

Muffins

By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine.

When muffins are on the breakfast table, nobody cares for meat or eggs and they would be served more often if this meal were not prepared so hurriedly that there is no time to make them. If K. C. the double-raise baking powder is used, the batter may be stirred up the night before, put in the pan ready for baking and nothing to do in the morning but bake them.

One-Egg Muffins

8 cups flour; 2 slightly rounded teaspoonsful K. C. Baking Powder; 1 teaspoonful salt; 1 cup sugar; 1 cup melted butter or lard; 1 egg; 1 cup water or milk.

Sift dry ingredients together three times. Add to this the unbeaten egg, melted shortening and water or milk. Then beat all together until perfectly smooth. Oil muffin or gem pans and have oven slow until the muffins come to the top of the pan, then increase the heat to bake and brown the muffins. This recipe makes 12 large muffins. Raisins or currants may be added if desired.



Graham Muffins

1 cup graham flour; 1 cup pastry flour; 1 level teaspoonful K. C. Baking Powder; 1 to 2 level tablespoonsful sugar; 1 teaspoonful salt; 1 egg; 1 1/2 cups milk or water; 2 to 3 tablespoonsful melted butter; mix and bake as One-Egg Muffins.

Graham batter should always be quite soft to insure light and moist muffins.

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POLK COUNTY NEWS

RICKREALL

Mrs. May Heeles is reported as convalescing.

Peter Cook was in Salem this week on business.

Everybody took in the dance Saturday which was given by the ladies of Rickreall and all enjoyed themselves greatly.

Mattie Koser came up from Perrydale and has rented her property to A. R. Cadle.

Rev. Dunsmore of Independence gave a lecture Friday night. A good house greeted him and was much enjoyed by all.

The hop growers are rushing the work in their yards.

The body of David Guthrie passed through here Monday. Another pioneer has gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton of California, relatives of Chas. Bailey arrived here last week and will remain the summer so we learned.

Mrs. Lee Burch was taken very ill Friday and was taken to the Dallas hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cook was visiting their daughter in Independence Sunday.

Mr. Howell who has the Riggs' yard has some japs hired, so we learn, as he couldn't secure other help.

Mrs. Henry White who is in the Dallas hospital is reported as getting along nicely.

OAK GROVE

Pete Hanson traded his pacer to George Smith for his racing horse last week.

Erwin Huntley and Partner brought some heifers from Independence to pasture on his place here Sunday.

Benton Smith and wife and two small sons spent the afternoon at Stevens'.

The Lionhardt family of Salem came out to their place Sunday.

A family from Salem spent the week-end at the Pugh home and Dave Pugh of Salem spent Sunday here with them.

Mrs. Benton Smith has 20 little chicks.

Hansons have a gasoline engine very busy spraying his orchard.

Herbert Fawc has a crew hoeing his hops.

Cecil and Alice Riggs were guests at Lewis' Sunday.

A good many are busy gardening this fine weather.

Mrs. Hollenstetter and son attended the grange. They spent a very enjoyable day.

Mrs. Stevens has two chicken's eggs; one 7 1/2 by 6 inches, the other 7 1/2 by 5 1/8.

Pete Hansen has a crew resetting another post in the Hansen yard.

Mr. Pugh went to Monroe, Wash., this week to work this summer. His family will follow when school is out.

There was two more scholars added to our school Monday.

Thad Stevens has just completed planting 5 acres of potatoes and 3 acres of kale.

The grange met Saturday with a very good attendance, balloted on a candidate, and an extra lot of new business, and partook of a lunch, besides a good program.

Winona Rollan has returned from Washington. We are glad to see her back.

Some of our grange members attended Pomona Grange at Monmouth Wednesday the 12th, and brought back reports that the grange is doing things.

The candidates who want office can be supplied with their legal petitions at the Observer office. A limited supply on hand.

THE GRANGE

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STATE MEETINGS.

Ohio Does Not Favor the Corn Boys' Junkets.

Delaware Will Entertain the National Grange Next Year—New Jersey Wants a Change in Educational Methods and Would Increase the License Fees of Automobiles.

