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A Talk to a Grange.

[By J. M. Stahl, Secretary Berlin Heights Grange, No. 345, Illinois.]

There has been a good deal said about the present condition of our grange, and of the propriety of keeping up the organization. No doubt there are persons, and even those who have been grangers, who would be rather pleased to see the grange die, while there are others sorry to see the present condition of things, and are willing to even make some sacrifice to keep up the organization.

The object of this paper is to take an impartial view of the whole subject and to learn, if possible, what is the best thing to be done. I shall begin by asking the question, do we as farmers of this great country feel the need of some organization by which we will be brought into closer relations with each other—some organization by means of which we may unite our strength for the better protection of our interests? I say do we feel the need of such an organization, or do we not? If we do not, we are certainly different from the rest of mankind, for I believe that without an exception every other calling and profession has its organization of some kind or other. Are we, as a class, so independent that each individual can stand alone? Perhaps we are nearer so than any other class, but still I believe there is a general feeling that in union there is strength; a general feeling that there are forces at work which are undermining our firm foundation, and may eventually enslave us; a feeling that whispers to us, let us unite that we may be prepared to meet all forces that may invade our rights. And then, too, our social natures are not entirely crushed out, and I believe there is a general longing for better conditions to develop and gratify that noble part of our nature.

Taking it for granted then that some kind of an organization is needed, the question arises, is there any better organization for the farmer than the grange? What is this grange movement? Is it an organization, as some have thought, concocted by a few designing men to gather thousands of dollars into a treasury and then appropriate it to their own selfish ends? or is it an organization founded upon principle, having for its object the good of mankind? From the base rascality we see going on throughout the country it is natural, without due consideration, to answer the former question in the affirmative, and say that money is the grand object in view. But bad as the world is, it is not all bad. There are those who see the great wrongs of the world and are ever willing to do all in their power to right them. Such we believe to have been the founders of the grange movement.

They saw the unprotected condition of over one-half the population of the country, and how a portion of the other half was, by cunning devices, fastening its coils around its victim. It was in view of this condition of things, together with the lack of the intellectual and social advantages of the husbandman, that the order of Patrons of Husbandry was founded. It may be a question whether the grange is the best possible organization for the work it is intended to accomplish. Some may contend, and with much reason, too, that an organization that has for its object the bettering of the condition of one-half the population of the country, and through that half the whole population, should have nothing hidden or secret about it; that all reforms must be open and public. But be this as it may, it is evident that there is some magic power about a secret organization that cannot be obtained without it; and had it not been for that little bit of secrecy that is connected with the grange, it is doubtful if it ever would have become the vast organization that it has, and accomplished the work it has.

Can it be possible that an organization which spread itself in a few years not only throughout every state and territory of the United States, but into other countries, until more than half a million of members were gathered into its folds, is based upon no principle adapted to the wants of the people? Is it possible that an organization so vast a scale as this one, holding hundreds of thousands of meetings, and discussing the various topics connected with the interests of the great farming community, thereby waking up thought and bringing our talent, has done no good in the world? We are little aware what the grange has done and is still doing.

It is rather by inference than by demonstration that we can measure the work of the grange, for we must take into consideration that the grange has not been in existence long enough to make any very perceptible change in the life of the farmer. We have been expecting too much. As American citizens we are inclined to hurry things; we want to reach the goal of our ambition in a single bound, and because the grange does not take us from our labors of toil and land us at once into a haven of eternal repose, we are disposed to give up the ship and try some other road to that better condition for which we are longing.

Let us glance now at some of the things the

grange has done and is still doing. And, first, as to pecuniary matters. It is evident that something has been done towards bringing the producer and consumer closer together. Farmers are buying things at nearer cost prices now than in former times. This may not all be attributable to the grange movement, but may be safe in saying that all farmers, whether they belong to the grange or not, are this day buying their machinery and farming implements from fifteen to twenty per cent. cheaper than they would had there never been a grange. And then, much has been done toward reducing the exorbitant and unjust prices of railroad fare and freight, so that at the present time all classes are riding cheaper and paying less for freight than they would be doing if there were no granges. But all this sinks into insignificance when compared with the intellectual and social work of the order. What a feast of reason and flow of soul has grown out of these hundreds of thousands of meetings that are being held throughout the land. The talent of the country is being improved, and the laborer is beginning to know and feel his position in society, and is beginning to assert his right to rule.

Men are being sent from the plow to the legislatures in greater numbers than in former times. The people are becoming a power in the land. The people are about to take the government into their own hands. And why? Because they are beginning to think, and the grange is to be credited with a large share of this enlightenment.

