for the very many honors they have bestowed upon me and how eagerly they have taken up the for their long forbearance with my work; how anxious they are that many shortcomings, and for the the work be well done, books prokind treatment received on every perly kept, parliamentary law and hand throughout the State in their rulings enforced, all literary work subordinate organizations, and in at its possible best, and the pledges their pleasant homes, and family most sacredly kept." Carefully traincircles. My life will be too short ed under this efficient matron in all to fully enjoy all the kindly treat- the essential elements of Grange ment received from the thousands life these children are being well of patrons all over the State. While I may have made enemies in some instances, let me assure you that I expression to thought in correct language and proper deportment. was for the best interests of the The drill in parliamentary law and Order and not to please personal friends. And now I trust your deliberations may prove a success and redound to the glory, honor and perpetuity of our beloved Order.

Fraternally yours, THOS. MARS.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON** WOMAN'S WORK.

WORTHY MASTER, BROTHERS AND SISTERS-Your committee on woman's work for the State this past

had charge of the work last year we series of socials came a good lecture received no plans for future work on "Three Months in Europe," with in membership yet the increase or any suggestions to guide our course for the coming year.

We counciled together and agreed that a division of the State seemed necessary, each taking such a portion of the State as was most convenient.

We first turned our attention to the GRANGE VISITOR, thinking to meetings, and the presidential cam- make it a medium between the State time" and also added several volpaign coming on later, occupying committees and the subordinate umes of choice books to their libthe minds of the people to such an committees. We earnestly urged rary. Others have purchased a extent that it seemed impossible to the Masters of county and subordinate Granges to appoint a comtion service did not seem to meet mittee on woman's work in each articles of beauty to adorn their county and subordinate Grange in halls. the State, explaining as best we The tions that ought to be rebuilt and could the province of this commit-

Not half the Masters of the sub-

We were quite sure the columns see a general revival. I trust you of the VISITOR would be available will take this matter into considera- for use by the State committee and we were not disappointed. In nearly every issue there has been an article from some member of this State committee. Aside from this, we have and enlightenment. each personally appealed to prominent women, both in and out of the Grange, for contributions to the VISITOR on live subjects in which nished with flour sufficient for the the women of our land are partic- year's needs. At the last report We have sent out scores of letters, pledged toward the support of this some in reply to letters received asking for information in regard to the work. Others written to silent committees, with a hope to create an interest in the work. The circulars received from the chairman show. These meetings were open of our national committee were carefully read, digested and as thoroughly explained in the columns of the VISITOR as we possibly could dove, returned, finding no resting place, probably for want of proper address. Some, we fear, were consigned to the flames, thinking them only a circular" and never opened: others were faithfully read before the Grange but reported "no action sufficient sum was raised to insure the probable erection of the temple they were very willing to con-tribute." One Grange has contributed five dollars. The committee have earnestly labored to impress upon the patrons of the State the necessity of an annual word for Pomona Granges, thinking thereby they may be materially benefited. Each Pomona Grange has been petition-

which the *parents* were the guests. The matron who is the guiding prepared for all life. They are taught to think and reason; to give public speaking ensures them selfreliance, ease and grace of manner and a polish that alone can be acquired from a mingling in good society.

Several Granges report quilts pieced under the supervision of this Woman's Committee, sold and the. money turned toward helping pay the debt on their hall and in adding to the sheds for their horses.

Others report a series of socials, not an occasional social but a course of socials, each following the other year submits the following report: at regular intervals, well planned From the former committee who and well executed. Among this sterioptican views. These socials and lectures have been the means directly and indirectly of adding more than thirty members to this Grange, which was so fortunate as to have such a good working committee.

Others have held socials, charged a small fee, had a general "good much needed cook stove and other articles of furniture, besides some

The great rallying of the year has been Columbus Day. In many Granges the Woman's Committee had sole charge of the meeting, the program, costumes, decorations and dinner.

The result has been that more of the early history of America and its connections with other lands across the sea, has been learned than ever before.

