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#### THE POLITICS OF THE GRANGE.

#### An Extract From the Address of the Master of the State Grange of New Hampshire.

The remark is often made that there are no politics in the Grange. No polities in the Grange! Our political platform is one of the strongest planks of organic law; it is true we have no partisan politics, and their discussion is prohibited in our meetings, "yet the principles we teach underlie all true politics, all true statesmanship, and, if properly carried out, will tend to purify the whole political atmosphere of our country, for we seek the greatest good to the greatest number." "We must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Patron of Husbandry, gives up the inalienable right and duty which belongs to every American citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of his country. On the contrary, it is right for every member to do all in his power, legitimately, to influence for good the action of any political party to which he belongs. It is his duty to do all he can in his own party to put down bribery, corruption and trickery; to see that none but competent, faithful and honest men, who will unflinchingly stand by our industrial interests, are nominated for all positions of trust; and to have carried out the principle which should characterize every Patron, that the office should seek the man and not the man the office. We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that progress toward truth is made by difference of opinion, while the fault lies in bitterness of controversy. We desire a proper equality, equity and fairness, protection for the weak, restraint upon the strong; in short, justly distributed burdens and justly distributed power. These are ble condition and sowed at the proper American ideas, the very essence of American independence, and to advocate the contrary is unworthy of the sons and daughters of our American republic."

In this brief, yet comprehensive statement, the politics of the Grange are outlined; can any party or other order present a nobler platform on which to stand, or on which to rear a structure national in its character and importance? Let us consider briefly our faithfulness to this declaration of political doctrine. Do we always give our support to those whom we know will truly represent us and our interests, or are we not too often found following in the lead of ward and machine politicians, and when it is too late find that we have had our eyes blinded and our confidence misplaced. Is it not time that we pause and consider the signs of the times, and which stand out so bold and plain that he who will may read as he

runs.

We welcome the rights of organization among the laboring classes of all industries for all honorable purposes, and the arbitration of all differences between employees and employers is sound Grange law. It is your duty to attend your party caucus, support those who will aid in the passage of pure and wholesome laws, remembering that the farmers' rights and privileges will be accorded them when, in demanding those rights, we display the decision, power and ability to sustain our demand by our vote. Never, we fear, will the right and privilege of the agricultural profession to be represented in the Cabinet of the President, by having the Commissioner of Agriculture ranked as Secretary of the vast industry with an members of the United States Senate are elected from the people, and until that day that body will remain the stronghold of corporations and monopolies. Farmers are all that the tendrils can take hold of. Astonishing crops are produced in the chespet in the cand that the tendrils can take hold of. Astonishing crops are produced in the chespet in the cand. olies. Farmers, you have a work to do this way even on vines that receive no

for patient and persistent work will be finally awarded.

# Morticultural.

#### HORTICULTURAL NOTES.

Even the Arctic regions have their with floral bloom and beauty, as 762 kinds of flowers are said to exist there.

The heaviest wood known among the 400 species of trees found in the United States is said to be the black ironwood, of Southern Florida, which is 30 per cent. heavier than water. Sixteen of the species, it is stated, are so heavy that their perfectly dry wood will sink in water.

#### Wheat-How Much to Sow.

The nearer the time of sowing approaches the more interesting becomes the question of how much to sow. We say how much because there are few farmers whose soil is at all adapted to wheat who will not attempt to raise more or less wheat. There are very few so entirely disgusted as to give it up altogether. At the risk then of seeming to repeat what we have said before, we wish to call the attention of farmers to some things in regard to wheat culture.

Wheat is to many farmers their 'money" crop. The success of this crop, even when it brings a low price, seems to give farmers more spending money than any other. It should not be resolved lightly then to abandon the crop. Moreover, as a feature of the rotation largely in use, and as a preparation for seeding in grass, the wheat crop is an exceedingly important one. So although many farmers have felt as if there were no inducements to sow wheat when it seems to meet so many obstacles to hinder a good crop, and such a price is obtained, we nevertheless believe when it comes to the pinch there will be about as many-farmers who sow wheat this fall as in any previous season, and are afraid that there will be no sensible reduction in the acreage.

The average farmer is very conservative-too conservative-that is his principle fault. It is too hard to get him to change. But we do not recommend change to the extent of abandoning the wheat crop, except where soil, etc., are unsuitable. The change that is needed is to sow a small acreage, make the ground richer, and put it in better condition. At 75 cents, or even 65 cents, there may be money in wheat to a good farmer-not to a poor one. We once knew an old farmer-a small farmerwho never failed to make a good wheat crop. He made his land as rich as he could make it, put it into the best possitime. He never failed, and in time he made enough money on his little farm to buy one of the largest and finest farms in the neighborhood, the owner of which failed to make it profitable.

