

THE GRANGE

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ELECTING OFFICERS.

The Pennsylvania Plan Offers Some Suggestions.

It is evident that the present method in vogue in many states of electing officers, from the state grange down to the subordinate grange, needs to be revised. At the last meeting of the New York state grange the election of officers occupied more than a day's time, and it has been authoritatively stated that it costs about \$1,000 per day for the expenses of the state grange while in session. Thus it will be seen that the election of officers alone costs over \$1,000. The secret ballot is a fundamental principle, but secrecy in voting may be accomplished in different ways. The method in vogue in New York state whereby the entire delegations are required to pass before the ballot box for each of the thirteen officers to be elected, and as often again as no election may result, is altogether too clumsy and expensive, both as to time and money, and what is true of the state grange is also true of the Pomona and subordinate granges where these methods are followed.

We believe the Pennsylvania system is a marked improvement over this one. In that state thirteen ballot boxes are provided, one for each of the officers. Each delegate is provided with a ballot on which is printed the names of the thirteen officers to be filled, and opposite each one he writes the name of the candidate for whom he desires to vote. The thirteen ballot boxes being placed side by side in convenient position, the delegate body passes before the same, tearing off, first, the ballot for the master and depositing it; second, for the overseer and depositing it; third, for the lecturer, and so on until the entire list of thirteen officers has been voted for. When there is a majority on the first ballot the process of election is completed at one time, and we are told it never requires more than one session in Pennsylvania to elect officers. This method can be easily adapted by subordinate and Pomona granges as well as by state granges, and we deem the suggestion one worthy of a trial at least.

A Working Grange.

Few granges in any state have accomplished more effective work than Fruitland of Camden, Del. A committee of fifteen of its members was appointed to appear before the committee of congress on rivers and harbors to secure an appropriation for the widening and deepening of Jones river. It is desired that steamers should run to Philadelphia and New York daily to accommodate the large and productive fruit and trucking sections through which the river runs. A committee has also been appointed to consider the advisability of the grange purchasing several acres of land on some public approach to Camden, and erect thereon an ideal grange home. The land surrounding the home will be arranged so as to be suggestive of what each individual farm home should be. A portion of the land will be used for experimental work in growing vegetable crops and small fruits and testing fertilizers. A matter of considerable importance, also being considered by the grange, is the feasibility of building a warehouse and cold storage plant at Wyoming, in which farmers will be able to store and hold their crops, that they may dispose of them when market conditions are favorable.

St. Lawrence County (N. Y.) Pomona.

One of the most active counties in New York state in grange work is St. Lawrence. At the last meeting of its Pomona grange a committee was appointed to devise some plan whereby the Pomona grange should become the custodian of a fund to be contributed by subordinate granges to found scholarships for granger boys and girls at Cornell Agricultural college. It also formally placed Hon. George L. Flanders, now deputy commissioner of agriculture, in the field as a candidate for commissioner of agriculture. Mr. Flanders was the last president of the National Farmers' Congress and is a member of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

Grange Insurance.

The Patrons' Fire Relief association of Oswego, Oneida and Cayuga counties, N. Y., has over 2,500 policies on farm property, the total amount of risks in force Jan. 1 being \$3,951,628.

The Patrons' Insurance company of Ulster and Orange counties, N. Y., has a balance of \$1,238 in the treasury. The losses last year were \$155. The company has never made an assessment. It carries over \$950,000 worth of risks.

The Best Good Roads Bill.

At a conference of the leading senators and representatives it was agreed that the good roads bill drafted by the legislative committee of the national grange is the best one now before congress.

Write to your senator and congressman if you favor the grange good roads bill, and ask them support for the measure.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

The Tiny Mayoress of the Ancient Town of Chatham, England.

In England the wife of a mayor is a very important personage and is called a mayoress. In London she is the lady mayoress, but that is only because London is such a large, important city and because only a man of rank can be mayor.

When an English mayor has no wife the lady who is at the head of his household, whosoever she may be, undertakes the duties of mayoress, and that is how it comes about that a tiny, golden haired girl of three years is mayoress of the ancient town of Chatham, England. Her name is Louisa Mary Dawes Driver, but to all her friends she is Lulu.

Her father is a widower, and she is his only daughter, so when Mr. Driver was elected mayor he decided that Lulu should undertake such of the duties of a mayoress as might be performed by so small a young woman. And, as the provincial towns of England make almost as much of their executives as London does of its lord mayor, numerous social functions already have made demands upon the little girl.

Not long ago she sat in a large chair on a platform at the opening of a church bazaar, and when the chairman, who sat next to her, announced that the mayoress would make the formal opening Lulu arose and in a voice which reached easily all parts of the big room declared firmly, "The show's open."

Shortly after having been the guest of honor at the bazaar the mayoress received an invitation to distribute prizes at the town's church schools. The mayor was rather doubtful at first, fearing that the presents might appeal to his daughter so strongly that she would hesitate to turn them over to the winners, but the little girl handed each gift to the pupils indicated without even a regretful look. So well did she enjoy the proceedings, in fact, that when all the prizes had been given out the little miss asked her father for some more things to give away.

In honor of his tiny mayoress the mayor devotes especial attention to the children of Chatham. A few days ago 900 of the poorest in town were invited to the great feast at the town hall, and when they had eaten their fill of good things, such as many of them had hardly dared dream about before, the little mayoress appeared and said a few timid words of greeting.

A Difficult Bottle Feat.

Here we have the picture of a boy with a bottle standing on the back of his head. You will say perhaps that you can easily perform that little feat, and we do not doubt that you can, but that is only the first step in the amusing task that we are going to set for you.

We want you, if you please, to balance a bottle on the back of your head and then to stoop down and pick up a silver quarter from the floor with your lips and rise again, all without letting the bottle fall or touching it with your hand. If you think the experiment might be fatal to the integrity of the bottle—that, in other words, there might be



HOW THE TRICK LOOKS.

a smashup—use a tin canister or something of that kind instead of the bottle.

Now, if you will follow our directions closely, you may succeed in the feat and bring the bottle out safe and whole.

First, bend the head forward until the chin rests on the breast; then balance the bottle in its place on the crown of the head. Be sure to do the beginning well, and the rest will be easier than it looks.

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Notice of Administrator's Sale.

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JOHN DICKINSON, Administrator,
and MARGARET McMILLAN,
Administratrix with the will annexed
of the estate of William McMillan,
deceased.

Bend the knees gently, coming to the floor on one knee. Then lower the hands to the floor and, thus supported, push the feet gradually and slowly back until the face is able to reach the quarter.

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