Italy and Spain have held court in many a Grange hall, and while we have acknowledged all we owe to these lands and the flag that was first planted on the soil of a New World, we know that the flag of stripes and stars is our flag and to it we owe our civilization, liberty

Through our committee on Woman's Work, one free hospital for the sick and poor has been furthirty-six bushels of wheat had been worthy object. The cause of temperance has engaged the attention of this Woman's Committee as several reports from Subordinate Granges meetings and were held in counties where a vote on local option was pending. The exercises were of a high order, and left an impression for good on the whole community. The work for the year has not been all we hoped or all we planned. We were much hindered in having to wait so long before we could know who had been appointed to work with us on this line. Then we had to confess the fact that much of our work through the VISITOR had not fulfilled the purposes we intended, because all patrons do not take and read the paper. But it was new work, and it moves slowly, still we have such a faith in the matrons of Michigan Granges that we know as soon as the work is thoroughly understood it will not fail for want of workers. Worthy Master, we beg leave to suggest a few slight changes in the appointing of this committee. Instead of changing the entire committee at the end of each year, appoint one new member each year, thereby leaving a major part of the committee who have had charge of it and know its plans and neces-

#### THE FINANCE QUESTION.

only through our organization, but to the farm and home and the vital in wagon roads as Michigan; yet by political parties of every kind questions of the day. We are per- she should be first as she is in many and dimension as well. No conclu-doine all many dimension as well. No conclusion or plan has been suggested doing all we can to raise the stand- of our Order can make their power that to my mind is a better solution now adopted. There is no class of of our halls are opened to select important move. I cannot discuss people more interested in the sup-ply and quality of money than the given in the district of the sup-a better opportunity than can be agriculturists. I believe we should given in the district school. have a sufficient amount of money for the transaction of business. I

do not believe that either an inflat- advocacy of our Agricultural Col-

#### EDUCATION.

laws enacted to prevent all manner land, we are doubly sure that the people in Michigan at this time, the The Finance Question is one that to and take part in the discussions the first to move in that direction. has had a thorough ventilation, not of the various questions pertaining No state of its age is so far behind ard and to make them more prac-tical in every way possible. Many if they will give their aid to this all

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#### THE BOAD QUESTION.

I call your attention to the great question agitating the minds of the ized farmers' institutes where all interested in this matter than any the people gather annually to listen other class of people, and should be felt and their influence extended ed to instruct their delegates to the candid consideration of all our citizens.

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman's work in the Order has us that through the efforts of this ed or contracted condition of the lege and its grand work and woe be proved a success and when fully committee one juvenile Grange has circulating medium will bring pros- unto the legislature that attempts appreciated will go a long way to been organized and is in good workperity. I believe that the increase to make it a part of the University revive dormancy. Every subor- ing order and very prosperous. of money should keep pace with or to take from it one single feature dinate Grange should have a full Thinking to follow closely after its the increase of population and busi- of its usefulness. But we will hail committee at work with the lecturer elders, it has held a contest which ness. I think it is right that our with delight and honor any legis- in preparing the programs, and was very entertaining, the forfeit advertisers.)

work to this end. We have asked for reports from the committee on Woman's Work in subordinate Granges where they were appointed and though they came in rather late the results were sities. very satisfactory. One report tells

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#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COM-MITTEE OF THE STATE GRANGE.

Since our last annual meeting the quad-rennial contest of parties for power has passed; during this contest the Grange, true to its declaration of purposes, true to its tra-ditions, and true to the best interests of the farm and home, has kept aloof from all en-tangling political alliances. While other farmers' organizations have allowed themselves to be swept into the political whirlpool and there dashed to pieces by contend ing parties, the Grange allowed the utmost freedom to its members in political affairs, leaving the ballot to the conscience and judgment of its individual members.

Standing thus aloof from political alliances, we claim the right to a candid and un-prejudiced hearing before the legislature of the state and the congress of the nation.

While we are organized in the interest of agriculture and those engaged in that pursuit, we recognize that in our social relations and economic interests we are as dependent upon the well being, happiness and thrift of every other legitimate and useful calling, for the comforts and luxuries of life beyond the products of our farm, as those callings are dependent upon us for the necessaries of life.

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2 00 and to supply the drain which foreign capi-tal exacts for interest, dividends and prin-4 55 cipal on money and credits loaned and in-vested here. Deeming the last matter of prime importance we first call your attention 6 55 8 00 9 35 No. 2 No. 6 No. 4 No. 8 to our

#### NATIONAL FINANCES.

During the past year, the so-called Sherman Silver Law which requires the purchase of 4.500,000 ounces of silver per month, and the issuing therefor of legal tender treasury notes at its bullion value has added to the circulating medium \$51,-000,000. The product of our gold mines not used in this art have added \$20,000,000, and during the year our exports have ex-ceeded our imports to the extent of \$202,-000,000. If the people of this country were free from indebtedness to foreign capital and were the sole owners of American property. the \$202,000,000 excess of exports would have been paid for in money and that added to the \$20,000,000 from the gold mines and the \$51,000,000 in treasury notes would have given an increase in the currency of \$273,-ooo co during the year. But unfortunately the whole of the excess of our exports over imports was absorbed by foreign capital in payment of interest and dividends on prior investments and in addition thereto, over one hundred millions in gold have been drawn from the country for the same purpose, so that, notwithstanding the excess of exports of \$202,000,000 and the influx from he mines of \$71,000,000, our currency has decreased \$29,000,000 during the year, the effect of which is now felt by an increased rate of interest and a decreased price of products. We cannot hope for this unprecedented excess of exports over imports to continue, especially if a reduction of the duty on imported goods, such as the people have demanded in the late election should induce an excessive increase in foreign

