

themselves of the practical principles of co-operation. We have shown the fallacy of expecting the State Agency to furnish goods *entirely* at wholesale prices.

We find further quite a per cent of the Order are being supplied by co-operative associations of their own.

With these explanations we come to enquire if it would not be for the good of the Order to make the State Agency, if longer continued, self-supporting, instead of being a tax upon the treasury?

This tax for the fractional year 1876 amounted to the sum of \$714.55, for 1877, the sum of \$945.19, making a total in a little less than two years of \$1,659.74. And the same being taken from the State at large, for the benefit of the minority of the members. Those who fail, from inability, through poverty or isolation from facilities, to avail themselves of the benefits of the State Agency, and those who provide for themselves through their own organization, contributing equally with those who have received the benefits in the payment of this tax. Continued as it is, it will only be a question of time when it will be the means of bankrupting the treasury. In your united councils and wisdom, you may provide a way of escape from the perplexities of the situation.

3d. One other source of anxiety to your Committee is the future of the GRANGE VISITOR—a bantling of wee proportions, which has been tenderly nursed and cared for the last three years by Bros. Cobb and Woodman. It has become so hale and hearty that it toddles its rounds to your doors once a month regularly. It is still a "Tom Thumb," but has in the last year managed to lay by \$240.89. This is not enough to get it a new "dress," so that it can enlarge its corporosity, or make its visits semi-monthly. Patrons, what will you do with it?

All of Which is respectfully submitted,

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Executive Committee.

The Worthy Master presented the following communication which, on motion, was accepted:

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Dec. 12, '77.

To the Worthy Master and Members of the Michigan State Grange:

In behalf of the President and faculty, the members of the State Grange are cordially invited to visit the Agricultural College at such times during their session as will suit their convenience,

M. J. BEAL.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Bro. Albert Stegeman offered a resolution favoring the construction of a ship canal across the State.

Referred to Committee on Resolutions.