

THE GRANGE

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Grange

GRANGE IN MICHIGAN

Patrons Propose to Organize a
Life Insurance Company.

There are 809 Granges in the Wolverine State with 48,000 paid up members—Patrons' Fire Insurance For Farm Buildings an important feature—Proportional Representation in the National Grange Again Recommended.

If there is a livelier grange state in the Union than Michigan we do not know its location. When the Patrons assemble in annual session there is something doing from the first roll call of delegates until those same delegates pack their trunks for home. The recent session was no exception to the rule. They were there and every one enthusiastic over the grange and anxious to lend a hand and a voice, too, to promote the interests of the Order. There were seventy-seven counties represented, sixty-three having Pomona granges represented by 103 delegates and 329 subordinate granges represented. The total number of granges in the state is 809 and of paid up members 48,000. The report of the treasurer showed that on Dec. 1 there was cash on hand amounting to \$7,152.93.



N. P. HULL.
Master Michigan state grange.

receipts coming in since that time bringing the total to \$24,774.04; disbursements, \$20,195.05; balance, \$4,578.99. The committee on co-operation has received from percentage on trade contracts the past year a total of \$8,568.32. The expenses of this subcommittee were \$2,264.64, leaving \$6,303.68 to the credit of the grange. At the direction of the executive committee this subcommittee purchased during the year 6 per cent Oklahoma school bonds to the amount of \$13,000, the total cost, including premium and interest, being \$14,881.70. On Dec. 1, 1908, the total securities and cash in the care of this subcommittee was \$39,355.30. On Dec. 1, 1909, the total of same was \$43,260.55, a gain of \$3,911.19.

There was a spirited discussion over a resolution favoring the assessment of the iron and copper mines, in which northern Michigan abounds, on an ad valorem basis. The resolution was adopted after a long discussion. Another, urging members of the grange not to vote for any candidate for the legislature who would refuse to pledge himself, through the papers, that, if elected, he would vote for that candidate for United States senator who receives the most votes in the state primary, was adopted. Other resolutions approved were these: Relative to pure food, that the name and address of every manufacturer be placed on the package; that delegates to the national grange be instructed to work for representation in the national grange based on membership; that a law should be enacted restraining any board of supervisors from granting any franchise to any person or corporation to control the water power of any stream in the state without compensation, at the rate of 10 per cent on the capital invested in said franchise and at the rate of an increase of 1 per cent each year thereafter.

The matter of organizing a grange life insurance was discussed and referred to the executive committee to perfect details and complete organization.

In the report of the committee on forestry it was recommended that there be an increased extension of the farm wood lot and a reforestation of all lands not fit for farming. On good roads the grange approved the state aid policy. The committee on temperance presented a recommendation that all liquor and questionable amusements be barred from the state and county fairs and that local option be the best method of combating the liquor traffic. The annual report of the secretary of the State Patrons' Fire Insurance company was as follows: The company now has 7,908 policies in force, amounting to \$12,445,017. The report shows that during the year 1,063 policies were written and between 500 and 400 increases and only 60 decreases. It has also written 2,100 retrospective policies.

Famous Sayings.

By Albert Payson Terhune.

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A wave of horror, almost of panic, swept the Thirteen Colonies, when, in September, 1780, a piece of incredible and terrifying news flew from town to town, from army to army. The tidings ran:

"Benedict Arnold, the hero of Saratoga and Quebec, has turned traitor!"

The American Revolution's fortunes were at low ebb. For five years the colonies had fought an uphill conflict, with few men and empty treasury, against the boundless wealth and power of Great Britain. Even the staunchest patriots could not clearly foresee victory. The genius of Washington alone had enabled them to resist so long. The fortress which was the key of the whole American strength was West Point. It commanded the Hudson and its possession kept the New England colonies from being cut off from the rest of the country. Should West Point be taken by the British the Revolution was doomed. And West Point was under sole command of Washington's dearest and most trusted friend, Major-General Benedict Arnold.

Few patriots had fought so gallantly and had deserved so well of their country as had Arnold. And no one else, perhaps, had been treated with such rank in justice. He was Washington's friend. Men high in Congress and in the army who hated Washington, vented this hatred upon Arnold. They held him back from promotion, robbed him of the glory that was right, his, and again and again trumped up charges against him. He won the battle of Saratoga. The honor went to Gates. He was the prime mover in Ticonderoga's capture. The chief credit went to Ethan Allen. The climax came when Congress directed Washington to reprimand him publicly for a fault so trivial as to be absurd. Arnold had borne more or less patiently his other misfortunes. But this seems to have been the "last straw" that broke his loyalty. This, and the fact that he had just married beautiful Peggy Shippen, a Tory girl.

