





Patrons of Husbandry.

OFFICERS KANSAS STATE GRANGE.

The following is the list of officers of the Kansas State Grange, elected at the annual meeting held at Topeka commencing February 16th, last.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- 1st DIST.—W P POPENOR, Topeka, Shawnee county.
2d DIST.—F H DUMBAULD, Chairman, Jackson ville, Neesho county.
3d DIST.—A T STEWART, Winfield, Cowley county.

THE KANSAS FARMER GRANGE PLATFORM.

- I. The abolition of all degrees beyond the Fourth.
II. The making of all Fourth degree members eligible to any position in the Grange, from Gate-keeper to Master of the National Grange.
III. The removal of the National Grange Headquarters to St. Louis.

LIST OF DONATIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Table with columns for Date, Description, and Amount. Includes entries for CASH ON HAND, RECEIPTS (April 12-18), DISBURSEMENTS (April 12-17), and RELIEF GOODS RECEIVED SINCE APRIL 12 '75.

RELIEF GOODS DISBURSED.

- April 16—Ottawa county, 1 bl. potatoes and 5 sbs corn, D D Hoag.
April 17—4 sbs corn, delivered to E Chilson.
April 17—Relief goods on hand—One box of seeds, donors unknown.

JNO. G. OTIS, Kansas State Agent, P. of H.

FOR THE KANSAS FARMER

DEGREES.

EDITOR FARMER: All one humble Patron may say, can of course have but little bearing among the mighty hosts that now fill the land yet I feel like contributing my mite on the subject of Degrees.

R. M. HOSKINSON, Burlington, Mar. 14, 1875.

FOR THE KANSAS FARMER.

At a regular meeting of South Branch Grange, No. 1016, P. of H., held on the evening of March 18th 1875, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and all the Granges of the land favoring similar action, asked to at once speak their minds:

OBITUARY.

Brother Jacob Ingraham, of Girard, Crawford county, Kansas, April—1875. In obituary notices which we receive from Granges the date of the decease is almost always omitted, and the date of the meeting at which resolutions of respect were adopted given; we are often unable to publish the resolutions, but will always publish full notices of deaths, and it will be more satisfactory to friends if dates are correctly given.—Ed.

The Territorial Grange, of Colorado, at its recent session, adopted resolutions strongly condemning intemperance, and declaring that intemperate habits should disqualify a Patron from holding office in the Order.

There are forty Granges in Washington Territory.

A Grange co-operative store is about to be opened in Fayetteville, Ark.

Every Grange should have its own hall; until they do the members will never feel at home. Have a good library and reading room in it, and have it as comfortable as your means and good taste can make it.

The Granges of Grayson county have resolved to establish a manufactory for the purpose of making all kinds of farming implements needed by the Patrons of Husbandry, as far as can be supplied, at a small advance on the actual cost of manufacturing.

The Wisconsin Granger is opposed to the Pomona Granges, also, to all degrees that cannot be obtained by all the members.

We see you are frequently commended by Patrons in your own State, for your fearless stand against monopolies, swindles, and would be aristocracies, and that we to heartily endorse your reformatory views, and greatly censure any paper that does not speak out in defense of the right.

Yours with Respect, H. G. S.

Vigo county, Indiana. Enclosed find subscription price of FARMER. So long as your paper maintains the independence that has characterized it during the past year in every respect, we shall regard it as a shining light, and cannot do without it.

J. M. FOY, West Point, Hancock county, Illinois.

The Executive Committee of the State Grange of Tennessee, have recently had a profitable business session of three days. We find a record of its proceedings in the Nashville Rural Sun, from which we extract the following:

What will the Granges do this summer? The spring's work is coming rapidly upon us now, the hurry of seeding and cultivation and anon of harvest, will be with us almost before we know it.

Cheleas Grange, Washtenaw county, Mich., has resolved to use no land-plaster. The plaster question is generally exciting warm discussion.

The Tennessee State Grange has organized a Patron's Mutual Aid Society.

The Patrons of Drew county, Ark., appear to be possessed of the life and energy that should characterize all good members of the order.

The managers at the Grange Produce Agency at Indianapolis have published their first annual report.

The Executive Committee of the National Grange will meet on the 1st of July next, when the place of holding the next annual meeting of the National Grange will be decided upon; also the location of the headquarters of the order.

The Tennessee Grange Outlook is of opinion that there is "too much independence among Patrons for their own good."

We take the above items of interest, from the New York World.

January 1st there were 21,995 Granges in the United States.

German Granges are being organized in Wisconsin.

FOR THE KANSAS FARMER.

RETRENCHMENT.

Is one of the ways by which our State and country are to be restored to their wonted prosperity. Taxation, unduly onerous, pressing night and day upon the vital organs of our productive industry, will, sooner or later extinguish their vitality.

Legitimate taxation for civil purposes has its just limit. Ninety nine years of experience of the different States of the Union, ought to furnish data by which that limit could be determined.

When the fiat went forth, "In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread," the right to have, acquire, and enjoy private property, went with it; a right never relinquished by freemen and surrendered only by slaves.

True Statesmanship and financial skill alike require taxation to be kept below the extreme limits which experience dictates as reasonably safe, without materially impairing the maximum of production.

But I grant that there is a kind of retrenchment which will not help in restoring prosperity to the country. It is a rather violent and frothy kind, a sort of disease, disease, periodical, and which might be noted in almanacs as epidemic in October and first week in November.

But governments are founded for protection and the more strictly they are confined to the purpose of their organization the better.