In the central part of New Jersey, where the soil was originally poor, a gravelly soil not well adapted to wheat, the farmers have brought their land to an average of about twenty-five bushels of wheat. They use habitually ground bone drilled in with the wheat, 500 pounds to the acre. They have the five-year rotation as follows: Wheat, grass and clover, two years, then corn, then oats. They do not sow any more wheat than they can fertilize heavily and put into thorough order. This amount of bone-meal insures a fine catch of grass, and with the use of barn-yard manure the average corn crop has been brought up to seventy-five bushels. About the profit in this sort of farming there can be no doubt, even with wheat at 75 cents. 500 pounds of ground bone is worth say \$9. If the increase of crop from its use is fifteen House Furnishing Goods. bushels per acre, the cost is more than paid back in the grain alone. The extra straw, the improvement in the soil and the benefit to the grass crop is all clear gain. The faithful following of this plan, though we do not like the rotation so well as the six-year rotation of Prof. Sanborn, will inevitably make farming profitable. It is an easy thing to make trial of it. Let those who have been making no money try high farming as remedy for hard times. It may not make wheat higher, but it will make some profit in it.-Journal of Agricul-

### Grapes on Trees.

ture.

The grape rarely fails when allowed

and I pray you never be weary in your care. The most successful planters in earnest labors for justice and recognition, the world plant trees and vines together, so that the latter may have a suitable support. Many unskilled farmers have blundered into the same method and have had abundant success. A vine will make twice the growth on a tree that it will on a trellis, and where an effort is made to have it occupy both, it is always found that its main energies | Consumption free at Port & Son's. are expended in the tree. A newly bleak and frozen solitudes brightened planted vine should have brush instead of a stake, as it has no means of clinging to the latter. If the tendrils can find nothing to take hold of, they continue in motion for a time, reaching in all directions, and this is exhausting to the vine. For this reason skilled gardeners often cut off the tendrils. When growing vines on stakes I have often driven lath nails in convenient places for the accommodation of the tendrils. Although grapes do so well on trees without much care, let no one suppose that anything can be accomplished by planting vines at the roots of established trees. The soil being pre-occupied, the vine will not have a fair chance. Plant it at a distance from the tree to be covered, and after it has made some growth it may be brought to the branches, where it will take care of itself. On nearly every farm there are worthless trees that might be made to carry bushels of grapes.-Matthew Crawford, in Miehigan Horticulturist.

> Frequent change of range for sheep is very important at this season of the year. It is almost, if not quite impossible for a man, however much he loves "quail on toast," to partake of this choice dish three times a day for thirty days in succession. If there is no change of diet the stomach will revolt at the idea of receiving the same thing every day. A sheep has a stronger stomach than a man, ordinarily, and keenly relishes a change of range. They will eat more, be more contented, and thrive better on a new than an old range.

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#### SUMMONS.

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M. K. Jessup, detendants. Suit in equity to foreclose mortgage.

To M. K. Jessup, the above named defendant: In
the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby summoned and require! to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit bit
the first day of the next ensuing term of said coury
after the ub-lead on of this summons, to wit: on the
second Monday in Pebruary, 1887, and if you fail so
to answer for want thereof, the plaintiffs will take
a decree against you for the relief prayed for in their
complaint, to-wit: For a decree against you adjudging that the claim which you have or claim to have as
mortgage or otherwise, on the premises described
in plaintiff. mortgage, shall be subsequent to and
subordinate to the lien of plaintiffs mortgage as set
forth in said complaint.

Bervice of this summons is made on the defendant,
M. K. Jessup, by virtue of an order of R. P. Bolse,
Judge of said court, dated the 6th day of September,
A. D. 1886.

P. H. D'ARCY, Attorney for Paintiffs.

#### SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Marion, sa.: Jennie E. Dawne plaintiff vs. Edward J. Dawne de

To Edward J. Dawne defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 11th day of October, AD, 1886, that being the first day of the next regular term of the said cour, and if you fail to so answer said com-plaint the plaintiff will apply to said court for the re-lief demanded in said complaint, which is a degree dissolving the brads of matrimony existing between plain-tiff and defendant; for the care and custody of the minor children of plaintiff and defendant; for the change of plaintiff and room Jennie E. Dawne to Jennie E. Miller, and for costs and disbursements of

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