Now, brethren, you may think this all imagination. I am aware that the hope of accomplishing much through the grange is at times dark, and many are inclined to despair and fall by the wayside. But let us not give up our noble ship. The grange stands as a power in the land to check the bold movements of monopolies, frauds and injustice. Let the grange go down, and with it sinks the hope of the farmer. Let the grange go down, and you extinguish one of the most powerful means of enlightening the people that is now in existence. Let us do something then, yes, let us even sacrifice something, to keep alive this power.

The only hope for the future of this country is in the education of the people; and when I say the education of the people, I don't mean the education received in our schools (for they will have to be remodeled before they will amount to much), but the general enlightenment of the people by every possible means. Let us not then neglect any means that will tend to this end.

Co-operation.

Many farmers say that it is all folly to talk to them about establishing co-operative enterprises, when they haven't money enough to make buckle and tongue meet. But they ought not to complain about having no money. They ought rather to put their heads together and determine that at least a part of the money that is drawn from them every year to enrich the merchants shall hereafter be retained among themselves and made to work for them and their families.

Thousands of farmers throughout the country took the same view of the matter when the question of co-operation was first brought to their attention. They were at a loss how to get started. But they found on examination that they could commence with a small amount and gradually increase it, as the poor weavers of Rochdale did, who inaugurated and built up the great co-operative system in England; and they also found that as long as they submitted to the merchants' business system, they never would be better prepared to adopt protective measures. These brave Patrons struck nobly for their rights and interests, and wherever they conducted their enterprises on the true plan, they succeeded. Thousands are today better off by hundreds of dollars than they could possibly have been under the old system, and it has made them better men, better citizens, and better Patrons.

The farmer has everything to gain by co-operating with his friends and neighbors in all things where their interests invite it, and nothing to lose by it. How can any one remain indifferent to a cause which, if he only knew it, is so capable of promoting his personal, family and class interests?

The National Lecturer.

From the Cochranton Times we learn that Bro. Mortimer Whitehead, worthy lecturer of the National Grange, addressed the Patrons and farmers of Mercer county, Pa., at several localities in that county, on the 8th, 9th and 10th of this month. In noticing the address at Carleton the 8th inst., the Times says:

"The speaker aimed to impress on the audience the fact that to receive satisfactory benefits from the grange the members must work. He produced sufficient evidence to prove that the order is now stronger than ever before, and that the members in general are more active than at any time in the past. The membership in Indiana had increased ten thousand in number during the last year, and farmers there were reaping rich benefits for their diligence in the grange. A similar degree of prosperity existed in Ohio and many other states. Ohio now has over five hundred grange halls, all built within the last few years. More halls were built by the order in the United States last year than in all previous years since the grange was instituted. The amount of benefit which farmers had already received by the grange proved that it is no longer a theory, and the work of saving by this means has comparatively but just begun. Statistical statements by the Singer Sewing Machine company show that the reductions brought about on those machines through the efforts of the grange have saved to the people who have purchased them over \$18,000,000 in the last two years. This saving has not been to grangers alone, but to the people in general. Like savings have been made on many other articles, and consumers have all

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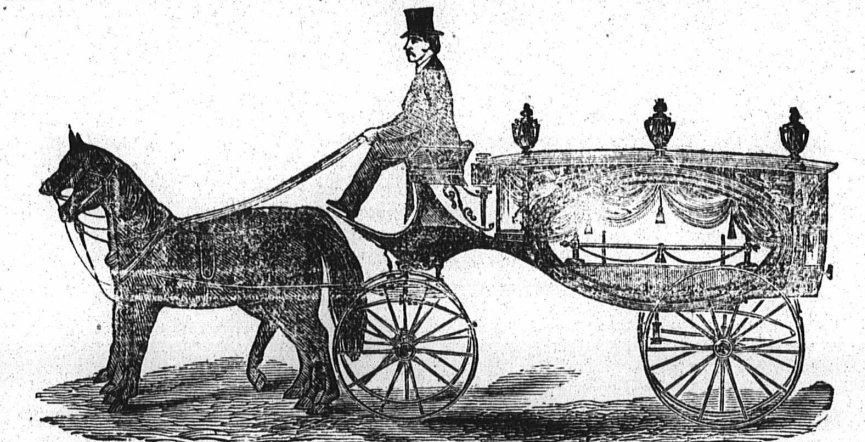
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THE LATEST MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various commodities like flour, wheat, corn, and pork in St. Louis, Chicago, and Kansas City.

Table with market prices for live stock including cattle, hogs, and sheep in Kansas City and St. Louis.

Text describing market conditions for live stock, mentioning demand and prices for different grades of cattle and hogs.

Text discussing market prices for produce in Kansas City, listing items like butter, cheese, and various grains.

Text providing information about flour in Kansas City, including prices for different brands and types.

