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ow Shall the Grange Be Made Useful and Powerful?

This is a question of great importance to the producers of the whole United States. Looking at the subject from a general standpoint, we recognize that there is a community of interest among the tillers of the soil through the nation—in fact, through the world,—and experience tells us that this interest, if organized in harmony, can be made powerful for all great and good purposes. All we need is to secure for the farmers of the land their just rights and their proper influence. Knowledge is power. Make the farming class more intelligent and it becomes more influential. Give the farmer proper information and he can secure all that he should receive for his products. "Live and let live," is the maxim that we should cherish, but we should be careful to "live" ourselves in the first place.

The need of some harmonizing and organizing power or influence to concentrate the power of the agriculturists of the nation, is too evident to need argument. If you concede that organization is needed, then we claim that the Grange can be made to answer all purposes to blend together the interests of farming communities in social and fraternal feeling, and to build up a system of protection that, while not merely selfish or aggrandizing beyond what is just and proper, will guard the interests of labor, make production both honorable and remunerative, and at the same time be a means of social culture and intellectual improvement as well as a moral safeguard to the community.

To accomplish these results the Grange must be the proper representative of agriculture, and must present reasonable advantage both for pleasure, culture and profit. There must be no narrow prejudice within it, no unjust exclusion, no unnecessary expense in maintaining it, but it must be deservedly popular and a guarantee of profit both in selling products and buying supplies. It must be simply a cohesive principle that the farming community shall recognize as their common tie, where all people in good standing can participate and reap the common benefits.

The Grange is now in a good state of preservation, but needs to be revived and built up on the experience it possesses. There was too much expected by many, and they were disappointed because their expectations were unreasonable. That caused many to recede, but now the question is: How can it make sure and healthy growth towards permanence and usefulness? To answer this question will require much good judgment and impartiality. The only way to do it is to count the lessons of the past as so much valuable experience and base on them the prospects of the future.

How can the Grange be made to realize all its capacity for usefulness? That is the question, and it means: How can it be made socially and pecuniarily profitable?

This lays the foundation for a course of articles that will appear in the FARMER, based on the idea that all the possibilities for good that exist in the order should belong to the people.

NOTES OF TRIP TO NATIONAL GRANGE.

BY MRS. C. E. SHIPLEY.

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Reno is an important town, and furnishes supplies to most of the surrounding country. Unlike most of the Nevada towns it is an agricultural district and is said to be the healthiest town in Nevada. At Wadsworth, 328 miles from San Francisco, we are nearly down the mountains and soon the cheerful green gave place to dull monotonous gray of the desert. Sands, rocks, plants, everything but the sky is gray. Soon we come to salt works, and the whole face of the country is covered with salt. Even the plants are white with it. Hundreds of bushels are heaped up near the railroad track awaiting transportaion The water is pumped into vats which have been dug into the ground. It soon evaporates and when sacked is ready for market.

Between this and White Plains, all we saw that indicated motion, was the smoke arising from the Hot springs and little whirlwinds of sand moving over the desert. The distance is 33 miles, and here we reached the lowest elevation on the Central Pacific Railroad east of the Sierras. It is 3,894 feet above the sea, and is nearly in the sink of the Humboldt and Carson rivers. It is in the midst of a country which is white with alkali or salty deposits. For some reason perhaps the excessive heat, together with the great contrast between the ever-varying grandeur of the mountains and the sameness of the desert, I did not appreciate and enjoy the latter as I did on our return. No song of birds, no hum of insect life, not even the crawling of a serpent disturbed the solemn silence. Even the dull gray plants put on the semblance of death. It seemed as if Mother Nature was suffering the penalty of some terrible crime and had been palsied, and struck deaf and dumb, and was waiting in silence and despair until the vengeance of an angry God should be appeased, and He in pity and mercy should restore her life and joy again.

After passing over 40 miles of desert, covered only with sage brush (artemasia tridentata), and grease wood, we come to a little grazing country, and then were on the desert again, and in the midst of a mining district. We passed Humboldt lake and traveled along the river for many miles. It is a narrow stream and we cannot see the water from the cars. At Humboldt we come to an oasis in the desert and could see what man can do, even here, with plenty of water. A beautiful fountain sparkles in front of the hotel, and fruit and ornamental trees grow to perfection.

Near Humboldt the Oregon branch of the Central Pacific road, surveyed in 1875, begins. After traveling 40 miles over the desert, with mining districts on each side we came to Winnemucca. It has about 12,000 inhabitants, supports two newspapers, but has no churches. Mines of gold, silver, copper, antimony and rock salt are tributary to this place. Occasionally we saw farms and stock ranches, and the desert is not as fearfully barren as in some places. The gorges of the Humboldt are interesting and help to break the fearful monotony. One is twelve and one five miles long. Elko is destined to become a city of importance. The Nevada University is located here. Many mining districts receive their supplies at this place. There are mineral springs in the vicinity, some considered very valuable. Williams, in his guide book, in speaking of these deserts says he thinks there is about one acre of grass to seventy-five of sage brush. However we passed a few fine valleys.

Kelton is another town on the great American desert. Passengers who wish can here take the stage for Oregon, Washington or Idaho. It is at the northwest corner of Salt Lake. This is a beautiful sheet of water, 80 miles long and 50 wide.

Great Salt Lake, as well as Humboldt lake, has no visible outlet, and it is supposed that both are kept from overflowing by evaporation which, considering the great heat in these basins, is not at all unlikely. The tenacity with which desert plants cling to life, and their capability to withstand heat and drouth is something remarkable. We broke off a piece of cactus, which we took East, and afterwards brought home. It was thrown around for ten months and then planted. It was very hot weather, but our cactus began to grow and is now doing finely. At Promontory, eight hundred and four miles from San Francisco, the great railroad wedding took place. The Pacific Tourist says: "American history in its triumphs of skill, labor and genius, knows no event of greater thrilling interest than the scene which attended the driving of the last spike which united the East and the West with the bands of iron."

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At Ogden we changed from the Central to the Union Pacific Railroad. It is an important place. The Utah Central and the Utah Northern roads begin here, and these four companies propose to erect a large union depot. The place supports two newspapers. Salt Lake City is thirty-six and a half miles south.

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