Several of the smaller state granges held their annual sessions in December, and the chief facts of interest to the public have been condensed in the following paragraphs:

In Ohio one might have thought that an adjourned session of the national grange was on so strenuous seemed it. National Secretary Freeman started the ball rolling with some very plain language in his public speech about Secretary of Agriculture Houston. What the national grange special committee said about the secretary wasn't "in it" with what Mr. Freeman had to say. And he likewise paid his respects to Governor Cox in plain terms. The Ohio grange threw cold water, real ice water, on Secretary Sander's pet corn boys' junket to Washington and proposed that the money thus used might better be expended in sending the farm boys and girls to the state university for a course in manual training and domestic science. The grange also opposed the minimum wage law and any limitation of working hours for men and women as tending to the increase of the cost of living. It was thought that these matters should be left to private arrangement. The Warner law, which seeks to reform certain methods in taxation and make assessors appointive instead of elective, was opposed. The grange also wanted the restrictions upon the initiative and referendum removed to the end that voters may use it when desired. Central schools were endorsed for such townships as can adopt the plan to advantage. The no free pass rule in relation to admission to the state fair the grange desired to have enforced without favor. Relative to farm credits, it was the sense of the grange that any legislation for such credits should be of a national character, with the state as a unit and with government control. George E. Scott of Jefferson county was elected to the executive committee, and this was the only election this year. Two hundred candidates took the sixth degree.

Delaware State Grange.
Delaware will be the host of the national grange next year, and it is announced that Wilmington will be the place of meeting. Governor Miller addressed the state grange and expressed a willingness to aid the work of the grange as best he could. The opening of co-operative stores in each county was recommended, members of the grange to get a discount on goods purchased. The grange has been back of several important state measures the past year in favoring the creation of an affiliated college for women to be built at Newark, has urged appropriations for Delaware college and has favored the bills for aid to the state board of education. The grange insurance company carries \$3,000,000 in insurance on grangers' property at a cost to the insured of about \$2.50 on the \$1,000. There are only forty-one granges in Delaware, with about 2,400 members.

New Jersey Grange.
New Jersey has 201 subordinate granges, in which there are 10,000 members. The annual meeting was held at Atlantic City. State Master Grange said there were two or three things of particular importance to the grange just now, and among these were the exemption of motor vehicles from taxation, but materially increasing the license fees. A change in the school laws was needed, he thought, because they gave the state board of education too much power and the district boards too little. The elimination of grade crossings was advocated. The establishment of demonstration farms was recommended. These several recommendations of the state master were approved by the grange and also the extension of special courses in agriculture in rural schools. The only officers chosen were two members of the executive committee, and H. M. Loveland of Cohamsey and Albert Herlage of Mickleton were re-elected.

Interesting Vermont Case.
What are known as the grange store cases have been before the Vermont courts for some time. Three suits were brought against the defendants, as directors of a grange store, under the statute which provides that directors who consent to the indebtedness of a corporation exceeding by more than two-thirds the capital stock actually paid in are themselves liable for the indebtedness. The cases have been fought through each term of county court, and at the last term the case was allowed to go to the supreme court to have the matter of law decided. This court has sustained the demand of the defendants and holds that no suit at law can be maintained against the defendants and gives final judgment for the defendants to recover the costs. The court holds that the defendants are liable, but satisfaction must be sought through the chancery court.

Village Improvement Associations.
It is said that many village improvement associations are being merged into granges. It came to be recognized that the grange can do all that the other organizations could and much more besides. There should be no need for a village improvement society in any town where there is a grange. Community service is one of the reasons for the grange's existence, and the improvement of the village is directly in line with grange endeavor. When will granges learn that their work is by no means limited to the four walls of their grange hall?

CONVICT WORK ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

Majority of States Now Use Prison Labor.

DISCARD CONTRACT SYSTEM

During the Present Year Thirteen States Have Passed Laws Allowing the Use of Convicts in the Construction and Repair of Roads.

Thirteen states have passed laws during the present year allowing the use of convicts in the construction and repair of highways, according to a compilation by Dr. E. Starr White, assistant in social legislation in Columbia university and chairman of the executive committee of the national committee on prison labor. They are Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, New Jersey, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin. As many other states had previously passed similar legislation, but few of the forty-eight states have not adopted the policy of using prisoners to build and maintain public roads.

