

GRANGE CO-OPERATION.

Some Features of the Work Defined by National Lecturer.

In a recent bulletin issued by the national grange lecturer, Governor Bachelder, there are some suggestions relative to the co-operative features of grange work. This is a highly important matter, and probably three-fourths of the farmers in the grange are missing the privileges and opportunities offered in co-operative buying and selling. Co-operation is the keynote of success in the Order. It has reference not only to the buying and selling of farm products, but numerous other things. In its social and educational work associated efforts are an absolute necessity, and in its legislative work the united expression of its vast membership on a given question is what makes the grange a convincing power in the halls of legislation. In its business features it is the concentration of individual orders into larger shipments that makes it possible for the members to secure goods at the wholesale rates or at manufacturers' prices. In this matter of business co-operation it has been said that we do not seek to overturn business principles or cripple business industry, but we do claim the right to buy or sell in the best market. Our merchants and dealers will not pay the home grower a cent more for potatoes or corn than they can import them for from a distant state. Co-operative buying is but the application of their principles to our business.

One of the latest movements in the grange along the line of business co-operation is the exchange of farm products between the members of the Order in different sections of the country by means of a business arrangement in which information is given in regard to what is for sale by members of the grange in one locality and what is needed by them in another. This is, of course, most advantageously carried out within state limits, some states having information bureaus established for this purpose. This is a line of co-operation that can be greatly developed. Conditions are such at the present time that farmers must avail themselves of every such opportunity to secure the best prices for their crops and to buy their farm supplies to the best advantage, and this surely can be done by the co-operative plan better than in any other way.

THE GRANGE AND POLITICS.

What It May and May Not Consistently Do.

The grange cannot go into politics for the places that are to be had, said R. E. Connel in an address before a grange audience in New York state. There are about 9,000,000 too many at this already. The grange can go into politics, however, to see to it that

those who have public place shall not forget that they are public servants and must render an account of their work. It is true that the grange could not prevent the voting of millions of dollars against the best judgment of the majority of its members, but it can see to it that the money shall be honestly spent and that what was projected as great public improvements shall not be turned into a saturnalia of public plunder. It is true that no organization into whose membership come men of every shade of political and party feeling can resolve itself into a political movement for any party purpose and live, but it is true that the agriculturists of the country are in a position to impress upon the partisans of the land the great fact that they have in their hands the making and the unmaking of political parties. With such an organization, always on the heights of patriotism, overlooking the field who doubts that whatever party might be in power the people would receive the best service possible at its hands?

Make the Grange Practical.

The lecturer should endeavor to make part of the literary work of the grange of the most practical nature. Town and village topics should be discussed, topics in which members have a strictly local interest. This makes the grange a helpful organization. Methods of town improvement, securing new industries, developing old ones, increasing the efficiency of the public schools, improving the roads, establishing rural telephone service, local library privileges—these and many others are fit subjects for discussion in the grange. The Order should take a leading and active part in such matters.

Grange Fairs in Maine.

They have a way of doing things "down in Maine" that usually brings results. Grange agricultural fairs are no exception. The Central Maine Agricultural society offered cash prizes for the best grange exhibit, open to the state. Winslow grange captured the \$100 premium therefor. Vassalboro took second and Sidney third. The silver loving cup offered for the grange registering the largest number of names on grange day also went to Winslow. Several other granges in Maine held fairs "on their own hook," which were eminently successful.

A cement grange hall to replace the wooden structure destroyed by fire at Leroy, Mich., is something new under the sun in grange hall building. The dimensions will be 28 by 70 and two stories high.

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A Handsome Jardinier 50c to to \$1.50	We Suggest a Necktie Box 50c to \$4.00	How's a Shaving Mirror 50c to \$4.00	A Nice Wrist Bag 50c to \$3.00	Thought of a Pocket Knife 5c to \$2.50	How About Military Brushes \$1.50 to \$4.00	For the young lady a Jewel Box 50c to \$3.00	A Traveling Case \$2.00 to \$5.00
We mention Cut Glass Bottles Perfume 50c to \$5.00	Cuff Buttons Hat Pins, Stick Pins, Bracelets Brooches	A Fountain Pen would be good \$1 to \$10	A Cigar Case	Box Cigars 50c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and upward	Don't forget Christmas tree decorations	Candles, Cards, etc.	An Elegant Picture 10c to \$7.00

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Michigan and Primary Reform.

The grange in Michigan is very active just now over primary reform. The legislative committee has issued an open letter to the patrons in Michigan upon certain issues in state affairs. They are sending to every Pomona and subordinate grange in the state a question blank, which is to be forwarded to each nominee of all political parties requesting that he fill it out and return the same to the county legislative committee. When these are so returned they are to be read in subordinate granges without comment. These questions bear on primary reform as advocated by the Michigan state grange. In this circular to candidates the committee says:

"We expect positive and direct replies. An evasive answer or failure to reply within a reasonable time will be taken to mean that you are opposed to the passage of this measure. Upon the character of your reply will largely depend our attitude toward you."

Primary reform is not a partisan question in Michigan, consequently the grange, having pledged its influence therefor, can advocate its passage.

A Beautiful Degree.

The sixth degree of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry can only be conferred by the state grange in regular or special session. It is not usual to confer this degree excepting at the annual meeting of a state grange, but it was done in Pennsylvania not long ago. A class of sixty-five took the degree. State Master Hill of that state predicts that the time will soon come when enthusiastic patrons will insist on having the opportunity provided them near home for being invested with this degree so they will not have to wait until the state grange session.

Grange Work in Illinois.

State Master Oliver Wilson of Magnolia, Ill., says that the grange is prospering wonderfully in the Prairie State. Even during the busy harvest season the work was carried on successfully, and a thing never before known in Illinois was the organization of a subordinate grange, with forty-three members, in midharvest season. Grange fairs in Illinois have proved that strictly agricultural exhibitions, without objectionable features, will draw the crowds as well as fairs filled up with other attractions.

A good subject for discussion in the grange is the disfigurement of farm buildings by huge and ludicrous advertisements. They should be prohibited by law. The place to advertise goods is in the newspapers.

One grange insurance company covering three counties in Pennsylvania wrote \$300,000 in policies in one month. Total grange insurance in that state is \$15,000,000.

Variety in grange meetings is essential to keeping up the interest in grange work.

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