we again call your attention to the vast mand liability, and certainly the credit of the credit sum owing to foreign capital. The 170,601 miles of railroad in the United States on the first day of January 1892 were bonded for \$5,235,295,074 and were carrying stock for \$4,809,176,651; of this total of interest bearing bonds and dividend paying stocks of ten billions, forty-four million, four hundred and seventy-one thousand, seven hun-dred and twenty-five dollars, over fourtenths, that is, over four billions are owned by foreign people, and add to this the na-tional, state, municipal and corporate stocks and bonds other than railroad, and we have a grand total of over six billions of indebtedness, to foreign capital upon which we as a people are paying three hundred millions in interest and dividends each year. Add to this the annual expenditure of American tourists abroad of from fifty to one hundred millions, and we see clearly the danger that confronts us.

Heretofore the re-investment of the interest and dividends here has prevented the drain from our currency, but the draining ties for naval equipment will permit, until of three hundred millions in gold and value it shall equal in efficiency that of any other drain from our currency, but the draining of three hundred millions in gold and that is navy in the world; that a snip canal to pro-of exports over imports during the year is vided for from the Niagara to the Hudson vided for from the Niagara to the Hudson deep enough and wide enough to float the deep enough the great lakes. That provisforeign investments. India, Africa, Aus-tralia, New Zealand and the republics of commerce of the great lakes. That provis-South America are offering more attractive fields for foreign capital and we may regard from the Mississippi to Lake Michigan; for the annual outflow to foreign countries as a constant stream varying in volume with the financial needs of European countries.

At our annual meeting in 1889, we called attention to this constantly menacing danger and said: "When the return flow of money to pay interest and dividend on these billions of foreign capital invested here begins, it will form such a drain upon the circulating medium of this country as will, unless prepared for by the course we suggest, shrink the value of farms and farm products so low that every farm mortgage will be-come in effect a deed to the property."

In our report of 1890, in speaking of this ubject we said: "We believe it to be the duty of the government so long as it determines for the citizen what should be a legal tender for the payment of debts and settlement of damages and through its courts ment of damages and through its courts enforces such payments in the medium it prescribes, to furnish enough legal tender money to the people with which to transact the business of the country without recourse to borrowing foreign capital. We can see no reason why a country of 63,000,000 of people, unequaled in energy and general intelligence, possessing the most abundant resources of any country in the world, and producing five-twelfths of the whole world's productions of the precious metals, should longer continue the financial dependency of Europe.'

#### A GREAT DRAIN.

In our annual report last year in speak-ing of this branch of the financial question, we said: "This drain during the last fiscal year has amounted to more than the entire output of gold and silver added to the bal-ance of trade in our favor. This constant outflow of money or its equivalent in products for which nothing is returned is an annual tax upon the industry of our country and the greatest menace to our continued prosperity. How to check this increas-ing indebtedness and the consequent increasing absorption of our earnings by foreign capital is one of the difficult problems, which our statesmen have to solve and one to which their attention cannot too soon be directed. In the meantime and until this outflow for interest and dividend is checked and reduced below the annual balance of trade in our favor and the annual output of our precious metals provision must be made for a greater increase in our currency than the present law permits." Since the above was presented, nothing

has yet been done by congress to guard against the threatening danger; propositions beyond number have been before that body and its committees, some of them having merit, but most of them with a view to private gain, regardless of the public good. As such we regard the proposition to repeal the law taxing State bank circulation and permitting a reinfliction upon the country of the most disastrous financial system that

government which is the whole people, is as great as the credit of a corporation which is but a small fraction of the people. One hundred millions of gold now in the treasury as a redemption fund safely floats at par all over the world three hundred and forty-six millions of greenbacks. This fact demonstrates to a certainty that with a pledge of redemption by the government upon them, treasury notes pavable on demand can be maintained at par with gold to the same extent for every dollar in gold set apart for its redemption. Upon this basis we now have a specie redemption fund on hand in the United States treasury, sufficient to float at par treasury notes far in excess of the amount which any exigency that the withdrawal of foreign capital may make. We therefore recommend that a system of coast defense be commenced that when completed will make our coast impregnable to any assailing power; that our navy be aug-mented as rapidly as the government facilia deep water channel from Lake Erie to Lake Superior, and for the improvement of the Mississippi river; that for these purposes not less than \$75,000,000 a year should be appropriated to be paid for wholly with legal tender demand treasury notes to be issued for that purpose. Such an expendi-ture would strengthen the nation, build up and increase its international commerce, enlarge its business, give useful and remunerative employment to thousands of laborers and afford cheaper transportation for the products of our mines, the farms and the factories, without adding a dollar by taxa-tion to the revenue, or discrediting in any manner the financial standing of the govern-

