

THE GRANGE

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GRANGE BUSINESS.

Fire Insurance an Important Consideration.

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Farm Property Insured in Grange Mutual Companies at Small Cost—Some Interesting Facts.

The reports from the various counties at the state grange meeting show that many granges in New York are doing considerable in a business way for the benefit of their members, particularly in insurance.

The Westchester-Putnam Fire Relief association carries over \$450,000 in insurance.

Cortland County Fire Relief association has 1,237 policies in force, carrying \$2,734,275.

The Patrons' Fire Insurance company of Cayuga county carries nearly \$3,000,000 insurance.

Clinton and Essex Patrons' Insurance company reports over 1,600 policies, carrying \$3,075,000 in insurance.

The Patrons' Fire Relief association of Tompkins county carries nearly \$3,000,000 and is working to the satisfaction of its patrons.

The Patrons' Fire Insurance company of Otsego county carries \$410,000 in risks at about half the cost of the old line companies.

St. Lawrence county has a membership of over 5,500 in thirty-five granges. Their fire relief association carries \$10,000,000 of insurance.

Genesee County Patrons' Relief association is carrying over 1,700 policies, representing \$3,500,000. The assessment last year was \$1 on the thousand.

Broom county has two grange stores, doing a business of \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year. Binghamton grange, in that county, did a \$15,000 business in coal, feed and grass seed last year.

In Clinton county the Patrons' Fire Insurance company carries risks of over \$3,000,000, and the cost of insurance is only about \$2.75 per thousand, of which only 50 cents per thousand was for expense.

In Columbia county one grange (Germanstown) did a purchasing business of over \$15,000 last year. The Columbia and Dutchess Insurance company had 2,700 policies in force Jan. 1, carrying \$4,705,750 of insurance.

Out of the thirty-three granges in Steuben county ten own their own grange halls. The Patrons' Fire Insurance company, including also Livingston, carries \$3,800,000, and the rate last year was \$1.81 per thousand.

The Wayne County Fire Relief association is a strong feature of the Order in that county. The company now carries \$8,253,457 in insurance in that county. The Pomona grange of Wayne has 800 members. Palmyra grange of that county has a \$16,000 grange building.

The largest fire insurance association in the state is that of Jefferson county, which also does a business in Lewis county. On Jan. 1 it reported risks amounting to \$14,108,000, of which over \$10,000,000 is in Jefferson county. The assessment is only about \$1 per thousand per year.

Monroe county, with a membership of 844 in its Pomona and 4,840 members in the county in subordinate granges, reports insurance business amounting to \$7,908,316 on 3,325 policies. The losses last year were very large, being \$16,248. The greatest trouble was the small boy with the match.

In Orange county the Ulster and Orange County Fire Relief association carries \$4,000,000 insurance. In the seven years of its existence only one assessment of \$1 per thousand has been necessary. The subordinate granges in Orange county own real estate assessed at \$34,000 and did a commercial business of over \$300,000 the past year.

Co-operation For Rural Improvement. A personal letter to the writer from J. Horace McFarland, president of the American Civic association, with headquarters at Harrisburg, Pa., conveys the information that this association will be glad to co-operate with the grange on matters pertaining to rural improvement. The association has a section on rural improvement, headed by Dean Davenport of the University of Illinois. Mr. McFarland says, "There are many ways in which suggestions going through the grange would be effective, and the association will be glad to co-operate with you heartily and in detailed effort."

Grange Trophy Cup. At the last session of the Ohio state grange a resolution was adopted instructing the executive committee to offer a trophy cup to the grange making the best exhibit of corn at the annual meeting of the Ohio Corn Improvement association, the award to be made according to rules of the association.

State Master Laylin of Ohio had several broken ribs and many bruises from a runaway accident a few weeks ago.

Mayfield (O.) grange has connected its grange hall with the homes of most of its 237 members.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Francis Shannon, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers, duly verified according to law, at the office of Geo. C. Brownell, at Oregon City, Oregon, within six months of the date of the publication of this notice.