Text detailing market prices for wheat in St. Louis, including current and future delivery rates.

Text comparing market conditions in the East and West, discussing wheat acreage and crop reports.

Text reporting on the New York Times' crop reports for various states, including Illinois and Michigan.

Text discussing market prices for cattle, noting a slight decline compared to the previous week.

Text mentioning market prices for hogs and the probability of a price increase.

Text discussing market prices for money, including prime mercantile paper and government bonds.

Text mentioning market prices for Messrs. Fisk & Hatch, including consols and other securities.

Text discussing market prices for Wilson, Dauntless, New American and Singer Sewing Machines.

Text providing information about Lawrence Markets, listing prices for various types of poultry and other goods.

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The Union Grocery, Produce, Fruit and Vegetable House

Text describing the location and services of The Union Grocery, mentioning its proximity to the Ludington house.

THE GRANGE STORE

Text stating that goods are prepared and will sell all kinds of groceries.

Farm Produce Cheap.

Text encouraging farmers to buy farm produce at the Grange Store.

Text providing information about the Grange Store's location and hours.

Text mentioning the Grange Store's commitment to providing fresh goods.

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Text describing the freshness and quality of goods available at the Grange Store.

Farm Produce Bought and Sold.

Text providing information about the Grange Store's services for buying and selling farm produce.

Money Saved is Money Made

Text encouraging farmers to save money by buying at the Grange Store.

OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

Text advertising a variety of curiosities and household items available at the Old Curiosity Shop.

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Text describing the quality and variety of glass and queensware available.

PICTURES AND PICTURE FRAMES.

Text advertising a selection of pictures and picture frames for sale.

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Text describing the quality and variety of silver-plated ware available.

COMMON PLATE.

Text advertising common plate and other household items.

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Text listing various miscellaneous household items for sale.

STOVES AND TINWARE.

Text advertising a variety of stoves and tinware.

SEWING MACHINES.

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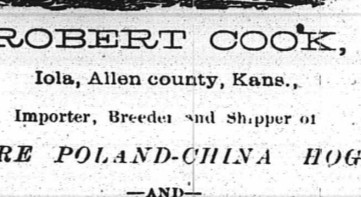
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Advertisement for El Mendaro Herd, featuring a cow and information about the breeder.

Advertisement for Thorough-Bred Short-Horn Cattle, highlighting their quality and breeding.

Advertisement for Berkshire Pigs, describing their characteristics and availability.



Advertisement for Robert Cook, featuring a pig and information about the breeder.

Advertisement for Pure Poland-China Hogs, describing their quality and breeding.



Advertisement for Poland-China Hogs, highlighting their status as a specialty.

Advertisement for a choice lot of pigs, offering various breeds for sale.



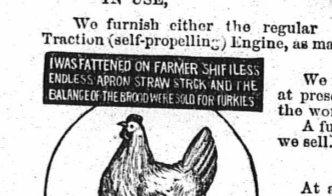
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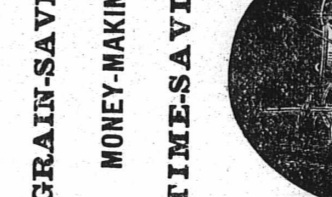
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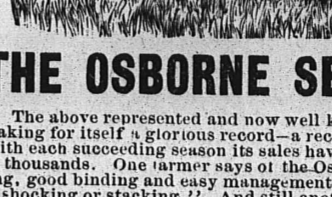
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Advertisement for the Osborne Self-Binding Harvester, describing its efficiency and features.

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Text describing the location of the horse breeder's operation.

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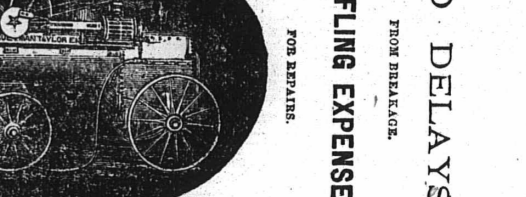
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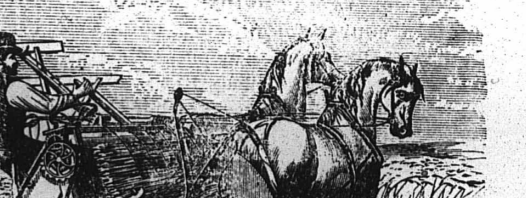
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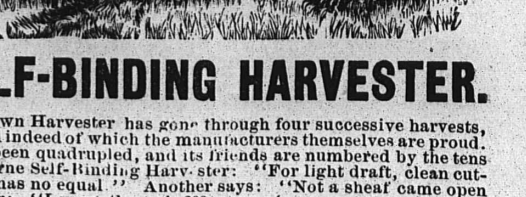
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