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FARMERS, ORGANIZE!

Every department of trade and manufacture have their organizations. The merchants organize to protect themselves, so do the lawyers, doctors millers, manufacturers, etc. We could make the list longer, but of what use, as everyone knows that every class except the farmers have their organizations. The Grange can be made to suit the needs of the producing class, if they will only avail themselves of its advantage. But it seems as though the farming community want to be imposed upon—seems as if they looked after it. We know better; and we want to lend our aid toward bringing about a different condition of things. Let our producers organize and let the first step of the farmers be to resolutely and wisely organize in every county in the State. To assert the importance of so doing is to emphasize the necessity for the employment of every means that will give them industrial success and wisdom in the performance of duty. Their success underlies all national and individual prosperity and happiness. It were almost as idle to argue that they should employ the best methods of culture, and every appliance that will increase the fertility of the soil and enhance the value of their products, as to argue the benefits of united effort, wise co-operation in view of the trade complications that now environ them. Associated, the farmer will command respect; in isolation, he is a cipher. Associated, he becomes a pupil in a most excellent, instructive school, in which the consideration of practical questions will stimulate his mind, multiplying his sources of information, and enable him to bring a higher intelligence to the direction of his labors. This would of itself be a strong argument in favor of organized effort, if the farmer were only a tiller of the soil, only a hewer of wood, and needed only increased skill and efficiency to meet the enlarged demand upon his labor. But he is a citizen as well, and environed with social and political duties, which he can no more forget than his individual responsibilities, nor can he delegate to others those sovereign and economical obligations, that imperatively demand intelligent discharge at his hands. If their organization becomes a prime factor in promoting higher qualifications both in industrial and civil life—and no thoughtful man will deny it—the duty becomes clear and should appeal with irresistible force to every intelligent farmer in the State.

There is increasing need for wide intelligence and education on the part of the farmers. In the general past it has been comparatively easy to make a livelihood by farming. This is becoming less true. There is a narrower profit. It is more difficult to become a land owner. The rate of advance in the price of land decreases. There is more intense competition. Our systems of farming are becoming more complex. A wider intelligence; more knowledge of business in general and of his special business in particular will be essential to the successful farmer. The average standard of education is advancing. There is much more general recognition of the value of special education in schools for those designed to engage in many other callings. There will be increased appreciation of agricultural schools.

We hope that the pleasant feeling existing between the Oregon and California State Granges may continue, and that it can be so arranged that our Bro. Hayes can visit the annual gathering that convenes at Marysville early in October.

Now that the busy labors of summer are drawing to a close and early autumn with its lighter tasks gives time for so-

cial enjoyments, it is well to give the Grange more thought. It may do much to make farm life more pleasant because of the opportunities it gives for improvement. This power comes through association with the fixed purpose of gaining knowledge applicable in the various departments of a well regulated industry that finds surer and fuller rewards in systematic and intelligent direction than it can have when individual struggle is the sole reliance. The Grange invites improvements, and it does not stop with formal invitation, for it has purpose toward which it moves with all the momentum of all its members who bring their energies to the work. Of itself it can do nothing, and its drones give no strength, but its best men and women give it force, and with them is the power to make it more and more effective in the exaltation of an industry whose possibilities are yet unmeasured.

In neighborhoods where Granges have been established a few years the influence is plainly seen in the greater degree of confidence manifested by members when called to the performance of public duties, and this confidence comes of knowledge whereby performance is easy. A few years ago farmers were unaccustomed to duties requiring public appearance. To preside over a school meeting was a task for which few had fitness, and rules of order were puzzles. Now there are thousands who can preside with dignity and effect, guiding deliberations and discussions with perfect ease. The change is wrought by the Grange, which is an admirable parliamentary school when conducted in accordance with rules that form a part of its discipline. In this respect it serves a very useful purpose with men of mature age, but it does even more for young men. They are given manly independence that fits them for active participation in public affairs. They become self-reliant and forceful, thereby acquiring greater influence, with capacity for all the duties of citizenship. If there were nothing more to commend the Grange to farmers they should give such support as to make the order a potent influence in government. It is hardly enough for men to know their rights—they must be prepared to assert them. For all this, the Grange confers power without encroaching on the rights or privileges of others who have not membership. It respects law, inculcates obedience to the will of the majority, and is therefore worthy of respect.