Washington, to console Arnold for Congress's injustice, put him in charge of West Point. Arnold opened correspondence with the British general, Clinton, at New York, to sell West Point to the enemy. He claimed later that he did this because the Revolution seemed doomed, and that he thought he was thus best serving America. As a matter of fact, the crime savors of revenge and bribery rather than of distorted patriotism.

Clinton chose Major John Andre—a handsome, gallant young Englishman—to conduct the correspondence with Arnold, and to go in person to receive the plans of the fortress. Andre arranged to meet Arnold on neutral ground, on the west bank of the Hudson, being carried thither by the British sloop-of-war, and landing on a spot between the two armies' lines. He went in full uniform, not as a spy, but as an accredited envoy. He and Arnold met. The traitor turned over the papers to Andre. Then the latter prepared to return to New York. But in the meantime some Americans at Teller's (now Croton) Point had opened fire on the Vulture with a cannon. The war sloop was driven from her moorings. Andre reached shore to find the Vulture nowhere in sight.

He was in a quandary. How was he to get back to New York? He could not travel by land in British uniform. The only plan that suggested itself was to put on civilian clothes, hide the papers in his boots and, armed with a pass from Arnold, to ride boldly down the lines. He set forth on his perilous ride on the east shore of the river to the British, and reached Tarrytown in safety. He was stopped by three American militiamen who were playing cards at the roadside. He mistook them for English subjects and addressed them as such. They seized him. He was searched, the papers were found, and he was carried to Colonel Jame-

son, the local commander. Even in his own moment of peril, Andre thought of his confederate's safety. He sent a note of warning to Arnold. The latter received it in time to escape to the Vulture and thence to New York.

Andre was tried as a spy and was condemned to death. His chara of manner and his youth made him an object of universal pity, even to his judges. But a drastic example was necessary to warn others against treachery. On the morning of his execution Andre was marched from his cell escorted by several American officers. He had begged to be shot, not hanged. On sight of the gallows he halted in dismay, exclaiming:

"I had not expected this!"
Then, squaring his shoulders, he turned to his escort, and said, with a smile:
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In The Circuit Court of The State of Oregon, in and for The County of Coos

T. F. Lewis
Plaintiff
vs.
Rebecca Lewis
Defendant
Suit in Equity
For Divorce

To Rebecca Lewis, the above named 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 last day of the time prescribed in the order of the publication of this summons, which prescribed time is six (6) weeks, the last day of which time will be Thursday, the 5th day of May, 1910.

And if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint by the said time, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for a decree forever annulling the marriage contract existing between yourself and the said plaintiff.
This summons is published in the Bandon Recorder, a weekly newspaper published in Coos County, Oregon, for six (6) consecutive weeks, beginning March 24th, 1910 and ending May 5th, 1910 by order of publication made by the Hon. John S. Coke, Circuit Judge of the State of Oregon at Chambers in Coquille, Oregon, on the 24th day of March, 1910.

Geo. P. Topping
Attorney for Plaintiff

NEVER OPENING FLOWERS.

A Large Number of Plants Bear Cleistogamous Blossoms.

The never opening flower, or, as botanists call it, cleistogamy, is well illustrated by the case of the common sweet violet. The familiar purple, sweet scented blossom, which to most people is the violet flower, hardly ever produces any seed. But altogether unseen by most people it produces a number of minute, scentless and colorless flowers which never open.

These are self fertilized and produce abundant seed. The word cleistogamous expresses the fact that the fertilization takes place without the opening of the flower and hence without the agency of insects. Such never opening flowers occur in a large number of plants, sometimes along with blossoms of the ordinary sort and sometimes without them. It is a disputed point, however, whether there is any plant which in all circumstances will produce nothing but cleistogamous flowers.

There are nevertheless a number which normally produce nothing else. As regards fertility, the seeds produced by the cleistogamous flowers are never inferior to those of the ordinary blossoms. In some cases they are superior and in others they are the only seed produced by the plant.

It has been found that the amount of cleistogamy varies with the height of the plants. The shortest bear cleistogamic flowers only, and those a little taller have a few small open flowers in addition to the closed ones. The tallest plants have larger open flowers, with only a few cleistogamic.—Botanical Gazette.

A Conscientious Declaration.
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