Dated, October 15th, 1909. JAMES W. GUTTRIDGE, Administrator.

GEO. C. BROWNELL, Attorney for Administrator.

WIDOWS OF PRESIDENTS

Homes of Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Harrison.

Mrs. George Washington was the first widow of an ex-president. Most of the wives of presidents outlived their husbands. There are now living three widows of former presidents and the wife of the only living ex-president.

The widows referred to are Mrs. James A. Garfield, Mrs. Grover Cleveland and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison. One was mistress of the White House when her husband was assassinated. Another was married in the White House. The third became the wife of an ex-president not long after his retirement, although she had been a member of the presidential family during the term of the president who later became her husband.

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Woman

Features in this Column: The Lawson Snow Bride Iowa Girl's Arithmetic Wait For Wives In Cuba

Miss Dorothy Lawson, youngest daughter but one of Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, is to be the snow bride of the family. One of her sisters, Miss Marion, was the June bride when she was led to the altar, where she met James Fuller Lord of Chicago, who became her husband. The harvest bride was Miss Gladys, who was married to Eben Blaine Stanwood in October, 1905. The engagement of Miss Dorothy was announced by her father at Dreamwood, the Lawson



home. The young man who is to become her husband is Mr. Henry McCall. He met her at the wedding of her sister Marion. The wedding is to take place in January. Miss Dorothy is an expert with the pencil, and is a devotee of football, hockey, rowing and tennis. Her favorite game is a fan is baseball. She has been an enthusiastic "rooter" at all of the Harvard games. She has been abroad several times and will make one more voyage this fall, returning Christmas week. The youngest daughter of the family is Miss Bonnie. Mr. McCall is a member of Harvard, class '06; but, although he graduated this year, he did not attend college, as he completed his four years' work in three years. During his three years at Harvard he played second base on the varsity teams of 1906, 1907 and 1908.

An Iowa Girl's Arithmetic.

Miss Jessie Field, a school superintendent of Page county, Ia., has issued an arithmetic which contains nothing about longitude and time, English money or the binomial theorem. It is an arithmetic that appeals to the farm boy and girl for daily use. Miss Field has some common sense ideas about what everyday children ought to know, and they are worth quoting just as she states them. She says: "There is a special demand that the school train for life. More than ever before the people are asking that our country schools give the boys and girls real, practical living problems. The teacher who can keep her school in touch with the great movement for agricultural improvement, who can interest her pupils in the study of corn, stock, soils and other problems of the neighborhood in which her school is located, can make her patrons see as they have never seen before the real value of the school to their children. Such a teacher can make the school the real center of the neighborhood and an influence which is felt in every home. Above all, she can arouse in the boy and girl a love for home, for the country and for the farm."

Cubans Must Wait For Wives.

Senora Anallia M. Ybor de Garcia-Velez, wife of the Cuban minister to this country, is passing the summer with her husband and children at Manchester, on the north shore of the old Bay State. In a talk the other day about Cuban girls she said: "Our girls do not grow up as quickly as they used to. They are beginning to go away to boarding schools and to the United States to college. The two daughters of our president, for instance, are in school in New York. Cuban women now are not in such a hurry to marry. Our men? Ah, they do not like it. But they want their women to be as well trained as the women of the United States. They are even willing to wait for a wife who can be their intellectual mate. It should be that way in every marriage. I think. Else how can a mother do what is best for her children?"

More Than Enough Is Too Much.

To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, eat reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale by Huntley Drug Co.

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ESTIMATING THE WHEAT.

Probabilities of the Outcome of a Very Interesting Season.