The California State Grange begins its annual session during the early days of October. The sessions will be held in Marysville, and it is anticipated that the meeting will be one of the best attended of any of the past meetings. We do not hear, as yet, whether a representative will be sent from Oregon this year. We remember with pleasure the visit in May of Bro. Flint, of the California State Grange, and also the cordial reception tendered our Bro. Hays when he paid them a visit one year ago.

Horticultural.

HORTICULTURAL NOTES.

Sulphide of potash has been tried for mildew on roses, crysanthemums and other greenhouse plants with success. A quarter of an ounce in a gallon of water, thrown on the affected foliage with a fine-nosed syringe, will destroy the fungus without injury to the plants.

The catalpa and the deciduous cypress grow well in low moist ground, as does also the weeping willow; but the latter should be planted very sparingly, else the effect is not agreeable. They look best grouped at some point along a stream, with their branches drooping into the water.

The manure and liquid droppings from stock that have been mixed and absorbed with sawdust may be applied with advantage upon clay soils, which it lightens and relieves of that sticky, tenacious quality which prevents such soils from absorbing manure as generally applied.

The white-leaved and weeping lindens are among the most useful lawn trees for our climate. They are hardy, and injurious insects and destructive insects and destructive diseases appear to pass them by; and, while their growth is quite rapid, the foliage of each is singularly beautiful and tenacious.

Charles A. Green, in New York Tribune, says: "I know of no easier method of subduing Canada thistles than by seeding to clover and timothy, mowing repeatedly for three or four years." That is certainly better than to dig up the ground and bake it, as we have seen attempted.

Cultivate the peach trees, and apply 30 pounds of muriate of potash and 200 pounds of fine ground bone per acre. If the soil is rather heavy this may be done in the fall, but where the soil is light one-half the quantity may be applied now and the remainder in the spring. The peach orchard should always be kept clean of grass and weeds.

A trial is being made by the Rural New Yorker of hybridizing the blackberry and raspberry. The anthers of the flowers of both blackberries and raspberries were removed before maturity, and pollen of each was applied to the stigmas of the other. The flowers so treated were covered with tissue paper until the berries set, when mosquito netting was substituted.

Although it may not be objectionable to have the strawberry runners root and fill up the rows, yet the space between the rows should be kept clean and well cultivated until frost sets in.

Why will not the owners of worthless orchards destroy them and remove a nuisance? Such old orchards breed destructive insects, which scatter in all directions.

Select one tree in your orchard and give it an ample dressing of manure and wood ashes. Then compare its growth and productiveness with others not thus fertilized.

The Ohio Experiment Station recommends as an efficient remedy for the cabbage worm a mixture of one ounce of pyrethrum with four ounces of buckwheat flour, applied with a bellows.

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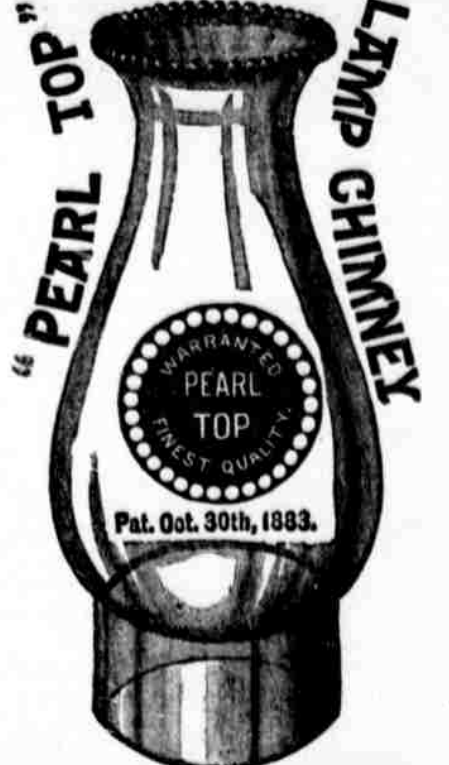
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