



THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS. LAWRENCE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1880.

Patrons' Department.

NATIONAL GRANGE. Master—J. J. Woodman, of Michigan. Secretary—Wm. M. Ireland, Washington, D. C. Treasurer—F. M. McDowell, Wayne, N. Y.

KANSAS STATE GRANGE. Master—Wm. Sims, Topeka, Shawnee county. Secretary—P. B. Maxson, Emporia, Lyon county. Treasurer—W. P. Poppone, Topeka.

Oakwood Co-operative Association. EDITOR SPIRIT:—The Oakwood Co-operative association made its sixth quarterly settlement on the 1st of May with satisfactory results. The growth is not rapid but healthy.

Importance of Farmers' Organizations. Among the most gratifying signs of the times is the awakening interest among the farming classes concerning their avocation and the manifest disposition toward combining their efforts in the common cause.

The time has fully come when farmers must arise to the necessity of the situation, and assert their own rights, dignity and position, and sustain it. Agriculture is no longer an infant over which state and national boards must have the full care and watchfulness as a tender nurse.

The Grange and Politics this Year. Bro. H. Eshbaugh, master of the Missouri State grange and lecturer of the National grange, gives the following advice to the Patrons of his state. It will apply with equal truth to Patrons everywhere.

Office. The teaching in the grange is that the office seeks the man and not the man the office. If Patrons will act and move in harmony with the law and principles of our organization they will soonest accomplish their work.

The True Objects of the Grange. 1. The promotion of a spirit of brotherhood among agriculturists. 2. The elevation of agriculture by the mental, moral and social improvement of its members, which is to be effected by frequent meetings, free discussion, a cultivation of the taste for the beautiful, the refining influence of the presence of woman, and the reading of such books, periodicals and newspapers as tend to promote these objects.

Compel Them to Act Justly. You may as well give your representative to understand first as last that we are not waging warfare against any interest or class, and especially none against railroads, for no class needs railroads more than farmers; hence we do not desire to hinder, molest or cripple them.

Texas Co-operative Association. This association under the able management of Bro. J. A. Rogers at Galveston is proving to be a splendid success and doing a great work for the farmers of Texas.

Guard the Grange. The members of the order should not permit the political contest soon to open to divert their attention from the grange for one moment. It is, of course, important that farmers should inform themselves fully in regard to the great question involved in the presidential contest that they may vote intelligently, but this should not be at the expense of the grange.

Seed Sweet Potatoes! I have on hand and FOR SALE A fine lot of SWEET POTATIVES I have the RED AND YELLOW NANSEMOND, Which are Extra Fine.

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