

THE GRANGE

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FARMERS' INSURANCE.

Reports of Two New York Patrons' Fire Relief Associations.

The directors of the Dutchess and Columbia Patrons' Fire Relief Association held their annual meeting recently. The directors and officers were re-elected. The association is very prosperous. Starting thirteen years ago with \$257,000 in policies, they now have \$7,000,000 of insurance on their books. They have paid \$106,000 in losses, and there has never been a litigation over the award of the claims. The average assessment for thirteen years is \$1.00 per \$1,000; average cost per \$1,000 for three years' losses, premium and expenses, \$5.58 per \$1,000. They have 2,315 policy holders. The treasurer had on hand \$2,023.77 Jan. 1, 1910, and paid \$15,393.22 in losses and also other expenses and have a balance of \$2,767.82. The total salaries of its officials is about \$700.

The Jefferson County (N. Y.) Patrons' Fire Relief Association is probably the largest organization of its kind in the world. At its annual meeting Secretary Vary reported insurance in force as \$15,234,736, carried in 6,536 policies. New insurance in 1910 amounted to \$4,342,251 in 1,820 policies. There have been 25,393 policies written since organization, carrying \$53,380,100. Losses for the year, \$19,000, less than 30 per cent of which was caused by lightning. A large percentage of the losses was owing to defective chimneys and stove pipes. There are three granges having over \$700,000 insurance each, two have over \$600,000 and four over \$500,000. Since Jan. 1 the company has been under the state insurance department's jurisdiction. The cost of insurance compared with stock companies' rates shows a saving in favor of the Patrons' Fire Relief Association of \$3.33 on each \$1,000, making a total saving to members for 1910 of \$51,731.

FARM BOYS' BRIGADE.

A New Illinois Organization to Interest Boys in Agriculture.

The Farm Boys' brigade is a name given to an organization of boys of Sangamon county, Ill., who are banding themselves together for the purpose of studying agriculture. The brigade is managed by a set of officers as follows: General, lieutenant general, adjutant general and quartermaster general. Each of the twenty-six political townships of the county has a captain and four assistants. Any boy between the ages of ten and twenty-one may join the brigade. They have two objects in view:

First, encourage as many boys as possible to take the short course in agriculture at the state university; second, the raising of the largest yield of corn on one acre of ground during the coming summer. Prizes will be given for the latter.

The boys are taking hold of this movement with a "boost," and great results are to come from it no doubt, says Superintendent E. C. Pruitt of Springfield. The developing of leadership among the boys is one fine point not to be overlooked. The girls of the county are to be organized in like manner for their work.

Against Change in Oleo Law.

State Master Stetson of Maine said recently in a newspaper interview that the Maine members of the grange are particularly interested in the proposed repeal of the oleomargarine law and the furthering of the parcels post. Manufacturers of oleo propose to introduce a bill in congress which will allow them to label their product "butter," but if such a bill is put in it will be strenuously opposed by the agricultural interests. The grange wants also to see the parcels post extended because it believes it will be a good thing.

When asked what the attitude of the grange would be on the proposed re-submission of the prohibitory law, Mr. Stetson said that no effort would be made to oppose the passage of such a bill, but that the Maine grange would strongly oppose the repeal of the prohibitory law.

A Prominent Maine Patron.

Governor Philsted has named Hon. Obadiah Gardner, former master of the Maine state grange, as chairman of the state board of assessors. This is the first appointment under the new law. The state grange has two out of the three members of the board, the other being W. J. Thompson, formerly state grange lecturer.

Grange News Notes.

W. H. Shaffner of New York is organizing granges in Minnesota.

C. O. Raine has been re-elected master of the Missouri state grange.

G. H. Malone has been elected master of the South Dakota state grange.

Professor H. J. Patterson has been re-elected master of the Maryland state grange.

New York state will pay its deputies \$30 for each and every grange organized this year.

Rhode Island has thirty-three subordinate granges, with a membership of about 3,000.

The National Grange Monthly will be issued from Springfield, Mass. State Master C. M. Gardner is editor.

Newark (N. J.) grange will dedicate its new building on Feb. 22, costing about \$25,000. This grange has about 750 members.

PUFFED THEIR OWN WARES.

Authors in the Good Old Days Threw Bouquets at Themselves.

Authors in "the good old days" were not above writing their own puff. Charles Reade wrote a long article on himself for *Once a Week*, in which he said:

It is impossible to speak too highly of "The Chiltern and the Heath." It is one of the most scholarly and learned as well as one of the most artistic and beautiful works of fiction in any language. Read him. Resist yourself to the magic spell of his genius. The effect of "Puff Play" is perfectly marvelous. It leaves the stories of every other sensational novel writer far behind.

Nor was Balzac in France above praising his own works. "If you have not been born a story teller," he wrote in a review, "you will never obtain the popularity of M. de Balzac. And what a story teller! What verve and vim! How the world is dissected by this man! What passion and coolness!"

But the height of literary advertising in the first half of the last century was reached in the case of Eugene Sue's famous novel "The Wandering Jew." Every little while the daily installment in the newspaper in which it was appearing would be missing, and in its place would be an announcement that M. Sue was suffering from a slight indisposition and readers would be obliged to wait forty-eight hours for new developments of the narrative. So well did these methods succeed, says Mr. Tassin, that it was impossible to buy outright a copy of the journal, but instead copies were rented out at 10 sous for half an hour, the time thought necessary to read the installment. "And all the while Sue himself was industriously abetting the publishers by posing over-dressed and with spurs to his boots at the Cafe de Paris in an attitude of deepest abstraction, as if wondering what the next installment would be about."—Bookman.