The State Grange of Kentucky has fixed the salaries of the officers of that body as follows: The Master \$1,000 and traveling expenses; the Treasurer \$600; the Secretary \$1,000 and travelling expenses; the Assistant Secretary \$500 and traveling expenses.

Granges in Wisconsin have on hand \$350,000 toward a State Agricultural Improvement Society. They have already established forty-one cooperative associations for selling goods and manufacturing, and twenty-nine insurance companies, all flourishing, and representing capital to the amount of \$4,000,000.

Mountain Brook Grange, Minnesota, declares itself "uncompromisingly opposed to anything and everything tending towards aristocracy in the order," and demands the abolition of all degrees above the fourth.

In answering an Advertisement found in these columns, you will confer a favor by stating you saw it in the KANSAS FARMER.

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Theological Seminary Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 28, 1875. Webster is considered the standard authority on disputed points.—Prof. J. A. SINGMASTER.

From Rev. LYTAN ABBOTT, a well known scholar and writer, and editor of the Westchester Recorder, New York, January 25, 1875.

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The Kansas Farmer.

J. K. HUDSON, Editor & Proprietor, Topeka, Kas. TERMS: CASH IN ADVANCE. One Copy, Weekly, for one year, \$2 00...

the want of feed. The outlook for a bountiful season throughout the State is good at this time, planting is prosecuted with great vigor...

THE NATIONAL POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

Delegates met at Chicago, April 8th, from various states to form a National Poultry Association. An organization was perfected...

Resolved, That all society premiums at the next exhibition of the National Poultry Association be offered upon single birds.

With the first issue of the KANSAS FARMER under the present editor, the FARMER placed itself fairly and squarely in favor of co-operation in all its various phases among the farmers of the country...

A DISCUSSION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF GRANGE GOVERNMENT.

We present our readers herewith, the review of the KANSAS FARMER Grange platform by the Spirit of Kansas. We ask of intelligent patrons a fair, candid and thorough examination of the questions presented.

Louis pays the editor of the FARMER for blowing his horn for that city. Article fourth reads: "The abolition of 8th degree Granges and substituting therefor the business council."

Article fifth reads: "The reduction of the dispensation to one dollar, and reduction of dues to the simple cost of salaries and offices of the National and State Grange headquarters."

Article sixth reads: "The return of all accumulated funds in the National Grange treasury to Subordinate Granges."

Let us examine the logic of the Spirit. He says: "Why not strike out all degrees?" We answer, that the creation of 5th, 6th and 7th degrees create special privileged classes, into whose hands is given all the legislative powers for a popular organization.

Resolved, That our Worthy Master be instructed to present the foregoing to the National Grange at its next session, and use his influence to the fullest extent to effect the change asked for.

among the rank and file as there is in office? If, as the Spirit intimates, the officers of Granges, Subordinate and State, represent individuals, whose special fitness points to them above all others...

The KANSAS FARMER was the first journal in the country to ask for the removal of the National Grange headquarters from Washington to some point in the west, nearer the center of the organization.

Regarding Article sixth the Spirit asks with its usual argumentative sagacity: "Why not go further and make a final distribution to the individual members and so have a grand collapse at once?"

It further says, "Wrongs, if any exist, may be righted within our order." We say it is behind the age to talk about bringing about any reform in an organization which comprises thousands of people...

The following taken from the official publication of the proceedings, no doubt, reflect the sentiments and convictions of a very large majority of the patrons of Kansas:

Resolved, By the Kansas State Grange in session assembled, that in view of the facts set forth in the foregoing, we request the National Grange to so change its constitution...

All great movements and organizations succeed so long as they are in sympathy with the progressive thought of the masses, comprising them. Just so soon as the official voice of the organization assumes to dictate to the membership their individual will...

We wish to say in closing, in response to the advice of the Spirit concerning a patrons duty, that so far as the FARMER is concerned, it will continue to say plainly and distinctly what it believes to be true to the membership...

DEATH OF MRS. HOLBROOK.

Since our readers were last favored with anything from the pen of Prof. Holbrook, he has suffered a great affliction in the loss of a beloved and excellent wife. Mrs. Holbrook was a young and accomplished lady, and had recently accompanied her husband to the far west...

General News.

RICHMOND, VA., April 19.—There was heavy snow at intervals yesterday, with a high, cold wind, at sunrise. This morning the thermometer is eight degrees below freezing.

CINCINNATI, O., April 17.—Reports from Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, show that the weather during the last two days has been the coldest for the season known in many years...

LOUISVILLE, KY., April 17.—Quite a heavy snow fell here yesterday and to-day, and tonight the thermometer is several degrees below the freezing point.

MEMPHIS, April 17.—The ice and frost last night will not affect the cotton crop, as very little has been planted in this section.

ST. PAUL, April 17.—The Northern Pacific Railroad has been at last shoveled out, and the track is now clear to Bismarck. Regular passenger and freight trains will commence on Monday.

SALT LAKE, April 17.—The flood in the valley of Bitter Creek, Wyoming, is still reported on the increase. Three Union Pacific bridges are reported gone, as also the road-bed in many places...

Four teams came through from Rock Springs to Green River station to-day, having been chartered by some passengers to bring them over the hills. A freight train was expected to leave Ogden to-day...

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- Short-Horn Cattle, J. P. Sandborn, 124. Money to Loan, J. B. Watson, 124. Farm Gate Hanger, L. W. Noyes, 124.

A SHORT TALK ON FARM TOPICS.

There is probably no one particular thing in planting that pays better than putting the seed into the ground as soon as plowing and harrowing is done. The seed seems to germinate much quicker than it does when planting is postponed a week or more...







