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## THE GRANGE

NEXT SATURDAY is the regular meeting day of Banner Grange, at which time, we believe, officers will be elected and installed. This should have been done last January. Why the delay? Why the lethargy, which has existed for more than a year on the part of too many of the members.

Banner Grange was organized with nearly 200 charter members. Enthusiasm seemed to prevail in the heart of every member. But as soon as the first enthusiasm had subsided, the attendance fell off, so that it was difficult to get a quorum at a meeting.

Now an effort is being made to revive interest in the Grange. At this meeting, next Saturday, several prominent grangers will be present, for the purpose of enthusing the members. This borrowed enthusiasm should not be necessary, for the organization should, in itself, furnish inspiration to farmers.

Because of lack of organization among farmers and a proper representation in the halls of congress, farmers interests have been neglected, while those of the manufacturers have been carefully taken care of. Now who has been to blame in this matter? Evidently the farmer; for he has not thought enough of his own interests to protect them. The manufacturer has his organization, his lobby in congress to press his interests, while the farmers' interests have been wholly neglected. As a result the manufacturers have been most favorably cared for and the farmer, well he pays the bills.

The farmer is largely to blame for these conditions, simply because he has failed to care for his own interests. Manufacturers, merchants and the various trades, have organizations, ready to and with the means at hand, to represent and press their claims upon congress. But the farmer's interests are wholly uncared for. The Grange is the farmers organization. It is, in fact, a farmers' union and can be made to care for the farmer's interests, the same as do the manufacturers and trade unions. But to do so, farmers must harmonize and work for a common purpose. Aside from this securing public recognition and public justice, there is a feature which can be made most valuable to every member of the Grange and that is the exchanging of thought, experience and knowledge. Every farmer learns something about the growth of different crops, which grain, vegetable or fruit yield the best results; which class of and kind of stock which has given him the best of success, and the care, cultivation and feed of the same. The farmer housewife, if she is intelligent and observing, is continually learning something concerning poultry growing or housekeeping. In the Grange all of these thoughts and new things can be interchanged. And no farmer or farmers wife can do a better work for society, than to give to the public, or the Grange, if you please, his or her experience with the practical problems of common every day life. Many things that may seem unimportant to the individual, may be of value to his neighbor.

As a matter of fact, a member of the Grange should not expect to receive benefit and knowledge from his brothers, if he is not willing to impart any knowledge he may possess. If you expect to receive, you must be willing to give. Selfishness should have no place in the Grange. There should exist a reciprocity of feeling and purpose to help each other.

If the primary Grange works in harmony, the State and National Granges are sure to be imbued with the same spirit. Then will the farmers interests be properly taken care of. So, brothers of Banner Grange, come but, especially the farmers. We, business men, do not wish to take a prominent or leading part. We want the farmers to lead. We are willing to help in any way we can; but we want the farmers to lead, for the Grange is a farmers' organization, to which business men have been admitted through courtesy only.

## WOODROW WILSON'S GROWTH

WOODROW WILSON is home again after having swung around the circle of 9000 miles or more. When his name was first mentioned in connection with the presidency it aroused neither enthusiasm nor even attention. The man who was being groomed for the presidency by the interests was Judson Harmon, of Ohio. Harmon's candidacy aroused no enthusiasm among the masses of his party, and created little genuine interest outside the narrow circle, which, for its own purposes, was furthering his ambition. Then Champ Clark came to the front. He was the logical man for Speaker when the democrats came into power. A man of undoubted ability, clever and capable, he seemed formidable enough.

But Wilson attracted national attention when he ran for the governorship of New Jersey, and, to the surprise of most people, snatched victory out of what seemed to be foredoomed defeat. His fight was a gallant one, but it focused public attention because of the high plane upon which it was pitched. Usually the academic man is purely academic, full of beautiful theories that have the big drawback that they will not work or that people will not accept them. Wilson's campaign had the merit of the illumination which came from an intimacy which covered the whole range of political experience, as it is found in the books. Back of it was the sane and practical use of such knowledge as was practicable to present conditions with a broad and practical purview of prevailing conditions, that was bold while it was still rational, and breezy and stimulating, while still perfectly balanced and intellectually sound.

In the legislature he secured, with apparent ease, the things he had pledged himself to the people to secure. His way was simple and direct. He maintained the most transparently open methods in the transaction of the public business and when there was any doubt as to his own attitude and that of any member of the legislature he referred the matter back to the legislator's constituents, with results that were surprisingly swift and satisfactory. That one term made of him a national figure, while his swing around the circle has made of him a national reality, something concrete and tangible, with a definite status in the public mind that carries with it a good deal of respect and confidence.

There are still dangerous days ahead of him, and dangerous personal ambitions that will conflict with his own, but at the present moment, with the single exception of Mr. Bryan, the pioneer who has borne the brunt of the fight without achieving any of the political honors, he is undoubtedly the preeminent man in the democratic party, and the one, from present outlook, to whom the democratic nomination for the presidency is most likely to fall. —Portland Telegram.

It is a regrettable fact that a large number of milk cows—fresh—have been shipped from this locality to other points, this spring, and some of which were excellent milkers. No doubt the owners had what, they conceived to be, good reasons for selling off some of their choice cows. As a rule, the dairyman should sell, only his unprofitable cows, which is a fact we presume every dairyman knows. Of course he should sell to the butcher his old cows and those which have proven to be unprofitable; because of their inferior milking qualities. But to sell good paying milkers, we believe, is unwise. We have a condensery here, struggling to exist and our dairymen should give it support. It means a better price for your butter-fat, even if you sell to the creameries. By all means give the condensery your support. It is a home manufacturing concern and, in the end, will be of great value to the dairy interests in this locality.

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