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- Commissioned by M. E. Hudson, Master Kansas State Grange since the last session: W. S. Hanna, general deputy, Ottawa, Franklin county.

POMONA GRANGES

- 1. Shawnee County, Win. Simms, Master; Topeka.
- 2. Coffey County, A. S. Williams, Master; Winfield.
- 3. Sedgewick County, A. M. Durand, Master; Mount Hope.

The Farmer in Politics.

When the grange movement was started a few years ago there was great indignation on the part of the politicians, and down the land, among frightened politicians, that it was a political movement; and it was not till a long time after, that these fears became quieted.

What objection is there to the farmer becoming interested in politics? The industrial interests of the country are not his interests, and agriculture is the prevailing industry, equalling all the rest combined.

The highest aim of the government of a new country should not be a continual squabble over parties and partisan affairs, but the development of the resources of the soil, rivers and mountains.

Now has the farmer only to fear moneyed monopolies? The monopoly most to be feared by the farmer is the monopoly of brains by other professions.

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Bro. Hill, of the Ohio State Grange, under date of Oct. 23, writes to the Cincinnati Grange Bulletin as follows: Our communications to the grange journals have accomplished what we intended they should.

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In every prosperous grange we find some zealous Patrons who are looking after the interests of the whole body constantly, and out of its meetings.

THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS.

Inter-State Co-Operation.

It is evident, that if the farmer can buy direct from the manufacturer, he can save the profit made by the merchant.

For example, at least twelve great States are so situated that they need large supplies of groceries, dry goods, agricultural implements, provisions, tobacco or cotton that can be handled and shipped in the city of St. Louis.

The amount of this business as it even now exists is much larger than is supposed. Large shipments are daily made from St. Louis of flour, bacon, plows and cotton gins.

Let us at least make the attempt to remedy this. Let us select some responsible agent, put him under a good bond, and then through our advertising mediums say to our brethren.

There is an "exchange" on a large scale, when the buyers and sellers of widely diversified commodities meet each other for trading to mutual advantage, and the grandeur of the idea is that this mutual advantage accrues entirely to the "son of the soil."

The grange should be a compact, well disciplined body. To this end the obligation of its members should be the paramount consideration.

But it is always to be borne in mind that however perfect our machinery is, the work it does, and not its perfection or beauty is the measure of its utility.

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Our Farm Mortgages.

The increase in the value of farms is frequently cited by the defenders of high interest, as showing that the effects of interest are not what they are described to be.

There are a great many farmers who have had their farms mortgaged, and who have experienced the effects of high interest.

There is a virtual limit to the value of farms. The value of farms is not increasing, and the land has been brought to its limit of productivity.

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Women in the Grange.

A Pennsylvania sister writes to the Farmer's Friend as follows: Being a delegate to Montgomery County Pomona Grange, held at the commencement, I was highly gratified by the help that enabled to attend the model grange meeting held in the evening.

If the brother alludes to the whispering, I know from experience the brothers whisper just as much, and far more audibly than the sisters.

Now, brothers, start some subject that will interest the sisters as well as yourselves, and I'll vouch for them.

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Kansas State News.

The Republicans sweep everything in Montgomery county. First reports indicated that York was elected to the Senate, but this turns out to be untrue. He is scooped badly.

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