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TO UNITED STATES SENATORS:

Gentlemen:-The great mass of our people believe that gambling in farm products should be prohibited by National legislation. The farmers are practically a unit upon the subject, and we believe our wishes should be favorably considered. We know that the few people who are making millions out of commissions upon fictitious sales are opposed to such legislation. We also know that it is possible for them to secure the assistance of bankers and other business men, who are either directly or indirectly making money out of these gambling operations. We also know that the opponents of such legislation are abundantly able to hire the shrewdest attorneys to represent them-whilst we speak for men whose aggregate wealth may be great, but who are scattered in their humble homes all over our vast domain-men who are struggling to secure the means to care for and educate their families and satisfy the demands of the taxgatherermen who cannot afford to contribute of their scant earnings to maintain at Washington, at great expense, able attorneys to plead their cause, and we, therefore, take this method of making their wishes known, and of asking you to use your influence and vote to secure the early passage of the Washburn-Hatch bill, in order that business may adjust itself to new conditions before the new crop is ready to be placed on the market. The solicitude manifested for the farmers' interests by the opponents of this bill is, perhaps, commendable (sic.) but should not be allowed too much weight, when we consider that the farmers are practically unanimous in favor of the measure, and will accept the results cheerfully, knowing that, if in its practical working it is not satisfactory, it can be modified or repealed. Very respectfully yours, J. H. BRIGHAM, LEONARD RHONE, JOHN TRIMBLE, Legislative Committee.

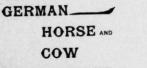
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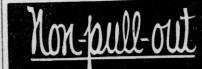
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would endanger a disastrous stringency which the country should be at all times prepared to meet. To point out andcall public attention to th e dangers that threaten us in this respe

has ever brought ruin upon a suffering peo-ple. The lessons of 1837 and 1857 ought to

satisfy the most ignorant tyro in public finance, if he is honest, of the total rottenness of private bank circulation. As such we also regard the scheme of the national banks o obtain the right to issue national bank bills based on securities rather than national bonds, and we reaffirm our unalterable opposition to the issuing of money by either state or national banks, no matter how well secured or safely guarded. We regard such issues as a dangerous surrender of the functions of government to private corporations It would give to these corporations the practical control of the money of the country, and enable them to contract or inflate the currency as their interests might require.

#### FREE COINAGE.

We also reaffirm our opposition to the free and unlimited coinage of either gold or silver for the reason given in our last report. First, because if the government stamp of coinage adds anything to the value of the metal coined, the people whose credit gives it that added value are entitled to the benefit which their credit gives. Second, because instead of increasing the circulaton as we desire, it would contract it to the amount of gold now in use, which would be hoarded for the premium which a demand for gold in payment for foreign imports and to foreign creditors would create. And third, it would throw nearly the whole burden of raising silver bullion to a par with gold upon the farmers of the United States, for the reason that more than two-thirds of our ex-ports are of farm products. Our exports would be paid for in silver dollars, they being from 1888 to 1892 added about one hundred a legal tender here, and gold would be ex-millions a year to the currency, and yet this acted for imports, silver being discredited

The question then naturally arises, if we ppose state and national bank issues and the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and also oppose as we have heretofore, loans by government to individuals or corporations, how is this increase in currency, which we claim as necessary, to be brought about? The surplus in the treasury is exhausted, and the paying out of money collected from customs and internal taxes can add nothing

to the currency. Bankers consider that they are doing a perfectly safe and legitimate banking business when they keep on hand as a redemp-ion fund, one-third the amount of their de-

mathematicians are Weeds They multiply rapidly, they add to your work, they subtract from your comfort and they divied your pro-

The members of Sturgis Grange No. 332, through their committee present a tribute of respect to the memory of their sister, Sarah P., wife of Bro. H. C. Rawson, who died November 30.



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sold it recently for 34 and 35 cents. At the present time we are selling our tub

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We stored our surplus butter in September and

October when butter was selling for 24 cents. We



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