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From the Patrons' Hand-Book. Character of the Farmers' Movement.

In presenting some of the prominent features of the Farmers' Movement here in Kansas, the space allotted for this feature of this little work will only permit of the slightest mention.

That the growth of the Grange, especially throughout the west, has been without a parallel in the history of our country, is admitted by every observer.

It is useless for theorists to try to prove to farmers that there is nothing the matter, that this movement is only a momentary excitement.

This movement, as might have been expected, has met with ridicule; and has been the source of amusement, and will, as it becomes stronger and more powerful, excite indignation.

We no not intend for a moment, to discuss the form of organization most generally adopted, viz: of the Grange. We rest this subject upon the self-evident proposition, that farmers, as every other industrial or professional class have a right to organize for their own interest and advantage.

Throughout the west the movement has had not only a great influence for good among the agriculturists, but upon the conduct of public affairs, from the national capital, on down through state legislatures, to townships.

We hope our readers will inform us when their paper fails to reach them or any irregularity in time of receiving the FARMER.

In all the deliberations of the National Grange, the State Granges and Subordinate organizations, the most advanced and progressive reforms in education, temperance and good morals have received full sympathy and support.

In the business phase of the Grange a new education is given the farmers. The subject of co-operation, purchase of supplies and materials, sale of produce and stock are receiving attention they should have gotten generations ago.

It is their duty to sustain their organization and stand shoulder to shoulder in making the grand structure, now so rapidly being built, one of permanent usefulness.

We say to the great army of Patrons, take courage at the great results already achieved and so labor that in the next generation our sons and daughters may not be known as the "hewers of wood and drawers of water."

WHY THE FARMER SHOULD TAKE AN AGRICULTURAL PAPER.

He should take it first because if it is properly edited, the market reports will be corrected every week and they are essential to every man who buys his supplies or sells his stock and produce.

THE HARD-PAN CLUB OFFER.

Will you say to those who are making up clubs on this popular plan that there are only two weeks left to close up their lists and to forward them.

TO SECRETARIES OF GRANGES.

If Secretaries of new Granges, or those old ones, who have not received a sample package of the "KANSAS FARMER series of Grange Blanks," will send their address, we will forward them a package of the most complete and convenient blanks, cards, envelopes, letter-heads, etc.

DO YOU GET YOUR FARMER REGULAR?

We hope our readers will inform us when their paper fails to reach them or any irregularity in time of receiving the FARMER. We take especial pains in putting up our mail and exercise a great deal of care to have the papers reach our army of subscribers in a nice, clean condition, and regularly and in good season.

SPELL THE NAMES PLAIN AND CORRECT.

We hope those sending clubs will be careful to spell the names on their lists correctly, also be careful to give the post office in full, with county and state.

THE PATRONS' HAND-BOOK.

In answer to many enquirers who are ordering this work, we are able to say that we shall be able to commence mailing the book by Saturday or Monday.

In answer to the question, is it a pamphlet, we say no. It is a bound book in two styles of binding. To keep the price within the reach of every member of the Grange...

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes 'One Copy in Plain Binding, to any address, postage paid' at \$0.25.

MRS. BEERS' NEW STORY.

Mrs. Beers' new continued story written expressly for the FARMER, begins with this number. It is a good home story and will be found worth a perusal by the men-folks who do not usually take the most interest in our Literary and Domestic Department.

Kansas Agricultural Report.

We are indebted to Alfred Gray, Esq., secretary of the Kansas Board of Agriculture, for a copy of his valuable report for 1873.

THE REPORT OF THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

The report of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, for the year 1873, is received from Mr. Alfred Gray, Secretary of the Board.

A VERY RAPID, SAFE AND EASY WAY TO MAKE MONEY.

A very rapid, safe and easy way to make money is to procure territory to introduce the latest useful invention that is wanted every day by every one, every where...

State News Items.

I'd like to be a granger, And with them take my stand, A cabbage leaf upon my head, A rye straw in my my hand...

COL. D. HOUSTON has purchased the interest formerly owned by C. N. Shaw in the Leavenworth Commercial, and is now the sole owner of that paper.

ARE you going to plant any trees this spring? If so, remember that the cherry is just as good a yard tree as you can plant.

AN organized movement is on foot at the east to locate a large number of discharged soldiers in southwestern Kansas. The object is to secure one hundred and sixty acres to each settler free of cost...

Homestead entries 117, embracing 18,288 acres. Timber culture claims 38, embracing 5,200 acres.

Declaratory statements 138. Soldiers declaratory statements 17. Final proofs 18, embracing 2,878 acres.

Mr. Ingalls asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to introduce a bill (S. No. 645) providing for the sale of the Kansas Indian lands in Kansas to actual settlers...

ONE of the great luxuries of southwestern Kansas, and especially Harvey county, is its nice dry roads at this season of the year.

THERE is salt enough within 60 miles of Dodge City to supply five states with the article. And it will not be necessary to dig one hundred feet in the ground to get it.

The Oxford Enterprise says: "The leaves are beginning to show green on the trees in the river bottom."

Fruit is all right yet. Wabaunsee County News.

PROF. WHITMAN proposes to have a standard entomological collection established at the college. As there are but three such collections in the United States, this will be of great advantage and credit to Kansas.

HAY is usually bought in this vicinity in the fall season, at three to four dollars per ton. The price at present is up to ten and twelve dollars on the streets.

Thinking a few items from this part of the state would be of some interest to the readers of the FARMER, I submit the following: Sowing of spring grain has been the order of the day for some time, but at this time is about over. The weather continues very cool for the season.

Scientific Miscellany.

ELECTRICITY.

What is electricity? Is a question not very easy to answer. Some call it fluid (not a liquid) some a force; all we know about it is that in small quantities it is useful in many ways, but when it accumulates in great quantities and takes its own way, it is worse than useless.

What is called lightning is only produced by a very heavy discharge of electricity, so do not for a moment suppose that Franklin's kite was struck by lightning and that the electricity that Franklin felt was from that source.

AUSCULTATION OF THE CHEST FOR BRAIN DISEASE.

Dr. Brown-Sequard has lately insisted upon the importance of frequent auscultation and percussion of the chest in cases of organic disease of the brain.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR BRISTLES.

The fibrous bark of the sugar palm (Arenga saccharina) proves to be a good substitute for bristles and animal and human hair.

SULPHIDE OF CADMIUM FOR COLORING SOAP.

The coloring power of the above mentioned material is so great that its price is of little importance. It is, however, frequently adulterated with zinc white which may be readily discovered by digesting the suspected substance in acetic acid, filtering, and adding a solution of carbonate of soda, which produces a white precipitate of zinc.

INFUSORIAL EARTH.

This is greater advantage as a non-conductor of heat than any other substance, it being light, incombustible, a complete protection against rats and mice, 42 per cent better than coal ashes, and 135 per cent better than ordinary earth.