THE SOUND SLEEP OF GOOD HEALTH.

Cannot be over estimated and any ailment that prevents it is a menace to health. J. L. Southern, Eau Claire, Wis., says: "I have been unable to sleep nights, because of pains across my back and soreness of my kidneys, and my general condition was much run down. I have been taking Foley's Kidney Pills but a short time and now sleep as sound as a rock. I know that Foley's Kidney Pills have cured me." Bandon Drug Co.

NESTS OF SEAWEED.

Floating Homes For Flying Fish in the Sargasso Sea.

Science is beginning to know a good deal more than it formerly did about that strange "drowned meadow" in the Atlantic ocean southwest of the Azores which is called the Sargasso sea.

It is, as is well understood, a vast accumulation of a kind of seaweed which, upheld at the surface of the water by innumerable little air vessels that act as floats, is continually renewed by the breaking up of its fronds and the growth of the broken parts. Many fishes have established their homes in it as well as numerous swimming crabs, small cuttlefish and quite a variety of other creatures.

Most remarkable of all its inhabitants is the mouse fish, which has pectoral fins developed in such a way as to resemble arms. By these it holds on to the fronds of the weed, a creature of solitary habits, highly carnivorous and always waiting for some prey to come within reach. It is a fish of very peculiar appearance, with over so many queer looking appendages, and in color it imitates closely the plant that affords it shelter, being green with white spots.

The flying fishes that inhabit the floating meadow make ball-like nests out of fronds of the weed as big as two fists. Such balls are found floating and appear as if knitted together with elastic threads. They are filled with eggs. Professor Louis Agassiz mistook them for nests of the mouse fish, but Dr. Theodore Gill, an eminent authority, has proved this to have been an error. Each one of these nests is composed of a single frond, which by commencing with the slender outer branchlets and peeling them successively off can be spread out entire.—New York World.

Constipation brings many ailments in its train and is the primary cause of much sickness. Keep your bowels regular, madam, and you will escape many of the ailments to which women are subject. Constipation is a very simple thing, but like many simple things, it may lead to serious consequences. Nature often needs a little assistance and when Chamberlain's Tablets are given at the first indication, much distress and suffering may be avoided. Sold by C. Y. Lowe.

His Job.

"Did you have any thrilling experiences in the Alps, Mr. Pumper?" "Oh, yes, Miss Plumper. On one occasion I was forced to act as the chauffeur of a snowslide."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

REASONS FOR THE SILO.

Why Ensilage Should Be Used on Every Stock and Dairy Farm.

The Nebraska Dairymen's association recently offered a prize for the best essay on the silo. It was won by W. C. Forbes of the Nebraska College of Agriculture, who summed up thus:

Every stock farmer should have a silo for the following reasons:

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Fifth.—Because with its use in the winter ration larger gains and milk flows are the result.

Sixth.—With its use practically the entire food value of the corn crop is obtained.

Seventh.—That the silo enables the farmer to keep double the number of head of stock on the same farm.

Eighth.—That our fields are cleared and ready for fall wheat or rye, as all our cornstalks are safely stored in our silo instead of going to waste in the field.

Ninth.—And lastly and probably the most convincing of all is the fact that practically every farmer now using the silo would not do without it. When we can grow and store away for winter use a food that takes the place of our pasture, and that food can be raised on our farms at a less cost than any of our present feeds, the equipment for the storing of such feed should be installed on every stock and dairy farm.

A good treatment for a cold settled in the lungs is a Herick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster applied to the chest to draw out inflammation and Ballard's Horehound Syrup to relax tightness. You get the two remedies for the price of one by buying the dollar size Horehound Syrup; there is a porous plaster free with each bottle. Sold by C. Y. Lowe.

Remedy For Ailing Cows.

To stir up the nerves, to stimulate the muscles of the walls of the stomach and intestines, is the first thing to do when a cow gets down or begins to show signs of distress, says the Farm Journal. One or both of these forces must be applied internally at once. We have found in all cases, no matter what the trouble has been, that when we have given quinine and saltpeter, two teaspoonfuls of each at a dose, the cow was stimulated enough to respond to the epsom salts, or whatever other medicine was given, in about an hour or two afterward.

In many cases this was all that was given, and the animal would get up on her feet and seem like a live one again. The quinine stimulates the nerves and speeds the heart action, and the other remedy stirs up the mucous secretions and impels action of the muscles, with resultant effects in freeing all organs, especially the kidneys. If there is inflammation internally there should be other things given—injections of warm water with oil and turpentine and a dose of raw linseed oil or salts.

When a medicine must be given to young children it should be pleasant to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is made from loaf sugar and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it pleasant to take. It has no superior for colds, croup and whooping cough. For sale by C. Y. Lowe.

Clip Horses in Spring.

On many farms more horses are kept than are used for work during the winter, and consequently they receive little grooming during the time they are in the stable. Their coats become very thick and long. When put to work they sweat profusely, and it is difficult to keep them dry and clean. Such horses had best be clipped. It will require less grain feed to keep them in condition, and they will need much less grooming. We all know how disagreeable it would be for us to perform a hard spring's work with our winter clothes on. The work horse with his heavy coat is in precisely the same condition. It is a loss of time, money and horseflesh to have drivers stopping to rest over-heated teams during the rush of spring work. The removal of dirt and the stimulation of the skin go far toward preventing harness sores. Next to snug, perfect fitting collars and well adjusted harnesses, spring clipping is most essential.

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