West Virginia and Iowa are the two states whose laws regarding the use of convicts on highways stand out most prominently. So anxious was the governor of the former state to secure an effective law that he went to New York and with the assistance of representatives of the national committee on prison labor, of the road department of Columbia university and of the legislative drafting bureau worked out bills making compulsory the employment of convicts on the roads. The West Virginia law authorizes the county courts to make appropriations out of road funds for convict work; it states that the court shall sentence any male person over sixteen to road work instead of to the county jail; persons charged with misdemeanors unable to furnish bail shall work



CONVICTS AT WORK ON A STATE ROAD.

on the roads and if acquitted when tried shall be paid 50 cents a day for each day's work they perform; justices of the peace shall sentence to work on the roads persons convicted of crime whom otherwise they would send to the county jail.

Another feature of the West Virginia law is the establishment of a state road bureau to supervise any plans proposed by a county for using prison labor in road building. The plans approved, the county shall apply to the board of control for the number of prisoners required and shall state the length of time they shall be needed. The board shall, as far as possible, give equal service to each of the counties and shall determine which prisoners may be assigned to such work. The warden is to provide suitable and movable quarters, which shall be built where possible, by convict labor. The convicts shall remain under direct control of the warden, their work, however, being under the supervision of the road bureau.

In Iowa the board of control of the state institutions with the advice of the warden of any penal institution, may permit able bodied male prisoners to work on the roads. The law specifically states such labor shall not be leased to contractors. A prisoner opposed to such work, or whose character and disposition make it probable that he would attempt escape or be unruly, is not to be worked on the highways. Although the prisoners are under the

jurisdiction of the warden while building or repairing roads, their work is supervised by the state highway commissioner. Prisoners employed on the highways of Iowa receive such part of their earnings above the cost of their keep as the board deems equitable, the earnings either being funded or given to their dependent families. Before Iowa passed her present prison labor laws, George W. Cosson, attorney general of the state, made a thorough investigation of the prisons of his own and other states, and strongly denounced the contract system, under which the prisoners were employed up to that time. Mr. Cosson drew up the road bill and is of the opinion it will do much to drive the contract system out of the state.

SIRENS AND SONS.

Governor Glynn of New York was once a journeyman printer. He is forty-two years of age.

Lord Halsbury, who recently celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday, has been working for a number of years on a digest of the laws of England.

Lieutenant General Simon B. Buckner of the Confederate army, who was a pullbearer at General Grant's funeral, is still living. He is ninety years of age.

Dr. Josef Schumpeter, LL. D., professor of political economy in the University of Graz, Austria, has been named as the Austrian exchange professor for the winter semester of 1913-14 at Columbia university.

Dr. Basil Gildersleeve, professor of Greek at Johns Hopkins university, who has just celebrated his eighty-second birthday anniversary, was professor of Greek at the University of Virginia in 1876. He has been at Johns Hopkins since 1876.

F. R. Benson, on whom McGill university at Montreal recently conferred the degree of doctor of laws, is the first actor who has ever been so honored in North America. He was born in England in 1858, attended Oxford and is noted both as an actor and manager, having for years devoted himself to Shakespeare.

Flippant Flings.

The Danish court says the tango is all right; but, then, it said the same thing of old Doc Cook.—Washington Post.

Several girls have entered the Toledo school of carpentry. Is it possible that women can learn to saw wood and say nothing?—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

There is one man in the country who says he is able to tell a woman's age by looking at her. Maybe he can, but if he has any sense he won't do it.—Toledo Blade.

According to a recent count 44 per cent of the first class mail is improperly addressed; but who ever heard of a bill going to the dead letter office?—New York Sun.

Cost of Living.

Eggs at 7 cents each may do for table ornaments.—New York World.

Cigarettes have advanced in price. Of what importance now are increases in cost of beefsteak and eggs?—New York Tribune.

The report that Pike's peak was sinking proves to have been unfounded. The peak isn't going down any faster than the cost of living.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Sir George Paish, editor of the Statist, offers the welcome prediction that the cost of living is to fall. But more welcome than experts' predictions would be lower prices over the counter.—Exchange.

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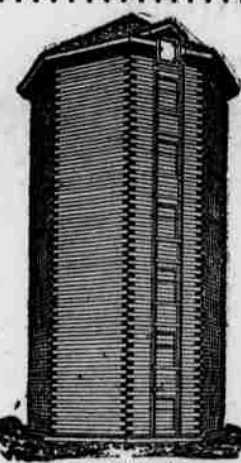
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