The wheat season starts with smaller reserves even than in the famous year 1897, when low supplies of old wheat, followed by a 30 per cent shortage in the European crop and a 100,000,000 bushel increase in our own, had some remarkable financial results. This means a sure and quick market for the new crop. It is impossible as yet to estimate the probable foreign wheat harvest of 1909; latest advices indicate that, while the crop in France, England and Russia will be sufficient, Germany and the Danube states have fared badly, so that the total European crop will hardly match the abundant yield of 1905 and 1906. The obvious meaning of such a situation is that Europe must have such of our wheat surplus as the American market can spare and must pay fair prices for it. Had the winter wheat estimate of Aug. 14 confirmed the 400,000,000 bushel prediction current a few weeks before, instead of raising the calculation to 432,000,000, and had the spring wheat promise been in any way seriously impaired the country would scarcely have escaped a later repetition of the Chicago speculation of last May and our export trade would have been greatly restricted. But 32,000,000 extra bushels make a considerable difference.

WORTH REMEMBERING.

Saddle grafting is used for small plants, the stock being cut to a wedge and the scion cut and set upon the wedge. In splice grafting of the simplest form the two parts are cut across diagonally and laid together, being tied together with a string and waxed. It is useful for soft or tender wood which will not admit of splitting. By separating the rooters from the hens after the breeding season their vitality as breeders will be strengthened. If kerosene is rubbed lightly on their feathers they will not fight and will soon become acquainted with each other. A horse that will walk steadily five miles an hour will cover the same ground in a day with much less fatigue than one that trots half the time. We do not sufficiently appreciate the value and capability of good, fast walkers. Land burned over almost at ways comes up with an inferior grass with such as gray birch, wild cherry and soft maple. Such land offers the most hopeful chances for cheap improvement through seeding or planting pieces and cutting the other trees in a few years. A few years will be observed in the milk if silage is fed to cows a short time before milking, but if given shortly after milking the silage smell can not be detected. It will mean a loss to the farmer to have the cow afraid of him. It is a loss every time she is frightened. To run a cow to pasture is like throwing money away. A cow in any way worried will not do her best. The cow that is made a pet of will make money for its owner. The milk of a frightened or abused cow is poisonous. Pay an occasional friendly visit to the little trees set this spring. It is not unnecessary sprouts and bakes, sure that no label wires have been let on the trees to choke them. Nearly every farmer has more or less tillage land that is too sour for best crop production. He would try the effect of lime on an acre or two if he knew that the specially prepared 50 cent lime can be spread easily on 100

CLACKAMAS CROPS.

harvested this year. All late stuff so far shown is fairly good. Hops go skyward. General shortage of the world over has at last made itself felt in the hop market. Eastern prices are far higher than local, being quoted at from 7c to 8c higher in New York than at Portland. The wide difference in price of the two places is a mystery to the local dealers. Samples of the local crop are now in the hands of the Eastern dealers and although the quality is on the whole inferior to that of last season, some fairly good samples are shown, but mostly in small lots. Coast dealers are now in the field in force, but the sales reported are not large and the growers show a tendency to hold until the eastern prices hit the Pacific slope. The firm of Mishler & Grubbe, of Aurora, have bought several small lots in different parts of the Valley, mostly of indifferent stuff, paying around the 25c mark. 27,000 bales are still unsold in the state. A Shorwood grower recently received 25¢ for his lot of 77 bales. Poultry is decidedly weak at present and the demand is light, while eggs on the other hand are in good demand, as well as butter and best cream cheese. A Seattle firm started buying Oregon Turkeys, paying 17c for the first shipment. Block hogs are more plentiful than any time during the season, and the market is rapidly assuming its normal state. Fancy veal though on the other hand, is comparatively scarce and the offerings will not supply the local demand. Oregon best cattle are plentiful in market with the packing house

REV. GEORGE SOLTAN DEAD.

Well Known Evangelist Held Services in Baptist Church. Rev. George Soltan, who conducted a series of meetings at the Baptist church in this city about one year ago, died on October 4 at Santa Monica, California, where he had gone for the benefit of his health. Mr. Soltan returned to his home in Los Angeles on September 8, after an illness

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